Havelock

Canvastown
Deep Creek
Havelock
Havelock Suburban
Kaiuma
Upper Pelorus

Papers Past didn't include articles from the **Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate** (1890 to 1910) until 2016 and in 2017 1911 to 1919 when a lot of research had been done. I have selected relevant items from this paper using this font and placed them at the end of the relevant schools, there will be some repetition.

Canvastown (1878-1923)

Often spelt Canvas Town. 10 Kilometres west of Havelock on State Highway 6

Pre 1878

17th June 1874 Marlborough Provincial Council Meeting
CANVASTOWN Mr Douslin moved that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates that sum of £120 for building a school-house at Canvastown, and said that in looking over the supplementary estimates he observed several sums set down for the several counties of Wairau, Picton, and Kaikoura. They were anxious to have a school at Canvastown, but had not the means to erect one, but they thought that if they had a school they would be able to raise £S0 a year for its support. There were many children on the diggings, and in the immediate neighborhood of Canvastown, there were at least 25, but there was no possibility of attending a school at Havelock, and he therefore hoped Government would see its way to support this vote. Mr Mills seconded the motion, believing that the money would be beneficially laid out, as there were 25 to 30 children in the. district and a school would be a great public convenience. His Honor said he regretted that he was unable to agree to the motion.
22nd May 1875, Letter in Marlborough Express and I have never seen any application *(To Provincial Council)* for a sum of money to build a school that has not been granted. Canvastown and Tua Marina asked for a sum of money to build a school, and it was granted Blenheim asked for money to build a Grammar School, and it was granted (letter was complaining about no school for Renwick
14th February 1877 Canvas Town. For this school there were three tenders viz. — Venimore £10, John Sweeney £13, and R. Jones £10. The tender of R. Jones was accepted.
7th March 1877 CANVASTOWN. Mr Dive proposed, and Mr Ward seconded That Mr Jos. Rutland, Mr Geo. Rutland, Mr John Wilson, Mr John Brown, Mr Daniel Couper and Mr William Dalton be a committee for the above school, which was carried nem. con. Mr Dive

pointed out that there was no furniture of any kind in the school. The Chairman said that he had received a letter from Mr Rutland on the same subject. After some discussion the matter was dropped, it being understood, however, that the proper furnishing of the school rested with the board.

14th March 1877 On Tuesday evening an entertainment was given in the Town Hall *(Havelock)*, by some of the settlers of Pelorus Valley, to obtain funds for the purpose of furnishing the new School-room, recently built at Canvas Town, with desks, &c. The performance was fairly attended, and some of the songs rendered by Mr Charles, were much appreciated. Mr John Wilson with the magic lantern, exhibited some fine views, with the never-failing ludicrous picture of John Gilpin running his headlong race, and the old man trying to please everybody, even by carrying the poor donkey, which seemed a source of great pleasure to the young people altogether it passed off satisfactorily,

11th April 1877 CANVAS TOWN SCHOOL. The Chairman of the School Committee reported their first meeting on March 17th and asked for instructions from the Board as to their duties. He also reported that Jones' contract had not been commenced, and that the committee had decided to hold monthly meetings, and recommended the desirability of appointing a teacher at once. The Chairman stated that Jones's contract was now proceeding. Two applications had been received for the office of teacher one, from Mr Edridge who held a certificate from the Nelson Board, and the other from Mr H. L. Severne who had been three years in the Blenheim Borough School, and applied for the situation as a promotion. The question of appointment rested with the committee, and they recommended that Mr Severne be appointed, as they were anxious to secure his services He thought considering Mr Severne's testimonials and services, and the desire of the School Committee, that he should be appointed.

Mr Hodson enquired if a difficulty would arise as to the teaching of the Borough School if Mr. Severne was appointed. The Secretary stated that the Misses Macklin were certificated teachers, and although Mr Macklin would not like them to teach in a boy's school permanently, he had no doubt that he would .make the necessary arrangements when Mr Severne. to go to Canvas Town. Mr Hodson enquired whether the salary would be the same as at the Fairhall School. £100?

Capt. Baillie expressed an opinion that £125 and a house was little enough to offer a man of education, if he was fit to teach at all.

It was resolved on the motion of Capt. Baillie ---That Mr Severne's appointment to the Canvas Town School he confirmed, and that he enter upon his duties so soon as he can be relieved, it being understood that the salary of the teacher should be £125 per annum with master's residence. ln reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that the furniture for the school had already been supplied

9th May 1877 CANVAS TOWN. The Chairman of the local School Committee, Mr Joseph Rutland, reported that Venimore's contract for providing furniture at £19 had been accepted, also that Mr H. L. Severne had been through and suggested some other necessaries. The committee would suggest that the portion of the Act which provided for the quarterly collection of school fees should be adopted. It was resolved upon the motion of Mr Paul That the Chairman of the Canvas Town School Committee be authorised to purchase the several articles recommended by Mr Severne. The Secretary pointed out that they could make no provision as to the quarterly payment of fees unless the school was divided into upper and lower divisions. The Chairman- said that the fees were payable according to the classes. It was resolved on the motion of Captain Baillie— That the Secretary do write and inform the Canvas Town Committee that the Board could not make provision for the quarterly collection

of fees. The Chairman- said that notwithstanding the resolution of the Board the matter might be left to the Committee and their Collector. It would be as well for the Secretary to write and explain the provisions of the Act.

6th June 1877 Marlborough Education Board meeting It was resolved That certain furniture required for the Canvastown School be procured by the Local Committee, who were thereby authorised on that behalf.

4th July 1877 CANVASTOWN. The Chairman of the local Committee asked for instructions from the Board as to a letter received from Mr Mackay, Secretary for Native Schools. The letter was read as follows Natives Reserves Office, Nelson, May 11, 1877. Dear Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31st written at the request of the Marlborough Education Board on the subject of the salary of the Teacher to be appointed for the Canvas Town School and asking to be made acquainted with the conditions upon which a subsidy would be granted to the school provided it was open for the instruction of the native children. In reply I beg to state for the information of the Board that the Government would prefer Ito pay a capitation fee in place of a regular subsidy, the payment of such fee to be calculated on the daily average of scholars in attendance and for the purpose it would be necessary to keep a correct record of the number of native children who attend daily, a duly certified return of whom would have to be furnished quarterly 'to the Government. The school would also have to be open to the periodical visits of the Native School Inspector to enable an examination to be made of the native pupils. It is understood that there are twelve children of school age residing in the neighborhood who could attend at the present time, and that five more will- shortly be able to do so. I am not in a position at present to inform you of the amount of capitation fee that the Government would agree to pay annually for each child in regular attendance, but I will take an early opportunity of doing so as soon as I receive a reply from Wellington on the subject.— Yours, &c, A. Mackay.

Mr Joshua Rutland. The Chairman expressed an opinion that the subsidy should be paid to the Board, and not to the School Committee. The accounts sent in by the Committee were ordered to be paid, and they were authorised to frost the windows of the school and obtain a blackboard

7th July 1877 CANVAS TOWN The Chairman stated that he' had: received another letter from Mr J Rutland re School Fees ,of which Mr H .L. Severne had been appointed Collector and enclosing a second communication from Mr A. Mackay as to the grant for Native children attending the school. It was resolved on the motion of the Chairman, That the Chairman of the Canvastown School receive the capitation money, and pay the same to the Board.

5th September 1877 CANVAS TOWN. A letter was read from Mr Rutland, calling the attention of the Board to the fact that there was no fireplace or stove in the school. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Dive That the School Committee be authorised to build a brick chimney.

8th December 1877 The School cost £50 to build ($7126.87 in December 2015 terms)

1878

1878	Canvas Town	Severne	Henry Leigh	Head	£ 130.00

2nd February 1878 CANVASTOWN.

The following were elected Messrs J. Rutland, G. Rutland, D. Cooper, R. Jones, J. Bowen, J. Wilson, J. Ahern. School Committee

9th February 1878 Captain Baillie stated that the children at the Waitohi Valley School Buffered from the want of water, having to go a considerable distance to obtain it, and then only getting the water on sufferance from a private well. Mr Dive said that the children at the Canvastown School suffered somewhat similarly to the school Captain Baillie had just drawn attention to. After some discussion, on the motion of Mr Dive, seconded by Captain Baillie, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Waitohi Valley School Committee and the Chairman of the Canvastown School Committee should be requested to invite tenders to sink wells in their respective districts, and that the tenders be forwarded to the Chairman of the Education Board.

10th April 1878 the Treasury was read, stating that £1,247 6s had been placed to the credit of the Board for School Buildings, and the share of the Provincial District for Libraries (£96.) .Mr Dive said the Chairman of the Canvastown School Committee had spoken to him wishing; to have a share of the grant for libraries for that district. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Blenheim Institute, stating that the Blenheim Library had complied with the conditions of the Libraries Subsidy Act. Some discussion ensured,. during which it was stated that all libraries Lavishing to come under the Act would have to allow free admission to the public for reading, and that the subsidy would be divided according to the amount of subscriptions .received" by each library. The further consideration of the matter was postponed until next meeting, and in the meantime the Secretary to the Board was instructed to> advertise^ for all Secretaries or Committees of Libraries to furnish the necessary information to the Board

11th May 1878 PUBLIC LIBRARIES. The adjourned question of the apportionment of the sum of £97 6s under the Libraries subsidy Act was considered. From the returns furnished it was shown that the provisions of the Act had been complied with by the Blenheim Literary Institute, the annual receipts for subscriptions I to which was £56 8s 8d Picton, £40 183 Canvastown, £20, and it was agreed that the subsidy should be apportioned as follows :—Blenheim Institute £47, Picton £33 15s 6d, Canvastown £16 10s 6d.

9th November 1878 CANVASTOWN A letter from Mr Hislop, Secretary to Education was read, date October 29, in reference to memorandum of 24th ultimo, respecting payment tor native children, attending Canvastown School in which he referred to section 10 of the Education Act, which confers on Maori children the right to attend a public school under the Act The Board of course receives the capitation grants in respect of maori scholars and a further payment of £4 a year would simply be a payment twice over by Government for the same child. I understand the Native Department now declines to recognise as a rule the claim fur subsidy on account of maori children attending a public school but you might communicate with the Native Department showing the number of scholars of both races at the school and asking for a special grant on account of the native scholars, if you can show that the refusal of such grant will compel the Board to close the school, and thus deprive the native children of the means of education."

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it would be advisable to write to the Minister of Native affairs, as there were 14 native children and only 12 European children attending the school.
During some further discussion, in which the great difficulty of providing for small schools was discussed, Mr Seymour stated that notwithstanding he had made an earnest appeal to the Minister <>f Education, who admitted that the Marlborough Board managed their affairs economically, he declined to grant them further aid. The Minister admitted that the- subject, of small schools must. receive attention on a future day. If they could get something out of the Native Department it would assist them, and considering that the school had been established in consequence of that assistance, it was due to I them
20th July 1878 £150 was needed for a teacher's residence at Canvastown
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16th November The Inspectors report on Canvastown read
Number on Roll 26
Number present at the examination 22
Passed in Standard 1 12
80% of those presented passed
Mr H Severne Teacher
27th November 1878 A Long Letter from Mr Rutland of Canvastown he report of proceedings at the last meeting of the Education Board contains some remarks relative to the Canvastown School, upon which I deem it my duty to make some comment. After a letter from the Secretary of Education had been read, in which he points out that payment of a subsidy by the Native Department for Maori children attending an ordinary public school would be simply a

payment twice over by the Government for the same child, the Chairman of the Board continues It appears that the payments from the Native Department were stopped or about to be stopped, and as the receipt of this money had alone enabled them to establish a school at Canvastown, he did not know whether they would be justified in continuing the school after such stoppage." Now this is by no means a fair statement of the circumstances attending the opening of this school; it would lead those unacquainted with them to suppose that before appointing a teacher the Board had looked carefully into the amount which it would be received on account of attendance, compared this with the cost of maintenance, that such comparison showed a deficiency which being made good by the subsidy spoken of, induced it to undertake the burden. The subsidy being no longer paid not only is the Board freed from any obligation, it becomes a question, has it a right to keep open a school upon which there is a loss, perhaps to the injury of other places I will give briefly the history of the school, which with the published proceedings of the old Nominee Board" during whose term of office it was established, will at once show that the money it would bring in had nothing to do with deciding in its favor. The cost of erecting the school building at Canvastown was defrayed by a grant from the Provincial Council, while the Road Board of the Pelorus County was still the Education Board. Before, however, the building was completed, the change had been effected in the management of schools, which formed the last Executive into a Board with power to appoint committees and teachers. It became necessary to apply to this new body accordingly a meeting of the inhabitants of the surrounding district being held, The Chairman was directed to write, giving full particulars of the number of children likely to attend, should the school be opened, and also to state that we were informed by the Maories *(Sic)* that an allowance would be made by the Native Office for such of their children as became pupils. A committee being shortly after nominated of which I became Chairman, I was instructed by the Board to ascertain what amount the Native Department would contribute,; should" the committee decide on opening the school to the Maories before, however, a reply was received the present teacher was appointed and had commenced work. The answer, when it did arrive, was favorable LI per quarter was to be paid for each Native child in lieu- of the fees then charged, but how it enabled the Board to establish the school I cannot understand, cause as a rule preceding not following effect. It will be remembered that in 1877 Parliament met early in July , and that the most important measure of the session was the Education Act now in force, learning from the Press , that it was proposed to abolish all fees, and to provide for the maintenance of Schools out of the Consolidated Revenue, a capitation grant of £3 10s. on the average attendance throughout the district to be made to the various Boards. I at once wrote to Captain Kenny and pointed out to him, that the proposed sum was insufficient, if it became law it would have the effect of closing most of our country schools. My letter was handed over to Mr Seymour, I was told by him that it would be enough and that there was, no danger of the small schools suffering. It being evident that the Chairman of the Board had forgotten these particulars when he made the statement above quoted I have given them, in order to show that for any difficulty the Board now has in meeting its liabilities, neither the Native Department or the people of the Pelorus are in any way to blame, unless there are invidious distinctions made between the two races. There is no reason whatever for commencing retrenchment by closing the Canvas Town more than any other school in the district, such a distinction is not contemplated by the Act, nor would it be just. Paid out of the consolidated revenue, the only question of right which may be raised is one of population in which all taxpayers alike count. If an allotment of the Board money was made on this basis, the Pelorus including the Sound, the Kaituna, and the j Wakamarina would come off even better than at present. Why the two departments are kept separate is obvious; as a rule the Natives live apart from the Europeans and though qualified for members of Parliament they are scarcely fitted for the management of educational establishments. To others then their schools have to

be entrusted, but when, as in the Pelorus, they are intermingled with the settlers, such a provision is unnecessary, their children fall in with those of their neighbours, and their schooling is paid for in like manner by the Government. No extra expense being incurred through the Maoris pupils at Canvastown, the Board has no just claim on the Native Office. Should its application for a grant be refused, it will still be as much its duty to maintain a school here, as in the Wairau Valley, Kaituna, Kekerangu, Fairhall, or any other place where the capitation allowance on the average attendances, does not reach the working expenses. If the money paid over to the Education Board is not sufficient to carry on at the present rate, retrenchment is of course required, but how it is to be effected concerns not the Pelorus alone, but every thinly peopled portion of the district. From the tone of various articles that have appeared in the columns of our local newspapers it is evident that there are in and about the towns, some who would infer from the fact of the allowance being regulated by the average attendance, that each school has a right to a portion of the money corresponding with its returns the £3 15s having to defray Board expenses as well as Inspector's and Teacher's salaries, it is a simple matter of figures to prove, that were such a principle recognised, all places numbering less than thirty-five children would be deprived of their schools, supposing teachers to be paid as now. This is certainly not in accordance with the spirit of the Act. To ex- tend, not restrict the opportunities of education was the intention of those by whom it was passed, nor can I see in the case of Marlborough that with proper management, the provision made need lead to other results. A rough estimate based on the late inspection report will show the Board's revenue not less than £3300 per annum, allowing £400 of this for working expenses and inspection, there remains £2900 to be divided among the 14 schools, which will give £1100 to the two large towns of Blenheim, and Picton leaving an average of £150 for the others. How then the permanency of anyone is threatened requires explanation. JOS. RUTLAND.

18th December 1878 CANVAS TOWN. It was resolved that the architect's report on the Canvas town school as to the alterations necessary, whether a separate residence is wanted for the master or an addition to the school is required

1879

1879 Canvas Town Hart John I Master £ 120.00

There is no copy of The Marlborough Express for 1879 and half of 1880

1880

1880 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

23rd October 1880 School Inspection.—Our Havelock correspondent writes The Inspector of Schools has been here and supervised our town school, also that at Canvas Town. It is believed that the official report will show a marked improvement at both schools.

7th December 1880 Inspector's report included

Canvastown 100 % of passes of scholars presented

Percentage of passes of scholars examination at 80%. Top ranked of all schools

1881

1881 17 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 108.00

26th January 1881 Canvas Town. The School Committee are t Messrs Cooper, Hughes, Wilson, Bowen, Jos. Rutland, Hippolite, and Reader

28th January 1881 PELORUS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

A meeting of householders of this district was held at the schoolhouse, Canvastown, on Monday the 24th January, 1881, at 12-30 p.in., to elect a School Committee for the present year. It was proposed and carried that Mr D. Cowper take tie chair. The report and balance sheet was handed by the Chairman of the outgoing committee to the Chairman of the meeting, which was read and adopted. Mr Rutland proposed that the old committee be re-elected, and that Mr James Hughes take the place of Robert Jones, deceased. This was seconded by Mr Reader and carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting. The following is the Report. To the Householders of the Pelorus School District. Gentlemen, The last general meeting of the householders of this district taking place shortly after the re-opening of the Canvastown school the permanency of the establishment was at the time a matter of anxious conjecture the advisability of reducing all schools with an average attendance below a certain number to the level of assisted schools having been mooted at the Education Board. In submitting to you its report for the past year your Committee is happy to be able to state that the Canvastown school is now out of all danger, even if such regulations were adopted, the hopes of an increased attendance being fully realized the number of children now on the schoolbooks amounting to thirty eight. Towards this very satisfactory result the teacher, Mr John Irwin Hart, has by his ability, kindness and attention to the children, and his generally obliging conduct to all. very largely contributed. The teacher's residence, the enlargement of the schoolroom, and the clearing of the school ground have been the principal improvements made to the property during the last twelve mouths. In addition to these works, paid for out of the funds at the disposal of the Education Board, the balance sheet accompanying this report will show that many smaller works have been undertaken by your Committee, on whose funds, it should be remarked, the increased attendance has caused a proportionately increased demand. Your Committee cannot close this report without expressing its sincere regret for the loss of its old member Mr Robert Jones, one of the oldest residents of the Pelorus. With him a good neighbour has passed away, ever anxious for the welfare of the school, where his children have regularly attended since its opening. He seldom absented himself from the meetings of your Committee when there was work to be done. I have, &c, (Signed) Joshua Rutland, Chairman of Committee. Canvastown, 24th January, 1881.

4th February 1881 Canvastown School Committee. The Canvastown School Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Rutland, Hughes, Hippolite, Baron, Reader, and Couper. Mr Joshua Rutland was appointed chairman for the ensuing year. A petition was received from the residents of Upper Pelorus to the Chairman of the Canvastown Committee requesting him to ask the Education Board to allow an assisted school to be opened there. It was proposed and carried that the Chairman grant the request asked for. It was resolved that the meetings of the Committee be regulated by the Chairman, and he called by him whenever he thinks it necessary so to do.

CANVASTOWN LIBRARY.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the above library took place on Monday last. Mr Daniel Couper in the chair. The Chairman then read the following report to the meeting To the Members of the Canvastown Library. Ladies and Gentlemen.— ln submitting to you the Third Annual Report of our Library, j I am happy in being able to say that we are still in the "progressive state." The number of volumes now catalogued, exclusive of pamphlets amounts to 281, which number will soon be increased, another parcel being about to be ordered from Auckland, amongst the books lately added to our collection are several standard works of science and travel, the fact of many new members having joined the library in order to avail themselves of these works, shows that though few in number in proportion to their cost, the purchase was not ill-advised. The demand for light and cheap literature of the day so often

and so severely commented on might, if fairly looked into, too often prove merely an inability to procure other reading. The stoppage of the subsidy to public libraries will materially affect us during the ensuing year, the necessity for a general retrenchment in Government expenditure being so obvious that any complaint might seem unreasonable, when, however, we compare the small amount thus saved with the large sum still spent, on our sham soldiery, and hear attempts made to justify the latter, on the ground that it has an educational tendency," it is impossible to resist the conclusion that our legislators, though driven by necessity, are guided by a policy in defence of which humbug has to be resorted to, rather than by principles that would speak for themselves. The office of Librarian, on which the success of the library depends, has been filled by Mr John Irwin Hart during the past year, and were it not for his gratuitous services so well and freely given, we could never have attained our present satisfactory condition. In concluding, I would strongly impress the members the necessity for increased exertion if we would keep our name good for advancement. The withdrawal of the Government subsidy referred to places us solely on our own resources. I have, etc., Jos. Rutland. The report was adopted, and the old committee re-elected for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

16th March 1881 The Chairman of the Canvastown school forwarded a requisition from the inhabitant* of the Upper Pelorus Valley asking the Board to establish a school in their portion of the District. The Canvastown Committee now requested that the Board would give such assistance as the Education Act would allow towards the maintenance of the school, and stated their willingness to undertake the superintendence of the school if brought under the Board. On Mr Ward's motion it was resolved tln.fr the subsidy of L 3 per head be allotted for the object in view to the Canvastown Committee, and the usual allowance to Committees

29th April 1881 Accident. Mr Hart, schoolmaster, of Canvastown, rode into Havelock on Wednesday evening and reported that Mr Fox, traveller for Sclauders and Co., Nelson, had met with an accident on his way from Nelson to Havelock, Dr Bentley started at once for Canvastown, and upon his return reported that Mr Fox had been thrown from his horse and his right shoulder dislocated.

10th November 1881 Canvastown School.— This- 'school- was supervised by Mr Hodgson on the 7th. The following are the passes

Standard I: Hemi Hemi and Lily. Brown

Standard II David Jones Robert Alexander, Maria Hippolite, Fanny Brown

Standard III James Wilson, John Brown,: Alfred Reader, Hemi Hemi, Dorcas Jones;

Standard IV Joseph Hippolite. Total presented, 19,; passed, 12; present at examination,' 23

10th November 1881 It was also resolved that the work to the Grovetown and Canvastown schools as shown by the plans and specifications on the table be done.

19th November 1881 Education Board. Tenders addressed Secretary, Education Board, Blenheim," will be received until Monday, December 5th, for the erection of a Schoolhouse, Picton, addition to Teacher's residence, Canvas Town, addition to Teacher's residence, Grovetown. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Mr William Douslin, Architect, Blenheim, and at the respective schools

6th December 1881 The following were the tenders opened for the additions to the Canvastown School J. Gibbs £79, Dunn and Aston (accepted) £97 5s C F Horton £103 9s

7th December 1881 Canvastown. Mr Hart. Present, 23 on roll, 35. The performances of the scholars this year fell somewhat below my expectations, and, evidently, far below those of their master. The weak point was arithmetic. In other respects the work was of fair quality. The children were very orderly

1882

1882 20 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

1st February 1882 CANVASTOWN SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of householders required by the provisions of the Education Act, was held in the schoolroom, Canvastown, on Monday, the 23rd inst, Mr J. Wilson having been called to the chair, the balance sheet for the past year and the following report were handed in by the Chairman of the outgoing Committee: "To the Householders of the Pelorus Valley School District, Gentlemen,— Again it has become my duty, in compliance with the provisions of the Education Act to submit to you the annual report on the schools entrusted to your Committee. I speak in the plural, the assisted school in the Upper Pelorus having been opened since the last meeting of householders. Though the attendance at this school is small, it is of great advantage to the families residing in that part of the district, the teacher, Mrs Hughes; giving general satisfaction. It would be well if some competent person could be found who would undertake similar work at Deep Creek, where there are many children residing and unable to attend at Canvas Town, At the request of your Committee the Education Board is having the teacher's residence enlarged. Additional desks have also been supplied during the past year. Indeed we have every reason to be satisfied with the gentlemen who now compose the Board, our requirements being always promptly attended to when made known. The attendance at the Canvas Town school has been extremely fluctuating during the year. I am glad, however, to be able to say that when the school closed for the Christmas vacation the number of pupils had again reached what it was at the close of 1880. At the last examination of the school several children passed the third and some the fourth standards. I mention this because I consider the school has now attained a position which entitles it to be supplied with the same appliances for teaching the higher standards that are in the larger schools, such as Blenheim and Picton. Amongst these a terrestrial globe is the moat immediately necessary. Hitherto your Committee, of which I have been Chairman, have refrained from asking for these articles, the children attending at Canvastown being mostly young, and working for the lower Standards. It is the general opinion of the members of your present Committee that it would be better to include the articles referred to amongst the furniture supplied to every permanent school at its opening. Pupils constantly pass from school to school, often remaining for periods too short to justify a Committee preferring a request on their account, leaving a well provided for badly provided establishment. Such pupils, if advanced, must have their progress checked unless by extra exertion or superior teaching capabilities, the teacher of the latter can make up for deficiencies. To expect this of a teacher is unfair, still more unfair is it to allow teachers who have brought their schools up to a certain point to be without those assistants given to others to enable them to rise still higher. At the annual examination all schools are supposed to pass through the same ordeal. In the report, school is in a manner pitted against school, extenuating circumstances being seldom mentioned, and never much stress laid upon them. Besides looking to the pupils leaving school, those who have been constantly surrounded with globes, diagrams, and the like, must carry away far more vivid impressions than they could have received from oral instruction alone However Rood it may have been, the advantage of this when undergoing the higher examinations for scholarships or Civil Service appointments, is obvious. Your Committee having resolved at its last meeting that the Board should be requested to provide a terrestrial globe, for the use of the Canvastown School though other schools have failed to obtain them. I have deemed it right to give you the reasons on which this resolution was based. The accompanying balance sheet will show that a small balance remained in hand at the end of the year. I have, etc., Jos. Rutland, Chairman. The report having been read and adopted, the old out-going Committee was duly elected without dissent.

5th September 1882 A petition was received from residents in the Wakamarina praying the Board to grant them a full time school, in that locality. As the number of children in the district warranted such a school being both built and aided by the board either aa a full time payment school or else on the capitation allowance of £3 10s per head upon the average attendance of all children of school age. The petitioners were at least 6 miles from the nearest school at Canvastown, the roads being in an almost impassable condition for adults and quite so for children. A letter on the same subject was received from Mr Rutland. The chairman said enquires should be made of the cost, and whether the Board could have the use of the old Court House, as they could not at present afford to build a school, It was resolved on Mr Ward's motion that the Canvastown School Committee be authorised to open the school prayed for, and that an allowance of £3 10s per head on the average attendance be made. Deep Creek School

1883

1883 17 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

20th February 1883 A public meeting was held at the School House, Canvas Town, for the purpose of getting the Government to grant two mails per week instead of one.

10th April 1883 The following appointments of postmasters are gazetted Mr I. Fowler, Awatere ;Mr J. I. Hart, Canvastown

17th May 1883 Canvastown.— A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday last at the Schoolhouse, Canvastown (Mr James Hughes in the chair), to consider a circular sent to the Chairman by Mr Stewart, of Auckland, bearing on the education question, and suggesting alterations in the present Act, and asking the opinion of the different local committees. The Committee were unanimously of opinion that the present Act was in the main satisfactory.

3rd July 1883 Mr Rutland waited on the Board in reference to matters connected with schools in the Sounds District. He also alluded to the difficulties there would be in obtaining a teacher for the Deep Creek school, and said that the Canvastown Committee- would not take upon themselves the responsibility of appointing a teacher.

Mr Dive suggested that the matter of the Deep Creek School be treated as one of urgency. Urgency being voted, Mr Dive moved Jtha.t applications be invited for a teacher for the Deep Creek- School, at a salary of £3 10s per, head on the average attendance, the appointment to be made by the Board.

It was resolved to spend £20 on the Te Awaiti School, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Butland.

18th September 1883 In a long article re larger schools supporting all the small schools in Marlborough it was pointed out that Canvastown paid £132 in salaries but earnt only £79 from the government in capitation fees

20th September 1883 Oar Havelock correspondent wires The hunt yesterday went off well, about 25 horsemen being engaged. Mr W. Pickering secured the brush. The distance ran was about eight miles. Only one accident occurred. A man named Cotter was knocked, down, on the road by a horseman and had his nose cut., A; few good spills occurred There was a good muster at Canvastown, and everything passed oft satisfactorily. The school children , accompanied by their teachers, had a pleasant picnic.

1884

1884 18 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

5th February 1884 from the School Committee at Deep Greek asking that some provision, be made for a residence for the schoolmaster, at Canvastown. Also from Mr Rutland in support of the application, It was proposed, and seconded that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £20

4th March 1884 Canvastown School.— Mr Hodgson examined the children attending the Canvastown School on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo. The result was very satisfactory. All presented passed, with the exception of one partial failure, the gain being 92 per cent

1885

1885 16 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

3rd March 1885 DEEP CREEK, Letter from the School Committee, asking that the teacher of this aided school be paid a salary. The attendance was stated to be 17, and at Canvas Town, which is a Board school and not an aided school, 17 also. It was explained that Canvas Town was an old school, which had been a Board school from the first. Captain Baillie said that if the Deep Creek application was agreed to, there were seven or eight others in a similar position who would apply also. Resolved, That the Board regrets it cannot comply with the request

26th February 1885 At the examination of the Canvastown school, on the 24th, 8 were presented and 7 passed, 6 of Standard 1, and 1 of Standard 11, 10 children being present.

6th October 1885 CANVASTOWN. An application for repairs to this school was referred to the architect.

1886

1886 16 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

12th January 1886 Canvastown. Letter from Mr Douslin submitting report and specifications of repairs required to the school, and residence. Resolved that tenders be called for

20th January 1886 A Favorable Field.— We hear a great deal of fuss nowadays about the State teaching religion in the public schools, and doing the work which the denominations and their ministers ought to do. Deep Creek is a place where the State does nothing, and the Churches do very little. There is a population, scattered up and down the Wakamarina, of about 100 people, with a sprinkling of children among them. There is no teaching or teacher in the little empty schoolhouse, and the only minister of religion who ever goes within six miles of the place is Father Lane, whose care for his flock is well known all over Marlborough. But of other ministers, deacons, evangelists, or local preachers, there are none. It is for to the hardworking settlers to say that, at a recent visit paid to the Creek, we certainly thought they seemed none the worse for their spiritual destitution. The Education Board ought, however, to look to the educational requirements. This might, perhaps, be done by altering the site of the present Canvastown school, at which the attendance has dwindled down to a mere handful. A few of the children in that locality go into Havelock, where Mr Reynolds carries on one of the most useful and efficient schools in Marlborough. If the Canvastown School were placed halfway up the Wakamarina towards Deep Creek, it might meet with the wishes of everybody

7th December 1886 Inspector's Report included: At Canvastown (where there is a highly salaried master with only eleven pupils), the organisation is moderately good, the time tables

are not very complete (though a better one was being made out), the instruction fair, but too individual, and only adapted to a very small school (which description Canvastown certainly answers to), and the order and discipline and manners and behaviour satisfactory.

1887

1887 19 Canvas Town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

7th May 1887 CANVASTOWN.

The meeting of householders to elect a School Committee took place at Canvastown on Monday the 25th April. The following gentlemen were duly elected Joshua Rutland, John William, Alfred Dillon, Daniel Couper, John Couper, J. Brown, and W. Dalton. At a meeting of the Committee Mr Rutland was elected Chairman.

Mr Bown said he found it his duty to state that he was very thankful to the teacher (Mr Hart) for the way his children had got on, from the beginning of their school life to the finish of it;. As from their first Standard to the sixth there had been no hitch, and nothing but complete satisfaction given by his teaching, and he deserves a vote of thanks from both committee and householders. Mr John Couper agreed with Mr Bown and said he had the same reason to thank Mr Hart, and would second any motion made to that effect.

The Chairman, coincided with their views, and was glad that the fathers of two of the largest number of school children made reference to it, but the simplest way would be to record on their books, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the teacher (Mr Hart) for the able manner he has managed the N school, as testified by the good report got this year. Carried unanimously.

Mr Hart thanked the committee stating that this was his seventh year amongst them, and as Mr Bown kindly said there was no hitch between them. Considering the scattered way the, School population lay, and the effect of wet weather on the attendance,, the results as given by the Inspector's reports for the last year was as good an average as any obtained by any Suburban School under the Marlborough Board, but he must thank the kind and friendly assistance he always had from the Chairman, and each member of the committee. It was his duty to do the best he could, and he had done so.

The Chairman said there was nothing further to discuss. He was glad to see the school on the increase, and that it would very shortly have another large addition to its numbers.

18th July 1887 List of all teachers and their grading. Mr Hart was ungraded

8th August 1887 That Mr Dalton instruct Fitzpatrick to put a prop under the stringer of the bridge near Canvas Town School, and to see that all the others are safe.

1888

1888 22 Canvas town Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

27th April 1888 Canvastown: At the meeting of householders at Canvastown, the' report and balance sheet as follows were adopted "In submitting to you our report for the past year we have much pleasure in being able to state that; the attendance at the Canvastown School has considerably increased during the last few months. The number of pupils on the roll is now 30. These numbers, we have every reason to expect, will be maintained or increased during the ensuing year. The roof of the schoolroom being very leaky, we brought the matter before tire Education Board. Tenders for the replacing of the shingle roof by an iron one were in consequence called for, and the work is now in the hands of Mr Linton, of Havelock, who will also put a new pair of gates in place of the .present broken ones. When these works are completed the premises will be in good, order. We wish to direct your attention to the very satisfactory manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves at the last examination, as

testified by the Inspector's report, and to express our thanks to Mr Hart for the pains he has evidently taken. The balance sheet will show you that the expenditure during the past year has slightly exceeded the balance in hand (£3 0s 103) at the end, being less than at the commencement (£4 7s 1d) difference £1 7s lid." The following gentlemen were elected members of the School Committee for the ensuing year:— Joshua Rutland (Chairman}, John Wilson, John Kearns Hart, William Dalton, John Brown, Daniel Couper, and John Couper

12th June 1888 Mr C. C. Howard, Head master of Picton School has kindly consented to give readings from Dickens and other favorite authors in Havelock on Friday June 29th, and at Canvastown on Saturday June 30th, in aid of the funds of the Havelock and Canvastown Schools. From the well-known reputation of Mr Howard as a good reader, an intellectual treat of a very high order may confidently be anticipated.

2nd July 1888 We learn from our Havelock correspondent that there was a good attendance at the schoolroom, at Canvastown, on Saturday evening, to hear Mr Howard's readings. The subjects were "Dora," by Tennyson, "How we beat the favorite," "The first settler's story," "Mr Fisher's bereavement," Major Namby," and Curtain lecture." The entertainment given in Havelock on Friday was in aid of the children's school library, not the hospital.

1889

1889 25 Canvastown Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

15th January 1889 A public meeting was held at Canvastown on Saturday night to take steps towards the erection of a public hall, Mr Morton, chairman. Opinions were divided as to where the site should be, when it was resolved that the meeting stand adjourned till Friday the 18th inst., when there will be an extension of the franchise as the women will be allowed to vote and thus determine on a site

14th March 1889 We learn that the school house at Canvastown and Mr John Wilson's house had a narrow escape from fire yesterday

15th March 1889 Canvastown— (On roll 29 Present 29). The scholars in the higher standards acquitted themselves fairly well, but the candidates for the third Standard were quite unequal to the work that they attempted. They evidently require more practice in reading. The attendance is very irregular, the number of those who had made less than half attendance during the year being much greater than it ought to be.

2nd July 1889 Marlborough Education Board approve repairs at Canvastown

6th August 1889 Tenders Canvastown Iremonger, £61 10s, informal *(Sic)*

3rd September 1889 For additions at Canvastown the following tenders were received T. Linton £39 10s (accepted), Peddie and Bott £57 D. Mitchell £41 10s.

3rd December 1889 From the Canvastown Committee, asking the Board to spend £10 or £12 on certain repairs. The Board authorised the expenditure.

1890

1890 25 Canvastown Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00

30th January 1890 here was a very extensive bush fire yesterday in the Upper Pelorus Valley. It burnt a lot of fencing and did much damage generally. The Canvastown School had a narrow escape also the residence of Mr John Wilson.

1st April 1890 That £8 5s be voted to Canvastown, and that the Committee be requested to report on the cost of deepening the well"

6th May 1890 CANVASTOWN. The Committee wrote asking whether the £8 10s granted for repairs was to be sent to the Committee for them to do the work, or expended by the Board under its architect's direction. The Board resolved that the Committee get the work' done, and the Board then forward the money.
1st July 1890 From the Canvastown Committee asking that the expenditure of £15 17s 6d, estimated cost of a fencing be authorised.

1891

1891 21 Canvastown Hart John Irving Master £ 120.00
18th April 1891 Havelock News.— -Whooping cough, in most cases of a mild character, is spreading in the town and District, and the attendance at the Havelock School is much thinned in- consequence. One of the great injustices of the Education Act is that a school should lose capitation owing to an epidemic. I hear that at Canvastown it is nearly empty from the prevalence of this' distressing complaint
25th April 1891 Havelock News. Our correspondent writes The Canvastown School is closed, owing to whooping cough. The epidemic is slowly thinning the attendance here in Havelock; as yet about 25 have fallen victims to the contagion. In the Kaituna it is making its appearance, also in the Pelorus Sound. —We have had rather more than two weeks fine weather the roads are now as dusty as they were in the height of the past summer, and what appears really surprising is, nearly all the creeks are quite dry, and the Kaituna river can now be forded by pedestrians dry foot.

1892-1893

1892 33 Canvastown Hart John Irving Master £ 120.00
1893 21 Canvastown Hart John Irwin Master £ 120.00
8th February 1893 Inspector's comment: As regards the Blenheim Girls', Springlands, Canvastown, Birchwood, and Waikakaho Schools, something more is evidently required.
7th April 1893 That the attention of the Canvastown Committee be drawn to the unsatisfactory nature of the work done last year, and that two letters written have not been replied to, and that failing a satisfactory reply the Board take action.
2nd September 1893 From the Canvastown Committee respecting Mr Hart's resignation.— Resolved That Mr Hart's attention be directed to his letter of the 26th April. *Couldn't find any paper reference to the letter of the 26th*
4th October 1893 We understand that Mr Hart, who has long presided over the Canvastown School, has resigned his position. Mr Hart has always taken a warm interest in the welfare of the district, and though he may not continue to teach the young idea, we can only hope that he may remain amongst us and assist in all matters for the public good, as he has so willingly done in the past.—
7th November 1893 CANVASTOWN. The Committee wrote petitioning the Board against the retention of Mr Hart a teacher beyond the end of the year. It was resolved to inform the Committee that the Board had previously agreed to accept the resignation as from the 31st March, the resolution could not now be rescinded on the evidence before it, and three months' notice being necessary.

1897/6525 Hart John Irwin 66Y
8th August 1897 Date of Death

9th August 1897 FATAL ACCIDENT.
AN OLD SETTLER KILLED. (Special Correspondent.) Havelock, August 9. John Irvine Hart, senior, formerly schoolmaster at Canvastown, was killed by a fall from his horse between Havelock and Canvastown on Saturday night.
From particulars supplied to the police, we learn that Mr Hart, who is a settler at Canvastown, is supposed to have been thrown from his horse on Saturday night and killed, the base of the skull being fractured. The body was found lying on the road about four miles from his home at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday night, and was conveyed to the residence of Mr John Hughes, Pelorus Valley. Deceased was returning from Picton, where he had been to attend a meeting of the Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Mr Hart was 66 years of age.

1st September 1897 Ballarat Star Newspaper
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
It is with regret I have to record the death of Mr John. Irwin Hart, of Canvastown, New Zealand, husband of Mrs Hart, of Happy Valley. The deceased gentleman, who was a native of Dublin, Ireland, has for the last 19years resided in New Zealand, where he was engaged as principal of the Canvastown school, which position he retained till three years ago. He formerly resided in this district, and on leaving left his wife and family at Happy Valley, where they have since lived, with the exception of three of his sons, who followed him to his new home, and were with him at the time of his death. Mr Hart was killed through falling from his horse when returning home after attending a meeting some distance away, and was found by his son in an unconscious state, with a deep wound in his head. He was deservedly respected, and his death will be deplored by all who knew him. Much sympathy is expressed with his wife and family at Happy Valley

John Irwin Hart married Margaret Kearns in 1859, in Victoria, Australia. Had at least 6 children with her, 3 of whom followed him to NZ and also lived in Canvastown. Margaret died in 1926, aged 86, still living in Victoria, presumably at Happy Valley.

Prior to coming to NZ, in 1862 he was in partnership with a butcher at Carngham, unsure what role he played though. Was a member of the Linton Irish Freemason's Lodge. Research by Grandson Sam.

1894

1894 51 Canvastown Douslin Minnie Female £ 124.80
13th February 1894 The meeting at this stage went into Committee to consider the application for the portions of teacher at the Havelock Suburban, Canvastown and Kaituna Schools. Miss Douslin was appointed to the Canvastown School, and the other two applications were referred back to the respective Committees,
7th August 1894 CANVASTOWN. The Committee asked that the school be enlarged, as there were 69 scholars, and there was only accommodation for 40, and about 20 more would probably be coming shortly also asking that a female pupil teacher be appointed, recommending Miss Ella Pickering for the position. Miss Clara Farmar wrote applying for the position of Head Mistress and her letter was referred to the Committee. The regulations did not provide for the appointment of a pupil teacher at such a school, and it was resolved that Miss Pickering be appointed temporarily as monitor at a salary of £20 if qualified. The enlargement of building, the Chairman said that he would be going up to Canvastown shortly,

and would inspect the place as to the advisability of excavation into the hillside on which the school stood, and the extension of the building
Minnie Douslin taught at Kaiuma in 1891 and 1892

1895

1895	55	Canvastown	Douslin	E Minnie	Female	£	126.90
1895	55	Canvastown	Pickering	E	Female Probationer	£	12.00

30th January 1895 Canvastown School.— Mr G. H. Mills, M.H.R., presented the prizes to the successful scholars at the Canvastown School the other day, and afterwards called on the scholars for three hearty cheers for their kind and clever teacher, Miss Douslin, which was heartily responded to. Mr Pickard, the Chairman of the Committee, also spoke in high terms of the schoolmistress.
13th March 1895 CANVASTOWN. Judge McKay, of the Native Land Court, wrote that to procure a school site on the Native Reserve on the other side of the river would be a difficult matter, and at the most but a lease could be acquired. The Committee wrote drawing attention to the want of accommodation, and urging that something he done to remedy the matter. Mr Mills said the school teacher had told him that children had to be turned away. It was resolved to empower Mr Mills to make terms with Mr Hughes as to a site on his property
9th April 1895 CANVASTOWN. Mr Mills reported he had seen Mr Hughes in regard to a site at Canvastown with no success. Mr Hughes would not sell his ground for any price within reason, saying that the board ought to build on the old site. It was resolved that the Boards solicitor be consulted, and steps be taken as to taking Mr Hughes' site (of which he is mortgagee to Messrs Green and Nosworthy) under the Public Works Act.
14th May 1895 CANVASTOWN. The Chairman of the Committee wrote that Mr Forrest, who leased the hill land behind the school, had called on him and asked if the Committee would bear half the cost of a dividing fence, or lease to him the six acres of school reserve property adjoining. It was resolved to instruct the Committee to obtain an offer from Mr Forrest. The Committee also urged the matter of increased school accommodation and an improved teacher's residence. It was resolved to instruct Mr Rogers, solicitor, to proceed, under the Public Works Act, to acquire the site of which Messrs Green and Nosworthy are owners and Mr Hughes mortgagee.
9th July 1895 CANVASTOWN. Messrs Green and Nosworthy wrote,-that since last meeting Mr Hughes had consented to give the upper corner of section 32 for a school site. The Secretary said that he had referred the matter to Mr Mills in Wellington, and had obtained a reply. Mr Mills letter was to the effect that he had discovered the true position of affairs in regard to the Native Reserve. The land was vested in a number of natives, whose names could be ascertained from the Registrar in Blenheim. Steps could then be taken to acquire a site from the natives under the Public Works Act, either by arrangement (he thought two acres could be purchased for £10 or £20) or by stronger measures. The land offered by Mr Hughes would be expensive in the clearing. He suggested that Mr Rutland of the Pelorus be asked for assistance in procuring a site. It was resolved to ask Mr Rutland to interest himself in the acquirement of a suitable and inexpensive site from the natives.
13th August 1895 CANVASTOWN. The architect's report on the recent fire was read, and it was resolved to instruct the architect to remove all woodwork in connection with the fireplace so as to avoid accident in the future.
SCHOOL SITE. Mr Rogers, solicitor, wrote giving it as his legal opinion that the acquisition of a school site on the Native Reserve at Canvastown was quite impracticable. There were 37 natives interested in the land, 10 of whom were minors, and the formal difficulties of acquiring the site in proper legal manner were almost insurmountable. After considerable

discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Rutland asking him to interview the natives and to Mr Mills in Wellington asking him to acquaint Judge McKay with the position of affairs with a view of procuring a site on the Reserve.
11th September 1895 The Canvastown Committee wrote urging the provision of increased school accommodation. Correspondence on the same subject was received from Judge McKay, of the Native Land Court, Mr 0. Mills, in Wellington, and Mr Rutland, Pelorus, from which it appeared that the Maoris absolutely refused to consent to a school site being established on the Native Reserve on the north bank of the Wakamarina River, as their ancient burial ground lay in the vicinity, and they were afraid of the graves of their forefathers, being desecrated by the children. It was resolved that as great difficulty was being experienced in the obtaining of a suitable site, the Committee be written to and asked whether the present site was safe, and as to whether the present attendance was likely to be permanent.
16th March 1895 Correspondence was received on the subject of obtaining a new school site at Canvastown, from Mr Smith, inspector, and Miss Douslin, teacher. A letter of a later date was received from four Maoris, offering four acres of land on the native reserve, near the Wakamarina bridge, at a price of £4 per acre. Mr Smith wrote that the site in question, which had been shown him, was perfectly suitable. It was resolved to accept the offer, and to forward a copy of the Maoris' letter to Mr Mills, M.H.R., in Wellington, with a request to ascertain, and inform the Board as soon as possible, whether the Maoris were in a position to deal with the land. The Secretary was instructed that, in the event of a satisfactory reply from Mr Mills, the negotiations be placed in the hands of the Board's solicitor for completion
25th November 1895 The Education Board invite tenders for the erection of a school at Canvastown,
11th December 1895 TENDERS. The following tenders were received for the erection of the new school at Canvastown Matthews Bros., £276 17s; C. Nicholl and Son, £237 15s John Fawcett, £235 Bythell and Moreland, £224 10s; Brewer and Hay, £234 McKinley and May, £190 (accepted).
CANVASTOWN. Mr Mills explained the result of his negotiations as to the new school site at Canvastown on the Native reserve. Mr Rogers and himself had agreed that the best course to pursue was to take the land under the Public Works Act. Mr Mills had arranged with the Land Department for a survey, which had been carried out, and there was every promise that matters would be settled amicably. Some of the Natives required an early deposit of the money, and Mr Mills advised the Board to advance part of the £40 to the Public Trustee at once. On the motion of Mr Mills the sum of £20 was passed, to be handed over to the Public Trustee with a request that he distribute the money among the Natives interested as soon as possible. The Committee wrote asking that an assistant teacher be appointed. The Secretary was authorized to appoint an assistant if the average attendance for the December quarter was maintained at 55, the regulation number. The Committee also asked that the teacher's residence be renovated. It was resolved to reply that the Board would do the work as soon as funds permitted.

1896

1896	62	Canvastown	Douslin	Minnie	D3	Head Female	£	130.90
1896	62	Canvastown	McIntyre	Ruth		Assistant Female	£	75.00

11th March 1896 The Architect reported on various Works in the district, The contractors erecting the new school building at Canvastown are expected to finish at the end of the month……

14th April 1896 CANVASTOWN. The Committee asked that the Board erect a teacher's residence near the new school. The old residence was decaying away. On the motion of Mr Mills it was resolved to instruct the architect to prepare plans and specifications for a four-roomed building with a leanto, on the design of Springlands school, the Committee and architect to erect site. (Sic)
14th July 1896 Construction of closets at Canvastown J. Wemyss £10 10s (accepted). Supply of eight desks for Canvastown School J. Wemyss £10 10s.
11th August 1896 CANVASTOWN. One tender of 6s 8d per foot was received for sinking a well at the Canvastown school, but this price was considered excessive, and it was resolved to reconsider the matter at next meeting.
14th October 1896 CANVASTOWN. A letter was received from Mr Mills in reference to the expediting of the preliminaries necessary to the transfer of the school site from the natives to the Committee. It was resolved to inform the Committee that the proclamation had been gazetted, the Secretary would take steps to advertise locally according to legal requirements, and it was hoped that the Committee would be able to take possession of the school in a few days. On the recommendation of Mr Carter, who spoke for the Works Committee, it was resolved that a water supply be provided for the new Canvastown school by means of two tanks

1897

1897	59	Canvastown	Douslin	Eugenie M	D3	Head Female	£	128.10
1897	59	Canvastown	McIntyre	Ruth M D		Assistant Female	£	75.00

9th February 1897 CANVASTOWN. It was resolved that Mr Cawte's offer to lease the old school residence be accepted, providing that he take it for one year.
23rd October 1897 A casualty, fortunately unattended with serious results (says the Guardian) occurred on Tuesday evening last, to Miss Douslin, the respected school teacher at Canvastown. The horse upon which the young lady was returning from Havelock fell at that part of the Havelock Blackball road known as the Bishop's land, crushing the rider, who was unable to extricate herself when the animal was falling, The unfortunate young lady was removed in a semi-conscious condition to the residence of her sister, Mrs W, Pickering. Beyond severe contusions and abrasions of the limbs, and shook to the system, the young lady has suffered no injury, and is progressing favourably.
24th December 1897 The results of the scholarship examination are published in another column to-day. Master E Rogers, who has lately been attending the Canvastown school, won the Marlborough scholarship and Master Furness, of the Borough school, takes the Record Reign scholarship, which was established by the Education Board this year. These scholarships are of equal value, and are tenable for two years the tuition being received at the Nelson College. The two boys are to be congratulated on their success.

1898

1898	66	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	E2	Head Master	£	147.17
1898	66	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Assistant Female	£	75.00

12th January 1898 APPOINTMENT OF HEAD MISTRESS.
Twelve applications were received for the position of head mistress at the Borough School, vacated by Miss Morgan. The following are the names of the applicants Miss M. M. Brown. Blenheim Borough School, certificate D 2, 5th rank; Miss Agnes Dorm, Timaru, Dl, 4th rank Miss Minnie Douslin, Canvastown
School, D 3. 6th rank Mrs Mary Dowling, Renwicktown, formerly teacher at Borough Schools, Dl, 4th rank; Miss Alice Downes, B.A., Dunedin, 83, 4th rank; Miss E.

Hodgikinson, B.A., Invercargill, A5, 5th rank; Miss K Martin, Christchurch, E2. 6th rank; Miss E. H. Millington, Springlands School, D3, 6th rank; Miss Florence Prichard, Spring Creek School, D 2, 5th rank Miss N. T. Sword, B.A, Canterbury, B3, 4th rank Miss Maude Warnock, Nelson, D 3,. 6th rank; Miss M C. Williams, Marshlands School, D 2, 5th rank.

The Commissioners of the Borough School (Messrs Thompson and McCallum) to whom the applications had been referred, recommended that Miss Minnie Douslin, of Canvastown, be appointed, and their communication was received by the Education Board at yesterday's meeting.

It was moved and seconded that Miss Douslin be appointed,

Mr McCallum, in speaking to the motion, said that the winner of the last Marlborough scholarship came from the Canvastown school, and was taught by Miss Douslin for some weeks before the examination.

Mr Duncan proposed an amendment that the Board go into committee to consider the applications.

Mr Carter seconded.

Mr McCallum strongly opposed the amendment, It would be waste of time to go into committee, and not a good principle The Commissioners had carefully studied all the applications, and the Board could not do any more than had been done. If the Commissioners had had to make second choice they would have chosen a young lady at Timaru, almost similarly classified as Miss Douslin. This went to show the bona fides of their recommendation. The motion was lost, the division being—Ayes: Messrs Carter, Duncan, and Baillie; Noes: Messrs Mills, Thompson, McCallum, Redwood, and the chairman.

Mr Duncan said that what he wished for was information as to the qualifications of all the candidates. He knew nothing about the merits of the applicants, and he would abstain from voting.

Mr Carter quite agreed with Mr Duncan. All he asked was the right to properly perform his duties as a member of the Board. This button holing was detestable. He would like to see the Board adopt some such course as had been taken by a Dunedin public body, and .throw out all applications in respect to which members had been buttonholed. He had never given a promise to any candidate, although he had often been canvassed.

Mr McCallum protested against any suggestion that the Commissioners had been influenced by buttonholing. They had never given any promise.

Mr Thompson also objected to any remarks as to buttonholing being aimed at the Commissioners. He had been approached, but had never given any promise. He thought that Mr Carter might well recall his remark

Mr Carter said he objected to buttonholing in a general sense. What he asked was that members might have an opportunity of knowing the same information as to the merits of candidates that was possessed by the Commissioners.

Mr Mills thought that members of the Board had sufficient strength of mind and independence to keep themselves free from pledges in such a matter It was in the power of Messrs Duncan and Carter to move the appointment of someone else. He would vote against going into Committee, The Board might spend hours over the applications, and be no further ahead.

Capt. Baillie would vote for the amendment, on the principle that the Board by going into Committee to look into the applications, would be merely following the course pursued in the past.

Mr Redwood said that it would be rather “rough” on the Commissioners, after the trouble they had taken on behalf of the Board, to go into Committee and traverse the ground they had gone over.

Mr Duncan said that Mr Mills had remarked Mr Carter and himself could move another appointment if they liked and yet it was proposed that they should not have an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the qualifications of the applicants.
It was suggested that the Inspector should express his opinion.
Mr McCallum thought it would not be right to refer to the Inspector in such a manner. The Commissioners had already got the mind of the Inspector on the subject.
Mr Duncan said it was the usual procedure of the Dunedin Board to take the opinion of the Inspector in Committee.
The Inspector said he bad only time to glance through the applications. Whatever he could say would only be with regard to the local candidates.
Mr Duncan said that if the Inspector had not had time to go through the applications, there would be no use in going any further.
Capt. Baillie said he would vote against the original motion, but purely on principle, not against Miss Douslin.
Messrs Duncan and Carter declined to vote, the former leaving the room and staying out while the motion was being put,
The motion was carried, the division being as follows Ayes Messrs Mills, Thompson, McCallum, Redwood and the Chairman; No Capt. Baillie. Miss Douslin therefore received the appointment.
Note: Miss Eugenie M Douslin was the daughter of the Board's Architect
8th February 1898 It is stated the Canvastown School Committee have recommended Mr Stratford as teacher of the school, in place of Miss Douslin appointed to the Blenheim School Should Mr Stratford decline, Mr H. Wilmot, the present temporary teacher, is said to be next recommended for the position
15th February 1898 CANVASTOWN. The Committee wrote recommending that Mr Stratford, of Cullensville, be appointed teacher at Canvastown, vice Miss Douslin. The appointment was made. It was resolved to call for applications for the Cullensville teachership, and that Mr Wilmott be temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy
16th February 1898 Of the 21 Board Schools in Marlborough Canvastown was placed in the middle 7 by the Inspector
12th July 1898 A number of applications were received for the teachership of the Onamalutu school. The Board appointed Miss Brewer, of the Canvastown school and it was resolved that the removal be made immediately, subject to consent of Canvastown Committee. The secretary was authorised to make provision for the vacancy at the latter place. This is Miss Lottie Brewer who was at Port Underwood in 1897 and I can't find an appointment for her to Canvastown though there is a reference to a Miss Brewer at Deep Creek
13th September 1898 CANVASTOWN. The Committee recommended that Miss Maud Lammas be appointed assistant teacher. Maud Lammas had applied for a number of jobs in Nelson Education Board and missed out

1899

1899	65	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	E2	Head Master	£	147.20
1899	65	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Assistant Female	£	75.00

14th January 1899 M.H.R Medals. The successful winners of the medals presented by Mr . H. Mills, M.H.R., which last year was open to country schools only are as follows:— Standard Vl.— Boys John Young, Canvastown, who gained 309 marks out of a possible 380. Girls: Lily Simpson of Broughton's aided school, who gained 318 marks. This year the medals will be allocated to the sixth standard pupils of town schools. *(MHR Member house of Representative)*

29th April 1899 At the annual meeting of householders held at Canvastown, the following were elected as a School Committee for the ensuing year Messrs Couper, Young, Twidle, Gardiner, Glastonbury, Pope, and W. Dalton. At the meeting of the Committee, Mr Couper was re-elected Chairman, and Mr Glastonbury Secretary.

1900

1900	58	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	D1	Head Master	£	141.60
1900	58	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Assistant Female	£	75.00

10th April 1900, The Canvastown Committee wrote asking for the temporary services of an assistant, the present assistant teacher being indisposed. The action of the Inspector in appointing Miss Stratford was approved.

20th April 1890 A social was held at Canvastown on Wednesday night to celebrate the opening of a new hall which has been erected there by Mr A. W. Dillon, who is to be commanded on his enterprise. The hall is well built, and is 40 feet by 20 *(12 metres x 6 Metres)* in dimensions, with a porch in front and a commodious ante-room at the back. Quite 200 people from Canvastown and district, Havelock, and Blenheim were the guests of Mr and Mrs Dillon at the social. Dancing was kept up till the wee early hours of the morning, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr W. T. Erskine, in a neat speech, declared the hall open, and at the conclusion of the social three hearty cheers were given by all present for Mr and Mrs Dillon for their hospitality.

11th June 1900 The Canvastown Committee wrote with regard to the planting of trees in the school grounds. Resolved to reply that the Committee had power to expend money in this direction, and that in the case of a grant for itself, the Board would have to be satisfied that the trees would be cared for.

10th December 1890 The Canvastown Committee asked if the architect would suggest some plan for the strengthening of the windows, which were continually broken by the wind. Matter referred to architect.

1901

1901	65	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	D1	Head Master	£	147.17
1901	65	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Assistant Female	£	75.00

14th January 1901 he results of the first examination of candidates for the High School Board's scholarships were placed before the Board this morning by inspector J. Smith. There are three town and two country scholarships. The name of Charles B. White, of Tua Marina, whose parents reside at Onamalutu, appeared at the head of the list, the number of marks being 688, out of a possible 770. He and John C. Young, of Canvastown, 554, take off the town scholarships.

John C Young was 15 years 11 months at December 1900. The areas were Mental arithmetic 54/60. Writing 62/100. Spelling and Dictation 63/100. Arithmetic 90/100. Geography 67/100. Composition 90/100. Total 554/770

20th April Comparison of school roll in 1890 and 1901

Blenheim Girls	+25	Blenheim Boys	-53
Springlands	+106	Havelock	-26
Picton	+14	Tua Marina	-13
Renwick	+37	Waitohi	-44
Grovetown	+42	Fairhall	38

Canvastown +28

Havelock Suburban, Spring Creek, Okaramio, and Kaituna practically the same
14th May 1901 With regard to the application by the Rev. Mr Foston for the old schoolhouse at Canvastown, it was resolved that he be asked to make an offer for the building.
10th June 1901 The Rev. Mr Foston offered £10 for the old schoolhouse at Canvastown, the lessees rent to continue to the end of the term.—Offer accepted.
9th September 1901 The Canvastown Committee were granted four new desks.

1902

1902	60	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	D1	Head Master	£	183.50
1902	60	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Assistant Female	£	80.00

13th January 1902 NEW DISTRICT. A petition was received from residents of Rai Valley praying that the necessary steps be taken for the formation of a school district.—The prayer of the petition was granted, and it was resolved that the meeting of householders be convened, and the Canvastown Committee be notified of the intention to make the division.
13th January 1902 Marlborough High School scholarship Charles Alguist of Canvastown was in the top nine who qualified out of 20 who sat the examination
30th January 1902 In a review at Blenheim Girls over their poor performance in exams the following was presented ……. At the Blenheim Girls' School there were 20 in the Sixth Standard and all but 4 passed Renwicktown had 8 and 8 passed, 5 with credit; Grovetown 9 and 9 passed Springlands 13 and 13 passed, 5 with credit Canvastown 11 and 11, and so on with Tua Marina and other schools……
11th January 1902 The Canvastown Committee wrote that it had no objection to the proposed formation of a new school district in the Rai Valley.
10th June 1902 Canvastown asked for a set of drawing models. —The Inspector was instructed to procure six sets pf solid models for the use of smaller schools.
12th August 1902 he various committees that undertook the preliminary arrangements for the local celebration of Coronation Day merit thanks and commendation for the complete manner in which their duties had been performed, the result being that Saturday marked itself as a memorable day for the township and the district. From early morning until late in the evening residents and visitors, to all intents and purposes the guests of the committees, were entertained at luncheon and tea, and provided with a continuance of change, the variety of which sustained interest and provided amusement for the large number that had assembled.
Through the assistance afforded by Messrs Brownlee & Co. in placing the locomotive and trucks at the disposal of the Committee, the children of the Canvastown School, to the number of sixty, were enabled to participate in the celebration and these, who were in charge of the School Committee and their master, Mr H. A. Stratford, assisted in adding brightness and well ordered activity, to which the day was claimed a, success.
In accordance with the programme the children assembled at the school *(Havelock)* at 9.30 a.in., where the flag was saluted, and each scholar presented with the commemoration card and a small flag the National Anthem being sung before the procession was formed, for the purpose of marching to the site of the new cottage hospital, and witnessing the laying of the foundation-stone. The marshalling of the procession was in the hands of Mr T. H. Scott, who, in a distinctive combination of counselling , and carrying a gilded drum major's staff, was worthily Considerate of the short limbs of the little toddlers amongst the school children, thus keeping, the procession in good formation throughout.

1903

1903	58	Canvastown	Stratford	Herbert A	D1	Head Master	£	177.10
1903	58	Canvastown	Lammas	Maude		Mistress	£	80.00

10th January 1903 he M.H.R. Medals.—The gold medals awarded by the Hon. C. H. Mills to the two pupils who gain the highest number of marks at the annual examination of the primary schools throughout Marlborough, were won last year by Alfred Dalton, of the Canvastown School, with 343 marks out of 380 (equalling 90 per cent), and Phoebe Brydon, of the Renwick School; with 341 marks (equalling 89 per cent).

10th March 1903 Small requirements were granted for the Canvastown and Ugbrooke Schools.

15th April 1903. At the opening of the Methodist Church at Wadestown the following was passed:

A vote of recognition was also extended to the Canvastown School Committee for past U3e of the schoolroom for services

16th November 1903 The Canvastown Committee asked that the school be painted, The school was placed on the list of buildings to be painted.

1904

1904	60	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis J	D3	Head Master	£	175.00
1904	60	Canvastown	Hill	Ethel I		Mistress	£	80.00

9th February 1904 In the inspector's list on arithmetic Canvastown was 2nd of all schools with 88.8% success Only Havelock Suburban was first

14th June 1904 The sum of £3 for small repairs was granted to Canvastown. A request that the school be painted was deferred.

Both the Canvastown and Kaituna Committees selected Miss Ethel Hill as assistant teacher. —It was resolved that Miss Hill having made her choice, Miss V. Jeffries be appointed to the remaining vacancy

25th July 1904 Miss Lammas, who until recently has occupied the positions of assistant teacher at the Canvastown School and Superintendent of the Anglican Sunday School was, on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday last, the recipient of presentations in token of esteem and of good wishes from the parents, teachers, .and scholars, on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The Vicar made the presentation in St. Paul's, Canvastown, on Thursday, and spoke highly of the good work done by Miss Lammas in connection with the Sunday School. Miss Lammas responded in a suitable manner. The presentation, consisting of a framed engraving illustrating the Lord's Prayer, was inscribed— Presented to Miss Lammas, on the occasion of her marriage, by the teachers and scholars of St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Canvastown,

25th July, 1904,At the School on Friday the Chairman of the Canvastown School Committee (Mr Glastonbury) presided at a meeting of parents and scholars, at which Miss Lammas wan presented with a silver-plated hot-water kettle, with stand, and a toast-rack; the kettle being inscribed as a memento of esteem and regard.

23rd August 1904 At a meeting held last night, the Renwicktown School Committee selected the successor of Mr D. Leslie, the headmaster, The successful candidate is Mr H. Stratford, the teacher at Canvastown Mr Bell, of Moeraki (Otago) is the second choice and Mr Bayly, of Woodville, third. There were thirteen candidates, the majority of whom held Dl and D2 certificates.

25th August 1904 The Marlborough Education Board invite applications for the position of head teacher at Canvastown. The vacancy has been caused by the resignation of Mr H.

Stratford to take charge of the Renwicktown School in succession to Mr D. Leslie, who has received an appointment at Gisborne
14th September 1904 Mr H Stratford wrote stating that the Canvastown Committee wished him to remain in his present position until after the annual examination. —Agreed to
19th September 1904 At a meeting held in Canvas town on Wednesday last a Committee was appointed to make preparations for suitably expressing the esteem in which Mr H. H. Stratford is held, prior to his transfer from the Canvastown School headmastership to a similar position at Renwicktown. It is understood the Committee intends arranging for a combined social and presentation.
5th October 1904 Mr C, Venimore, of the Havelock Post Office, has been placed in charge of the Canvastown office pending the appointment of a successor to Miss Stratford, who recently resigned the position
6th October 1904 Okaramio Last Tuesday, 4th instant, was therefore chosen; and as Mr Hill is leaving the school to take up the position of Headmaster of the Canvastown School, it was decided to have a tea and social in the school on the same date to bid farewell to Mr Hill.
During the afternoon the children and friends played various games until tea time. Immediately before tea Misses K. Cameron and S. Hart, on behalf of the children and friends, presented Mr and Mrs Hill with an easy chair and travelling rug. Mr Hill returned thanks both for himself and Mrs Hill, and said a few words to the children, urging them to make the best uses of their school days to become well-educated men and women. After tea three cheers were given for the Governor, three for Lady Plunket, and three for Mr and Mrs Hill.
In the evening there were games, dancing, and singing, after which everybody joined hands, sang Auld Lang Syne, and thus brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.
11th October 1904 Inspector Strachan laid several inspection reports on the table. The Canvastown school showed the best results, and he was well pleased with the efficiency that Mr Stratford had left at the school. The standard attained at Canvastown would do credit to the school of any district in the Colony.
27th October 1904 A well attended meeting held in Canvastown on Tuesday evening it was decided to form a tennis club, the following officers being elected: President, Mr Hollis Hill and Treasurer. Secretary Miss Hill
12th December 1904 The teacher of the Canvastown School wrote and asked that application be made for provision for manual and technical classes. It was proposed to teach blackboard drawing, elementary physiology, and agricultural science. The classes would be taken, from eight to nine o'clock in the mornings and it was suggested that school children would be entitled to attend them and they would serve as a means of preparing for the Junior Civil Service examinations.
The Secretary was authorised to forward to the Department the necessary forms of application on their being received from the Committee.

1905

1905	64	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James	D3	Head Master	£	177.10
1905	64	Canvastown	Macalister	Rea		Mistress	£	80.00

14th March 1905 At the meeting of the Education Board yesterday the following school classes operating under the manual and technical regulations were reported to have been recognised by the Department as having satisfied the necessary preliminaries for the earning of capitation Blenheim Boys', Picton, and Canvastown, first aid; Renwick, Canvastown, Picton, Kaituna, and Fairhall, modelling and plasticene; Kaituna, Blenheim, and Fairhall, brushwork; Cullensville, Omaka, and Seddon, needlework. In addition to the above, nine other classes had been recognised, including classes for first aid, cookery and brushwork. The correspondence also showed that the Department was also being

approached with a view to classes in other directions, including one for agriculture at Canvastown.
14th March 1905 A request from Canvastown that the school be painted was referred to the Inspector, and also the matter of a partition, for a report,
17th April 1905 The Methodist Church at Canvastown on Friday evening last was occupied to its fall capacity by the adherents of that denomination and other friends of the Rev. H. Foston to express their appreciation of his labors amongst them, and to present him with a purse of sovereigns and a valedictory address, Mr Hollis Hill,, vice-president of the Band of Hope, presided, and in making the presentation expressed the regret that was felt at Mr Fosston's early departure, and eulogised the work done by him as a minister and as a citizen during the six years he had been a resident of the district
9th May 1905 The lease of the old school at Canvastown to Mr D. Wilson was renewed
The Department wrote that it would recognise special classes for ambulance work, Geometry, etc., at Canvastown for 1905.
13th June 1905 Canvastown forwarded an estimate of cost of the proposed partition in the school, but expressed preference for an additional room.—The Inspector recommended the division as serving the teaching efficiency. The average attendance was about 60.—The matter was deferred, the Chairman and other members to inspect when convenient
11th July Marlborough Education Board Mr G Forrest wrote accepting the terms required by the Board for a further lease to him of the Canvastown reserve.
20th October 1905 Canvastown The resignation of Miss Hill, assistant teacher, was notified.—It was decided to advertise for a successor.
13th November Canvastown: The Committee's recommendation that Miss McAlister be appointed assistant teacher was adopted.

1905	64	Canvastown	Macalister	Rea
1906	61	Canvastown	Macalister	Ria
1907	49	Waitohi	Macalister	Ria
1908	51	Waitohi	Macalister	Ria
1909	44	Waitohi	Macalister	Ria
1910	181	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1911	215	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1912	215	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1913	221	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1914	197	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1915	167	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1917	163	Picton	Macalister	Ria
1919	396	Eastern Hutt	Macalister	Ria
1921	664-39	Petone DHS	Macalister	Ria
1923	697-75	Petone DHS	Macalister	Ria

There were 2 Macalister Sisters who taught in Marlborough. Itta and Ria. And May Macalister from a different family . Often at Picton
28th November 1905 It is gratifying to find (writes our Havelock correspondent) that public interest in the school cadets is increasing throughout the district. On Sunday next the cadets of Okaramio, Canvastown, and Havelock attend church parade at St. Peter's, Havelock, at 3 p.in., and preparations are in hand for holding a special service appropriate to the occasion. The number of cadets attending will, it is anticipated, exceed fifty, and will be under the command of Captain Cartwright of Okaramio.
21st December 1905 Favoured by lovely weather, Havelock was en fete yesterday, the occasion being the inaugural meeting-of the North Marlborough Schools Amateur Athletic

Association, established a short time ago for the purpose to inculcating in the: children attending the schools in the district a healthy love of out-door exercises, and or promoting a spirit of friendly rivalry About .one hundred and fifty children were present, representing the Canvastown Havelock and Okaramio schools. A large number of entries were made in all the races, and some excellent performances were registered.

The Challenge Shield was won by the Okaramio team, with a total of 118 points, Canvastown gaming second place with 73, and Havelock being third with 53. The gold brooch for the girl gaining the greatest number of points was won by Ruby Mortimer (Okaramio), who secured the possible number of points—25—for the five girls races on the programme. Geo. Spiers, also of Okaramio, carried off the boys' gold medal, with a total of 44 points out of a possible 50. In addition, Okaramio won the tug-of-war The results testify to the earnest and painstaking labors of Mr Cartwright, the Okaramio teacher.

Besides the championship events, a number of other races, such as sack and potato races, and a ladies race, were held, and proved the source of much interest and amusement.

After the conclusion of the sports programme, an exhibition of wand-drill was given by the girls, and the cadets, under Captain Cartwright and Lieuts. Hill (Canvastown) and Ford (Havelock) executed a number of evolutions, culminating in the march past and Royal salute.

Inspector Strachan, President of Association, presented the prizes to the successful children. In the course of a few remarks, the Inspector said that the inaugural meeting had been a brilliant success, and he hoped that successive gatherings would maintain the high standard of efficiency attained by this one. The Havelock district had led the province in the establishment of a school's Athletic Association, and he looked forward to seeing the whole of Marlborough soon included in the scope of the Association. He was glad that the sports were conducted on purely amateur lines—that the prizes competed for were trophies only, and not cash prizes. He complimented the scholars and teacher of the Okaramio School on their success, and hoped that the other schools would take the lesson of training to heart, and endeavor next year to wrest the coveted trophy from the champions. Referring to the cadets, with whose drill he had been much pleased, he voiced the general feeling that more-rifles-should be granted to the boys for. shooting purposes. In conclusion he paid a tribute to the whole-hearted labors of the Executive of the Association, to whose efforts the success of the meeting was clue, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them, which was carried amidst applause.

The arrangements of the meeting were carried out by the Rev Stace and Mr J. Wilson (judges), and Messrs Buckman, Taylor, King, Cartwright, and Hill. Special mention must be made of:-the work of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Scott.

1906

1906	61	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James	D2	Head Master	£	195.00
1906	61	Canvastown	Macalister	Ria		Assistant Female	£	85.10

2nd January 1906 Information has been received that John Fitzpatrick Wells, the 15-year old son of Mr Eli Wells, of the Pelorus, has gained the first-class certificate of the junior division at the Hawera High School. The lad was until this year a pupil at the Canvastown School, under Mr H. A. Stratford, and at the 1904 examinations lost the M.H.R. medal by four marks only. It was at the suggestion of Mr Stratford (now master of the Renwicktown school) that the lad was permitted to continue his studies, and having relatives at Hawera that High School was selected

6th February 1906 The following names of Marlborough students appear in recent issues of the Gazette :—Ernest Walter Gibbons (Canvastown), Cyril Owen Gibson (Renwicktown), Frank Godfrey Glastonbury (Canvastown), Gertrude Annie Mogridge (Blenheim Girls'), who satisfied examination requirements for Junior Free Places,"

14th February 1906 A reply having been received from Mr Free, of Reefton, consenting to th-3 exclusion of his son Cuthbert from participation in the Education Board's scholarships, these have now been definitely allotted as follows (Dorothy Heffer taking the Junior National Scholarship of £10 for three years, as previously announced): Margaret Neumann, Havelock, £25 for 2 years; Ivy M. Browne, Blenheim, £10 for two years; Max Gandar (now of the Hutt, where there is a secondary school, which he may attend), £10 for two years; E. _W. .Gibbons, Canvastown,£25 for two years; Gertrude A. Mogridge, Blenheim, £10 for two years.

14th March 1906 CANVASTOWN SCHOOL CADETS.

On Thursday afternoon last the much-longed-for class firing took place on the range. The firing was supervised fay Acting-captain Hill, who was ably assisted by Messrs Reade and Bown The example of these last named gentlemen in giving their spare time to forward the cadet movement is much appreciated by the corps, especially in view of the fact, that without such help, the class-firing could not be carried out. The corps are also indebted to the Rifle Club for the free use of their range. Considering it was the first- shooting done, the scores wore very creditable. There were 7 shots at 150 yards. The following scores were registered:—

George Murray 22
Austin Morrison 19
John Morrison 17
Horace Rush 18
Robert Hughes 14
Frank Thomas 10
Lawrence Alquist 10
Herbert Stratford 9
Norman Hughes 8
Edgar Gibbous 5
Joseph Simpson 4

Owing to the lateness of the hour the whole of the cadets did not fire. It is hoped that the Havelock detachment will be put through on Thursday afternoon next. Owing to the threatening; weather on Saturday, Acting captain Hill did not visit Okaramio as he had intended, but he hopes to put the detachment through their firing at an early date.

21st March 1906 Inspector's report included :Canvastown was open 394 Half Days. 9 schools were open for 420 half days or more. Wairau Valley being open for 439 half days

10th April 1906 Canvastown.— The Chairman of the Committee wrote re the proposed alteration of boundary. If it were extended one milo it would include Smart and Lodge's sawmill, and these householders would be eligible for the Committee. There was, however, no strong feeling in the matter. —The Inspector was asked to report

Col. Loveday wrote asking if the Board approved of Mr Hill, Canvastown, taking charge of the Havelock school cadets.—Approved.

24th May 1906 Canvastown village had 94 residents

15th June 1906 SCHOOL CONCERT AT CANVASTOWN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

A concert was held in the schoolroom on Saturday in aid of- the fund for the uniforms of the cadets. The night was perfect, and there was a big muster of parents and others to witness the entertainment, many coming from Havelock and other parts of the district, and some were unable to find seats. Mr Hollis Hill, the teacher, very ably conducted the entertainment, his assistant, Miss Macalister. giving him much assistance in the direction of the dressing of the girls, who, from time to time throughout the evening appeared' on the stage. The Misses Gardiner began the programme by playing a piano overture in very pretty style; this was

followed by fifteen other items, in which the children acquitted themselves most creditably, notably in item six, song and chorus (The Fox), which was deservedly encored. The "Irish Jig" was encored, also "Pickles," and last, but not least, "Darkies," in which Master Simpson, alias "Uncle Ned," received much applause for his dancing, which" was immensely ludicrous and interesting. The boys' drill was good, and neatly done, but the bayonet drill was the gem of the evening, and evoked much applause. I must not omit mentioning how nicely the little maidens did the dumb bell drill (item three), fan drill (item four), and the minuet (item fourteen), the various movements of which were gracefully performed. I was much struck, too, by the repose and self-confidence which the children exhibited as they went through their performances. A vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was voted to Mr Arthur Rutland for presiding at the piano, and to Mr Arthur Reade for helping in many ways in real British style. The nett proceeds of the concert amounted to £5 1s, which was very satisfactory.
23rd June 1906 A ladies' hockey club, the Kia Ora Club," was formed in Canvastown this week, with Mr Dillon as president and Miss Macalister captain. The colours of the Club are to be pale blue and white. The season will be formally opened on July 14
13th August 1906, Miss Macalister reappointed to Canvastown, *All teachers in Marlborough Education Board territory were being appointed on one year appointments*
15th August 1906 On Saturday, at Havelock, the Canvastown School defeated the Havelock School at football by 11 points to 3. For Canvastown, N. Hughes, and H. Simpson scored tries; T. Murray converted one of these tries, and also kicked a penalty .goal. .Havelock's score was a try gained by E. Reader.
14th November 1906 Canvastown. —A vote of £5 15s 6d to the Committee was granted for manures, seeds, wheel-harrows, and ambulance classes to be paid out of special grants
4th December 1906 The Canvastown school boys defeated Havelock school boys by-an innings and six runs, thus keeping up their old reputation and the honour of their old teacher, Mr Stratford of Renwicktown School. *Mr Stratford left in 1903*

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Canvastown is a small township on the main road between Havelock and the Rai Valley, about six miles from Havelock. It is the center of the Wakamarina diggings, to which it owed its origin, and the name Canvastown was suggested by the fact that the township was at first composed almost entirely of the tents of the diggers. While the diggings held out, Canvastown was a busy place, but the industry has gradually decayed, and there is now (1905) but one dredge on the river, and a few prospectors, to remind one of its former vogue. Nevertheless, Canvastown is in a thriving page 415 condition. The land has gradually been acquired for farming, and sheep and cattle are kept, and dairying is carried on by the settlers. There are also two sawmills in the district, and these give employment to nearly twenty persons. The township has two churches, a public school, a hall, a large hotel, a number of private residences, and a post office. The Blenheim-Nelson mail coach provides a tri-weekly mail service.

The Canvastown Public School was established in the year 1885. It stands on a section of about four acres close to the township, and is a wooden building with one class room a porch, and a small library. The number on the roll is seventy eight, and the average attendance is sixty. A residence of five rooms adjoins the school ground.

Mr. Hollis Hill was appointed to the Canvastown Public School in October, 1904. He was born in June, 1878, at Brightwater, in Nelson, and is the fourth son of the late Mr. Jabez Hill,

who was for many years a farmer at Brightwater. After attending school he farmed for a short time, but when eighteen years of age he resumed his studies. Subsequently he held various appointments under the Nelson Education Board. He also taught for a few months in the Taranaki district, and in the year 1903 was appointed headmaster of the Okaramio school. Mr. Hill holds a D3 certificate. He is a member of various athletic clubs in Canvastown.

Mr. Herbert Stratford , formerly headmaster of Canvastown school, was born in 1875, in Blenheim, and was educated at the Boys' Borough School, under the late Mr. J. P. Lucas. He was afterwards a pupil teacher at the same school. On securing the E certificate, in 1894, Mr. Stratford was appointed to the mastership of the Deep Creek school, in the Wakamarina district. He remained there for three years, and was then promoted to the control of the Cullensville school. After being there one year he was further promoted to the charge of the Canvastown school. He now holds the D certificate, and in the examination gained special mention from the department for English and History. Mr. Stratford has also civil service and musical certificates. As a teacher, his results have been good. He gained one hundred per cent of passes at his school on three consecutive occasions, and the medal given by the Parliamentary members of the district has twice been gained by a scholar from his school. Mr. Stratford takes a great interest in athletics. He is now (1905) headmaster of the Renwicktown school

Mr. H. Stratford.

1907

1907	63	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James	D2	Head Master	£	195.00
1907	63	Canvastown	Macalister	Itta		Assistant Female	£	85.10

29th January 1907 Scholarship results » Following are the Marlborough figures in connection with the Junior National Scholarship examination, which is used as the test for awarding all the following scholarships.-—Junior National Scholarships, Queen's Scholarships, and Board Scholarships.

C. W. Free, Robin Hood Bay 642
D. M. Cheek, Blenheim 553
N. Matthews, Spring Creek 532
E. M. Braddock. Blenheim 500
D. W. Iles, Blenheim 484

G.E.V. Patchett, Blenheim 472
N. Forbes, Renwick 466
E. E. D. Hughes, Canvastown 437
E. M. Duggan, Tua Marina 436
R. H. Dodson, Grovetown 415
S. E. Shaw, Renwick 411
A. Pigou, Spring Greek 318
O. I. K. Brydon, Renwick 316
H. J. Avery, Fairhall 306
H. J. Stratford, Canvastown 302 and 6 others

5th February 1907 Master John -Morrison, who has been at the Canvastown School only and who entered for the Junior Civil Service, passed that examination with credit, coming 17th on the list. Considering that nearly all the other candidates have had the privileges-of attending Colleges and High Schools, Master-John may well be proud of his place.

5th March 1907 On Friday night a farewell social was tendered to Miss Maggie Hughes, and the opportunity taken of presenting her with a very handsome writing desk. The presentation was made by Mr A. Rutland, in a short but merry speech. Mr H. Hill, the schoolmaster, in a few appropriate words thanked the Canvastown public for the kindness and esteem shown to Miss Hughes. Last, but not least, Mr A. W. Dillon gave an elegant speech, and as president of the Hockey, Tennis and Cricket Clubs, congratulated them on their endeavour to make the games a success. About 55 couples were present, and after supper dancing was kept up till an early hour on Saturday morning. When the M.C. announced supper he also stated; that someone had stolen all then custards. This was done by two discourteous young men who ought to know better and have more sense; and it is to be hoped, that in future they will conduct themselves in a move gentlemanly way.

Maggie Hughes was presumably a pupil and was going to Tetley Brook 5 Kilometres South of Seddon to teach about 4 children

Master John Morrison, who recently passed the Junior Civil Service examination with; credit.,-'has been offered and has accepted a position in the Stamp Department He left last week, amid the hearty congratulations and good wishes of his teachers and schoolfellows, to take up the duties of his position. Miss Ria. Macalister, who was also a member of Mr Hill's continuation classes, has received word that she has been .successful-in obtaining a partial D at the recent teachers examination.

Mr Hollis Hill, who sat in four subjects in class C at the recent teachers' examination, was successful in passing in them all.

5th April 1907 VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION.

The cadets who are visiting the International Exhibition at Christchurch, to go under canvas in the grounds there for ten days military training and sight-seeing, left Blenheim, Picton and way stations this morning, embarking by the Wainui soon after noon. The journey from Wellington to Lyttelton will be made in the Te Anau.

Major Sturrock is in command of the battalion, and with him are Captains Howard (Springlands), H. Hill (Canvastown), and Gifford (Blenheim). The parade status is as follows:—Blenheim; 56; -Springlands 17; Tua Marina, 17; Grovetown, 23; Havelock, Canvastown, and Okaramio, about 20; total in ranks, about 133; officers, 4. There are scarcely any Picton cadets amongst the number, the reason being the want of a teacher to accompany them. At the Blenheim station the Blenheim and Springlands boys were- given a hearty send-off. A large number of parents and other relatives of the boys are making the trip at the present time.

9th April 1907 It is well to be modern schoolboys; they have advantages that their parents did not enjoy, but I am not grumbling at that, as it is all in furtherance of the great object of education, the removal of ignorance and superstition. An exodus of school children to the Exhibition has taken place. A dozen or more from Canvastown were joined by three from Okaramio and have departed via Portage and Picton, while three from Havelock left on Saturday to join the Blenheim contingent.

16th April 1907 The boys who went from Canvastown and here (writes our Havelock correspondent) to visit the Exhibition have all arrived home again safely, and they would appear to have, one and all, thoroughly enjoyed the outing. Owing to the state of the tide it was Sunday morning before they reached Havelock, and although somewhat delayed in the last part of their journey home, yet once here, they, took no time in dispersing to their various homes to relate their experiences and the wonders they had seen. They all enjoyed good health and speak well of the provision made for their camping, and the facilities afforded them for enjoyment.

24th April 1907 A Female assistant teacher is wanted for the Canvastown school

14th May 1907Mr G. Smith was appointed truant officer for the district (Havelock, Canvastown, Mahakipawa, etc.), at a salary of £5 per annum and the amount of fines inflicted.

21st May 1907 The Canvastown School Committee, held a special meeting to consider applications for the position of second teacher for that school. There were four applicants for the position, and each application was considered on its merits

11th June 1907 Canvastown. — Miss Itta Macalister's appointment as assistant teacher was approved.—Mr John Hart was appointed to the Committee.

1907	69	Canvastown	Macalister	Itta
1908	58	Havelock	Macalister	Itta
1909	50	Marlboroughtown	Macalister	Itta
1910	46	Marlboroughtown	Macalister	Itta
1911	46	Marlboroughtown	Macalister	Itta
1912	215	Picton	Macalister	Itta
1913	221	Picton	Macalister	Itta
1914	197	Picton	Macalister	Itta
1915	167	Picton	Macalister	Itta
1917	163	Picton	Macalister	Itta
1919	486/166/182	Te Aro / Mitchelltown/Infants	Macalister	Itta
1921	464/125/167	Te Aro / Mitchelltown/Infants	Macalister	Itta
1923	463/225/195	Te Aro / Mitchelltown/Infants	Macalister	Itta

1886/13795	Macalister	May	Elizabeth	William
1884/19277	Macalister	Itta	Jane Harriet Gordon	Sutherland John
1886/16271	Macalister	Ria	Jane Harriet Gordon	Sutherland John
1882/15338	Macalister	Sinclair	Jane Harriet Gordon	Sutherland John
1891/5152	Macalister	Robert Lachlan	Jane Harriet	Sutherland

		Gordon	John	
1881/17020 Macalister	NR	Jane Harriet Gordon	Sutherland John	

17th July 1907 Technical Education. Canvastown Received

a) Agriculture £1 6 shillings
b) Modelling and brushwork £1-1s-2d
c) Bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, commercial geography, English and arithmetic, £15.16. 11d = $ 2,546.13 in 4th quarter 2015 terms

3rd September 1907 r Strachan, Inspector of Schools, held his annual examination of the Deep Creek and Canvastown schools on Friday last. I have not yet ascertained the result of the exam.

Miss K. Edmonds *Teacher at Deep Creek)* had to walk 6 ½ miles with her seven pupils in the face of pouring rain. I do not understand what the Deep Creek School Committee were thinking about when they had horses and traps available, not to drive the teacher and her children to the exam.

Miss Edmonds deserves great credit in her efforts to get her children through in such a short time, only four months. It shows that both teacher and children must have worked with a will.

13th Nov 1907 Marlborough Education Board Meeting Mr H. Hill, Captain of the Canvastown Cadets, wrote pointing out that the conditions as to the Chaytor trophies for rifle shooting prohibited country schools from competing, as only one range was stipulated, that at Vernon. Mr Hill asked that the cadets be allowed to fire at Canvastown, and suggested that Mr Reader and the Rev. Mr Stace supervise. He intended entering a team for the colonial contests, so that it was important his school should have an opportunity, Mr Reader said there was a good range at Havelock. He thought that was the proper place for the Canvastown cadets to compete at. The regulations were produced, when it was seen that the conditions provided for the first firing to take place at Vernon on the first Friday in December. The Chairman suggested that by unanimous agreement the regulations be varied, so as to allow a firing at Havelock, besides Blenheim. Then the next meeting could confirm. it not, the Pelorus boys would still need to come to town to fire. The concession was, of course subject to Mr Chaytor's consent. This was agreed to, Mr Reader undertaking to supervise along with the Rev. Mr Stace.

20th Nov 1907 On Sunday last the afternoon service at St. Paul's Church, Canvastown, was devoted to the children, some 40 or 50 of whom were assembled at the public school under the teachers. Mr H. Hill and Miss Macalister, and marched across to the church, each carrying a pretty bouquet of flowers. The Rev. A. W. Stace met the procession as it came up the aisle, and received the gifts of the children……

10th Dec 1907 Canvastown. —Messrs Robertson Bros. offered to erect a chimney for £20 18s.—The offer was declined, and it was decided to purchase the bricks necessary, and ask a local bricklayer whether he will send a competent man to Canvastown for the job for. *As written*

1908

1908	57	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis J	C2	Head Master	£	195.00
1908	57	Canvastown	O'Sullivan	Elvira		Assistant Female	£	85.10

24th January 1908 he following candidates have qualified for scholarships, haying obtained at least 400 marks in the Junior National Scholarship test. The actual amounts of the scholarship,, if any, have yet to be determined by the Board:

Madeline Hilliard, Blenheim Girls, 479.-

Hubert J Avery, Fairhall. 460.
Adeline M. Coward, Ugbrooke, 452.
Leonard J. Bary, Renwick, 446.
Ethel J, Grace, Blenheim Girls, 426
Herbert S Stratford, Canvastown, 422.
Inez R. M. Hodgson, Blenheim Girls, 421.
Leslie 0. Watson, Renwick, 408.
11th February 1908 RIFLE SHOOTING. Major Sturrock reported, that four of the Chaytor shooting prizes went to Canvastown cadets,, and one to Picton. One of the Canvastown boys had been disqualified owing to having failed to earn capitation.
3rd March 1908 There is talk of the Canvastown School Committee having a well sunk, to supersede the present system of water supply. Welcome rain set in here about midnight on Sunday.
10th March 1908 Monday. The Victoria Hall presented an animated appearance on Friday evening, when the old and young gathered for the purpose of spending a few social hours together. The children, under the supervision of their teachers, decorated the hall with lycopodium and tree ferns, while longitudinally and diagonally were hung rows of flags and rosettes, which gave" the hall a bright appearance. At one end of the hall was the inscription; Our four hoys' bullets found their billets," reminding those present that the chief function of the evening was to be the presentation of the Chaytor prizes to the winning cadets.
Mr H. M. Reader,-the Rev. A. W. Stace and Mr J Brownlee had kindly come from Havelock to assist in the function. Apologies were received from Mr J. C; Chaytor and Mr D A. Strachan, who were unable to be present. Mr H. M. Reader, before calling on the boys to receive-their prizes, said that Mr Chaytor was very interested in rifle shooting, and had offered to give; £5 annually 'to-provide five one pound, prize to the five cadets who made the five highest scores in the district. He wished to congratulate the Canvastown Cadets on making the five highest scores, although one cadet had not been at the school sufficiently long, to fulfil the conditions for a prize. Mr Reader also referred, to the success of the scholars.in the scholarship and Civil/Service examinations, and offered his congratulations to the scholars and teachers on the results achieved.- He then called upon the successful cadets to' come forward to receive their prizes in order of their scores, e.g., Cadet Gardiner, Cadet Murray, Sergt. Morrison, and Cadet Thompson. A request for a cheer for the winners and for the donor of the prizes was heartily' responded to. The Rev. A. W. C. Stace, "on being asked say a few words said that he, too, would like to add his congratulations
to the Canvastown Cadets, and offered the suggestion to the winning boys that with the sovereign they had received they should buy something in the shape of a memento, so that in years to come they would have something to show for an achievement of which they might be -justly proud, Mr Hollis Hill, the headmaster and captain of the Cadet Corps, said he had to thank the speakers for the kindly 'way in which they had referred to the school children. He said they were proud of their success, and he hoped the boys would follow Mr Stace's suggestion to obtain something tangible with the money they had/received. He offered to procure gold medals for the boys, with a suitable engraving, which would, he hoped, be cherished by the boys in years to come. He called for cheers for Mr Reader, the Rev. A. W. Stace, and also for Mr Ching who had rendered much service on the range. Through the night the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with games and dances, and at ten, a good supper, followed by lollies kindly donated by the Havelock storekeepers made a most enjoyable evening.
11th April 1908 Miss I. Macalister, of Canvastown, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Havelock school

7th May 1908 Canvastown. The School Committee election was held on Monday night; the old members re-elected were: Messrs D. Morrison, S. Gardiner, S. Glastonbury, C. Hart and J. K. Hart. Mr F. B.
Rush, senr, was also elected, and Mr Glastonbury ,was re-elected Chairman.
14th May 1908 Master John Morrison, son of Mr D. Morrison, of Canvastown, has been successful in gaining a well-deserved promotion, with a substantial rise in his salary. He is now promoted to the Wanganui branch of the Stamp Department. He has served about twelve months.in the Stamp Department at Wellington, and is wished every success by his friends.
9th June 1908 THE GOVERNMENT SHOOTING MEDAL. Correspondence was read on this subject, and Mr Reader explained that the medal and the Nosworthy Belt were awarded to a Picton boy, when a Canvastown cadet made a higher score. The competition was held in December, 1907. Mr Strachan explained' that a circular had been sent from the Education Department to the persons interested, setting out among other things that here was no limit to the number of trials. Mr Reader said it was a very unfair thing if the competition was not decided on one particular day. He moved that inquiries be made regarding the silver medal given to a Picton cadet when the highest score was made by a Canvastown cadet. Mr Storey seconded, and the motion was carried
Canvastown.—The Committee wrote asking the Board to erect a shelter shed. A letter was also received from the Education Department stating that the money for shelter-sheds must come out of the building fund, as they could not see their way clear to make a special grant.—It was resolved that all schools desiring shelter-sheds should send an estimate of the cost of their requirements.—The Committee also wrote recommending Miss O'Sullivan first, and Miss Young second, for the position of assistant.—The Committee's Recommendation was confirmed and it was resolved that 'Miss O'Sullivan be appointed, provided she would accept
Miss Elvira O'Sullivan was a pupil teacher at Grovetown
23rd June 1908 Miss Itta Macalister is spending her 'holidays with her mother in Picton. Miss M. Young, of Canvastown, her, and will be the guest of Mrs Macalister.
7th August 1908 Continuation and technical classes are carried on in Blenheim, Havelock and Canvastown
20th October 1908 The children's concert on Saturday night was a great success. Every item went off splendidly, the children doing their parts well. Master C McKay fairly brought the house down. Master A. Morrison recited his piece in good style. Generally speaking, the whole performance was a great success. Credit is due to the teachers, Mr Hollis Hill and Miss O'Sullivan. The programme was as follows: —Round, "The Bell Doth. Toll;" quartet, "Come Little Leaves,". A. McGuire , C. Stratford, R, Lodge, T. Simon; tableau, "The Babes in the Wood," C. Herd, I. Morrison, (white light); song, Cliff Mckay; chorus, "Buttercups and Daisies;" hornpipe, Sydney Stanley, Clarence Cliff; duet, "Run Little Riverlet," Chas. Hay; tableau, "Cinderella," (red light), Dorothy, Ethel, George, Chas Hay. Interval. "The Bell Song;" recitation, "A Boy," A. Morrison; "The Garland Drill;" chorus, "The Clock;" recitation, "Tall, Short, Fat Thin,;" tableau,, "The Match Girl;'.' song. "When we were Boys at School;" minuet; chorus, "The Picnic Ride;" "Good Night." God Save the King. Mr Hill, after the concert, tendered many thanks to Mrs McKay for the help she had given. Mr Hill said Mrs McKay had given a whole fortnight, night after night, teaching the children some of their parts. Mr Hill gave out from the platform on Saturday night that there would be no service in St. Paul's church on Sunday, as unfortunately he had lost the keys!
12th November 1908 Canvastown. —An application was /made for a new stove for the kitchen of the residence.—Referred back, pointing out that the matter must come through the Committee with their recommendation.

21st November 1908 Inspector Strachan arrived by coach yesterday afternoon, to conduct the central examination of standard VI for this year. Eleven, candidates presented themselves, Havelock being represented by three, Havelock Suburban four, Canvastown one, Carluke two, and one other candidate not on the roll of any public school. Mr Strachan finished the examination on Thursday morning.
1st December 1908 At the Canvastown bazaar on Saturday night Miss Itta Macalister Havelock carried off first prize for her decorated bicycle, which was very pretty.

1909

1909	49	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis	C2	Head Master	£	200.00
1909	49	Canvastown	Wadsworth	B E	Licensed	Assistant Female	£	90.00

19th January 1909 An assistant teacher is wanted
9th February 1909 Miss L. V. O'Sullivan's resignation from assistantship at Canvastown was received Marlborough Education Board
15th February 1909 One of the most fortunate escapes from a passage on the Penguin was that of Miss Elvira O'Sullivan, the daughter of a deceased Havelock settler. She had taken a position as teacher in the Sacred Heart College, Wellington, and was /to have commenced her duties on Monday. She was to have made the trip with her mother, but their farewells at Blenheim occupied so much time that they missed the only train which could connect with the Penguin, an incident which Miss O'Sullivan regarded as extremely unfortunate 'until the dreadful news of the wreck was telegraphed over the Straits the following morning.
23rd February 1909 On Saturday, February 13th, the Canvastown School Committee met for the purpose of appointing a teacher for that school, and Miss. Hutcheson was the successful applicant. On Saturday, February 20th, the secretary called a special meeting. The chairman read a letter from the secretary of the Marlborough Education Board asking the Committee to. re-consider their appointment and appoint Miss Wadsworth. Messrs C. Hart, D. Morrison, and John Hart refused to deal with the matter until there was a full meeting of the committee. Mr Mason proposed to. proceed with the business, as they had a quorum. Messrs D. Morrison, C Hart and John Hart left their seats, and told the chairman he was hopelessly beaten until there was a. full meeting of the committee-.
Master John Morrison late of Canvastown, and son of Mr and Mrs J Morrison, of Canvastown, has successfully passed his Civil Service examination. He passed four subjects creditably. Master John will take the other, two subjects next year, and no doubt as he puts a deal of time into studying, he will pass these two subjects,, successfully. It will be remembered' that Master John Morrison was appointed to the Stamp Department, at Wellington. After being in that office for a short time he was promoted, to the Wanganui office.,
9th March 1909 TEACHERS' APPOINTMENTS, The Chairman of the Canvastown School Committee, in reply to certain correspondence that was referred back to the Committee by the Board, and bearing upon the appointment of an assistant teacher, desired the Board to define the position of the Committee in the matter. It was pointed out that a disagreement had arisen between members of the Committee in connection with the recommendation of Miss Hutchinson for the position, and the Board was asked to appoint a teacher to fill the vacancy, for which there were two applicants. Mr Reader said that Miss Wadsworth was the most suitable for the position, and should be appointed. Mr Strachan, upon being asked for an opinion, said Miss Wordsworth was the most suitable of the two applicants for the position, and recommended her. He explained that while Miss Hutchinson was well suited for a smaller school, she was not qualified for the position of assistant. It was resolved to appoint

Miss Wordsworth to the position and to help Miss Hutchinson in connection with the Sounds school.

6th April 1909 THE CANVASTOWN INCIDENT. Messrs D. Morrison, S. Gardiner, J. R. Hart and C. F. Hart, members of the Canvastown School Committee, forwarded a. request that they be supplied with copies of the correspondence that had passed between the Chairman of the Committee and the Board with reference to the appointment of a teacher. On the motion of the Chairman,' seconded by Mr Parker, it was decided to supply the copies

1st May 1909 On Monday last the householders met for the purpose of electing a School Committee. Mr E. H. Stratford was voted to the chair. After opening the meeting the Chairman asked the Secretary to read the annual report, also the Inspector's report on the school. The Inspector s report on the last examination was a very good one, and a credit; to the teachers. The Secretary then read the balance-sheet, which showed the amount of money in hand at the beginning of the year to be about £49 18s 7d: £42 7s 9d had been spent- leaving a balance in hand of £7 10s Od. Mr P. Morrison moved that the balance-sheet and reports be adopted- Mr C F. Hart seconds the motion, which was carried. The Chairman asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last Committee meeting. The Secretary contended that it was out of order, the present meeting being a householders', and not a Committee meeting. However, alter a little discussion, the Secretary read the minutes. Mr C. F. Hart asked for the correspondence to and from the Education Board in reference to the appointment of the assistant teacher. This was read, and caused some very heated discussion between the retiring Committee and the Secretary, although the Secretary seemed to have things fair and square and above board. Still, there seemed to be some misunderstanding between the old Committee and the Secretary, and the matter took up a lot of valuable time. However, after the wrangling had subdued, the Chairman went on with the householders' business, taking nominations for the election of the School Committee. The following gentlemen were nominated:—D. Morrison. C. F. Hart, F. B. Rush, Sen. H. Homes, S. Gardiner, John Hart. E. H. Stratford and John Mason. The first seven were duly elected by ballot. The Secretary of the outgoing Committee was nominated, but declined, after serving 15 years on the Canvastown School Committee, He is a man who has taken a keen interest in the school, and has done a deal of work free of charge, which would have cost other committees several shillings.

11th May 1909 Canvastown. The Committee directed the attention of the Board to the necessity for painting the interior of the school.—It was decided that the work be done during the winter holidays.

Mr James Douglas wrote asking the Board whether it would have any objection to a small building for the purpose of a post office being erected in the Canvastown School ground, as the site there was in- every way desirable.—The Secretary said he had asked .Mr Hughes to forward the School Commissioner's recommendation.—The action of the Secretary was approved.

25th May 1909 The results of the shooting in the western district. (Okaramio, Havelock and Canvastown), which was conducted on the Havelock Rifle Club's range, are as follows':

*L. Alguist (Canvastown) 68

*'R. Hughes (Canvastown) 62

A. Watson'(Havelock) 59; A. Hart (Okaramio) 57*.Medals. Eighteen boys fired at, Havelock, the lowest score being 14. 'The first prize in each district is a gold medal, and the second a silver medal- Marlborough Education Board meeting

1st June 1909 The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held here on Saturday night, when there were present: Messrs C. Hart (Chairman), Gardiner, Homes, J. Hart, Stratford, Rush, D. Morrison, and the hon. secretary. A letter was read from the Education Board, asking the Committee if they were willing to reappoint the head teacher for another

twelve months. The Committee replied that they had every confidence in the head teacher. The Committee instructed the head teacher that he was not to allow .anyone to use the school without the sanction of the Committee. Four tenders were received for the painting of the inside of the school, and are to be forwarded to the Education Board for their approval. The Committee passed the following resolution: "That all members of the Committee be supplied with the Education Act."

9th June 1909 Mr H. A. Stratford, late headmaster of the Canvastown and Renwick schools, who some two years ago was appointed to a similar position in the Ngaire (Taranaki) School, has now received an appointment as headmaster of the Inglewood School, a big school in a progressive Taranaki dairying centre.

15th June 1909 Canvastown.—The secretary of the Canvastown School Committee forwarded the tenders received for painting the school, and also asked for a copy of the Education Act. He also reported that Mr Hill had been appointed *(Reappointed)* head teacher at the school. An application for alterations to the teacher's residence was also made. Mr Reader moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that Mr Reid's tender of £9 10s for painting, the school be accepted, and that the committee's application for £3 for repairing the school be also granted.—Carried

26th June 1909 On Saturday next the Havelock school children have a day out on Brownlee Park, the occasion being a rounder match between the Havelock Suburban and the local children, which is to occupy the morning, and a football match between Canvastown and Havelock boys in the afternoon

1st July 1909 The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held here on Saturday. Present: Messrs C. F. Hart (Chairman), H. Homes, E. H. Stratford, F. B. Rush, S. Gardiner, J. K. Hart and D. Morrison (hon. secretary.) The Committee was authorised by the Education, Board to accept Mr A. Read's tender for the painting of, the interior of the school. The repairs to the teacher's residence was, let to Mr Read at his offer, the work to be done to the satisfaction of Mr H. Hill. Mrs Brunning's tender for cleaning the school for the quarter was accepted. A very heated discussion arose over the letting of the school to the Debating Society, and finally the Committee decided to let the Debating Society have the school at a ,rental of 2s 6d each time it used the school. The question of building the public reading-room then came on for discussion, and it was agreed by the Committee that the Debating Society be allowed to build between the school and the school residence. The Secretary was instructed to get the spouting and water tank cleaned out. Mr E. H. Stratford moved that, the Committee put another door in the school for the safety of the children in case of fire. All the Committeemen agreed that this was necessary, and the Secretary was instructed to have the work done. Mr James Hugh handed in a letter he had received from the Education Board re the building of a post office in the school ground. Most of the members were opposed to this matter. On Mr Hart's motion it was decided not to entertain any more applications for buildings on the school ground, as the children had very little playground now.

10th August 1909 The Canvastown School Committee wrote asking for a number of improvements for the school as recommended by the Inspector.—Granted.

10th August 1909 [our correspondent.] Monday. A very enthusiastic and exciting hockey match was played last Saturday on Brownlee Park between the local school girls and Canvastown. Havelock won the toss, and elected to play down, and soon after the "bully" Isabel Matthews shot a neat goal, followed later on by a cleverly got goal by the captain, Katie Pickering. After half-time the game was made.”willing," but no scores were registered. The match resulted in a win for Havelock by two goals to nil. After the play, afternoon tea was handed round, and was much appreciated by the visitors.

14th September 1909 WATER SUPPLY. The Canvastown School Committee wrote forwarding an estimated cost of the new water supply to a depth of 20ft. The sum of £5 15s was granted for the work

14th September 1909 A CANVASTOWN DIFFERENCE.
DEBATING SOCIETY v. SCHOOL COMMITTEE
DEPUTATION TO THE BOARD
BOARD FAVOURS THE SOCIETY.

A deputation consisting of Messrs Cooper and Spear, representing the Canvastown Debating Society, waited upon the Education Board and asked that the Society be granted permission to erect its proposed hall on the site marked blue on the plan submitted. They pointed out that the site they desired would in no way interfere with the school, and the school teacher would be able to lock up the school grounds when away on his annual leave without in any way interfering with the society's access to the hall. If the building were erected on the site asked for there would be no possibility/ of the windows being broken by the school children. They claimed that as the proposal was in the interest of education the Board should grant the request of the society. The Chairman said he was in favour of granting the deputation's request, and would like to see. the building erected. Mr Storey said he understood that the original site was in the school grounds, and it was undesirable that the building should be placed there. On the other hand that site- was in a corner, and was always damp and unsuitable.

Mr Cooper said the majority of the members of the School Committee were against the second site suggested being granted. Mr Conolly suggested that the society ask the Committee for the use of the school, and also challenge the Committee to a debate on the question as to which was the better site.

Mr Strachan said he was in favour of the site asked for by the society being granted. Mr Conolly moved, and Mr Penny seconded, that the Board approve of the site asked for by the society, and recommend the Committee to agree to it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

28th September 1909 The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Saturday night, when all the members were present. A deputation from the Literary and Debating Society asked permission to address the Committee on the question of a site for its reading room and library, but was informed by the chairman that the Committee were discussing the matter, and that the deputation would.be admitted in thirty or forty minutes. After that time had elapsed, the deputation, consisting of Messrs Miller and Hill, was admitted. The chairman informed the deputation that the Committee had decided to adhere to their former resolution, and to oppose the proposal to put the building in the school garden. Mr Miller said he was sorry the Committee had not heard the deputation before deciding the question. The Debating Society were prepared to show the Committee that to build on the site in the middle of the playground was not in the best interests of the children or the school buildings. If the building were erected where the Committee wished, the public would be able to roam about the school grounds at will. The society wished especially to help along the young men, and he felt sure that the more secluded they were the more remote would be the chance of the building being injured by the larrikin element. The site in the corner was cut off from the rest of the ground, had an entrance from the road, and was in every way a more suitable place for the building. Mr Hill said that he too was sorry the Committee had not waited till they had heard the deputation before deciding the question. The Society was fighting only for the interest of the district. It did not wish to build a hall in a place where it would be a nuisance to the community. The children's interest was the primary one, and he was surprised that the Committee should allow the Society to build in the middle of the playground. The site in. the corner was only a very small piece and of no use for anything else, or he would not have suggested putting the hall in the school ground. He challenged the writer of the letter in the Express to come forward and substantiate the misleading statements appearing over the signature "One of the Committee": but got no response. Mr Miller said

that the Society was willing to make the children another garden, and to plant more trees in place of the one destroyed. The Chairman said he was pleased to hear the 'Society's case, but he was sure it would have made no difference in the Committee's decision if they had heard it before deciding. The deputation thanked the Committee and withdrew.

12th October 1909 The Education Board yesterday decided to entertain an application from the postal authorities for a site for a post office at Canvastown, on the school site.

19th October 1909 A special meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday night, the following members being present: Messrs C. Hart (chairman), Stratford, Gardiner, John Hart, F. B. Rush and D. Morrison (hon. secretary). Mr C. Hart said that as chairman he thought it was his duty to call a meeting and put before the Committee the view the Education Board took of the matter in connection with the Debating Society's building their hall inside the playground. Mr Hart briefly explained what had been done at the Education Board meeting. What they had to do, he said, was to send in a counter petition to the Board, and it was agreed to wait till after the visit of the Chief Postmaster.

The Chairman said that the Committee had given the Debating Society the use of the school for two nights' without insuring the building, as required, and he had instructed the Secretary to write to the Debating Society and cancel the permission to use the school. This action was endorsed by the Committee. The Chairman thought that the Committee should write to Mr Reader and ask him for an explanation regarding the slur cast on the Committee at the Education Board meeting, as the Committee take it as a slur on them and the householders.

11th November 1909 The vexed question of the site for a debating hall at Canvastown was disposed of yesterday by the Education .Board, when permission was given to the Canvastown Debating Society to erect a hall on the site recently selected tor such purpose. It might be pointed out, that at the last meeting of the Board the chairman of the Canvastown School Committee was asked to prepare a list and have it signed by those who were not in favor of the hall being erected, but he failed to do so, and the Board granted the request of the Society.

7th December 1909 Master Hughes, of Canvastown, headed the list for the Chaytor prize for this end with 62 out of 84 points. The shooting of the boys was not as good as usual, but I hope they will practise up and improve themselves.

1910

1910	52	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis	C2	Head Master	£	205.00
1910	52	Canvastown	Wadsworth	B E		Assistant Female	£	90.00

12th January 1910 THAT HALL SITE. ./The Secretary for Education wrote stating that the Minister for Education had received a complaint that the Board had out of a very limited school site at Canvastown granted, a location for a hall not connected with school purposes, and asked for a report thereon. The Chairman moved, and Mr Storey seconded, that the particulars asked for be sent.—Carried,

5th April 1910 On Saturday night the School Committee held their usual monthly meeting and the usual business before the householders' meeting was got through. A vote of thanks to the Marlborough Education Board was proposed for their courtesy in the way they studied the school and the committee. This was carried by a full show of hands, not one dissenting.

19th April 1910 Mr Hill, our school teacher, intends_ starting a night class here, teaching book-keeping and other useful subjects. The class should be well patronised by the young people of Canvastown, and some good results /should be forthcoming

26th April 1910 Ten schools in which all the standards were represented were placed in the "Good" class: Picton, Tua Mar-, ma, Ren wick, Grovetown, Waitohi, Marlboroughtown, Canvastown, Ward, Marshlands, Fairhall.

Arrangements are made for a teachers' class in physical measurements to be held during 1910. A school class in this subject was held at Canvastown during the year.
At Canvastown, continuation classes were held in English and arithmetic, and a technical class in botany;
10th May 1910 he: Canvastown School Committee directed the attention of the Board to the necessity of painting the school buildings. They pointed out that the Inspector, in his last report, condemned the lining in the old school library, and ordered it to be pulled off and replaced if the room were retained for its present use. It was decided to grant the application.
26th May 1910 A Canvastown correspondent writes that the frosty weather there is hindering the contractor with his work of painting. the outside of the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society's reading-room; but. the finishing touches are just being added to the inside in readiness for the opening on June 4th. The opening promises to be interesting, as several outside sympathisers have intimated their intention of being present. Mr J. Duncan, M.P., has written to say that he_ will perform the opening ceremony if at all possible, land other gentlemen will have a few remarks to make on that occasion. These speeches will be interspersed with musical items by local and outside musical friends, so the function should afford a pleasant hour to those who attend.
11th June 1910 Unfortunately there was an error in my last communication which stated that the Literary and Debating Society's hall was to be opened on July 18th, whereas it should read June 18th. There is every prospect of an enjoyable evening on that date, so it is well to make the correction as early as possible to prevent any being misled by the unfortunate error.
14th June 1910 *I have included this piece because it shows the influence of Good Teachers in rural areas*
The annual meeting of the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society was held in the reading-room on Saturday evening. Mr Hollis Hill occupied the chair, and explained that since Mr Spear had left the district in April he had acted as secretary and treasurer. The balance-sheet, audited by Mr T. D. Taylor, and showing a credit balance of £43 18s 5d, was presented and adopted. The president explained that the balance-sheet showed the state of the finances up to April 4th, the date of Mr Spear's departure. Since then £22 had been received and £82 had been expended, leaving a deficiency of about £16. This was considered very satisfactory, and hopes were expressed that the liability on the building would be met by the night of opening. The subscription-list showed that the society had been generously supported by both Nelson and Blenheim friends as well as by local people. Mr Spear forwarded, his resignation as secretary, treasurer, and trustee, and stated that although far away he still wished to be a member of the society in which he had passed so many pleasant hours. Mr Spear's resignation was accepted with regret, and a motion extending to him the society's hearty thanks for his past services and wishing him every success in the future was passed unanimously
The following officers were elected: President, Mr Hollis Hill; secretary, Mr John Miller; trustees, Messrs Hill and John Bown, jun.; committee, Mrs J. Hart, Messrs L. Couper, F. B. Rush, J. Rutland and J. Hughes. A discussion took place about the letting of the room. It was resolved to attempt to resuscitate the library. Miss Wadsworth kindly offered to attend on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. to change books and the committee agreed to open on Saturday nights to suit the men and those who could not come in the day. It was resolved to charge 5s per year for the right to take two books weekly. It was thought that many books which are now in various householders' possession would be returned to the library when the people knew that they were wanted. It was resolved to ask the residents of the district to send to the reading-room magazines, papers, etc., to help along. It was resolved to let the room free to all local clubs and associations for meetings, etc. A scale of charges was arranged for other gatherings. The president reported that the opening of the hall would take place on June 18th.

A musical programme was under preparation. Mr J. Duncan M.P. and friends from Nelson and Blenheim had signified their intention of being present if possible. It was resolved to ask Dr. Williams, of Havelock, to give another lecture on July 2nd, and to endeavor to make the coming season as bright and instructive as possible.

21st June 1910 On Saturday evening the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society opened its new reading rooms. This is a neat looking building on the terrace adjacent to the public school, j and is built right up to the public road. The public therefore have ac! cess to the building without entering the school grounds at all, and now the building is erected it is the universal opinion that it is in the right place. The inside measurement of the building is 25 feet (7.22 metres) x 18 (5.49 metres), with an 11 foot (3.35 metres) stud and arched roof. The outside is rusticating and the interior is matchlined throughout. A spacious fireplace allows the room to be well heated and the kettle to be boiled, and rows of shelves contain the nucleus of a library. Altogether the Society has a room well suited for its requirements, and the district is to be congratulated on the successful result of the Society's efforts. The plans and specifications were a gift from Mr Frank Robertson, of Bright- water, and the supervising of the work was done gratis by Mr W. H. I Matthews. …….

10th August 1910 he sum of £6 10s was voted yesterday at the Marlborough Education Board's meeting towards the Canvastown school library.

6th September 1910 Inspector's report included During recent, years the Blenheim girls' school, Canvastown and. Carluke have all passed pupils through Civil Service Junior and. teachers' examinations.

11th October 1910 The Canvastown Committee wrote asking for a grant towards the cost of erecting a fence in front of the teacher's residence.—Granted

2nd November 1910 butter fat this year. If so it will be a record beginning for a new factory. The Canvastown School Committee met on Saturday night. All the members were present except one; Mr C. F. Hart was in the chair. The usual school business was transacted, and the Committee then adjourned for a month.

15th November 1910 The Canvastown Committee applied for a number of minor improvements to their school, which were agreed to, and the work was authorised.

The painting of the school was authorised to be -done in March.

1st December 1910 Wednesday. The presentation to Mr Hill, headmaster of the local school, by his evening classes, was well attended on Saturday evening, A big surprise party; was tendered to Mr and Mrs Stratford the same evening- games, etc., being kept up till midnight, when all dispersed, well satisfied with their evening's enjoyment.

20th December 1910 The school children's sports will be held here on Wednesday. As this $ay is the breaking-up day of the school, Mr Hill and Mrs McKay are doing all in their power to make the gathering a big success. The maypole will be danced by 24 of the pupils, all in proper dress, which, with a good bright sunny day, will look just splendid

22nd December 1910 Our Canvastown correspondent Writes/under yesterday's date: The children's school 'sports here to-day promise to be a great success. The young folk are fairly "in it" this year. The Pelorus Sports club are giving them a day's sports on the 27th of this month, which will be observed' as Boxing Day, and all-the old folks are requested to attend on that day and help to swell; the children's purse. There will be a dance in the evening to help defray expenses

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1901		Upper Takaka	Hill	Hollis
1902		Denbeigh Road Taranaki	Hill	Hollis
1903	41	Okaramio	Hill	Hollis J
1904	60	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis J
1905	64	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James

1906	61	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James
1907	63	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis James
1908	57	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis J
1909	49	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis
1910	52	Canvastown	Hill	Hollis
1911	86	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J
1912	82	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J
1913	81	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J
1914	83	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J
1915	81	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J
1917	69	Grovetown	Hill	Hollis J

In 1900 Hollis Hill was a farmer at Brightwater.
Hollis James married Emma Ada ROBERTSON in 1904.

1945/56184	Hill	Laura Hollis	Emma Ada	Hollis James
1906/11223	Hill	Ada Charlotte Hollis	Emma Ada	Hollis James
1911/9298	Hill	Keith Hollis	Emma Ada	Hollis James
1913/29666	Hill	Jabey Moore	Emma Ada	Hollis James

Note: Laura was born 1905 not 1945. And Jabey would have been Jabez the name of his grandfather He died aged 91 in 1969.
After teaching at Grovetown Hollis moves to Brightwater (Nelson) where he runs a company, then by 1928 he is at Hope in a similar role.
He returned to teaching after this at Collingwood in the early 30's and retires after being dismissed in 1934 by a teacher tribunal. Was a prominent community member wherever he lived.

1911

1911	49	Canvastown	O'Connor	Maurice J	D4	Head Master	£	180.00
1911	49	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E		Assistant Female	£	90.00

17th January 1911The following scholarships have been allotted:

Cecil Thomson (Blenheim), 484 marks, National Scholarship, £10, for three years.
Ethel Thompson (Waitaria Bay). 455 marks, Board scholarship, £25 for two years.
George Broughton (Blenheim), 451. marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Douglas Tregurtha (Picton), 447. marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Bernice Mills (Blenheim), 441 marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Lewis Eyre (Blenheim), 439 marks,. Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Eileen Mills (Marlboroughtown), 433 marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
David Young (Canvastown). 430 marks, Board scholarship, £25 for two years.
Eva Brayshaw (Blenheim), 428 marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Margaret Gallop (Blenheim), 417 marks, Board scholarship, £2 for two years.
Andrew Glastonbury (Canvastown), 415 marks, Board scholarship, £25 for two years.
Stanley Morrison (Canvastown) r 409 marks, Duncan scholarship, £25 for one year.
21st March 1911 The Government has subsidised the Canvastown- Literary and Debating Society to the extent of £100 on the building and £7 on the book fund. A meeting of members

of the society is to be held on Saturday evening for the purpose of arranging for the expenditure of these amounts

4th May 1911 Inspector's Report included

a) The best treatment of Geography was at Canvastown and others
b) History was best taught at Canvastown and others
c) The erection of a debating room at Canvastown also marks an attempt fostered by the teacher, Mr Hill, to lead the young people after school days to make the best use of their time
d) The record in higher-class work at Canvastown and Spring Creek Upper for some years past deserves special mention.
e) Agriculture (Canvastown and Spring Creek)
f) At Canvastown the following classes were held English, arithmetic, physical measurements, agriculture, botany., A pupil of this class passed the Civil Service Junior examination. It is to be regretted that no allowance is made for maintenance of Technical School buildings.

31st March 1911 Gathering at SPRING GREEK

PRESENTATION It) MR O'CONNOR

WELCOME TO MISS NICOL

The Marlboroughtown school was crowded last night by the residents of that district and the school children The occasion being a presentation to Mr O'Connor, who is leaving the school, and a welcome home to Miss Nicol, who has just returned from an extended holiday to the Old Land. Mr T. C. Prichard, chairman of the local School Committee, who presided, reminded those assembled that about twelve months ago they had congregated in the School to say farewell to Miss Nicol, who was granted leave of absence by: the Education Board. As they all knew applications had been; invited for a .teacher to relieve Miss Nicol, and Mr O'Connor had been appointed. He had-proved himself well worthy of succeeding Miss Nicol, and the work done during the twelve months he had been at the school was of' a satisfactory and praiseworthy character, as was indicated by the Inspector's report.

Mr O'Connor had presented two children for scholarships, and one had passed. Admitting that this pupil had received a good grounding from the teachers under whom she had- studied, Mr O'Connor had done remarkably well successfully to add the finishing points. In this, as in everything else, Mr O'Connor had done his best to promote the welfare of ,the children,--and they all regretted that lie was leaving the district. Mr Prichard then asked Mr O'Connor to accept, a fine Gladstone bag,- suitably inscribed 'from the children and teachers of the Marlboroughtown school.,…….

9th May 1911 APPLICATIONS. Mr W. R. Cook wrote asking to be transferred to the Grovetown School, pointing -out that owing to the falling-off the attendance due to the removal of people from Renwicktown his salary two years hence would be less than it was at the present time. The Board decided to forward Mr Cook's name to .the Grovetown Committee to be considered along- with other applicants for the position. A similar application was received from Mr H. Hill, of Canvastown.

MR SMITH'S SUCCESSOR. The Grovetown School Committee wrote recommending that Mr H. Hill, of Canvastown, be appointed to succeed Mr Smith. Mr White asked if Mr Hill was a suitable man. Mr Strachan said he thought Mr Hill a very suitable man, but thought that the teachers should be enabled to place their qualifications before the Committee. Mr Reader moved that Mr Hill be appointed to the .Grovetown School He pointed out that Mr Hill had secured very good results at Canvastown, and the Committee had recommended his appointment. Mr Storey opposed the motion, claiming that the question of seniority should riot be overlooked. .The Chairman ruled that other teachers should be given an opportunity

to apply for the position. Mr. Conolly approved of the Chairman's ruling. Mr Reader withdrew his motion.
The Chairman moved, and Mr Conolly seconded, that applications be called for the position of head teacher at the Grovetown School, applications to be in by May 30th, and that the members meet on that day at 11 a.in. to consider. the applications preparatory to sending them on to the Grovetown Committee.—Carried.
A petition was received from the settlers of Pelorus Valley for' the establishment of a new school between Rai Valley and Canvastown.- The ward members were deputed to inspect the site and confer with the householders, and report to the next meeting. It was resolved that in the meantime an aided school be set up
CANVASTOWN WANTS. The Canvastown School Committee applied for a grant of £4 to cover the cost of clearing the noxious weeds off the school property. This Committee also forwarded an application from the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society for permission to extend their hall by 12ft. It was decided to grant for up to £4 for clearing noxious weeds, and that the Literary and Debating Society's request be granted.
24th May 1911 At Monday night's meeting of the Grovetown School Committee Mr Hollis Hill, of Canvastown, was appointed headmaster of the school in succession to Mr W. C. Smith. There were six applicants-
9th June 1911 At a public meeting: held in the Literary and Debating Society's hall at Canvastown the other night, it was. decided that Mr Hollis Hill, who has, been appointed headmaster of the Grovetown School, should be tendered a farewell social. Mr Hill, during his, residence at Canvastown, has taken a very prominent part in matters appertaining to the welfare of the township, and his loss will be very severely felt.
11th July 1911 Monday. On Friday evening the. Victoria Hall was well filled for the purpose of tendering a farewell social to Mr and Mrs H. Hill. The first part of the evening was taken up by singing, and speeches were made by several of the heads of different clubs. Mr C. F. Hart, chairman of the school committee: Mr John Bown, on behalf of the Rifle Club; Miss Wadsworth, on behalf of the Tennis Club; Mr Miller (coupled with Mr James Hughes) on behalf of the Debating Society; the Rev. Mr Parker on behalf of the Church and last, but not least, Master S. Morrison, on behalf of tie- school children. The presentation on behalf of the school children took the form of a handsome inkstand. Mr O. F. Hart, on behalf of the School Committee, Debating Society, Rifle Club, Tennis Club, the Church, and the general public, presented Mr Hill with an illuminated address, and to Mrs Hill presentations were made by Miss Wadsworth and the Rev. Mr Parker. Miss Wadsworth, on behalf of the public, handed Mrs Hill a beautiful tea-set, and the Rev. Mr Parker, on behalf 'of the Ladies' Guild, a handsome lady's companion.
The dance after the presentations was kept up until an early hour on Saturday morning. The supper, as usual when prepared by the ladies of Canvastown, was one of the best ever put before the public. Songs were rendered during; the evening by Mrs Williams, of Havelock Mr D McCarthy, of Wellington Mrs T. Wilson, of Canvastown and Miss M. Hemi. Three o'clock in the morning brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.
11th July 1911 The Canvastown Committee forwarded the name, of Mr O'Connor as the selected teacher for their, school. The appointment was, approved.
13th July 1911 VALEDICTORY.
FRIDAY'S FUNCTION AT CANVASTOWN
PRESENTATION TO MR AND MRS H. HILL
A correspondent at Canvastown supplies the. following particulars of last Friday's valedictory function, which was briefly reported by our own correspondent on Tuesday

A presentation to Mr and Mrs Hollis Hill took place, in the Victoria Hall at Canvastown on Friday last, the function being a great success. Long before 6 o'clock the hall was packed. Friends from near and far mustered in strong force to honor the guests of the evening.
After a few vocal and instrumental items had been given by Mrs Williams?, Mrs Wilson, Miss Scott, Messrs Rutland, McArthur, and others, the assistant-mistress of the Canvastown school (Miss Wadsworth) marshalled the school children into line, where they creditably executed action songs, etc., as a. preliminary to what was to follow.
At this juncture, Stanley Morrison, one of the- school hoys, stepped forward and presented Mr Hill with a, very nice ink stand. No adult could have done it better. Mr C. F. Hart then came forward, and in a neat speech, presented Mr Hill with .a beautifully illuminated address, in which were recorded the kindly feelings and good wishes of the different bodies that Mr Hill had been .associated with during his five years' teachership of the Canvastown School.
Other speakers were Mr Charles Nees sen., Mr James Hughes and Mr John Miller, all of whom were loud in their praise of Mr Hill, and felt that the district was losing a good man,, and hoped the day was rot far distant when they would behold him on the topmost rung of the ladder in his profession. (Applause)
Mr Hill, in responding, heartily thanked them for their kindness, and for the beautiful address which they had given him, which he would treasure for all time, and when his turn came to leave this World, the address would be handed down to his children. He concluded by saying lie would never forget the many friends he had in Canvastown, or cease taking interest in anything that concerned Canvastown's welfare. Mr Hill then took his seat amidst much applause.
The. chairman, at this juncture, led off with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," which was heartily joined in by all present. Miss Wadsworth then presented Mrs Hill with a. nice afternoon tea service,- the gift of the Canvastown Tennis Club. In making the presentation she made it clear that Mrs Hill was a participant in more than Mr Hill's joys and sorrows; his successes were in a large measure due to Mrs Hill, who cooked his food and never allowed him to go short of nice things; therefore Mrs Hill claimed some credit. (Laughter). The Anglican minister (the Rev. Mr Parker) also presented Mrs Hill with a lady's handbag, the gift of the Ladies" Sewing Guild. Mr Arthur Rutland presided at the piano, and extras were played by Miss Scott, of Havelock, and Mrs Wilson, of Canvastown.
15th August 1911 A LAVATORY. The Canvastown School Committee wrote asking for a grant of £6 for the erection of a lavatory, at the school. It was decided that the work of installing a lavatory should be done under the supervision of the Board's secretary.
5th September 1911 The football match between the Havelock schoolboys and the local boys resulted in a win for the latter by 11 points to nil. The Canvastown boys played a fine dashing game, showing great improvement on their previous matches. The home team seemed to have the best of the game all through. The Havelock boys had a little more "foot" than some of the home boys, although they did not play up to their usual form, while Canvastown played better than usual. They all played well, while the kicking at the goal by C. Hart was very good.

1912

1912	54	Canvastown	O'Connor	Maurice J	C3	Head Master	£	185.00
1912	54	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E		Assistant Female	£	94.10

13th February 1912 Junior National Scholarships Nora Denton and Stanley H Morrison passed
26th March 1912 he meeting held last Thursday evening to discuss ways and means to .give the school children a picnic was not well attended, and there would have been a much larger attendance had notice of the meeting and its purpose been sent out. However, I can

congratulate those who took steps to give the children a day's sport, and I also must congratulate the head master (Mr O'Connor) on, moving to take the children away from the school ground, if it was only a few miles. I so doubt they, would enjoy themselves better by. having a little change. However, the ladies –over ruled. this proposal, on the ground that there was no means of getting the children to the proposed ground. This seems rather a lame excuse as the majority of the parents have got horses and traps of their own, and those who had not could easily get them. It was decided to hold the picnic on Wednesday week, 3rd April, in the school grounds, and the social in the evening.

11th April 1912 The children's picnic on Wednesday was a great success. Every child who attended received a, prize.

The social at night was also very successful. It was the best "turnout" that has been seen in Canvas town for some time past. During the proceedings "Home Sweet Home" was sung by Mrs T. Wilson in Maori, and was greatly enjoyed.

14th May 1912 The Canvastown Committee represented that the grant of £2 for sanitary requirements was insufficient.— Messrs, Reader and Fulton were authorised to permit an expenditure up to £5

11th June 1912 The Canvastown Committee wrote stating that they were willing that the Pelorus Bridge School should be built on the old sawmill site, and asking that the work be proceeded with at once, as it was unfair to Mr Gardiner to go on using his house indefinitely. This site was approved. It was stated that the site originally proposed—the one opposed by Mr Ell was a scenic reserve

9th July 1912 The Canvastown Committee was granted £5 to renew the fencing around the teacher's residence.

The Committee also represented that £5 was not sufficient for the necessary out-buildings. The Secretary was instructed to prepare plans and specifications, and authority was given to call for tenders

13th August 1912 CANVASTOWN. The architect presented plans for outbuildings at Canvastown. Authority was given to the Committee to call for tenders.

10th September 1912 The following resolution was received from the Havelock School Committee:—"That the time has arrived when the Havelock school should he converted into a district high school." The Committee asked the Board to have this wish carried into effect. The suggested institution would be a great boon to many parents who had children with proficiency certificates, but could not afford to send them away to the Marlborough High School or Nelson College. It was thought that Havelock could guarantee at least sixteen or more children, and that the school would be well supported by other parts of their district.

Mr Nees urged that the Board give the movement its full sympathy. Havelock was the centre of an extensive district, and it was anticipated that a district high school there would attract children from Canvastown, Mahakipawa, and other places. The Chairman referred to the movement sympathetically. The proposed institution would be likely to benefit rather than be to the detriment of the Marlborough school. It would excite the appetite for higher education, and be a feeder to the principal institution.

A resolution was passed providing for the necessary steps to be taken for the establishment of a district high school.

28th September 1912 On Friday evening, 4th October, the Canvastown school .children are holding a. concert and dance in aid of their annual picnic and prize fund. As it is on a Friday night a very large attendance is anticipated, and aa the Victoria Hall has been secured for the occasion and the concert and dance is for a good cause, it is hoped that the public will gather in strong force and help the children in their efforts to make their annual gathering a success,

8th October 1912 The children's school concert and dance on Friday evening was a great success. Everything was done to perfection, although some of the pieces were rather long for little children, Every part was done without any mistakes. The dialogues were all performed splendidly. Every song was sung in good style, and the illustrated songs were splendid. Great credit is due to the teachers—

Mr O'Connor (head teacher) and Miss Wadsworth. Those .who assisted in getting the programme up and preparing the children were Mrs McKay and Miss Hodson. The Maypole dance was controlled by Mrs McKay, and was a credit to herself and the children.
A great benefit to the young lads in this distinct would be to form a youths' athletic club. This has been advocated for some time, but the majority of the parents cannot see the advantage of children having athletic sports, although there are some boys equal to any lads in Marlborough at running and jumping. It is hoped to have a club established in Canvastown before very long.

1913

1913	56	Canvastown	Wells	John F	B4	Head Master	£	189.00
1913	56	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E		Assistant Female	£	99.00

23rd January 1913 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
William A. G. Wratt, Canvastown, 479 marks, value £10 and £30 lodging allowance; term 3 years.
BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS. James W. J. Greig. High School, 456 marks, £3; two years. Winifred M Wilkins, Marshlands, 433 marks, £3 and £5 expenses; two years.
Kathleen Robertson, Marlboroughtown, 418 marks £3; two years. Howard C. Mills, Blenheim,, 408 marks, £3; two years. Clarence F. Stratford, Canvastown, 401 marks, £3 and £30 lodging allowance; two years. All the scholarships are tenable at the High School.
24th January 1913 The residents of Canvastown are very pleased with the results of the free place examinations recently held. Two lads from the Canvastown school —Masters Wratt and Stratford obtained free places, the former topping the list for Marlborough. Mr O'Connor, the teacher of the school, has received many congratulations on the result of his labors
11th February 1913 The winners of the Education Board medals for the premier girl and boy in the proficiency examinations last year were Gwendoline Newman (Picton) and William A. G. Wratt (Canvastown).
19th February 1913 The Canvastown School Committee has chosen Mr John Fitzpatrick Wells,. youngest son of Mr Eli Wells, of Paranui, Pelorus Valley as teacher of the Canvastown State school, vice Mr M. O'Connor, resigned. Mr Wells (says the Pelorus Guardian) received his early education at this School under Mr Herbert Stratford, and it is a matter for .congratulation that at last it has fallen' to a former pupil .of the local school to-reign where one© he served.
John F Wells was teaching at Patea D H S as the secondary school teacher in 1912
5th March 1913 CANVASTOWN.
SCHOOL EXAMINATION RESULTS.
A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, there being present Messrs C. P. Hart (chairman), Morrison, J. K. Hart, F. Flowers, A. Rush and J. Josephson. The caretaker wrote tendering her resignation. A letter was received from the secretary of the Education Board informing the Committee that Miss Duggan had been appointed assistant teacher, and Miss Wadsworth head teacher. The following examination results were received, five candidates having been presented.—Proficiency certificates: Archie Wratt, excellent; Charles Hart, excellent; Clarence Stratford, good; Clifford McKay. Competency certificate: Caroline Rush. Archie Wratt secured the Education Board's medal presented to the boy gaining the highest number of marks for Marlborough. Two candidates were presented for the Junior Scholarship examination. Archie Wratt, by gaining the highest marks for Marlborough, won the Junior National Scholarship, and Clarence Stratford won an Education Board Junior Scholarship. In the Junior Civil Service examinations two candidates were presented, and: Miss Denton and Stanley Morrison both passed, Stanley Morrison securing the highest number of marks for Marlborough. Arrangements are now well in hand

to recognise the, services of the late headmaster, Mr. M. J. O'Connor, who took his departure from Canvastown on Friday to take up his appointment at the Marlboroughtown' school.

11th March 1913 Marlborough Education Board Mr John F. Wells was appointed teacher at Canvastown on ,the recommendation of the Committee.

11th March A cricket match is to be played at Havelock on Saturday between the host schoolboys and the Canvastown pupils

20t March 1913 VALEDICTORY SOCIAL. The social tendered to Mr M. j O'Connor, late teacher of the local school, last Friday evening was a very successful function. The Victoria Hall was filled, nearly, every child; in the township attending, while parents and others were-present in full force. After Mr C. F v Hart had opened the proceedings with an able speech, Mrs T: Forrest contributed a piano- forte solo and Miss Field a song. The school-children, under the guidance of Miss Wadsworth, were also responsible for some enjoyable items. A presentation was then made to Mr O'Connor by Mr C. New in behalf of the residents of the district. In the course of his remarks the speaker said that, as a member of the Edu- cation Board, he was pleased that Mr I O Connor was not leaving Marl- borough, as -they could ill afford to lose teachers of his stamp. In reply' Mr O'Connor thanked the people of Canvastown for their gift, j and paid a high tribute to Miss Wadsworth, the lady teacher. He also ad- j dressed some appropriate remarks to the children, in whose behalf Miss Wadsworth responded, thanking Mr O'Connor for the help which he had given her. Supper (provided by the ladies)and dancing were next enjoyed by those present, and sometime after midnight a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

17th April Inspector's report including Canvastown in the Good Group of schools. Good being the highest ranking

Canvastown one of the best in arithmetic. History was taught with most effect. Excellent in drill *(Physical Education).* Best work in plasticene modelling. Needlework taught with most effect. Gardening Practical work and science appeared to be best advantage. Dairy Science practical work undertaken

Standard 7 Two pupils from the Canvastown School succeeded in passing the Civil Service Junior Examination

3rd May 1913 Our Canvastown correspondent writes:—The householders' meeting on Monday night was very poorly attended, there being only about twelve present. The voting, however, was rather keen. The usual unwise practice was resorted to of putting men on the committee who did not attend the meeting- in preference to those who always attend. The meeting at Deep Creek was fairly well attended, about 25 householders putting in an appearance. The Canvastown school came out second to none in Marlborough, according to the Inspector's report.

15th July 1913 A communication from the Canvastown Committee stated that on his last visit the Inspector commented very strongly on the dilapidated state of the fences on the school property. Owing to the Committee's lack of finance, the Board was approached for a grant of £10 for this work.—The Board decided to make the necessary grant

1914

1914	57	Canvastown	Freeman	Frank		Head Master	£	162.00
1914	57	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D3	Assistant Female	£	120.00

13th January 1914 It was reported to the Education Board yesterday that the most successful boy and girl among the sixth standard pupils of the distinct for last year's work were respectively Geoffrey Matthews, of Rapaura, and Valla Reeves, of the same school. The next in; order of merit were William Satherley, of Canvastown, in the-one ease, and Edith Kenny, of Picton, in the other. The Board instructed' that complimentary letters forwarded to the successful pupils.

18th February 1914 CHILDREN'S CONCERT.

The children's concert on Friday night was without a doubt the best that has been held here for a long time. Encores were quite frequent. "Ten Little Nigger Boys" was one of the best of the evening, while the singing of the choruses by the children was greatly enjoyed, and their reciting was well up to the mark. Mr Wells made a splendid policeman, while Miss Wadsworth filled her part well. At the close of the programme Mr C. F. Hart, chairman of the, School Committee, addressed the audience, and congratulated the teachers on. the way they had trained the children in such a short time. Three cheers were given for the teachers, Mr Wells thanked Mr Hart for his kindness towards the teachers, and said he would have to extend his thanks to the ladies who had so kindly assisted. The takings sit the door on Friday night wore something over £5.

16th April 1914 Leave of absence was granted to Mr F, Wells, teacher at Canvastown, for seven months, subject to the payment of the salary to Mr .Freeman, relieving teacher, during that period

1st May 1914 CANVASTOWN,

Notwithstanding the wet, weather, the largest meeting for some years was held at Canvastown on Monday night. Mr C F. Hart was voted to the chair. Nine candidates went to the ballot, and the following were elected:—Messrs C F. Hart (chairman), A. Josephson,' C. L. Diamanti, T. Forrest, A. Rush, J. K. Hart, and S. Ball (secretary). The committee will meet on the last Saturday in May.

12th May Te Rou: Mr F. Freeman, sole teacher.

6th October 1914 Applications are invited for head teacher for. Canvastown.

13th October 1914 CANVASTOWN. Having received an appointment in the service of the Auckland Board, Mr .J. Wells wrote resigning the head teachership of the Canvastown School. The secretary stated that upon receipt of the resignation he had advertised for applications. The secretary and inspector were deputed to select the eligible applicants and to forward their names to the Canvastown .Committee, so that a, recommendation might be made to the next meeting of the Board.

10th November 1914 On the recommendation of the committee, Mr William O'Connor, Christchurch , was appointed teacher at Canvastown.

1st December 1914 On Saturday evening there was a special meeting of the Canvastown School Committee those present being: Messrs C. F. Hart (in the chair), Rush, Diamanti, Ball, Forrest, Josephson, and J. K. Hart. The meeting was called to consider the action of the Education Board regarding the appointment of Mr O'Connor as head teacher for the Canvastown School. It was proposed that the Committee tender its resignation in a body, as a mark of protest against the action of the Education Board, as it seemed like hanging a man without trial to appoint him and then want to call fresh applications. However, the chairman pointed out that the householders would hold an indignation meeting on Friday next, and the members of this ward would be invited to attend, and it was within the bounds of possibility that a largely signed petition would be sent to the Minister for Education, along with a deputation from the Committee. After a lengthy discussion the Committee decided to hold office and fight the question cut to a finish; and if the appointment of Mr O'Connor was not completed the Committee would leave the Board to carry" out all the business of this school in their own way.

1915

1915	63	Canvastown	Finlayson	John H M	C3	Head Master	£ 205.00
1915	63	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D2	Assistant Female	£ 130.00

In 1915 Mr Frank Freeman was teaching at Te Rou School (On North Bank Road past Pine Valley Road

12th January 1915 The Canvastown Committee recommended the appointment of Mr W. Finlays0n as teacher. The following' appointments," permanent and temporary, were agreed to: Canvastown. Mrs Smart;

In 1913 John H McW Finlayson was teaching at Umutaoroa in the Hawkes Bay Board Sole Charge. Joined the armed Forces and fought through to 1918

9th February 1915 CANVASTOWN. The architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for repairs and probable reconstruction of the teacher's residence at Canvastown, and to call for tenders for the work, such tenders to be opened by the Town Committee.

9th March 1915 Several alterations to the scheme of renovation of the teachers' residence at Canvastown were, approved, and the tender of J. Simmonds at £52 9s was accepted for the work.

21st April 1915 BY CANVASTOWN .SCHOOL CHILDREN. correspondent at Canvastown writes:—The Victoria. Hall was packed to the doors on Saturday night, the occasion being: a patriotic, concert given by the local school in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. The stage had been very prettily decorated with flags, flowers, and greenery.

The programme was commenced by the singing of the National Anthems of England, Russia, and France by the whole school. Patriotic songs, rendered in a spirited and harmonious manner by the children, were interspersed throughout the entertainment. These included several well-known airs which arc especially popular at this time, and others less familiar. A chorus song entitled Fight for your King and Country, in which the verses were taken by three girls, was a. particularly pleasing item, as also was Rule Britannia, in which Britannia was represented in tableau by Mrs ,S. Ball. Recitations by Masters E. Wratt and A. Rush caused much amusement. A very pretty item was an action song, "Ten Little Mothers," by the infant girls. Three boys (S. Ball, R. McDonald and E. Wratt) dressed as. tramps were very amusing in their tramp song. They also provoked merriment during the evening in announcing the items of the programme. Flag and wand drills by the senior girls were very well carried out, and a flag song and drill combined provided an exceedingly pretty display.

Mr Finlayson, the head teacher of the school, met- with a good reception in his songs, "The Absent-minded Beggar" and "Tommy Atkins." During the singing of the former song the sum of. £2 5s was thrown upon the stage. Full details of the receipts of the concert are not yet available but it is expected that the funds will benefit to the extent of £14 by the evening's entertainment. Special thanks are due to Mrs Forrest, who carried out the duties of accompanist throughout the lengthy programme to Mr E. J. Knapman, who gave the use of the hall free of charge, and also to those members of. the Relief Committee who assisted in promoting the. success of the concert.

11th May 1915 At Canvastown improvements were required to the water-supply system and to the school and residence, and a septic tank system was needed. The architect was instructed to call for venders for the works recommended.

15th June 1915 General repairs at Canvastown, Mr A. Reade, £168

14th September 1915 Canvastown: Soap, stationery, socks, handkerchiefs, playing cards, laces, letter cards, pencils. Donations for wounded soldiers from school children

1916-1917

1917	52	Canvastown	Dickinson	William E	C-81	Head	£200.00
1917	52	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D-73	Assistant	£140.00

1882/2925	Dickinson	William Edward	Eliza	William
1927/5192	Ruby Alice	Ray	William Edward	Dickinson
1957/32592	Dickinson	Ruby Alice		65Y

Wellington Education Board took over Marlborough Education Board in 1916

William Edward Dickinson, Born 1882 in Napier.

Was a butcher in Napier on the 1905 Electoral Roll

Convicted of perjury in 1906, in Napier, sentenced to 12 month's probation

Went to Wellington in 1907, started a butchers shop in partnership with his brother.

Possible Married. Eleanor Mary some time before 1909 (No records of this, that we can find)

Only child William Goss Dickinson born 1909

Then became a butcher in Wellington on the 1911

First teaching job was at Horoeka in 1914, uncertificated. *Robin Carlyon taught at Horoeka in the early 1970's. Most northern School of the Wellington Education Board. To get out we went north through Dannevirke*

Then William went to Canvastown in 1916, stayed until 1919.

Was in Marlboroughtown and then Spring Creek teaching after this when his wife died in 1923

Moved to Lower Hutt where he was in charge of the Secondary department at Hutt Valley District High School

Received a second class MA in Economics in 1925 (at Victoria University) Also had a B of Science

Went to Akaroa in 1926, employed as Headmaster of Akaroa District High School

Didn't last long, or at all, later in 1926 he was appointed to a teaching roll at Eastern Hutt

Married again in 1927, to Ruby Alice Ray

Was acting headmaster at Eastern Hutt in 1930

Appointed Director of Hutt Valley Technical College in 1931.

Stayed here, in the same role, until 1939

Moved to Shannon after this, remained teaching here until he retired.

Died in 1966 in Palmerston North.

Involved himself in Tutoring and Adult learning throughout his time in the Hutt Valley.

Research by Grandson Sam

11th January 1916 Canvastown, Mr Clarence Stratford; Pupil Teacher

22nd March 1916 Mr H. A. Stratford, headmaster of the Inglewood School, and. at one time teacher at the Blenheim, Renwick, Deep Creek, and Canvastown schools, has left for the training camp to join one of the reinforcements as lieutenant. Before his departure Lieut. Stratford was presented try' the children with an address, accompanied by a handsome dressing case. He also received a- travelling rug and flask from the school committee.

20th April 1917 Canvastown: Messrs C. F. Hart (chairman), Sydney Bull (secretary),- J. K. Hart, T. Forrest, and A. Rush School Committee

4th May 1916 Mr C. F Hart (Canvastown) waited upon the Havelock School Committee and put before it a scheme to enable all schools of the district to join in a monster picnic- to be held at the break-up for the Christmas holidays, suggesting that sports and shooting be engaged in. and that other petitions be carried out so as to create an interest between the children of the different schools. The suggestion was favorably received, and Messrs J. B.

Lovell and J. D. Gorrie were appointed to confer with the other delegates at Canvastown to make final arrangements.

15th June 1916 Inspector reporting on 1915 year That Canvastown School and residence had a septic tank system installed

1st August 1916 CANVASTOWN FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Monday. FOR THE BELGIAN CHILDREN

A very successful concert and auction sale, organised by the staff and pupils of the school, was held in the Victoria Hall on .Saturday night in aid of the destitute children of Belgium. The programme, pf the concert included choruses, ,action songs, and wand and flag drills by the school pupils,. interspersed with songs. given by Mrs Forrest, Mrs Field, Miss Geary. Mrs Ball, and Mr Finlayson. A recitation was given by Mr Holland. The audience was appreciative, and encores were frequent.

A feature of the concert, was a song, "I Have No Home," by Miss Myra Rush, a pupil of the school. This song was very appropriate to the occasion, and during the singing of it the sum of £1 7s was thrown on the'

stage. At the conclusion of the concert the chairman (Mr A Rush) thanked all who had assisted in making it a success. The net result was over £7.

The body of the hall was then cleared, and Mr Healy proceeded to dispose, by auction, of the variety of goods and produce which' the pupils and others had provided. The bidding was brisk, and many articles were sold several times. A number of articles offered for .sale were personal belongings of the children, and included books, cups and saucers, flags, etc. A Belgian flag donated by a school boy realised £3 13s; and cakes provided by school-girls brought in over £2. The total amount realised by the auction sale was £19 5s 6d.

In addition, several competitions were held, and these added £4 17s 6d to the funds. A beautifully iced two decker cake made by Miss Dalton was responsible for £2 7s of this amount, and was put up for auction by the winner, thereby swelling the funds by £2 0s 6d.

Other .sources of revenue were a jumble stall and the sale of produce from the school garden. The net takings of the evening amounted to £33 10s. The sale concluded with cheers for Mr Healy and the singing of "God Save the King."

15th August 1915 The hockey match between the 'schoolboys of the Canvastown and Havelock schools, played at Brownlee Park on Saturday, resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 goals to nil. A competition in rounders between the girls of the same schools won by the local team by 17 to nothing. Although rain was threatening and the ground was heavy,, the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed-themselves. Refreshments were served in the pavilion.

22nd August 1916 A meeting of the Canvastown. School Committee was held on Wednesday evening a full, attendance. of members being present. Correspondence was received from the Marlborough; Education Board stating that a grant of £5 would be made towards the cost of preparing and planting in potatoes a portion of the school grounds, to be used as an experimental plot in with the agricultural work of the school. It was decided to fence off about s half an acre, the Committee undertaking to supply the posts and erects the fence and to put the ground in order for planting. The balance-sheet of the recent school concert was read, the net. proceeds being £6 18s 4d.; A draft constitution of the proposed Schools' Amateur Athletic Association was submitted to the meeting, and it was resolved to arrange at an early date a: meeting of delegates representing the schools of the Pelorus district.

19th September 1916 ROUNDERS MATCH

"The final rounders match between the girls of the Havelock and Canvastown schools was played at Brownlee Park, Havelock, on Saturday. The weather was perfect, and the spectators were treated to an. excellent exposition of the game, the hitting and fielding in many cases be?-ng of a very nigh, order. Havelock won the toss and elected to bat first. Chiefly owing to good fielding on the part of the visiting, team, Havelock was disposed of for 8 rounders.

Canvastown made 20 rounders in the first innings. After an interval play was resumed, and Havelock set to work to even matters up. At this, stage of the came the play was very interesting. The Havelock girls hit the ball about in good style, and gave their opponents an exceedingly busy time. The score quickly mounted up, and when the last Havelock player was run out it stood at Havelock 37, Canvastown20. Requiring 18 rounders to win, Canvastown commenced to play cautiously at first, but gradually the score mounted up until it stood at 50, when, owing to the lateness of the hour, the Canvastown girls retired after a hardly-fought and! Well-earned victory. For the winners Linda Wratt, Alma Alquist, Millie Pike, Myra- Rush, and Margaret Hunt were conspicuous for good play, the first named playing a brilliant game. Elsie Barrowclough, Doris Lovell, Katie White, Jessie Smith, and Eileen Pope were the pick of the Havelock players.

At the conclusion of the game the teams were entertained, at afternoon, tea in the pavilion by the ladies, of Havelock, when it was announced, that Miss Wadsworth would present a banner for future competitions

28th September 1916 Wellington Education Board The Finance Committee authorised repairs rendered necessary by the recent heavy gales at Johnsonville, Eketahuna, Shannon, and .(Marlborough).

23rd December 1916. SCHOOL

.PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.

An interesting function took place at Canvastown school on Thursday afternoon (writes our correspondent), when the presentation of certificates to those who had earned prizes for the year's work was made. The children. concerned had voluntarily decided to accept certificates in place of-prizes, the money intended for the latter to be devoted to the relief of .destitute Belgian children

In the unavoidable absence of the .School Committee Chairman Mr G. Hart, the presentation was made by Mr S. Ball secretary of the- committee who congratulated the pupils on their patriotic decision. .He pointed out that this Christmas was far from being a happy one for the children of Belgium, and that we must be prepared to assist them in every, way till the enemy is driven from their land. It gave him very great pleasure to. take part in the afternoon's ceremony. He concluded by wishing both teachers and scholars, on behalf of the committee and himself, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers were given for Mrs Finlayson and the teachers, and also for the School Committee, and the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The sum of £3 15s, representing the value of the prices, including the special prizes, have been forwarded to the Marlborough Patriotic Society for the. Belgian children's Fund. Following is the prize list:

Proficiency Certificates: Stanley Hart and Philip Robinson.

Certificate of Competency: Clifford Wratt.

CLASS PRIZES. Standard VI.: Dux, 1915, Arthur Rush; general proficiency,

1915, Robert Young. Dux, 1916, Myra Rush; general proficiency, Stanley Hart,

Standard V.: First in class, Alma Alquist; general proficiency, Nina Forrest good progress, Ross Forrest;, geography and history, John Hart; general improvement, Sydney Ball. (Mr C. Stratford's' special).

Standard III.: First in class, Colin Wratt; general proficiency, Sybil Pike and Herbert Smart; general improvement, Alice Schenkel

Standard II.: First in class, Glyn -Flower; general improvement, Thelma Simonsen; diligence, Ruth Auckram, Norman Ward, and Frank Healy

Standard I.: General improvement, Dean Simonsen, Hugh Forrest, and Russell Smart; diligence, Hereward Smart.

P. II.: General improvement, Alexander Schenkel; diligence,. Arthur Drent and Rex Simonsen. ATTENDANCE PRIZES. Very good attendance, Sydney;. Ball; good attendance, Alma Alquist, Cyril Healy, Colin Wratt, Frank Healy, Kathleen Tierney, May Alquist, Alfred Glastonbury,, and Donald Wratt.
Sewing Prizes: First prize (Miss Wadsworth's special), Margaret Hart; most improvement (Mrs Finlayson's special), Alma Alquist.
Gardening Prizes: Best flower garden, Linda Wratt (Mr C. Stratford's special); best vegetable garden (girls), Myra Rush (Mr Finlayson's special); (boys) Joseph Tierney (Mr C. Stratford's special).
Over 1200 bottles, collected by the pupils of the school in connection with the bottle campaign, are packed ready for transmission to Blenheim. The school resumes work on Tuesday, February 6th.
21st March 1917 At Canvastown on Saturday evening Mr J. H. M. Finlayson, who resigned charge of the Canvastown public school to enlist, was presented by The residents with an illuminated address, while Mrs Finlayson was made the recipient of a lady's companion. Mr Finlayson was also presented with a fine pipe, suitably engraved, from the school children.
31st August 1917 The spirit of, emulation still exists amongst the school children of Canvastown. Determined to uphold the school's past record in the domain of sport, twelve of the lads met a team of fifteen from Carluke last Saturday in a game of football. Their weight and numbers were against the local boys, who succeeded in winning by 10 points to nil. Of the players Cyril Healy, John Hart, Sydney Ball, and Cliff Wratt deserve special mention. Healy's place-kicking and Wratt's line work were especially good.
At the same time the school girls tried issue in a game of rounders, with a team from Carluke, in which the local girls succeeded by 34 points to 1. Peggy Hart, Myra Rush, and Linda Wratt accounted for a big percentage of the scores. Return games are to be played later. After, the games, the ladies treated the players to refreshments served in the Debating Hall. Mrs Geary also very kindly supplied soft drinks.

1918-1919

1919	52	Canvastown	Dickinson	William E	C-74	Head	£285.00
1919	52	Canvastown	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D-65	Assistant	£210.00

17th May 1918 The Canvastown Committee was allotted £12 for clearing flood debris from the grounds, and subsidised to the extent of £25 for the general purposes of beautifying and planting the school section.
11th May 1919 Mr Healy's' recommendations in regard to granting use- of a portion of road lino in 'response to the application made by the Library Committee, Canvastown. were adopted. Mr Nees stated that the granting of the piece of ground and the erection of a- suitable fence would improve the appearance of the school and hall and would not in any way be detrimental to the road. Pelorus Road Board
30th May 1918 The Secretary to the Wellington Education Board (Mr. G. L. Stewart) appealed on behalf of Maurice J. O'Connor, teacher, Marlborough, and Mr. E. Dickinson, teacher, Canvastown. Both cases were adjourned, sine die,
14th June 1918 The School Committee and Literary and Debating Society are taking a very laudable interest in school and in public affairs. On foot is a scheme to improve the environment of the school and improve the front of the library. A .fence is to be erected, whilst the southern slope of the school ground and of the library section is to be ploughed and graded with a view to a grass lawn; in addition to which a large number of ornamental shrubs is to be planted. The work is to be commenced forthwith

17th July 1918 In response, to an appeal by Mrs Corry, Mayoress of Blenheim, for school subscriptions to the Soldiers' Christmas Pudding Fund, the children of the Canvastown school have subscribed £2

30th July 1918 Unusually severe weather is being experienced at Canvastown. For the past fortnight it has, in the shade, been freezing continuously. In some cases the ice is considered to be thick enough for skating. In quite a number of cases the water pipes burst. The school pump burst on two successive nights. The day following the first break was almost entirely spent by the chairman, Mr Ward, and the secretary, Mr Bell, in repairing the damage. Surely a case of "love's labor lost." On" Monday last a fair fall of snow was experienced—the first fall, it is said by Mr. A Rush, on low levels for the past 14 years. For the past two weeks a number of public-spirited citizens- have been giving their time—some continuously in improving the school grounds and those of the Literary and Debating Society. The grounds have been, altered beyond recognition. When the fence is completed, the hundred odd ornamental trees planted, the banks and croquet terrace in vigorously-growing and well-mown lawn grass, Canvastown, with its bright, newly-painted school and enlarged public library will have a public institution to which it will be able to point with pride.

10th October 1918 Oh Saturday last, the girls of the Canvastown school met a team of girls from the Havelock school in a friendly game of rounders. Football teams from each school also met. The matches were played on the local playground. In each case the Canvastown team won. A pleasing feature of each game was' the fine spirit shown by both sides. After the games, refreshments were; served in the local hall by a. committee of ladies.

On Thursday last the school was visited by Messrs Penny and McCallum, Marlboro ugh representatives on the Education Board, and Mr Logan, of the Blenheim Education Board Office. All congratulated the School Committee on the fine work done in the school grounds. In honor of the visit, a half-holiday was given by the visitors. "What a pity /they don't come every day," said one of the school wags. On Tuesday morning, at the school, the Bulgarian surrender was celebrated. The committee was represented by Mr N. Ward, chairman, and Mr. Ball, secretary. The scholars, in two divisions, were marched past, and saluted the flag. This was followed by the National Anthem, alter which the scholars and visitors marched into the senior room of the school, where an address was given on the significance of the event; particularly with reference to its effect on Germany's designs on Southern Europe, etc., and to Austria's hope of extending her boundaries further south. Each of the visitors addressed a few words to the children, after which the usual school work was proceeded with.

19th October 1918 Wellington Education Board The cost of a pump destroyed by frost was granted to the Canvastown Committee,

A report was presented by the agricultural instructor on the work done by the committee at Canvastown. Mr Penny eulogised the efforts of the Committee,, and was supported by Mr McCallum, who remarked that a wilderness was in the process of being transformed into a beauty spot. Mr Penny moved that a letter appreciative of the committee's work be forwarded to them, and the motion was .carried with enthusiasm.

29h October 1918 At Brownlee Park on Saturday Afternoon the Havelock schoolboy defeated the Canvastown boys at football by 17 points to 7. At the same time the Canvastown schoolgirls again proved too good for the local girls at rounders, the former winning by a safe margin The visiting children were given afternoon tea under the supervision of Mrs Barrowclough, at the conclusion of the games.

11th November 1918 Since our last notes we posted to you, news of Turkey's and of Austria's surrender has reached us. The Turkish news reached us on Anniversary Day,, a school

holiday On Monday morning, however, most of the school committee members attended at the school, when the children marched past and saluted the flag. The visiting committee also made arrangements in the event of Austria's surrender This, of course, came on Monday, but celebration itself was deterred till the following day, when in addition to a whole school holiday, the children, parents, and others, were most generously entertained. The committee and others deserve great credit for the success of the day which was quite in keeping with the character of the good news

From a local standpoint, however, feeling of sadness prevailed throughout the place. On Sunday opening last, one of the school children Thelma Simonsen, daughter of Mr Neal Simonson, a bright little girl of 10 years, met with a serious and most painful accident. It appears that the little girl was occupying a chair placed before the fire on which was a pot of boiling toffee. She fell back, and, in so doing, quite naturally threw out her hands for a hold with which to save herself. Her hand caught the toffee pot handle, and, with the upraised motion of her hand, the boiling contents of the pot poured over the unfortunate child's face and arms. Fortunately, her eyes escaped, but, nevertheless, her condition is so very serious that both her father and mother are obliged to be in in personal touch with the Wairau Hospital, where the sufferer was speedily taken immediately after the accident. The latest report of the girl's condition tells us the patient is slightly improved

23rd November 1918 Yesterday a meeting of Canvastown residents was held to organise in the event of the epidemic invading these parts. As a result of this the school is to be constructed into a hospital, which will be under the control of a professional matron, Miss Lily Brown. All details are settled, and an earnest appeal is made to all residents to report promptly all cases to the school, whither, it is hoped, settlers will allow cases to be removed. Only by such a course can the epidemic be satisfactorily controlled^ The discharge of this duty is owing, not only to other occupants of houses, where trouble is, but also to the whole community.

17th December 1918 I had the opportunity last Monday of visiting Havelock and Canvastown, and inspecting the. arrangements made there. I. have no hesitation in saying that the arrangements made at' that end of the district were as good as could possibly be effected, I particularly wish to compliment Nurse Bown, Mr Dickinson, and the Committee responsible for the equipment at Canvastown. Marlborough Hospital board Chairman

4th February 1919 *Part of article about celebrations for returning soldiers:* It is regrettable that the assemblage of people cannot take place without suffering from the discreditable doings of vandals. The abovementioned social was held in the Debating Hall, the ground of which opens into the school grounds. Hero extensive improvements have '-been made, and the place is beginning to become a credit to the School Committee and residents. In one part are several dozen ornamental trees in between which is growing a fine crop of potatoes. Whilst the social was proceeding someone deliberately pulled up, by the roots, part of the crop, and also one of the trees. If this is to continue improvements to the grounds will be out of the question, and it is to be hoped that public opinion will express itself in such _a clear manner that the culprits will realise the grave nature of their doings. The matter is in the hands of the police, and no effort is to be spared to discover the. culprit, or culprits

2nd April 1919 Mr W E Dickinson appointed Head Teacher Canvastown. *Mr Dickinson must have ben a war appointment while Mr Finlayson was away on duty overseas*

11th April 1919 Canvastown voted 55 for continuation of liquor licensing and 50 for prohibition.

17th April 1919 Returning Soldiers celebration ……. The outstanding features were an item or two by a company of school children under the direction ,of Miss Wadsworth., and an initial appearance of a local orchestra, of which Mr 'John Miller is conductor.
Last evening the annual election of the School Committee .was held. Twenty-seven voters were present, the largest attendance for very many years. The splendid gathering was remarked on by the chairman, who, on the conclusion of his report, etc., took occasion to thank those present for their manifest interest in school matters.
A chief cause of the large gathering was to thank appropriately the outgoing committee for the splendid work done during the year and to express renewed confidence in it. Motions were moved in well-chosen remarks by Messrs Flower .and E. F. Healy, supported by Messrs Glastonbury and Smart in appreciative terms., The sense of the motions, the warmth of their moving, and the sources. whence they came were received both gratifying and encouraging to the retiring committee, and' will, no doubt, in the coming year, be an inducement to continue the fine work set in motion during the past year. Of the five retiring members, four were re-elected. The new member is Mr Flower. An effort was made to induce Messrs Glastonbury and E. F. Healy to accept nomination, but each considered that the retiring members should again serve. The new committee is as follows:—Messrs A. Rush, N. Ward, S. Ball, Flower, and V. Geary.
25th July 1919 Peace Day has come and gone. Canvastown in celebrating it, joined with Havelock. In the procession, Oanvasto.vn, represented Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Each unit had, a complement of nurses; these were beautifully dressed, and proved an attractive feature in the representation. New Zealand's Maori contingent was represented by Native girls The dress of these was original Maori dress—in part—and was quite, a feature. Considerable trouble was taken over the clothing of the children. For this much credit is due to Miss Wadsworth. assistant at the Canvastown, school, to Miss Lily Bown, and to the mothers of the children. All worked hard, and this opportunity is taken to accord to all who helped; thanks for their enthusiastic support. A prize was given for the finest school representation in the procession. This fell to Canvastown, as did also: the win in the schools' relay' race
On Monday the School Committee provided, a picnic for children and adults. Liberal cash prizes were given for racing. The picnic was folio wed in the evening by a children's dance. This was followed by an adults' dance.
During the day an accident happened. Violet Climo, whilst playing, broke both bones of her forearm. On Mr W. Holland's suggestion a subscription list was opened for the purpose, of giving the little girl a present as a mark of sympathy with her in her misfortune. As far as possible said Mr Holland, "I. wish the movement to be on the part of her school mates. It will be a practical lesson- on sympathy with others in misfortune." When the matter, is concluded the gift will be made by the .school,

1920-1921

1921	42	Canvastown	Taylor	George N	D	Head	£310.00
1921	42	Canvastown	Priestly	Dorothy	D	Assistant	£230.00

By the end of 1921 Bertha Wadsworth was teaching at Porirua as an assistant and in 1923 was at the Manakau (Horowhenua) School which was bigger than Porirua School

There are no Marlborough papers recorded after 1920 by Papers past

23rd April 1920 AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL
Commenting upon the work of the schools,, a member of the Board of Education (Mr. J. Clark) stated at this week's meeting that he. had recently visited Canvastown, in the

Marlborough district, and this little out-of-the-way, school was a delight to him. Years ago it was a hopeless place. Now, -with an enterprising school teacher in charge, the wilderness had been redeemed, and it seemed a. pleasure to the children to make their school .ground what to-day it was—in garden and sward, an example of what a school should be.

7th June 1920 Canvastown Sunday School report included Mr Berryman then presented the prizes. Opportunity was taken to present Miss Wadsworth (who is leaving the district after, 11 years of faithful service). With a handsomely bound Bible. The presentation was made by. Miss Myra Rush, who asked Miss Wadsworth to accept it as a small token of love and esteem from the teachers and scholars. After Miss Wadsworth had replied the Rev. J. F. Jack spoke a, few words; in which ;he congratulated the prize winners, expressed regret at the, departure of Miss Wadsworth and urged the parents to assist the teachers in every way possible.

15th June 1920 Monday. On Friday evening the twelfth annual meeting of. the; Literary and Debating Society was held. The attendance showed a slight improvement on that of last year. As a Debating Society the Society is, and has been for long, in a state of coma. As a Literary Society it is a useful factor in the place, as it not only maintains but also augments regularly a supply of books. Some of these are of a standard value, and I understand that increased attention is to be given to this kind of work.

The credit of maintaining the working of the library is now due almost entirely to Mr W. Holland and ,Mr Geo. Young.' Mr .Young is shortly .leaving the, district, when the work will probably fall almost entirely on Mr Holland. The loss to the district of Miss Wadsworth was also a decided loss to the Society. Before her departure, substantial recognition, in the shape of a purse of notes, of her useful work was made by: the public as body. ……

14th July 1920 Last Saturday the Canvastown school boys engaged, at Havelock, the Havelock boys in a return football match. The spirit of the game was fine, although results lay all one way. Havelock, in a brilliant game, won by 21 to 3. The Canvastown boys intend to make a third attempt to secure a win. Next Saturday they will again meet Havelock on the Canvastown school ground.

9th December 1920 Miss T Neiper resigns as assistant at Canvastown

9th December 1920 The transfer of Mr W. E. Dickson from Canvastown. to Marlboroughtown was approved by the Board, and the Marlborough ward members were requested to confer with the Inspector in an unaided-school appointment, with regard to which there was considerable correspondence before the Board.

20th December 1920 The annual breaking-up concert of the Porirua State School was held in the Porirua Hall on Wednesday last, and proved to be a great success, being quite up to the high standard usually attained by the 'Porirua children. Great credit is due to Miss Wadsworth (infant mistress)…….

18th February 1921 Mr G N Taylor appointed as Head Teacher

1922-1923

1923	40	Canvastown	Taylor	George N	D-149	Head	£325.00
1923	40	Canvastown	Neal	Marion E W	C-225	Assistant	£213.00

Post 1923

19th November 1929 Mrs A J Weir Infant Mistress Canvastown

National Archives

1896 880 Square foot school

1896 Residence 6 Rooms Scullery 985 square foot

Section 36 4 Acres Old School site old site 11 acres being section 34 Block X Wakamarina S D Transferred to crown Signed 11th March 1939

1931 Addition 349 square meters

1956 Rebuilding 2 classrooms of 1512 Square foot. Removed 3 classrooms 1229 square foot

Garage no date 288 square foot

22nd March 1968 Pelorus Sports are being held at Linkwater School Okaramio, Havelock Linkwater Marlborough Education Board

Canvastown and Rai DHS Nelson Education Board

Signed R C Hoborn

13th June 1968 Canvastown closed for half day being the Marlborough V France Rugby game

B S Coomber – Head Teacher

22nd June 1970 Canvastown closed on Monday 13th July 1970 R E Thomas

31st May 1971 J R Payne Head Teacher School closed for whole day

30th November 1971 Rosemary Hislop Acting H T closing school for 2 ½ days

15th October 1972 Graham Rogers Head Teacher . School closed because gale force winds had brought trees down across the school bus route and flooding was expected to isolate some families

10th October 1972 Canvastown closed for Marlborough Anniversary Monday 30th October not 6th November as stated in your circular

1st March 1973 Graham Rogers closed for shopping days on 4 Fridays (Only available if no holidays were observed in that month)

18th October 1974 20 schools were attending Marlborough Boys and Girls Agricultural Club day at Havelock. Notifying Nelson Education Board

24th April 1975 Canvastown School closed because of flooding

10th June 1891 Rosemary McLellan (Acting Head Teacher) wanting to change Shopping Day to a day when children could attend a football match in Blenheim

15th April 1983 School closed by Flooding also Collingwood and Rai Valley

14th June 1989 School closed at 12.10 pm because of flooding

21st December 1896 A Long Letter from John Smith (Secretary of Marlborough Education Board) to the Native Minister included

a) Desirous of obtaining a site for a school near the Wakamarina in the Pelorus Valley and made an arrangement with the Natives
b) To purchase 4 acres for the sum of £40
c) As it was impossible to conclude or bargain with the natives on account of number of persons interested it was resolved to take the said 4 acres under the Public Works Act 1894
d) This was gazetted
e) We were under the impression (erroneously) that the Public Trustee was the proper person to receive the money agreed to between the Board and Natives, half the sum
f) This was banked in the Suspense account by the Trustee as it had nothing to do with the Public Trustee

g) I have written to the Trustee asking for the money back and enclose a cheque for £20 plus 2/- exchange on this and the cheque sent to the Public Trustee

22pd December 1896 Forward cheque to you for £20 being half amount arranged to pay the natives for land taken at Canvastown under Public Works Act 1894

24th February 1899 Letter to the Native Minister from Marlborough Education Board . Complaining that the cheque sent to you on 21st December 1896 has not yet been presented for payment

1st March 1899 From undersecretary we returned the cheque to you on the 24th December 1896

22pd March 1898 Letter from Marlborough Education Board to Secretary of Education included

a) During the recent bush fires in the Pelorus Valley the new school at Canvastown was in danger of destruction by fire
b) A group of men fought for some hours in fighting the fire and thus saved the building. But one outbuilding was burnt and damaged and some fencing was also destroyed
c) The following expenses were incurred and I have decided to apply to the Department for a refund
d) Labour preventing further damage £ 2-12-6. Replacing W C (Toilet) destroyed £8.00 Cleaning from Near House £ 1

Department agreed to pay

7th January 1907 Requesting from Department the sun of £16.17.9 for the erection of a chimney for the smaller room at Canvastown

a) The contract provides for a 30 foot chimney with 2 iron straps secured to the wall of the building
b) The fixing of a neat mantel piece etc.
c) The Junior Classes are taught in this room and there is no doubt of the urgent need of a fireplace as the weather at Canvastown is very severe. The room is without heating apparatus of any kind
d) E Hylton Secretary

Reply from Department This can be funded out of the general building fund held by Marlborough Education Board

14th August 1908 Reply to a request for a shelter Shed at Canvastown Average attendance 1907, 63. March 08 62, June 08. 58

27th August £ 195 granted to build shelter sheds applied for. The granting of this does not commit the Minister for any further requests of this nature

20th September 1909 Request from Canvastown School Committee included

a) Wanting to bring to the Board's notice the treatment by the Marlborough Education Board in wanting to place a debating hall on the school site
b) The Committee is against the granting of such a request as the Committee wants to keep the school ground for what it was intended for
c) The site granted is the Children's vegetable gardens and is the only site suitable
d) If it is built so close the school there is a danger the school will get burnt down which you can see from a rough plan of the school ground

e) There is only 4 acres of ground and three of this is low ground and is often flooded
f) The present accommodation extremely crowded and the Children and Teachers ought to be provided with more elbow room.
g) Signed C H Hart Chairman School Committee

3rd February 1910 The minister can't do anything about the location of the hall

17th January 1910 Secretary Marlborough Education Board writes to Minister of Ed

That the building is in an awkward part of the grounds and that a new garden will be built. The building practically became the property of the Board on building and the Debating society have free use of it

20th April 1922 Letter to Minister from S H Ball Chairman of the School Committee asking about the protection of open fireplaces in school , wanting to know if there is any special fender to be placed in front of fire

We are careful with fires. No fires are used for School Committee or other meetings in the school and fires are not left burning after school

20th December 1928 Electric lighting added as school was remodelled

23rd February 1929 Letter to Minister Atmore. School roll is falling. 27 on roll. Have applied to remodel current buildings to change but in view of attendance proposal not justified.

13th August 1930 £130 approved for improvements at Canvastown

21st December Abandoned building on old site was destroyed by fire 16th November 1931

8th October 1937 Old Canvastown Site 11 acres 0 roods 4 perches Section 34 Block X Wakamarina Subdivision

8th March Canvastown Proposed as a District High School

21st September 1950 Approval for removal of Canvastown Debating and Literary Society removing hall from Canvastown School Site

25th February 1953 Application for rebuilding Canvastown School

Roll 1950 ,31. 1951, 35, 1952, 34, 1953 38

Building 3 rooms erected 1896

Proposed 1 room 624 of wood

9th February 1954, 31, 1955 42

A report from Medical of Officer of health was submitted

7th December 1964 New Residence built at Canvastown

Supplied Cutting

Linden Armstrong from the Havelock Museum supplied me with a cutting of a newspaper that included

- The first school was on the hill below Canvastown
- The earliest known School Committee was elected in March 1877 consisted of Joshua and George Rutland, John Wilson. John Brown and William Dalton
- Roll 25
- Henry Leigh Severne was teacher. Mr. Severne resigned late in 1878 and his place was taken by John Irwin Hart
- The school residence was built by Mr. Venimore for £112
- In 1892 Miss Pickering was appointed monitor £12 per annum

- The present site was purchased in December 1895 for £45. The roll was 85 *(Actually 55)*
- December 1895 tenders were called for a two roomed school for £190. The school was completed and occupied in October 1894
- Early in 1896 Miss Ruth McIntosh was appointed assistant teacher *(McIntyre)*
- Early 1898 Mr. Herbert Stratford appointed. He served to 1904
- Mr. Hollis Hill followed Mr. Stratford
- For many years the school was under the control of the Pelorus Road Board
- Present school was opened in March 25th 1957
- While the new school was being built the children were taught in the hall

Pelorus Guardian

Canvastown

24th June 1890 We regret to hear that Mr. Hart, schoolmaster at Canvastown, has been seriously ill. Mr. Hart is now slowly recovering, and hopes to be again in harness in a week or two.

10th January 1893 Canvastown School Treat. To be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst. All visitors outside of district to be charged: Adults 1/-, Children 6d. A DANCE will be held in the evening. MARY A. PICCARD, Secretary

13th January 1893 A very enjoyable school picnic was held at Canvastown on Wednesday, and a good many went from Havelock and elsewhere. All sorts of game? were got up for the juveniles, and they evidently enjoyed themselves to their hearts content, while the good things provided in abundance by the ladies of the district fully satisfied both old and young. A dance was held in the evening, at which a large number were present, and the music supplied by Brown, Coventry, Dalton, and Walker with their violins and banjo was really excellent, and dancing was kept up till early morn. All the visitors present expressed themselves delighted with the whole affair as they had enjoyed themselves beyond their expectations.

3rd October 1893 RESIGNATION. We understand that Mr. Hart, who has so long presided over the Canvastown School, has resigned his position. Mr. Hart has always taken a warm interest in the welfare of the district, and though he may not continue to
teach the young idea we can only hope he will remain amongst us and assist in all matters for the public good, as he has so willingly done in the past.

19th June 1894 A rather serious accident occurred at the Canvastown School on Friday afternoon. It appears that a number of the scholars were playing about, when one of them, a lad named Albert Hughes, fell, fracturing his leg, Dr. Hoadley was at once sent for, and set the limb. The sufferer is progressing as well as can be expected

19th October 1894 Oar Schools.

We have to congratulate both Mr. Reynolds *(Havelock)* and Miss Honshu on the successful result attained at the recent Examination of their respective Schools. With regard to the former we have been so used to good reports of the attainment of the Havelock juveniles that the result was not unexpected, nevertheless it reflects great credit on the teachers (Mr. Reynolds, Miss Matthews, and Miss Tee) for the painstaking care they have displayed in training the children in the relative

Standards. With respect to the School at Canvastown, more than passing comment is due to Miss Honshu, she having taken over that School under very unfavourable circumstances, and, besides gaining an absolute pass in every Standard, has, by her attention to the duties involved, and the confidence reposed in her by the parents, doubled the attendance l at the school. We predict even greater results at the next examination by the passing of children in her care to the higher Standards

16th November 1894 Canvastown.—Mr. A. P. Seymour, who was deputed at a former meeting to inspect the locality of the Canvastown school in view of the demand for increased accommodation, wrote, urging the abandonment of the old site, since extensive excavation into the side of the bill would be required, resulting in a cramped state of affairs. He advised the taking up of one or two sites available — one, the native reserve just on the other side of the Wakamarina bridge; and the other belonging to Green & Nosworthy, on the border of the village settlement in the locality. Reference was made to other sites, including Crown property, and ultimately it was resolved to leave the selection in the hands of Mr. Mills with power to act. It was then resolved to instruct the architect to inspect the building so that plans might be prepared providing enlargement, it necessary, for the accommodation of 75 children

14th December 1894 Canvastown.—In reference to the new school site the architect wrote forwarding the plans for the renovated school at Canvastown, providing accommodation for 75 children. Mr. Mills wrote that of the two sites under consideration he advised the selection of the one nearest the hotel. It was resolved that the Works Committee arrange for the transfer of the title from Mr. Green to the Board, call for and accept tenders, and put the work in hand at once.

29th January 1895 The Canvastown School.

Sometime since an entertainment was given at the school and a good sum of money raised towards purchasing prizes for the school-children, and to make an enjoyable day's outing the ladies in the neighborhood provided a sumptuous picnic on Friday last, where young and old took part. The school was packed, in fact, not above one-half of those present could get inside the building. The Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. Pickard, presided, and, on behalf of the Committee, called on Mr. C. H Mills, M.H.R., to distribute the prizes. In addressing the meeting Mr. Mills said the E location Board were anxious to provide better school accommodation, and they, hoped to secure a suitable site very soon. He was astonished to see such a number of children there, and it was quite a pleasure to him to present so many beautiful prizes, and in a few appropriate words to most of the recipients he gave them the prizes, and promised a special prize at next Christmas to the child who had made itself most agreeable to its schoolfellows in the play-ground during the year. He then called on the scholars to give three hearty cheers for their kind and clever teacher, Miss Douslin, which was heartily responded to. The Rev. C. A. Foston, who had given a special prize, then addressed the meeting in a few well chosen words, asking them to persevere with their studies, and pointing out that there was always room for one at the top of his class. He also promised another prize next Christmas. Mr. Pickard urged the parents to send their children to school regularly, and spoke in high terms of the School Mistress,

Mr. James Hughes supplemented the remarks with some good advice to the children.

Three cheers for Mr. Mills, and the ladies who provided the picnic, were heartily given, and then dancing commenced.
[We have not received the names of prize-winners, or we would gladly give them.]
22nd February 1895 Miss Eugenie Douslin mistress of the Canvastown School, and Miss Ingall, in charge of that at Okaramio, have passed the examination entitling them to "D " certificates. We congratulate both these ladies
26th March 1895 Cricket. —A team of Havelock schoolboys journeyed to Canvastown on Saturday last to play a friendly game with the boys of the Canvastown school. The Havelock boys won by six wickets and one run. F. Pope and G. Reynolds with the bat, and G. Reynold.-; and H. Webb with the ball were most successful. A return match is to be played in Havelock on Saturday week. Miss Douslin very thoughtfully entertained the visitors
12th April 1895 Canvastown.—Mr. Mills reported he had seen Mr. Hughes in regard to a site at Canvastown with no success. Mr. Hughes would not sell his ground for anything within reason, saying that the Board ought to build on the old site. It was resolved that the Board's solicitor be consulted, and steps be taken to taking Mr. Hughes' site (of which he is mortgagee to Messrs. Green and Nosworthy)J under the Public Works Act
26th April 1895 CANVASTOWN. At a meeting of householders, held at Canvastown on Monday night, the following gentlemen were elected as a School Committee for-the ensuing year : Messrs. Picard (Chairman),. W. Dalton, J. Dalton, Young, Glastonbury, Alquist, and J. Cooper

17th May 1895 Canvastown. —The Chairman of the Committee wrote that Mr. Forrest, who leased the hill land at the back of the school, bad called on him and asked if the Committee would bear half the cost of a dividing fence, or lease to him the six acres of school reserve property adjoining.-—It was resolved to instruct the Committee to obtain an offer from Mr. Forrest.

The Committee also urged the matter of increased school accommodation and an improved teacher's residence. —It was resolved to instruct Mr. Rogers, solicitor, to proceed, under the Public Works Act, to acquire the site of which Messrs.. Green & Nosworthy are owners and Mr. Hughes mortgage.

14th June 1895 Canvastown.—Mr. A. Rogers called attention to the necessity for the employment of a surveyor in connection with the taking of Mr. Hughes site under the Public Works Act. —It was resolved to hold the proceedings in regard to Mr. Hughes site in abeyance until Mr. Mills had made the enquiries he had suggested. Mr. Mills said that he thought if he saw Judge McKay, of the Native Land Court, on his visit to Wellington shortly, he would be able to obtain five acres of the Native land which would be an improvement on the present proposed site both in regard to expense of acquirement and position.—It was resolved that in the event of Mr. Mills negotiations being fruitless, the survey would be proceeded with. Mr. Gavin Forrest tendered Is per annum for ten years for the lease of six acres in connection with the school ground. If his offer was not accepted, an account of £5 17/5 for fencing would be rendered.—It was resolved to accept the offer with the condition that the lease be terminable at six months notice. 12th July 1895 Canvastown. Messrs.. Green and Nosworthy wrote that since last meeting Mr. Hughes had consented to give the upper corner of section 32 for a school house.

The Secretary said he had referred the matter to Mr. Mills in Wellington, and had obtained a reply, to the effect that he had discovered the true position of affairs in regard to the Native Reserve. The land was vested in a number of natives, whose names could be ascertained from the Registrar in Blenheim- Steps could be taken to acquire a site from the natives under the Public Works Act, either by arrangement (he thought two acres could be purchased for £10 or £20, or by stronger measures. The land offered by Mr. Hughes would be expensive in the clearing. He suggested

that Mr. Rutland of the Pelorus be asked for assistance in procuring a site. — Resolved to ask Mr. Rutland to interest himself in the acquirement of a suitable and inexpensive site from the natives

16th August 1895 School Site.—Mr. Rogers, solicitor, wrote giving it as his legal opinion that the acquisition of a school site on the Native reserve at Canvastown was quite impracticable. There were 37 Natives interested in the land, ten of whom were minors, and the formal difficulties of acquiring the site in proper legal manner were almost insurmountable. After considerable discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Rutland asking him to interview the Natives and to Mr. Mills in Wellington asking him to acquaint Judge McKay with the position oi affairs with a view of procuring a site on the Reserve.

13th September 1895 The Canvastown Committee wrote urging the provision of increased school accommodation. Correspondence on the same subject was received from Judge McKay, of the Native Land Court, Mr. C. H. Mills, in Wellington, and Mr. Rutland, Pelorus, from which it appeared that the Maoris absolutely refused to consent to a school site being established on the Native Reserve on the north bank of the Wakamarina River, as their ancient burial ground lay in the vicinity, and they were afraid of the graves of their forefathers being desecrated by the children. —It was resolved that as a great difficulty was being experienced in the obtaining of a suitable site, the Committee be written to and asked whether the present site was safe, and as to whether the present attendance was likely to be permanent.

5th November 1895 School Entertainment. —An entertainment is to be given in the Canvastown School on Friday, Nov. 15, in aid of the prize fund, when, no doubt, the object will attract a large attendance

22nd November 1895 Concert at Canvastown.

The concert held at Canvastown on Friday evening last, in aid of the Prize Fund, was a decided success. Visitors were present from all parts of the district, and, judging by the applause tendered to the performers, all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The receipts for the evening were highly satisfactory, and will allow of a substantial sum being handed over to the Prize Fund. The following was the programme submitted; —Overture (piano), Misses Douslin and Pickering; tableau, “ Mary, Mary, quite contrary,” school children; tableau, “ Where are you going to my pretty maid,” Mr. J. and Miss L. Piccard, chorus, school children; tableau, “Miss Muffett ,” Miss E. Young ; tableau, “ A real wet day,” school children ; song, “ Kathleen Mavourneen, Mr. McDonald; tableau, “ Suck a thumb,” Miss Whitney, Mr. A. Rutland, and Master Victor Twidle ; song, “ The way of the world,” Mr. Bird; tableau, “ Pears' soap,” Miss Anderson and Master Victor Twidle ; song, Mr. Cox; tableau, “ The wooing of the

twins," school children; song, "The Golden Slippers," Mr. Harris; song, " Maggie, the cows are in the clover," Miss E. Mills; song, Mr. Powell; instrumental duet, Misses Mills and Scott. The second part of the entertainment consisted of a charade, in which the characters were well sustained by school children. The entertainment concluded with a farce entitled " Aunt Charlotte's Maid," the respective characters being Aunt Charlotte (Mrs. Young), Miss Fanny Volley (Miss E. Pickering), Aunt Charlotte's Maid (Miss Douslin), Mr. Pivot, lawyer, (Mr. Bird), Major Volley (Mr. Albert Rutland), and Horatio Sparkins (Mr. Harris).

28th November 1895 Tenders. —The Education Board advertise in another column for tenders for the erection of a new school at Canvastown, and fencing at Okaramio.

24th December 1895 School Site, Canvastown.— It appears that after the Education Board have done their best to let the Natives interested in the land have some money on account of the purchase, it is necessary first to apply to the Native Land Court to ascertain what amount of compensation ought to be paid to the owners, and who are the persons entitled to it, before any money is distributed. We trust this will not take long, and so have the vexed question definitely settled

14th February 1896 Canvastown. —The Committee wrote asking that two windows be placed in the school being erected, so as to improve the front appearance.—It was resolved the request could not be acceded to. They also asked for a folding partition. Matter postponed till the opening of the school.

6th March 1896 Notice of Intention to take Land for a Public School in Section 36, Block X, Wakamarina Survey District. ~NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of " The Public Works Act, 1894," to execute a certain public work, to wit, the erection of a Public School, within the meaning of " The Education Act, 1894," and, for the purposes of such public work, the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken ; and notice is further given that a plan of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the Post Office, at Canvastown, in the Provincial District of Marlborough, and is there open for inspection ; and notice is hereby given that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work, or by the taking of the said land, shall, if they have any well -grounded objections to the execution of the said public work, or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Education Board of the District of Marlborough.
SCHEDULE — All that parcel of land containing by admeasurement four acres, more or less, situate in the Wakamarina Survey District, in the Provincial District of Marlborough, being part of Section 86, Block X, on the plan of the said Survey District, and coloured pink on the plan deposited at Canvastown, before mentioned. Dated at Blenheim, this 4th day of March, 1896. A. P. SEYMOUR, . Chairman Education Board of the District of Marlborough.
17th April 1896 Canvastown.—The Committee asked that the Board erect a teachers residence near the new school. The old residence was decaying away.—On the motion of Mr. Mills it was resolved to instruct the architect to plans and specifications for a four-1 roomed building with a lean-to, on the design of Springlands school, " the Committee and architect to select site.

1st May 1896 New School at Canvastown.
This new school, which will be handed over by the contractors in a few days, is a picturesque little building situated upon a sunny rise in a healthy position on the Pelorus side of the Wakamarina Bridge. The inside measurements of the building are 40 foot. x 22 foot,, with a 14 foot. stud, and the schoolroom proper is entered from a porch 20 foot. x 10 foot., in which are fixed the necessary hat-pegs, etc. The windows are fixed on the latest approved design, the bottom sill being 9 foot. from the ground. By this arrangement no shadows are cast, and the danger to the children's eyesight is greatly diminished thereby. The work has been carried out in a manner that reflects great credit upon the Education Board's architect and contractors, who have worked well together to make this a model building. At a meeting of the new Committee it was decided to at once call for tenders for the erection of the teachers residence, and it was mentioned that several applications for renting the old schoolhouse and* residence would be placed before the Committee at its next meeting. A special vote of thanks to Messrs. Q. H. Mills, M H.R., Duncan, and Seymour for their, assistance in obtaining the grants for the new buildings was passed unanimously, and ordered to be inscribed upon the minutes of the Committee's transacted business.

15th May 1896 Canvastown. The architect submitted a plan of the proposed teacher's residence to be erected in connection with the new school. . It was resolved to call tenders for the work, and see that the timber is packed on the ground two months prior to the building, so as to ensure proper seasoning. The Committee also asked that the school-ground be fenced, estimating the cost at £20. The sum of £20 was voted for the work.

17th July 1896 The following tenders were accepted :—Construction of closets at Canvastown school, (J. Wemyss) £1010/-; supply of eight desks for Canvastown school, (J. Wemyss) £10 10/-.

14th August 1896 Canvastown. —One tender of 6/8 per foot was received for sinking a well at the Canvastown school, but this price was considered excessive, and it was resolved to reconsider the matter at the next meeting.

18th September 1896 Canvastown.—The Committee wrote ' asking that the scholars be allowed to move into the new building as soon as possible, and stating that a water supply would be needed as soon as the change was made.—The Secretary said that before occupying the new school it would be advisable to obtain the Governor's proclamation vesting the site (originally possessed by, the Maoris) in the hands of the Committee _It was resolved to write to Wellington to expedite the proclamation. —It-was resolved to ask the local well sinkers to submit an estimate of the cost of sinking a pipe, the matter to be left in the hands of the Works Committee.

13th November 1896 Canvastown.—-The Committee wrote asking for £3 for a partition curtain in the school.—Granted.

The question of a water supply for the school and residence was discussed at some length.—It was resolved to instruct the architect to have two tanks provided.

15th January 1897 The Canvastown Committee asked for a £ for £ subsidy on £2 10/raised by entertainment in aid of the school library.—Granted.

12th February 1897 Canvastown.—It was resolved that Mr. Cawte's offer to lease the old school residence be accepted, providing that he take it for one year.

16th April 1897 Canvastown.—The Committee asked for £10 towards the fencing and clearing of ground for the teacher's garden. —Granted.

Mr. M. B. Adams wrote enquiring terms as to the leasing of the old schoolhouse.—Matter deferred

30th April 1897 CANVASTOWN.

The meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last, when a large number of residents were present.

The following gentlemen were duly elected as a Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs. W. H. Dalton, J. Dalton, J. Couper, D. Young, J. W. Hughes, A. Glastonbury, and W. A. Picard.

.At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, Mr. W. A. Picard was •Unanimously re-elected Chairman.

18th June 1897 Canvastown.-J. Murray wrote offering £1 a year for the use of the old school building.— Resolved to ask the Committee to let both buildings. A fender was granted for the school.

15th October 1897 Cullensville.—The Committee wrote asking that capitation be paid for the , June quarter, during which the school attendance fell below the " capitation " average.—It was resolved to leave the settlement of the matter to the Secretary. The same Committee asked whether the Board would grant money for the purposes of scientific instruction, if a sum of money was raised locally.—It was resolved to reply that the Board were prepared to subsidise such money in accordance with clause 67 of the Act, at the rate of £1 for £l.

15th October 1897 Canvastown—The lease of the old school ground to Mr. Daniel Cooper was approved

21st December 1897 CANVASTOWN.

The completion of the year's astic work at this School was, on Thursday last, marked by the holding of School sports, when the scholars and their friends entered into the spirit of the occasion with much heartiness, making the successful result one that might have been predicted, and realising the intention of impressing upon the scholars that their teachers had their enjoyment at heart equally as much so as their educational attainments, The teachers, Misses Douslin and McIntyre, are to be congratulated upon the feeling of discipline with which their charges have been so carefully imbued, and the decorum and well-controlled fun and good nature, with which the day was characterised, in a. decidedly noticeable feature of the occasion. From the commencement the sports were carried out vigorously, and, from the style shown by some of the youngsters, Canvastown should eventually be prepared to turn out athletes of no mean order. Mr. W. Pickering acted as starter and handicapper. On the approach of evening, the children having been called together and addressed, in a few kind words, by the Mistress, dispersed with cheers for all who had assisted to provide them with the day's enjoyment. It is very generally felt that these pleasurable re-unions of teachers, parents and children, have a most beneficial result from any and all the many facets of the diamond of our national educational system, the light from which still, it would appear, occasionally strikes a jaundiced eye.

31st December 1897 It is with pleasure we notice that the Marlborough Education Board's scholarship has been won by a scholar hailing from this district. The successful competitor Eugene Rogers, a son of the prominent barrister of that name, having obtained the distinction with a total of 623 out of a possible 770 marks.—over eight tenths of the possible number. Whilst congratulating the young student upon his success we are desirous of extending our congratulation to Miss Douslin, the teacher of the Canvastown school, under whom the holder of the 1897 scholarship has studied, and to whom the success must to a great measure be attributed.

18th January 1898 Part of a long article on fires in the district…The anxiety of the settlers was increased by observing that the fire was rushing towards Canvastown by the hills on both sides of the Pelorus, whilst the valley itself was a sea of flame. The settlers at the Wakamarina Village Settlement were compelled to remove the contents of their houses to the bed of the river for safety. The new school at Canvastown was frequently alight, but was, on each occasion, saved by those who had its protection in hand. The school had several holes burnt through the walls. The stables owned by Mr. Picard, at Canvastown, and which contained a spring dray, harness, and bicycle, were completely destroyed…….

18th January 1898 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. HEAD TEACHER wanted for the Canvastown School. Salary ; according to the Board's Regulations; at present about £144 per annum for a male, or £ 130 for a female teacher. Applications to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Education Board on or before SATURDAY, 29fch January, 1898. JOHN SMITH, Secretary

4th February 1898 Recognition.—The manner in which Messrs. J. R. Skelly, C. Pope, and A. Harris worked, at great personal risk, to save the Wakamarina Bridge was much appreciated by the members of the Pelorus Road Board, and, at the meeting on Wednesday last, a votes of thanks and a donation of £z were passed as a recognition of their efforts. The Canvastown Library will reap a benefit, Mr. Skelly having generously handed his proportion of the amount over to that institution. The School Committee at Canvastown has also passed an amount in similar recognition for the manner in which the schoolhouse was rescued by the efforts of the above mentioned.

8th February 1898 Scholastic.—It is currently reported that Mr. H. A. Stratford, formerly master of the Deep Creek school and at present in charge of Cullensville, has been appointed to Canvastown vice Miss Douslin transferred to Blenheim

18th February 1898 Canvastown.—The Committee wrote recommending that Mr. Stratford, of Cullensville, be appointed teacher at Canvastown, vice Miss Douslin. The appointment was made. The Committee wrote asking for a grant of £10 to rebuild closets etc., destroyed by the recent bush fires; and that the sum of £2 12/- be voted for the remuneration of men who assisted to save the main building from destruction.—It was resolved that the Secretary obtain a return showing the extent of damages and forward it to the Government; and that in the meantime the Committee be authorised to execute the repairs. The request for the sum of £2 12/was granted. The resignation of Miss McIntire, assistant teacher at Canvastown, was received with regret and accepted, and it was resolved to call for applications for the position.

18th March 1898 Canvastown.— The Committee recommended that Miss Brewer be appointed assistant teacher at Canvastown school.—Appointment made. The Committee forwarded information as requested, as to the extent to which the school property had been damaged by bush fires—£11 The Secretary was instructed to forward this return to the Government

29th April 1898 CANVASTOWN. At the meeting of house-holders, held on Monday evening, the following Committee was duly elected: —W. DaIton, J. Couper, D. Young, A. Glastonbury, W. Twidle, S. Gardiner, and John Hughes. At the meeting of the Committee, J. Couper was elected Chairman, and A. Glastonbury Secretary

13th May 1898. Canvastown. —The Committee forwarded an account of the expenses incurred in repairing damage done by the bush fires at the school, and thanked the Board for its attention to their requirements during the past year.—Received.

12th August 1898 Canvastown,—the Committee wrote agreeing to the immediate transfer of Miss Brewer's services to the Onamalutu School,, and requesting that a temporary teacher be sent up at once.— The Secretary reported that he had arranged for a temporary teacher, who had relieved Miss Brewer.— Resolved that the Board's thanks be sent to the Committee for falling in with its proposal, and that the Secretary's action in providing a temporary teacher be approved.—The

Committee recommended that Miss Nixon be appointed assistant teacher. — Appointment made.

16th September 1898 Canvastown.—The Committee re« commended that Miss Maud Lammas be appointed assistant teacher.—Appointment approved.

18th November 1898 Canvastown.—A member of the Committee wrote asking whether a majority of the School Committee had the power to let the schoolroom for dancing. Personally, he was opposed to such permission, as the furniture suffered.—Resolved to refer the correspondent to the, clause of the Act giving the Committee such powers.

13th January 1899 M.H.R. Medals.

Ms. G, H. Hums, has kindly handed us the following report received by him from the examiner : “The highest marks gained by any boy in Standard VI. last year were made by John Young, of Canvastown school, who scored 309 out of a possible 380. The highest number of marks awarded to any girl was gained by Lily Simpson, of the Broughton’s Bay aided school, who scored 318 out of 380. The country schools have, therefore, secured both these valuable prizes.”

14th April 1899 Canvastown. —The Committee wrote asking for new window fastening.— Request granted. School Site. —A letter from the Native Lands Department was received re payment for the native reserve, secured as a school site at Wakamarina. It stated that a sitting of the Land Court for Marlborough would be held this month.—Mr. Redwood and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to attend to the matter

25th April 1899 Fire in the Pelorus Valley.

A cottage, near Canvastown, the property of the Education Board, and occupied by Mr. Alquist, was totally destroyed by fire early in the afternoon of Friday last. On the day in question Mrs. Alquist being indisposed and confined to bed, and there being four of the younger children in the house, Mr. Alquist, on returning home for dinner, sent a message to the Canvastown School requesting permission from Mr. H. A. Stratford, the Head-Master, for the eldest daughter to be allowed to return home to take charge of the house, which permission was granted. Shortly before 1 o’clock Mrs. Alquist was startled by hearing an all too ominous roaring noise proceeding from the kitchen, and with much apprehension and difficulty struggled to the kitchen to find that her worst fears of fire were warranted. On reaching the room she discovered the wooden chimney to be a mass of flame, and she, being too weak to take any steps, whilst the isolated portion of the cottage denied any assistance being quickly available," the. fire, .with great rapidity, spread to the roof and side adjoining the chimney, completely reducing the premises and contents to ashes. The origin of

the fire is ascribed to a defective chimney, and there is no suspicion that it was caused by the carelessness of the children. There was no insurance upon the contents, and the fierceness of the fire prevented any of the furniture or effects being removed to a place of safety. Mr. and Mrs. Alquist are receiving much practical sympathy, temporary homes having been generously offered them and their family amongst the residents of Canvastown

28th April 1899 CANVASTOWN. At the annual meeting of householders, the following gentlemen were elected as a School Committee for the ensuing year:— Messrs. Couper, Young, Twidle, Gardiner, Glastonbury, Pope, and W. Dalton. At the meeting of the Committee, Mr. Couper was reelected Chairman, and Mr. Glastonbury Secretary.

5th May 1899 Canvastown. —It was reported that the matter of obtaining a title from the Maoris for the Canvastown school site had been satisfactorily settled.

11th July 1899 Canvastown School. —We have had the privilege of inspecting, some capitally-executed mapping work, done by the pupils of this School in competing for prizes offered by the Master, Mr. H. A. Stratford. The work, which was done out of school hours, consists of a detailed map of New Zealand, and, as specimens of neatness, together with good penmanship in delineation and lettering, shew an exceptionally high degree of excellence, and are alike as creditable to the executants as to the tuition, of which they are necessarily the outcome. Mr. Ward, Master of the Havelock School, judged the work, and awarded the prizes as follows : Thomas Forrest, ; Mary Young, 2 ; John Young, 3; Jessie Gibbons, h.c. Prizes for home lessons have also been awarded by Mr. Stratford to the following pupils, prizes being offered for competition in each class : —VI., Lily Rush and Edith Simpson ; V., Mary Glastonbury ; IV., Elizabeth Pope. Mr. Stratford's object in awarding the prizes is to inculcate originality, neatness, perseverance, and regular attendance, and he is to be commended for the interest he takes in his scholars, by thus offering incentive to those attributes at his own personal expense

3rd October 1899 School Examinations.

CANVASTOWN. The annual examination of this school was held last week, when the following scholars passed their respective standards:— Class X.—Mary Young, John Young and Thomas Forrest. Class VI. —Blanche Andrews, Lily Rush, Walter Anderson, Jessie Gibbons, James Hughes, and Edith Simpson. Class V.—Sinclair Couper, William Twidle, Mary Glastonbury, Archie Murray, Jane Hughes, David Murray, Grace Robinson, and Alice Simonsen. Class IV.—Charles Alquist, Annie Alquist, Maude Alquist, Elizabeth Gibbons, Edward Dalton, Mary Diamanti, Clara Dillon, John Pope, Leonard Simonsen, Maggie Walker, Victor Simonsen, and Ettie Young. Class III.—Alfred Dalton, William Glastonbury, Louisa Glastonbury, Myrtle Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Harriet Pope, and Roy Stratford. Class II.—Winnie

Blucher, Sholto Gardiner, Robert Gardiner, Coralie Stratford, and Nellie Walker. Class I.—George Murray, Ivy Pope, Cecil Twidle, Marjory Young, and John Wells.
Technical Examination.
27th October 1899 On 6th September, an examination, under the Technical Branch of the Wellington Education Board, was held at the Canvastown School (Mr. J. A. Couper acting as supervisor) when the following scholars were successful:—
Model.—Mary Young, Thomas Forrest, and Jessie Gibbons. Scale. —Mary Young, John Young, Thomas Forrest (good), Lily Rush, Jessie Gibbons, Walter Anderson, and James Hughes. Freehand.—Mary Young, Thomas Forrest, John Young, Jessie Gibbons, Walter Anderson, James Hughes, Lily Bush, Grace Robinson, Alice Simonsen (good), Alphonso Stratford, Jane Hughes, and Mary Glastonbury. Geometry.—Mary Young, Thomas Forrest (good), John Young (excellent), Jessie Gibbons, Walter Anderson (good), Mary Glastonbury, Sinclair Couper, James Hughes, Jane Hughes, Archie Murray, Lily Rush, David Murray (good), Grace Robinson, Alice Simonsen, Alphonso Stratford, William Twidle, and Victor Twidle.

15th December 1899 Canvastown.—The Committee asked for means to erect a school porch. The sum of £10 was granted.

Resignation.—Miss W. G. Croucher resigned the teachership on account of falling attendance.

13th April 1900 The Canvastown Committee wrote asking for the temporary services of an assistant, the present assistant teacher being indisposed.—The action of the Inspector, in appointing Miss Stratford, was approved.

27th April 1900 CANVASTOWN. At the annual meeting of householders, held on Monday evening last, the following gentlemen were chosen as a School Committee for the ensuing year;—Messrs. J. A. Couper, H. Pope, W. Dalton, D. Young, F. Rush, E. H. Stratford, and A. Glastonbury. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr. Couper was selected as Chairman, and Mr. Glastonbury, Secretary, CULLENSVILLE. On Monday evening there was a large meeting of householders in the School-room. From the annual report it appeared that at the beginning of the year the Committee had a credit balance of £2 11/9, and the year closed with a credit balance of £8 4/2, all accounts being paid to date. Messrs. F. Coombe, P. A. Halkett, W. Thompson,. M. C. Patterson, H. Edmonds, Alex. Campbell, and J. Young, were chosen as a Committee for the ensuing year, all except the two last named gentlemen having been members of the old Committee.

18th May 1900 CANVASTOWN. The continuation of the temporary teaching services of Miss Stratford was approved.

28th September 1900 School Examinations.

CANVASTOWN. At the annual examination of the Canvastown school, the following scholars passed their respective Standards : Standard VII.—John Young, James Hughes, Blanche Andrews. Standard Vl.—Mary Glastonbury, Stella Andrews, Jane Hughes, David Murray, Alphonso Stratford, William Twidle. Standard V.—Sinclair Couper, Clara Dillon, Godfrey Dalton, Edward Dalton, Mary Diamanti, Elizabeth Gibbons, Emily Morrison, Victor Simonsen, Victor Twidle, Margaret Walker, Esther Young. Standard IV. William Dalton, Alfred Dalton, William Glastonbury, Louisa Glastonbury, Maggie Hughes, Myrtle Hughes, Harriet Pope, Rowland Stratford. Standard 111. Winnie Blucher, Sholto Gardiner, John Morrison, Mary Murray, Coralie Stratford, Annie Twidle, Nellie Walker. Standard 11. Robert Gardiner, Austin Morrison, George Murray, Ivy Pope, Elizabeth Robinson, Marjory Young, Cecil Twidle, John Wells. Standard I.—Polly Blucher, Ada Dalton, Robert' Diamanti, Ernest Gibbons, Frank Glastonbury, Leonard Glastonbury, Rose Gardiner, William Hughes, Percy Pope, Nea Stratford, Harry Stratford.

26th April 1901 CANVASTOWN. At the annual meeting of householders, the following gentlemen were elected as a Committee for the ensuing year Messrs. Glastonbury (Chairman and Secretary), Alquist, H. Pope, F. Rush, R. Simonsen, Walker, and Donald Wilson.

14th June 1901 The Rev. Mr. Foston offered £10 for the old schoolhouse at Canvastown, the lessee's rent to continue to the end of the term.—Offer accepted.

24th September 1901 CANVASTOWN.

At the annual examination, held on Friday last, the following pupils were presented and received promotion. The letters c.p. represent a "credit pass," awarded by the. Inspector to the Sixth and Seventh Standards : Standard VII —Blanche Andrews (c.p.), Stella Andrews, Mary Glastonbury (c.p.), David Murray, Alphonso Stratford and "William Twidle. Standard VI. Mary Diamanti, Daisy Dillon, Elizabeth Gibbons, Michael Leahy, Daniel Leahy, Emily Morrison, Victor Simonsen (c.p.), Morris Stock, Victor Twidle Margaret "Walker and Esther Young. Standard V.—Annie Alquist, Chas. Alquist, Alfred Dalton, William Glastonbury, Myrtle Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Harriet Pope, Leonard Simonsen and Rowland Stratford. Standard IV.—Mary Murray, John Morrison, Harold Pope, Coralie Stratford and Annie Twidle. Standard 111. Robert Gardiner, Austin Morrison, Ivylean Pope, Elizabeth Robinson, Cecil Twidle, Raymond Wells, John Wells and Marjory Young. Standard ll.—Polly Blutcher., Ada Dalton, Robert Diamanti, Rosie Gardiner, Ernest Gibbons, Leonard Glastonbury, Frank Glastonbury, William Hughes, Percy Pope, Vernor Pope, Nea Stratford and Harry Stratford. Standard I.—Albert Alquist, Elsie Hughes, Margaret Rae, Ellen Robinson and Horace Rush

11th October 1901 On the party returning from the Wakamarina, the scholars at the Canvastown school were granted a respite, and, congregating on the bridge, were conversed with by his Excellency, who asked many questions regarding their school and home life and aspirations. In a short conversation with the master, Mr. H. A.

Stratford, his Excellency expressed satisfaction at learning the large Seventh Standard the school contained,, and, before leaving, bespoke a half-holiday for the scholars

Visit of his Excellency the Governor and party

14th February 1902 The Canvastown Committee wrote that it had no objection to the proposed formation of a new school district in the Rai Valley.

13th June 1902 Canvastown asked for a set of drawing models,—The Inspector was instructed to procure six sets of solid models for the use of smaller schools.

1st July 1902 Children's Social.

In anticipation of the visit of a large number of children to Havelock on Coronation Day, the ladies of the town and the district provided huge quantities of eatables dear to the juvenile heart. Then came the news of the King's serious illness, and all festivities were postponed, but in order that the many good things should not be wasted the ladies wisely decided to invite the children of Canvastown (they being the only outside children who could be easily communicated with) to join the Havelock children in a " tea-fight" at the Town Hall on Friday. Several energetic ladies canvassed for vehicles in which to convey the visitors from Canvastown, and Messrs. Price, Brownlee and Co., and T. Brown very kindly granted the use of their expresses, and Mr. Duckitt lent his horse. On Friday these vehicles, driven respectively by Messrs. F. Scott and L. Smith (who kindly gave their services), and Talbot, brought about forty children to Havelock, in charge of Mr. Stratford, headmaster of the local school.
On their arrival the boys and girls had a real good time in scrambling for lollies and nuts, and then at 3 o'clock the first batch of children sat down to tea. For an hour and a half there were constant relays of healthy, happy children making heroic endeavours to absorb the mounds of cake and other tasty dainties fearfully and wonderfully made. But as fast as one plateful disappeared another was placed in its stead, until at length the boys had to cry " Enough," and to regretfully leave the table without having made any appreciable reduction in the supply of cake. At half-past four the children were lined up and Rev. Mr. Howell spoke a few sympathetic words in reference to the King's illness. A verse of the National Anthem was then sung, and cheers for Canvastown . and Havelock were exchanged by the children. The visitors were then driven home, and all expressed their thorough enjoyment of the day's outing. Very hearty thanks are due to the ladies who provided the eatables, and to those also who superintended the wants of the children.
It was a very happy day for everyone concerned, and the ladies of Havelock are deserving of congratulation for their kindness and forethought.

3rd October 1902 Canvastown School.

The following children passed at the annual examination of the above school, held on 30th September:— Standard VII.—Elizabeth Gibbons, Daniel Leahy, Victor Simonsen, Victor Twidle, and Esther Young. Standard VI. Annie Alquist, Charles Alquist, Alfred Dalton, Myrtle Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Leonard Simonsen, and Rowland Stratford. Standard V.—Robert Forrest, Sholto Gardiner, John Morrison, Mary Murray, and Coralie Stratford.
Standard IV. —Robert Gardiner, Austin Morrison, Ivylean Pope, Elizabeth Robinson, John Wells, and Marjory Young, Standard III.—Robert Diamanti, Ada Dolton, Ernest Gibbons, Frank Glastonbury, Leonard Glastonbury, Rose Gardiner, William Hughes, George Murray, Wilfrid Pope, Vernor Pope, Percy Pope, Nea Stratford, and Harry Stratford. Standard II.—Albert Alquist, Elsie Hughes, Margaret Rae, Ellen Robinson, Horace Rush, and Jane Turnbull.
Standard I. —Lawrence Alquist, Edgar Gibbons, Ethel Morrison, Annie Murray, Herbert Stratford, Joseph Simpson, Roy Twidle, and Grace Walker.

24th October 1902 Canvastown School.

The continued success of scholars attending this school must be gratifying alike to the parents and to the head master, Mr. H. A. Stratford. Recently a general examination of pupils was held and prizes were awarded for all-round proficiency, three prizes also being given for attendance. The funds for the purchase of prizes were obtained from a “social,” supplemented by personal donations by members of the School Committee. A special prize was given to the scholar who obtained the highest percentage of marks, and this was gained by Robert Diamanti (Standard III.), with 525 marks out of a possible 581, or 90.3 per cent. The prizes will be presented at an early date. Following is the list of prize winners:—
Standard VII. (Total marks 718). Victor Simonsen, 602 marks, 1 Esther Young, 592, 2; Daniel Leahy 523, 3.
Standard VI. (Total 690).—Alfred Dalton, 589 marks, 1; Charles Alquist, 578; 2 ; Maggie Hughes, 450, 3,
Standard V. (Total 647). —John Morrison, 488 marks, 1; Coralie Stratford, 435, 2; Robert Forrest, 380, 3. Standard IV. (Total 619). —John Wells, 470 marks, 1; Elizabeth Robinson, 414, 2; Robert Gardiner, 389, 8, Standard 111. (Total 581).—Robert Diamanti, 525 marks, 1; Ernest Gibbons, 492, 2; Frank Glastonbury, 489, 3; Nea Stratford, 467, 4.
Standard 11, (Total ,467).—Elsie Hughes, 396 marks, 1; Albert Alquist, 386, 2; Horace Rush, 365, 3. Standard I. (Total 339). —Grace Walker, 286 marks, 1; Lawrence Alquist, 278, 2 ; Ethel Morrison, 270, 8. Preparatory, upper. (Total 120). Claude Picard, 103 marks, 1; Arnold Morrison, 101, 2; Norman Hughes,. 99, 3. Attendance prizes.—The school was open 400 , times, and Frank Glastonbury attended 396 times, Ethel Glastonbury 390 times, and Percy Pope 380 times.

18th November 1902 Warbling’s from the “Wak.”

Pastoral matters do not seem to be quite so rosy as might be expected considering the amount that one is mulcted of by the man with the cart, when one has a longing for a chop. In conversation with several farmer friends the fact has been elicited that the increase of lambs throughout the valleys has not been quite so large as was expected, and that the percentages as a whole are not on a par by any means with what they have been for the last two or three seasons ; so that if prices for stock should be ruling high during the ensuing season, as most growers expect, there will be some depreciation in the numbers to be disposed of. This may not, however, be altogether a loss, or even a ground of complaint eventually, as it seems apparent in these days of perfection and keen competition three good lambs properly finished bring as much kudos and ever so much more honour to the pastoralist as five scrappy lambs which the freezing companies can do nothing with,, and which, like last season, may hang on the grower's hands, perhaps throughout the winter, for lack of a store buyer, until one out of each ten emerge from a grassless world, weary and worn, seeking Nirvana in the Valhalla of a crocky sheep on some hillside under the changing New Zealand skies. On the whole the winter seems to have been most severe for hoggets, and most samples of these, it is said, show a goodly number of weaklings among them. The season's lambs, however, are strong and well-grown generally, and with a return of seasonable warmth are expected to give a good account of themselves. And one's farmer friends smile benignly upon one, when one comes across them in the highways and byways; build for themselves newer, statelier habitations, take unto themselves wives of the daughters of men; and altogether disport themselves as if the old world was not such a bad place to knock around in after all. May their shadows never grow less. The report as to how the young idea of the Wak. is shooting and is being taught to shoot makes a bit of interesting reading. Whether the Chairman of the Committee or the Headmaster furnished the report is none of the Warbler's business, but as he thinks there is a screw loose somewhere he smilingly gets his driver to work. In the four higher Standards out of a possible 668-5 marks there was gained an average of 492-5, or 78-4 per cent.; in the four lower Standards out of a possible average of 376-75 there was gained an average of 327-62,0 87 per cent. The highest percentage of marks in the school —for which a good special prize was offered as inducement to do well — was attained by a pupil in the lower division; the three attendance prizes were gained by pupils in the lower division —which may not mean much, but is certainly suggestive ; while the three, and only, failures were found in the higher division. Though not disparaging the work in any way one would like to suggest that if the results must be gratifying, as has been said, to the parents and the headmaster, Mr. H. A. Stratford, they must be rather more so to Miss M. Lammas, who is in charge of the lower school, and her friend. Honour to whom honour is doe. The Warbler.\\

25th November 1902 The Warbler" and the Canvastown School.

Complaints having reached us as to; the alleged unfair criticism, by "The Warbler," of the results of a recent examination of the Canvastown School, we have made

inquiries and have ascertained' that our correspondent, was not correct in his analysis of the position, and in the interests of fair play we must give the facts of' the case. The examination was a private one, conducted by the headmaster and his assistant, There are seven standards and what "The Warbler" terms the "higher division" has five Standards, while the " lower division" has only two Standards. The average marks obtained were:-—five senior classes (total marks 651), 492.6, equal to 75.6 per cent.; two lower Standards and upper preparatory classes (total marks 308),.253.7, equal to 82-2 per cent.'

The highest percentage was won by a boy in the senior division, and two of the three attendance prizes were won by pupils in, the higher division

2nd December 1902 a Correspondent. The usual monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, 29th November. Members present:— Messrs. Glastonbury (Chairman), Rush, Wilson, Simpson, and Alquist. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed including a resolution to enforce the attendance clauses of the Education Act. Head Teacher's report : —Average attendance for the month, 58-8 ; number on the roll, 70. Attendance unsatisfactory. The result of the annual examination was especially gratifying to all concerned, the number of marks gained in class and additional subjects, in many cases, reaching the high standard of good and excellent. It was resolved to congratulate the bead teacher, Mr. H. A. Stratford, on the highly satisfactory results of examinations for five years in succession. It was also resolved to congratulate the assistant teacher, Miss Maude Lammas, on the success of the lower division, there being but one failure in that part of the school during the four years she has been in charge, a fact of which she may be justly proud. The prizes having been purchased, it was decided to present them at an early date. The prizes are awarded on the result of examination in the whole of the fourteen subjects taught, and. not merely on pass subjects.

It was decided that the summer holidays commence from 19th December, the school to open again on the 2nd February

12th December 1902 CORRESPONDENCE.

THE WARBLER AND THE CANVASTOWN SCHOOL.

To the editor. Sir, —-In your issue of 24th October, you were good enough to publish the names of the prize-winners of the Canvastown School, and you introduced the report with these words: — The continued success of scholars attending

this school must be gratifying alike to the parents and to the head-master, Mr. H. A. Stratford." Through an oversight, Mr. Editor, the name of the assistant-mistress was not mentioned in those introductory remarks, and this seems to have raised the ire of The Warbler. Probably no one is in a better position to appreciate the careful and successful work of Miss Lammas than I am—I yield not even to The Warbler in this respect—and I regret that that lady was not included in the eulogy. The Warbler's comments in the matter, however, show that he knows nothing of the organisation and the teaching in the school, or of the results of the year's work, and I now ask him to obtain correct information before he again attempts to criticise the work of the school. If The Warbler apply either to the Chairman of the Committee, to the assistant-mistress, or to myself, he can have for his careful perusal a copy of the

time-table and all the school results for the last four years ; thus he will see what blunders be has made.— I am, etc., H. A. Stratford. Canvastown School, 10th December, 1902. TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —I see by the notes of The Warbler in last Friday's issue that he apparently takes exception to the basis on which the School prizes were awarded. He says: " The public examination is the only test on which all public moneys are disbursed, except prize moneys apparently." If by "public money " he refers to capitation, then he is sadly wide of the mark, as capitation is paid on attendance and not on examination results. If he refers to scholarships, that are an entirely different matter, as in that case each scholar is subject to individual examination. By public examination I presume he means the Inspector's annual examination. Now, I think it would puzzle even The Warbler to award prizes fairly, for general knowledge, entirely on the Inspector's report, as the Inspector only gives individual marks in pass subjects, and strikes an average in class and additional subjects. A scholar may obtain an apparent high pass by being proficient in pass subjects and yet be extremely weak in class subjects, and thereby assist in reducing the average of his class. The prizes were awarded on the result of the Inspector's examination so far as he gave individual marks, and on the result of examination by both teachers in subjects where the Inspector struck an average. If the Inspector's report alone had been taken the prizes would have been awarded on from four to seven subjects only, varying according to Standards, as striking an average on the class subjects would have put all scholars on an equal footing in those subjects.—I am, etc.,
Chairman Canvastown School Committee.
9th January 1909 Hon. Mr. Mills has been advised by Mr. Smith, Inspector of Schools, Marlborough, that Alfred Dalton, of the Canvastown School, with 343 marks out of 380 (equalling 90 per cent,), and Phoebe Brydone, of the Renwick School, with 841 marks (equalling 89 per cent.) are the winners of last year’s M.H.R. medals. As your readers probably know, these gold medals are awarded by Mr. Mills to the two pupils who gain the highest number of marks at the annual examination of the primary .schools throughout Marlborough

10th February 1903 Canvastown School Committee.

(From a Correspondent.) The monthly meeting- of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, there being present Messrs. Glastonbury (Chairman), Hush, Wilson, Alquist, and Simpson. The Head Teacher's report showed the number on the Roll to be 69 — boys 41, girls 28, and that the average attendance since re-opening of school was 59-1, one family of five being absent owing to an attack of measles.
Correspondence from Education Board, re appointment of honorary Pupil Teacher, was read; all parties being agreeable, it was decided that Miss Esther Young act as such. As Miss Lammas is advancing with the Kindergarten work, a cupboard that can be also used as a table is becoming a necessity, and it was resolved to apply to the Board for same.

As the Teachers have decided to commence physical drill with the girls from the Second Standard, upwards, it was decided to obtain a supply of dumb-bells. It is very pleasing to all interested to find that a pupil of the school, Alfred DaIton, was successful in winning the M.H.R. medal, he having obtained 343 out of a possible 380 marks, the highest for the Province; this is certainly an honour for the school. A balance sheet was presented showing receipts and expenditure in connection with the School Prizes and Picnic : —Prize Fund (Receipts)— Proceeds of Troopers' Social, £2 12s; personal donation by Committee, 17s 6d ; Mr. Foston, 10s 3d ; Mr. Mayo's list, 15s; total, £4 15s 9d ; Expenditure—books, £3 11s 3d ; carriage, 3s; printing, 6s; 16 lb tin of mixtures, 6s 8d; total, £4 6s lid. Picnic Fund (Receipts) — Balance from Prize fund, 8s lOd ; per Mrs. J. DaIton, 3s 6d; per friend, Is 3d ; per Mr. H. A. Stratford, 8s 5d; total, £1 2s. Expenditure—by races, tug-of-war, etc., £1 2s Od.

10th February 1903 The annual picnic in connection with the Canvastown School vas held last week, and proved an enjoyable affair. All day the boys' 'lower playground, so picturesquely situated, was filled with picnickers of all ages and sizes, and with races and games the time passed quickly and pleasantly. The children's events were well contested, the high-jump for boys and the races for the bigger girls being particularly interesting features. A good sum of money was given in prizes, a few of the lucky ones going home quite wealthy. A number of ex-pupils were present and showed in various ways their appreciation of the sport and that they were still interested in the affairs of the school The tables, erected by Messrs. Glastonbury and Simpson, under a group of lace-bark trees, had their strength well tried by the huge quantities of good things supplied by parents and friends. At the conclusion of the day Mr. Foston made a few remarks complimentary to those who wen- responsible for the pleasurableness of the gathering, and cheers were then given for the ladies, the committee, the teachers, and friends. In the evening a dance and supper were held, and the juveniles thus brought a successful day's outing to an end

1st May 1903 As only seven candidates were nominated there was no need for an Following are, the names of those appointed:—Messrs. Glastonbury, F. Rush, Donald Wilson, D. Morrison, W. Simpson, A. Alquist, and C. P. Hart Messrs. Hart and D. Morrison are new members. Mr. Glastonbury was again; appointed Chairman. A letter was received from Rev. Foston, thanking the Committee for the use of the School for Divine services and Band of Hope meetings. The Secretary was instructed to refund to Mr. Stratford amount expended by him for dumbells. The Chairman reported having received M.H.R. medal and handing same over to the Head teacher for presentation to Master Alfred DaIton,. the scholar who had won it. .

9th June 1903 Canvastown School Committee.

(From a Correspondent.) - A meeting of the School Committee was held on Saturday, 6th June. Members present: — * Messrs. Glastonbury (Chairman), Morrison, Bush, Wilson, Alquist, and C. Hart. Teacher's report:—Average attendance

for month of May, 46.2; No on the Roll, 71. After making full allowance for sickness and bad weather, the attendance is far from satisfactory. It was' resolved to inform - parents that although the Committee do not wish to cause unpleasantness, if the attendance drops then the compulsory clauses of the Act will be strictly enforced. - , It was resolved to obtain a few loads of gravel for the School ground. It was decided that the winter holidays last a fortnight, and that the date of closing be left for the teachers to decide.

The members of the Committee agreed to give one prize, for each Standard to the scholar obtaining the highest number of marks at the annual examination. It was also decided that the Committee endeavouring to make arrangements, if possible, for holding a social in aid of a prize fund. The **School** cleaning being performed in a satisfactory manner, it was decided to continue as at present, It was also agreed that the sum of 6s- per month be paid a senior scholar: for lighting the **School** fire during the winter months, Resolved to obtain half a dozen fir trees to replace trees that have died. The inspection report was highly satisfactory, and the Committee resolved to again congratulate thee teacher, The teachers desired to express their thanks to the Committee for always being willing to meet their wishes in any reasonable request. Inspection Report;— Organisation, 1 quite satisfactory; time tables, carefully drawn up, and well observed; methods and quality of instruction order and supervision in recess, provided-for juniors and general behaviour of* pupils, very good; sufficiency; of **School** accommodation, barely sufficient; other topics, rolls neatly and correctly kept roll N0.72, present 65.

29th September 1903 Canvastown School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, 26th September. Present'.—Messrs. Rush, Wilson, C. Hart, Morrison, Simpson, Alquist, and Glastonbury (Chairman). Head Teacher's Report.—Average attendance for quarter, 54.5; No. on Roll, 69. Although the working average had reached 54-5, the strict average was only 42-2 for the quarter, owing chiefly to the prevalence of measles. The examination papers showed a full pass for the school. This is a' , result exceeding all expectations, considering the irregular attendance, particularly during last quarter, and is proof positive of the solid groundwork laid during the early part of the 1 year. The Committee again have much pleasure in congratulating the Teachers on their year's work. The work of the Fourth Standard is particularly noticeable, many -of the scholars obtaining highest possible marks for spelling and arithmetic; this is - the largest class in the school, and it has succeeded in obtaining a very strong pass. The subject of irregular attendance was discussed, and Mr. F. B. Rush having consented to act as Truant Officer, it was resolved unanimously that he act in that capacity. The indifference of some parents with respect to their -children attending school is unaccountable^ It was decided to interview the ladies with respect to holding a social in aid of prize fund ; social to be held within a month, if possible. • It

was also decided to give one week's holiday before commencing the new work. The passing of some small accounts for payment closed the business.

29th September 1903 School Examination.

CANVASTOWN. Mr. Stratford (Headmaster) and Miss Lammas (Assistant), may well; feel proud of the results achieved this year, for there was not a single failure. Elsewhere we publish a report of a meeting of the Committee, of the School, in which particulars of the examination will be found. Following are the passes : Standard VII—Charles Alquist, Alfred DaIton, Elizabeth Gibbons, Myrtle Hughes, Victor Simonsen, Esther Young. Standard VI.-SholIo Gardiner, William Glastonbury, John Morrison, Mary Murray. Standard V.—Robert Gardiner, Austin Morrison, John Wells, Marjory Young. Standard IV. -Robert Diamanti, Rose Gardiner, Ernest Gibbons, Leonard Glastonbury, Frank Glastonbury, William Hughes, George Murray, Wilfrid Pope, Percy Pope, Vernor Pope, Ivylean Pope, Nea Stratford, Harry Stratford, Cecil Twidle. Standard III.-Albert Alquist, Elsie Hughes, Margaret' Rae, Ellen Robinson, Horace Rush, Jane Turnbull. Standard 11.-Lawrence Alquist, Edgar Gibbons, Ethel Morrison, Annie Murray, Joseph Simpson, Herbert Stratford, Roy Twidle, Grace Walker. Standard I.—Edgar Adair, Mary Gardiner, Ethel Glastonbury, Norman Hughes, Arnold 1 Morrison, Claude Picard, Annie Pope, Harold Simpson, Horace Stratford

9th February 1904 Canvastown **School.**

The prizes won at the annual examination, by scholars attending this school, were presented on Wednesday last by Mr. Glastonbury, Chairman of the School Committee. In an able address, the Chairman pointed out the great value that education was to everyone, and how all should endeavour to acquire as much knowledge as possible; he told the scholars that wealth might be acquired and lost again, championships won and wrested from us— But education once given us could not be taken away. He urged the scholars to attend their school regularly, not only for the general welfare of the school, but for their own particular advantage, and so make the most of the valuable chance ‘which lay before them. He concluded by paying a tribute to the teachers on the excellent position the institution held on the list of Marlborough schools. The prizes have been carefully selected, and the winners will find them both interesting and instructive. The following is the prize list: — Standard VII.—Total 789: 1 Victor Simonsen, 628; 2 Alfred DaIton, 599; 8 Myrtle Hughes, 672. Standard VI. —Total 605 : 1 John Morrison, 497; 2 SholIo Gardiner, 456. Standard V.—Total 602; 1 John Wells, 607 ; 2 Marjory Young, 880. Standard IV.—Total 610: 1 Robert Diamanti, 491; 2 Prank Glastonbury, 460', 3 Ivylean Pope, 426 ; 4 Nea Stratford, 421; 6 Percy Pope and Ernest Gibbons, 420 each. Standard III.—Total 616: 1 Elsie Hughes, 414 ; 2 Ellen Robinson, 861; 3 Albert Alquist, 858. Standard II. —Total 435: 1 Herbert Stratford, 873; 2 Grace Walker, 845; 8 Edgar Gibbons, 840. Standard I.—Total 260: 1 Claude Picard, 222; 2 Arnold Morrison, 211;

8 Norman Hughes, 202. Preparatory.—Total 100: 1 George Wilson, 84; 2 Ivy Simpson, 81; 8 Stanley Morrison, 79. Special Prize for highest percentage of marks.—Herbert Stratford, with 85 *7 per cent. Attendance Prizes.—Total 410: 1 Frank Glastonbury, 408 ; 2 William Glastonbury, 403; 8 Leonard Glastonbury and Robert Diamanti, 899 each.

4th March 1904 The usual monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday last. Members present—Messrs. Glastonbury (Chairman), Hart, Wilson, Morrison, and Rush

Head teacher's report: Average daily attendance since Christmas holidays, 58 (3; present roll-number, 67 ; all things considered, attendance satisfactory. Resolved to nominate Mr. E. H. Stratford as auditor. The Chairman was instructed to employ labour for repairing fence and clearing blackberries and briars, so far as funds will permit. Decided to request payment of long outstanding accounts for school-books. Miss Lammas reported having obtained a modulator and tuning-fork, requisites for leaching singing; the Secretary was instructed to refund amount expended. The Chairman pointed out that according to the latest report of the Minister of Education, the Southland and Marlborough schools were taking, the lead amongst the schools of the colony in obtaining the highest percentages of passes, the two districts mentioned having passed 89 per cent, of those examined; the average for the colony was 86-1. The average for Canvastown for several years has been 94. It is also worthy of note that in the report of the Inspector of Schools for the year ending December, 1903, in the summary of results for each school in table 2, we find that Renwick and Canvastown take the lead amongst the Marlborough schools as regards proficiency in Class and Additional Subjects and their condition as discipline, and manners. Mr. Stratford having been selected as one of the players in a district cricket match, to be played in Blenheim on 2nd March, it was agreed unanimously that he be granted leave of absence on that date, Miss Lammas 1 and Miss Young carrying on the school. \ The balance sheet in connection with prize fund was presented, asunder: —Receipts.— Per social, £\ 15s; donation (Mrs. J. 1 Dalton), 4s; total £4 19s. Expenditure.— (Books, £4 6s; expenses of social, 14s; total, (£5. Small account for labels not yet to hand; the Committee agreed to subscribe deficiency.

8th March 1904 One building, however, seems to forebode an impending loss to the Canvastown School by the resignation of its mistress. Well, without wishing her anything but joy, we are desirous of retaining her services. She has always fulfilled her numerous duties in a most praiseworthy manner — having had only one failure in her division in the course of her five years' career

31st May 1904 Canvastown **School** Committee. —The usual monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Saturday, 28th inst., members present being—Messrs. Mason, Morrison, Wilson and Glastonbury. Headteacher's report: Average daily attendance for month, 58,8 out of a roll number of 68 ; attendance unsatisfactory. Resolved to apply to the Education Board for a special grant of £3 for the purpose of effecting some absolutely necessary repairs, and to again draw the Board's attention to the dilapidated and forsaken appearance of the **School,** for want of a coat of

paint.—The Chairman was instructed to make arrangements for some necessary repairs.—The Head teacher reported having obtained a further supply of 20 pairs of dumb-bells at a cost, including carriage, of £1 14s .The Chairman reported that he had received, and had forwarded to the Education Board, the resignation of Miss Lammas, as Assistant-teacher, and that the Board were calling for fresh applications. The Committee placed on record their regret at losing the services of Miss Lammas, a teacher who for five years and a half has carried out her duties with the greatest credit to herself and to the scholars generally ; unquestionably she leaves the **School** with a record of which a teacher may be justly proud.—(Correspondent).

13th May 1904 The resignation of Miss Maud Lammas as assistant teacher at .Canvastown was received ; and the Secretary was instructed to call for applications to fill the vacancy, the head teacher to be empowered to obtain any necessary assistance required in the meantime.

17th June 1904 The sum of £3 for small repairs was granted to Canvastown. A request that the school be painted was deferred. Both the Canvastown and Kaituna Committees selected Miss Ethel Hill as assistant teacher. —It was resolved that Miss Hill having made her choice. Miss V. Jeffries be appointed to the remaining vacancy.

26th July 1904 very pleasant half-hour was spent at- the Canvastown School this afternoon, the occasion being a farewell presentation to Miss Lammas. A good number of friends were present. Mr. Stratford opened the proceedings by stating that they had met there to do honour to Miss Lammas, by presenting her with a token of esteem, on the occasion of her resigning her position at the Canvastown School. He then called on Mr. Glastonbury, Chairman of the School Committee, to make the presentation. Mr. Glastonbury said he felt sure they would all agree it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that they bad met there that afternoon. There was a general feeling of regret that the time had arrived when Miss Lammas was severing her connection with the Canvastown School. At the same time, it was a pleasure to know that for nearly six years she had carried out her duties conscientiously and with excellent results. Education was in a manner a building—we may say a building of priceless value—and like

all buildings of a permanent nature it required a substantial foundation, and Miss Lammas had been successful in forming a solid foundation in the minds of the young—a foundation upon which Mr. Stratford had been enabled to so successfully carry on the building. If Miss Lammas' work had not been of a permanent nature, neither Mr. Stratford nor any other teacher could have brought on the higher Standards in such a successful manner as had been done. It would be found by official reports that the Canvastown School would compare very favourably with the best of our primary schools, and this was a state of affairs of which teachers and all interested might feel proud. During the time Miss Lammas has been teaching at Canvastown she has gained and retained the confidence of

all who took an interest in the welfare of the School. Personally, as one who for nine years continuously had served as a Committeeman, he claimed to have a fair knowledge of how things had been going on, and on behalf of Committees both past and present he had much pleasure in thanking Misa Lammas most heartily for the courteous and kindly manner in which she had always complied with requests, and for the many kind actions she had performed, and to specially thank her for her services during the past three weeks, as she had inconvenienced her* self by studying the welfare of the School. There was a general feeling that she should not be allowed to leave the School without her services being in some way recognised, and it had therefore been decided to present her with some token of esteem, suitably inscribed. On behalf of the parents, teachers, and scholars, he had very great pleasure in presenting her with a silver hot-water kettle and stand, also a silver toast-rack, and he hoped she would value the presentation, not so much for its monetary value as on account of the spirit in which the presentation was made. Although she was severing her connection with the Canvastown School they were glad to know that she was not ’leaving the district, and he was sure it was the hope and wish of one and all that in her new departure in life she would be blessed with health, happiness and prosperity.

Miss Lammas replied by saying that she had always tried to do her duty, and it was a pleasure to know that her services were appreciated. Although she was leaving the School she was not leaving {the district, and it would be always a source of pleasure to her to do anything that lay in her power for the welfare of the School. (Hear, hear.) She wished to thank all* con* earned for kindness shown during the time she had been connected with the Canvastown School, and for the handsome presents, which she would most highly value. Mr. Stratford referred to the good work done by Miss Lammas, in a few well-chosen and pleasant remarks, and concluded by hoping that her future would be happy and prosperous. On the call of Mr. Stratford, three hearty cheers were given for Miss Lammas. On Thursday afternoon, at St. Peter’s Church, Canvastown, Miss Lammas was presented with a handsome picture, from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. The Rev. Mr. Stace made the presentation. Miss Lammas has for several years been Superintendent

9th August 1908 Illness. —We are glad to be able to report that the lad Austin Morrison, who was so severely hurt last week through falling when running across a bridge on the tramline at Canvastown, has taken a turn for the better. For some days the doctor held out but slight hopes of the boy's recovery, so the news that be is mending will be doubly welcome. Austin is one of the " bright " boys of the Canvastown School, and recently gained the Guardian prize in a map-drawing competition open to all children attending Marlborough schools.

26th August 1904 The selection of Mr. H. A. Stratford (Headmaster of the Canvastown School) as Headmaster of the Renwick School, is a fitting recognition of that gentleman’s scholastic ability, and we are confident it is only a stepping-stone to the higher positions he is capable of filling. His removal from Canvastown will be keenly felt. His singular success in the School has made the Committee and parents anxious to retain his services, and as Captain of the Rifle Club and Cricket Club and

member of the Football Club he has become almost an institution. Personally, we acknowledge many courtesies at the hands of Mr. Stratford, and, while we condole with the parents and children of Canvastown, we sincerely congratulate Mr. Stratford upon his promotion.

16th September 1904 CANVASTOWN. A letter was received from the Canvastown Committee urging the Board to have the school painted. After considering the present state of the Building Fund, it was resolved that a letter be sent to the Minister for Education giving a statement of the Board's finances and directing attention to the urgent necessity for painting many of the Board's schools in order to prevent them from going to ruin, and asking for a special grant of £500 for this and other building requirements; and that the Member for the District be requested to press the claim upon the attention of the Department.

The Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. H. Hill as head-teacher. The appointment was made on the usual terms as recommended. Mr. H. Stratford wrote stating the Canvastown Committee wished him to remain in his present position until after the annual examination.—Agreed to

4th October 1904 Social at Canvastown.

Notwithstanding that Friday was wet and dark, a very large number of people attended the social in the Victoria Hall, Canvastown, given as a farewell to Mr. H. A. Stratford, who is leaving Canvastown to assume the position of Headmaster of the Renwick School.
Everybody was in the best humour, and the floor being in good order and the music (supplied by Mr. A. Rutland) first-class, dancing was indulged in with a swing that showed how thoroughly it was enjoyed. The Hall was nicely decorated with flags kindly lent by the Havelock Town Board. Residents from all parts of , the district were present, Havelock sending a contingent of about twenty-five. At 10.30 the object of the gathering was referred to by Mr. Glastonbury (Chairman of the Scholl Committee), and Mr. Stansfield (Secretary to the Social Committee) read telegrams from Hon. C. H. Mills and Mr. John Graham, M.H.R., regretting their inability to attend and expressing pleasure that Mr. Stratford's ability was being recognised by the residents. A letter was received from Mr. H. Hill (the new Headmaster of the School), in which it was stated that both the writer and Mrs. Hill were ill with a relapse of influenza, which prevented their attendance at the social.
Mr. Glastonbury then, on behalf of the parents, teachers, and scholars, presented to Mr. Stratford a silvermounted shaving-set, with a neat inscription, saying that they were losing a gentleman who had been an honour to be in the district. The speaker referred to the good "Work done by Mr. Stratford at Cullensville and Deep Creek, and said that Since he had been at Canvastown he had done even better. According to the last report of the Minister of Education, Marlborough schools occupied second position among the schools of the colony, having obtained 91 per cent, of passes.

According to recent returns, the Canvastown -School stood second to none in the excellence of the results obtained, and the parents were genuinely sorry to lose Mr. Stratford. For his own part, no one was more sorry than he was ; he had, perhaps, been thrown more in contact with the Headmaster than had anyone else, and he wished to thank. Mr. Stratford, on his own behalf and on behalf of the various School Committees that had existed during Mr. Stratford's term of office, for the courtesy and consideration shown them at all times, and the assistance given on many occasions by Mr. Stratford. It was said there were as good fish in the sea as ever were caught, but the difficulty was to hook them. - (Laughter.) It was a hard matter to get a teacher who suited the district as Mr. Stratford did. In conclusion, Mr. Glastonbury said he hoped Mr. Stratford would continue to rise in his profession, as he deserved to. (Hear, hear; and " For he's a jolly good fellow.") Mr. Glastonbury also gave Mr. Stratford a very eulogistic testimonial signed by members of the School Committee,

The next presentation was made by Mr. James Hughes, and consisted of a leather travelling bag, with an inscription setting forth that the bag was the gift of "Canvastown, Pelorus, and Havelock Friends." Mr. Hughes spoke briefly, mentioning that Mr. Stratford's popularity was due to the fact that he identified himself with almost every movement in the district. Mr. H. M. Header made the final presentation —a silver manicure set, from the members of the Canvastown Defence Rifle Club. Mr. Reader stated that he knew Mr. Stratford best as a cricketer, and a good cricketer, at that. He had also proved himself a good marksman and volunteer, and was the first Captain of the Rifle Club. He had been schooled in Blenheim and had afterwards been a pupil teacher there; he was now going to what was probably the second-best school in Marlborough—thus gradually working his way back to Blenheim—and his friends fully expected to see him Headmaster of the Borough School. (Heat, hear.) On coming forward to reply, Mr. Stratford was greeted with cheers. He said he did not feel equal to expressing his appreciation of the kindness shown to him that evening, but he wished them all to accept his sincere thanks for the beautiful presents and for the hearty reception. While he could not accept all the praise bestowed upon him, ha felt that he had honestly striven to do his duty. He had taken an interest in affairs in the district because he believed it to be the duty of every person to take their share of responsibility in the clubs and other institutions that make for sociability in small communities. Unfortunately, people are not always ready to take this responsibility, which generally fall on the shoulders of a few. He urged the young fellows of the district to take an interest in athletic sports, as these had a distinct tendency not only to improve a person's physical welfare but gave o in a broader view of life. Referring to school matters, Mr. Stratford said that a great proportion of the success he had achieved in the Canvastown School was due to the moral support he had received from parents, for it was certain that no efforts of teachers could succeed if they were not supported by the parents. The School came between two influences—the street influence and the home influence— and it was very necessary that there should be no deviation from strict discipline while

a child was attending school; and this will not be insisted upon if parents were not in sympathy with the teachers. He asked them to accord to Mr. Hill (his successor) the same appreciative support that they had extended to him (the speaker) and to Mrs. Flower when she was Assistant Mistress. He wished to thank Mr. Glastonbury and the other members of the School Committee for the interested support they had always given him, and which was the reason they and he got on so well together. He would always retain the warmest feelings for the people of Canvastown, and again thanked everybody for their very great kindness. Three hearty cheers were again given for Mr. Stratford, and then dancing was resumed. Later on the supper-room was invaded, and visitors were surprised to note the astounding quantity and variety of the dainties provided by Mrs. Dillon. As one visitor expressed it; “It’s a half-crown spread for a shilling.”
On returning to the Hall, several songs were sung and dancing was continued till close upon four o’clock. On behalf of Havelock visitors, we have to thank Mr. and Mrs.-Dillon and the Social Committee for thoughtful kindness to members of the party.

4th October 1904 CANVASTOWN. Following is the list of passes at the Canvastown School: Standard VII.—Shalto Gardiner, John M Morrison. Standard Vl.—John Wells, Marjory Young. Standard V.—Robert Diamanti, Rose Gardiner, Ernest Gibbons, Leonard Glastonbury, Prank Glastonbury, William Hughes, George Murray, Ivylean Pope, Percy Pope, Vernon Pope, Nea Stratford, Harry Stratford. Standard IV.—Ada Dalton, Albert Alquist, Elsie Hughes, Margaret Rae, Ellen Robinson, Horace Rush.' Standard III.—Lawrence Alquist, Edgar Gibbons,-Annie Murray, Henry Hemi, Ethel Morrison, Joseph Simpson, Herbert Stratford, Grace Walker. Standard ll.—Edgar Adair, Mary Gardiner, Ethel Glastonbury, Norman Hughes, Arnold Morrison, Claude Picard, Annie Pope, Harold Simpson, Horace Stratford.

Standard I.—Leonard Hill, Robert Hughes, Foster Hughes, Stanley Morrison, Ellen Pope, Ivy Simpson, Ernest Reeve, Harold Reeve, Lily Walker, Frank Thomas, George Wilson.

1st November 1904 The usual monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, 29th ult. Members present were Messrs. Gardiner, Mason, Alquist, Morrison, and Glastonbury.

A communication was received from the Head Master, regarding the dilapidated condition of the paper on the walls of the residence,, and mentioning other improvements needed. —It was decided to refer the matter to the Board.
A suggestion from the Head Master that the Committee provide two slash hooks, in order that the children may, under the Teacher’s directions, clean up and tidy the play-ground, was approved. Complaints having been received in reference to cricket being played on the school-ground on Sundays, it was decided that the practice be put a stop to.

The official report of the recent examination was presented, and again showed excellent results. The Committee had great pleasure in again congratulating the late teachers on the result of their efforts. The scholars of the Fifth Standard are again to the front; this is a large and strong class that have always-stuck together and shown themselves conspicuous, from the preparatory classes upwards. Following is a correct copy of the report: COMPULSORY SUBJECTS. Reading good, Standard IV. and P. excellent; composition satisfactory. Standards VII. and IV. good; writing good, Standards V. and VI. excellent j spelling good, Standards V., 11. and I. excellent; recitation, excellent; arithmetic satisfactory to good. Standard 111. excellent; drawing, excellent; singing, nil; physical instruction, good to excellent; geography good, Standards V. and 111. excellent; history, satisfactory. ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS. Nature study and elementary science, satisfactory to good; handwork, fair to satisfactory; needlework, satisfactory to good. INSTRUCTION OF CLASS P. Reading, excellent; spelling and arithmetic' good; recitation, good to excellent; writing, fair. Order, discipline, and tone of the School, satisfactory; efficiency of the School, etc., good.

30th December 1904 Canvastown School. BREAKING-UP FESTIVITIES

(By a Correspondent.)

The " breaking-up " of the Canvastown School this year was celebrated in great style. The long-looked-for gathering took place on Thursday, 22nd inst. Shortly after breakfast, scholars and friends began to assemble on the ground to enjoy the picnic, and determined to have good measure pressed down by making an early start. A pleasing feature was the cricket match played by Havelock and Canvastown schoolboys; after a most exciting game the latter won by 21 runs. At the close of the game, cheers were heartily given and words spoken by Mr. Hill. After lunch, the company were augmented by several visitors—Revs. A. W. Stace and H. Poston, from Havelock, and Mrs. Thorpe, of Okaramio School, arriving on the. ground. An early tea was provided to enable the milkers to do their duty and return in time for "Our Concert." Shortly before 8 o'clock crowds began to roll up from all parts of the countryside, and the school was packed to the doors to hear a programme which would have done credit to a larger place. Mr. A. Glastonbury, Chairman of the School Committee, worthily occupied the chair, and apologised for the absence of the Rav. Stace, who had to return home. The programme was much appreciated, and was as follows: Master L. Glastonbury; speech, H. Stratford; overture, R. Gardiner; recitation, Madge Rae; physical drill, boys; chorus, children ; recitation, Marjory Young; chorus, children; recitation, infants; song and chorus, children; chorus, children; recitation, H- Stratford; recitation, Stanley Morrison; fan drill, children ; recitation, R. Diamanti; speech, Rev. Foston; dialogue, G. Murray and E Gibbons ; recitation, P. Glastonbury ; duet, Nea Stratford and Robert Diamanti.

Space will not permit of comment on the various items, but where all did so well it would be out of place to particularise. During the evening the Rev. H. Foston, by request addressed the gathering, and dwelt briefly on the value of education. As he

was addressing the future men and women — those who were to fill the ranks—he urged them to do their very best, so that they would not be left behind in the battle of life. The Rev. gentleman concluded by urging that an " honours ,board " be placed in the School.
Mr. and Mrs. Hill deserve all the that can be bestowed upon them for lending the piano and training the children for the concert.
On the motion of Mr. James Hughes, thanks were accorded the ladies for providing the provisions, and to all who had helped to make the breaking up such a success
28th April 1905 CANVASTOWN. The following persons having been nominated, were declared elected: — A. Alquist, D. Morrison, G. Gardiner, J. Mason, D. Wilson, C. Hart, and A. Glastonbury. There not being a quorum present the meeting adjourned until Saturday, 29th inst.

1st August 1905 STRAYING STOCK AT CANVASTOWN.

TO THE EDITOR Sm,—A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee took place eradicating straying animals on the School ground. Another member jumped to his feet, kicked the stool behind him, and said the animals were required on the School ground in the interests of the health of the children. A voice from the back roared: “Those who require the animals there for that purpose let them fence off their own ground." Another member then moved that the Stock Inspector’s attention be drawn to the unhealthy condition of these animals; but on looking up the Stock Act it was found that thy did not come under the jurisdiction, of the Inspector. “ What about the School Act ? ” said another member. A search of this Act revealed a clause providing that “dogging off,” yarding, \and impounding, fell upon the poor Schoolmaster, who is required to have the learning of an Admiral Crichton {?), the patience of Job, and the payment of a common labourer —I am, etc., Fleacatcher

26th September 1905 Canvastown School.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION. Standard I.—Annie Gardiner, David Young, Frederick Alquist, Andrew Glastonbury, Arthur Pope, Martha Climo, Francis Alquist, Albert Simpson, Emily Robinson, Empson Mason. Standard ll.—Lily Walker, Stanley Morrison, Robert Hughes, Foster Hughes, George Wilson, Ellen Pope, Ivy Simpson, Rose Wells, Nellie Morehu, Pera Morehu, Prank Wells. Standard 111. Horace Stratford, Claude Picard, Arnold Morrison, Prank Guilford, Annie Pope, Norman Hughes, Daniel Borck, Harold Simpson, Ethel Glastonbury, Mary Gardiner. Standard IV.—Herbert Stratford, Lawrence Alquist, Edgar Gibbons, Grace Walker, Joseph Simpson, Ethel Morrison, Annie Murray. Standard V.—Elsie Hughes, Ada Dalton, Horace Rush, Ellen Robinson, Standard VI, — Robert Diamanti, Frank Glastonbury, Ernest Gibbons,. Rose Gardiner, Percy Pope (Proficiency Certificates); Harry Stratford, Austin Morrison (Competency Certificates). Standard VII. John Morrison,

Esther Young, Marjory Young. [The Head Teacher has the power of placing children just where he thinks fit, and unless children are diligent in their work and regular in attendance many may be placed in a lower grade again].

13th October 1905 Canvastown: The resignation of Miss Hill, assistant teacher, was notified.—It was decided to advertise for a successor. The sum of £3 was granted for a cupboard.

27th October 1905 Personal.—Miss Hill, of the Canvastown School, will leave there on 3rd November to take up the position of Assistant-Teacher at the Stoke School. During her term at the Canvastown School Miss Hill has interested herself in many social affairs and will be very much missed by a large number of friends.
6th February 1906 Among those scholars who have satisfied the examination requirements for junior free places at the recent examination for National Scholarships, but who did not reach Scholarship standard, were Masters Ernest Gibbons and Frank Glastonbury, both of the Canvastown School.
13th February 1906 Pelorus Road Board Meeting The Chief Engineer of Roads wrote notifying that a vote of £8O was available for the erection of a swing-bridge over the Pelorus River, near the Canvastown School, in order to enable children on the north side of the river to attend school regularly. It was, however, understood that the bridge would cost more than £BO and that it would be necessary to acquire a right of road to give access to the proposed bridge. The Board were therefore asked if they were prepared to acquire the necessary land.—Mr. C. F. Hart wrote in reference to this subject, stating that there is already a road giving access to the site on which it is suggested the bridge should be built.— Resolved to inform the Chief Engineer as to the position ; also, not to take any steps to have the grant transferred to the Board.
6th March 1906 From a Correspondent). The usual monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday, the members present being Messrs. J. Mason, D. Wilson, D. Morrison, A. Alquist, 0. Hart, and A. Glastonbury (Chairman). The Head Teacher reported that the average attendance for the past four weeks was 63, out of a roll number of 73. This may be considered as fairly satisfactory, but is chiefly owing to the regularity of a number of children who very seldom lose a half-day, whilst there are a number of others who attend little more than half-time. Unless there is a marked improvement in this direction it is the intention of the Teachers to deal with these laggards at time of examination, when they will not be presented in higher Standards than they have already passed. The Teacher reported that arrangements were in hand for holding a concert and picnic at an early date, and be asked the co-operation of the Committee. The following resolutions were passed:—That the Board be applied to put in Tomblin's Ventilators; that Mr. E. H. Stratford be appointed Auditor; that the School District boundary be extended one mile in the direction of Deep Creek; that a request be made for payment of books accounts, and that no further books be supplied where there are long-standing accounts; and that the Committee congratulate Mr. Hill on his success in bringing on the two scholars Ernest Gibbons and Prank Glastonbury for

Scholarships. If not a record, it is a very unusual thing for two scholarships to be gained by scholars from the same School at the same time. There is no doubt but what the late Teachers (Miss Lammas and Mr. H. A. Stratford) will feel highly gratified at the success of these two boys, whom they so conscientiously piloted for six years. The fact that these boys have passed clean through from the preparatory classes and gained scholarships before reaching the age of 18 years is proof positive that the respective Teachers have done their duty.

13th March 1906 SCHOOL CADETS. CLASS-FIRING AT CANVASTOWN. On Thursday afternoon last the longed-for class-firing took place on the Canvastown range. The firing was supervised by Ac ting-Captain Hill, who was ably assisted by Messrs. Reade and Down. The example of these last-named gentlemen in giving their spare time to forward the Cadet movement is much appreciated by the corps, especially in view of the fact that without such help the class-firing could not be carried out. The corps are also indebted to the Rifle Club for the free use of their range. Considering that it was the first shooting done the scores were very creditable. There were seven shots at 150 yards. The following scores' were registered:—

George Murray . . 22
Austin Morrison . . 19
Horace Rush . . 18
John Morrison . . 17
Robert Hughes . .14
Frank Thomas ~ . 10
Lawrence Alquist . . 10
Herbert Stratford . . 9
Norman Hughes . . b
Edgar Gibbons ~ . 5
Joseph Simpson . 4

Owing to the lateness of the hour the whole of the Cadets did not fire. It is hoped that the Havelock detachment will be put through their class-firing on Thursday next. Owing to the threatening weather on Saturday, Acting-Captain Hill did not visit Okaramio, as he had arranged, but he hopes to put the detachment there through their firing at an early date

16th March 1906 Canvastown : The Committee applied to have ventilators installed, and that the boundary of the school district be extended towards Deep Creek The matter of ventilators agreed to; but further information as to reasons for extending school district was asked for

27th April 1906 CANVASTOWN. Only three householders were present on Monday evening, but as all the members of the old Committee had been nominated they were declared re-elected, as under:—Messer . A Glastonbury, J. Mason, C. Hart, D. Wilson, A. Alquist, S. Gardiner, and, D. Morrison. There not being a quorum there could be no meeting of the new Committee.

29th May 1906 A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday last, the members present being Messrs. C, Hart, A. Alquist, D. Wilson, D. Morrison, S. Gardiner, and A. Glastonbury. This being their first meeting since the election (there not being a quorum present on that occasion), the first business was to elect a Chairman, and Mr. Glastonbury was, for the sixth time, elected Chairman and Secretary. The Master's report showed that the average attendance for the first seven weeks of the present quarter was 56,2 out of a roll of 73, a little less than 77 per cent. —very unsatisfactory. Bad attendance in several cases appears to be the rule rather than the exception. The Committee have no wish to make unpleasantness, but in justice to all interested it has been unanimously decided to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. Mr. C. Hart has been appointed Truant Officer, and will see that the Act is complied with. The Secretary was instructed to attend to several small requirements. The date of closing for the winter holidays was left to the Teachers.

17th July 1906 Canvastown School Committee.

(From a Correspondent).
A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday last,* Members present —Messrs. Hart, Alquist, Morrison, Mason, Wilson, Gardiner, and Glastonbury (Chairman). The Headteacher's report showed that the average attendance for the quarter ending 30th July was 65 86, out of a roll-number of 72-rabout 76 per cent.; this is ten per cent, lower than the average for the colony, and it appears that nothing short of extreme measures will remedy this defect. The Truant Officer was requested to finally notify offenders in this respect that this state of affairs will no longer be tolerated.
The necessity of several repairs was pointed out, but as the Committee's funds are at a very low ebb the Chairman agreed to attend to some of the smaller ones, free of cost. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Reade re ventilators he had agreed to put in, as authorised by the Board. It was also decided to apply to the Board for eight dual desks, to replace some of the very old desks that were worm-eaten and falling to pieces. The interim inspection report was of a very satisfactory character. The election of members of the Education Board was discussed at considerable length, and the action of the School Committees' Association in recommending certain persons before the closing of nominations did not create a favourable impression. The vexed question of school-book accounts was again referred to, and it was decided to urgently request settlements, because, what with long-standing accounts and the stock it was necessary to have on hand it was very difficult for the Committee to meet their obligations. A PERSONAL MATTER. The business of the meeting being concluded the Chairman stated that he wished to say a few words with respect to a report of their last meeting, which appeared in a Blenheim paper. Such report must have been given directly or indirectly by some member of the Committee. Portion of the report referred to stated that "Mr. Wilson and other members of the Committee strongly objected to the action of the Chairman in taking

such power (with reference to the Master) upon himself, and hoped that in future he would consult members on such matters." Now, all the members were present, and they knew perfectly well that no such expression was given utterance to by any member; but quite .the reverse, as Mr. Wilson, the member especially mentioned, distinctly stated that they did not blame the Chairman in reference to the subject under discussion. During the 12 years he had been a member of the Committee he had always endeavoured to do what he could in the best interest of the school, and he strongly resented the report that he had been censured by his fellow-members — for that was what the report indicated—when no such thing had occurred or any reason for such.
The Chairman's reply as to why he did not reply to the report was that it was some time before his attention was drawn to the matter, and that when a lie had once got a start it took a great deal of overtaking. Unfortunately, it was characteristic of some persons to be continually probing, misrepresenting, and creating dissension, and generally from behind cover.

14th August 1906 FOOTBALL.

HAVELOCK SCHOOL V. CANVASTOWN SCHOOL. This match, played on Brownlee Park on Saturday, proved very interesting. The superior combination of the visitors enabled them to win by the substantial margin of 12 points to 8 points. Many of the boys showed that they had a good knowledge of the tricks of the game, and repeatedly evaded their opponents. The Canvastown team were better, all round, than the local boys, but the latter played a plucky game throughout. The Havelock lads need coaching in scrum-work, on the line-out, and in backing-up. The line-kicking was, very good on both sides, and there is no fear of the game deteriorating is this district while we have such sturdy lads coming on. Canvastown'-s score was made up by tries secured by Norman Hughes (a really plucky little player, up to every spirit of the game and as sharp as a needle) and H. Simpson. Tom Murray converted one of these and ."also kicked a penalty goal; both were splendid kicks. Havelock's try was the result of fine play by the Havelock Awards, Eric Reader getting across the line. - Mr. Owen Passau proved a capable Referee

14th August 1906 Miss McAllister was re-appointed to the Canvastown School. On Mr. Scott's motion, seconded by Mr. Reader, eight new desks were granted to Canvastown.

11th September 1906 Inspector's Reports Canvastown: Satisfactory to good ; improvement shown in several directions

18th September 1906 CANVASTOWN SCHOOL.

Following is a list of successful scholars at the recent examination of the Canvastown School : Proficiency Certificates. Austin Morrison (good), Horace Rush

(good), Elsie Hughes, Nea Stratford. Competency Certificate. George Murray. Standard VII.—John Morrison (excellent), Marjorie Young. Standard V. —Herbert Stratford, Lawrence Alquist, Ethel Morrison, Grace Walker, Edgar Gibbons, Joseph Simpson, Annie Murray. Standard IV.—Horace Stratford, Arnold Morrison, Claude Picard, Norman Hughes, Harold Simpson, Ethel Glastonbury, Annie Pope, Mary Gardiner. Standard 111. Robert Hughes, Foster Hughes, Francis Browett, Stanley Morrison, George Wilson, Frank Wells, Lily Walker, Ivy Simpson.
Standard 11. Annie Gardiner, David Young, Andrew Glastonbury, Frederick Alquist, Francis Alquist, Frank Coombs, Jessie Mosen, Emily Robinson, Albert Simpson, Charlotte Hemi.
Standard I—Jessie Rush, Arthur Pope, Empson Mason
25th September 1906 On Saturday morning, at 10.80, the Chairman of the Marlborough Education Board (Mr. McCallum), Mr. H. M. Reader, and Rev. W. B. Scott interviewed the Minister of Education, and were received very nicely. I might mention here that the Ministers seem very much pressed for time. One is given to understand that time is very short and that many other people are waiting; long speeches are not desirable because Ministers have a general knowledge of the subject. The Minister seemed very favourably impressed with the idea of a central **school** at Mahakipawa. (A plan of the locality, prepared by Mr. W. K Matthews, of Havelock, was of great assistance, and the delegates resolved to convey their thanks to Mr. Matthews for it).

12th October 1906 Canvastown. The Committee requested additional school accommodation, the present building being too small—Referred to the Inspector for a report.

14th December 1906 VARIOUS SCHOOLS. Canvastown.—The Committee requested the Board to look into the necessity for additional accommodation at the school. Mr. Hulls Hill's letter to the Committee was forwarded, stating that 76 children and two teachers were boxed up in a room 40 foot x 32 foot.(12.19 metres x 9.75 Metres) Eight classes were being taught at once. The children were likely to suffer from want of ventilation. He had seen wood and coal housed better. Visitors had been disgusted, with himself, at the condition of things. He would not stand it much longer. Mr. Scott said he had visited the school on a summer's day. All the windows were open, yet the atmosphere was stifling. It was a new building. The boys had had to be turned out into the rain in the play hour, owing to the want of a shelter shed.

On the motion of Mr. Reader, a sum of £36 for a partition was granted to the Committee

Master John Morrison, who has received instruction in Standard VII. at the Canvastown School, and who entered for the recent Junior Civil Service examination, has been notified that be passed with credit. Considering that nearly every other candidate had the advantage of College and High School education

Master Morrison deserves special mention, and credit is also due to his mentor, Mr. Hollis Hill

12th February 1907 CANVASTOWN NOTES.

(From Correspondents). SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday evening. Members present— Messrs. Alquist, Wilson, Morrison, Mason, and Glastonbury (Chairman). Teachers' report: Average attendance since re-opening of school, 55.6 out of roll-number of 72 ; average for the last quarter, 59 out of a roll of 73. The Committee are unanimously of opinion that the time has arrived when it is imperative that steps be taken to enforce the attendance clause of the Education Act, as nothing short of stringent measures will bring some parents to a sense of their responsibility in this respect. On the suggestion of the Head teacher it was decided to apply to the Education Board to appoint a Truant Officer, and to point out that such officer could work the whole of the surrounding districts, as is being done in the Wairau. Parents would then have to deal with the Truant Officer and the Magistrate, and local friction would be avoided.

During the holidays the school porch has been extended as authorised by the Board, and this improvement is highly appreciated by all interested. It was resolved to thank the Board for complying with the Committee's request. The Committee heartily congratulated Mr. Hill on the success of the scholars presented for Scholarship and Civil Service examination. The success of John Morrison at the Canvastown School examination is worthy of special note, as he heads the list of the Marlborough candidates considerably. Elsie Hughes passed the scholarship examination, but unfortunately there was a scarcity of scholarships to be awarded on this occasion. It is very gratifying to all interested to know that the school still upholds its reputation, and it is encouraging to the teachers to know that their services are appreciated. The applications of Mildred Stratford and Elizabeth Gibbons for appointment as honorary pupil teachers was referred to the Head teacher for approval.

The Secretary was requested to again write re the desks granted some months since, but which have not arrived. It was also decided that several small repairs be attended to. Resolved to request that outstanding accounts for books be settled, as the money was needed to meet liabilities

5th March 1907 Master John Morrison, who was so successful at the recent Junior Civil Service Examination, has been offered and has accepted a position in the Stamp Department in Wellington. He left last week to take up the duties, followed by the good wishes of his teachers and schoolfellows.

Miss Ria Me Allister, who was also a member of Mr. Hill's Continuation Classes, has received information that she was successful in obtaining a partial D at the recent Teachers' Examination.

Mr. Hill, Headmaster of the Canvastown School, also took four subjects in the Examination for Class D, and was successful in passing in the four

15th March 1907 Visit to the Exhibition Providing the boat from Nelson will make the connection at Picton on Wednesday, 19th inst., a detachment of Cadets from various Marlborough Schools will visit the Exhibition at Christchurch. The Canvastown School will be represented by fifteen Cadets, in charge of Mr. Hill, and it is hoped a number will join from Havelock and Okaramio

15th March 1907 Canvastown. -It was decided to approve Nelson College as the place for Elsie Hughes to carry out her scholarship course.

The Committee forwarded the Head teacher's letter complaining of non-observance of the School Attendance Act. The remedy was a truant officer; appointed from Havelock.—It was decided to request the Havelock and Canvastown Committees to find a person to act as truant officer for the whole of the Western Ward, the Board to pay such person £5 per annum and all fines collected.— At the request of the Committee, Miss Mildred Stratford was appointed monitress of the school.—A request for new school forms was dealt with, the possibility of Mr. Reade, Havelock, making some according to model being mentioned.

.26th April 1907 CANVASTOWN. The annual meeting of householders' was held on Monday evening ,for the purpose of electing a School Committee. The balance sheet was read and adopted. Very little interest was taken in the matter. The old Committee were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. D. Wilson, who is leaving the district. Mr. Glastonbury was again re-elected Chairman and Secretary.

17th May 1907. The Canvastown Committee, who were one member short, were asked to send in to the Board the name of the gentleman whom they desired to recommend for the position

28th May 1907 NOTES FROM CANVASTOWN.

By " The Scribbler."
The Victoria Hall on Friday night presented rather a pretty and attractive appearance, the event being the School Girls' Social. This function was a great success, and the proceeds will enable the girls to form a Hockey Club of their own. During the early part of the evening the youngsters took possession of the floor, and from all appearances had a real good time. About 10 o'clock Mr. H. Spear, on behalf of the Kia Ora Hockey Club, presented Mr. Dillon with a silver mounted whip as a small token of the esteem in which he is held. The whip—which is suitably engraved—is a real good one, and was admired by all. Mr. Dillon, who is leaving the district shortly, will be greatly missed by the hockey girls, as he has always taken a keen interest in

their welfare. Mr. Dillon in a short speech thanked the girls for their kindness, and assured them he would value the present for all time.
Still another surprise awaited the people. In this instance, Mr. Dillon, on behalf of the Kia Oras, presented to their Captain—Miss McAllister, who is also leaving the district to take up duties at the Waitohi School—with a" silver-mounted purse. In handing the present to Miss McAllister Mr. Dillon said it gave him extreme pleasure to make the presentation, and at the same time he regretted Miss McAllister's departure from the district, as the Hockey Club will suffer in losing such an energetic member. Personally, he was very proud of the hockey girls, and would always take a keen interest in the coming up matches. Mr. Spear, on behalf of Miss McAllister, thanked the girls for their kindness. He also referred to Miss McAllister's qualities as a hockey player, and said in losing her they are losing the best member they ever had. At about 11 o'clock a splendid supper was partaken of, which had been provided by the ladies. Dancing was kept up until the early hours the next morning. The schoolgirls have already formed a Club here, and are practising daily, with bush sticks, until they get enough funds to procure suitable ones. The Club are to be called the " Kotero " Hockey Club. Having challenged the Kia Oras to a game, a match was played on Saturday, when, after a most exciting game, it ended in a draw—3 goals each.

14th June 1907 Canvastown.-— Miss Itta Macalister's appointment as assistant teacher was approved, —Mr. John Hart was appointed to the Committee.

25th June 1907 Miss Andrews, Canvastown, has sent in her resignation, and will leave the service at the end of the present month. Great regret is felt by Canvastown residents at losing Miss Andrews, for she has been very efficient and obliging in the discharge pf her duties.

28th June 1908 THE YEAR-TO-YEAR FARCE.

ITS EFFECT ON EDUCATION. MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL TABOO'D. Ever since its introduction we have denounced the unfair regulation* of the Marlborough Education Board which provides that teachers under the Board shall only be engaged from year to year. It is therefore not necessary for us to recapitulate the many arguments against this preposterous regulation. Much more to the point, as emphasising our contentions in a very forcible manner, is the following letter, addressed to the Chairman of the Havelock School Committee:—
"Pahiatua, 22/6/07 I desire to thank your Committee for the appreciation which led them to select me as Head teacher of the Havelock School, but I am sorry to say I must decline the position." (After stating that he was quite prepared to sell or let his house and move to Havelock at his own expense, though the salary is only £5 per annum more than he now receives, on account of climatic conditions, the writer proceeds) . • . . but token I found that the conditions of appointment were only a certainty for one year 1 deemed it more advisable to remain here. .. An experience of

19 years' teaching has revealed to me the fact of men whom I consider good men getting poor results very occasionally, and I know I am not infallible, J. S. Webb."
Mr. Webb was selected, from fourteen applicants, as Headmaster of the Havelock School, which is thus likely to suffer considerable inconvenience through this outrageous regulation. We appeal once more to the common sense of members of the Board to repeal this regulation before it has completely flung its chain round the' education system in this Province. Not for a day, or a year, only will its curse be felt, but for the whole lifetime of many hundreds of children now attending the schools of Marlborough.

16th August 1907 Canvastown,—It was decided that the Department be applied to for a grant of £42 in order to extend the porch and build the chimney.

18th October 1907 Canvastown,—The Technical Education Department notified that £7 was due to the Canvastown School.—The Inspector was authorised to pay the amount;

15th November 1907 Canvastown.—The Committee were granted authority to have a chimney erected. —Mr. Hill, subject to the Committee's approval, was granted leave to visit Nelson, for four days, to sit for examination.

15th November 1907 CADET FIRING. Mr. H. Hill, Captain of the Canvastown Cadets, wrote pointing out that the conditions as to the Chaytor trophies for rifle shooting prohibited country schools from competing, as only one range was stipulated, that at Vernon. Mr. Hill asked that the cadets be allowed to fire at Canvastown, and suggested that Mr. Reader and the Rev. Mr. Stace supervise. He intended entering a team for the colonial contests, so that it was important his school should have an opportunity. Mr. Reader said there was a good range at Havelock. He thought that was the proper place for the Canvastown cadets to compete at. The regulations were produced, when it was seen that the conditions provided for the first firing to take place at Vernon on the first Friday in December. The Chairman suggested that by unanimous agreement the regulations be varied, so as to allow a firing at Havelock, besides Blenheim. Then the next meeting could confirm. If not, the Pelorus boys would still need to come to town to fire. The concession was, of course, subject to Mr. Chaytor's consent. This was agreed to, Mr. Reader undertaking to supervise along with the Rev. Mr. Stace.
28th February 1908 CANVASTOWN NOTES.
(From a Correspondent). The Chaytor Prizes will be presented by Mr. H. M. Header at a schoolchildren's party to be held in the Victoria Hall on Friday, 8th March. Rev. Mr. Stace, Mr. Chaytor, Major Sturrock, and others are to be invited, Amusements in the form of games and dancing for the children. Gasgoyne Williams, who made 71 when firing for the prizes, was dis* qualified for not having earned capitation, he having attended this school for thirteen weeks, and therefore put in only thirteen drills, instead of the sixteen required by the regulation. Either he or Sholto Gardiner

will win the district medal for the highest score in the district. George Murray tied with Gardiner, each making 89, but Gardiner made two more points at 200 yards. Herbert Stratford, awarded a Country Scholarship of £25 a year (which will just cover his board, etc., in Blenheim), left last week to take up his school duties at the Marlborough High School. Gasgoyne Williams was successful in passing the Junior Civil Service, He. attended the local school for three months to get his final preparation. Miss McAlister has received word that she obtained a partial D in the recent teachers' examination. Mr. Hollis Hill, Headmaster of the Canvastown School, was among the successful candidates for Glass 0 at the teachers' examination this year, and is still awaiting the result of the November examination for B.A., when he sat for a proficiency certificate in the' theory and history of education, with a view of qualifying for the teachers' B certificate.

14th February 1908 RIFLE SHOOTING. Major Sturrock reported that four" of the Chaytor shooting prizes went to Canvastown cadets, and one to Picton. One of the Canvastown boys had been disqualified owing to having failed to earn capitation. Mr. Reader complained of the disfranchisement of the schools in the Pelorus district through the ruling that the Nosworthy Belt could only go to a competitor who had fired on the Vernon Range. Mr. Nosworthy in presenting the Belt had distinctly stated that it should go to the best Shot in the district, all primary school pupils to be eligible, whether cadets or not…….

14th February 1908 SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships were awarded as follow : Herbert Stratford. Canvastown (422), £25 for two years ;

Canvastown. —Mr. E. H. Stratford claimed to be paid by the Board for metal supplied at Mr. Storey's instance. He could bring witnesses to prove that Mr. Storey had authorised the supply of the metal, and if the Board still refused to pay he would sue.—Mr. Storey explained that what boulders had been supplied had proved useless.—The Board decided that it was not responsible to Mr. Stratford—he must recover from the contractor.

Canvastown.—The Committee wrote asking the Board to erect a shelter shed. A letter was also received from the Education Department stating that the money for shelter-sheds must come out of the building fund, as they could not see their way clear to make a special grant.—It was resolved that all schools desiring shelter-sheds should send an estimate of the cost of their requirements.

The Committee also wrote recommending Miss O'Sullivan first, and Miss Young second, for the position of assistant.—The Committee's recommendation was confirmed, and it was resolved that Miss O'Sullivan be appointed, provided she would accept.
Correspondence was read on the subject of the shooting for the Department's silver medal for the best shot among the cadets in the Board's district, Mr. Hill, of

Canvastown, protesting against the medal being awarded to a Picton cadet when a Canvastown cadet beat him by 9 points. Mr. Reader explained that the medal and the Nosworthy Belt were awarded to a Picton boy ; when a Canvastown cadet made a higher score. The competition was held in December, 1907. Mr. Strachan explained that a circular had been sent from the Education Department to the persons interested, setting out among other things that there was no limit to the number of trials.
Mr. Reader said it was a very unfair thing if the competition was not decided on one particular day. He moved that inquiries be made regarding |the silver medal given to a Picton cadet when the highest score was made by a Canvastown cadet.
Mr. Storey seconded, and the motion was carried.
18th December 1908 Canvastown.—Mr. Hollis Hill, teacher, wrote asking for the right to erect an educational building on the school ground—Granted. The Committee were authorised to erect a shelter shed.
16th February 1909 The Canvastown School Committee met last Saturday, and out of four applicants for the position of assistant teacher recommended that Miss Sarah Hutchinson be appointed. A resident forwarded a long and ill-advised letter of complaint against the Head Teacher, saying the school was not progressing as it ought and making several statements which a glance over the Inspector's reports for the last three years shows to be absolutely incorrect. The Committee resolved that the dissatisfied parent be admonished by the Chairman, *(Rest of article not copied by Papers Past)*

2nd March 1909 CANVASTOWN SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir, — Don't you think it's getting too " strong " when the Education Board dictate to the School Committee as to who shall be appointed to teach in the school ? A majority of the Committee plumped for one young lady on the solid ground that her record as a " teacher " was good ; she didn't have high-falutin' certificates, but she had shown she could teach, and that's what we want. The experience in country schools is that the teachers with fancy certificates only stay till they feel their feet. They don't seem to understand the needs of back-block children, and get out of touch with them and their parents. So that is why the local Committee put up their hands for the local girl with a good record, passing over another young lady who is probably better suited for a big town school. Then the Education Board (or perhaps* it would be nearer the mark- to say: the two big-screw officials who boss the Board just as they please) steps in and says ; " You've got to appoint the other young lady, as we don't approve of your choice." Who are the best judges—the two Board bosses or the School Committee ? I think the members of the Committee who submit to this dictation should not be allowed to represent the parents, for the Act says the final choice is to be made by the Committee. —I am, etc., Ses I.

12th March 1909 At their meeting this week the Board transacted the following business of local interest The Chairman of the Canvastown School Committee, in

reply to certain correspondence that was referred back to the Committee by the Board, and bearing upon the appointment of an assistant teacher, desired the Board to define the position of the Committee in. the matter. It was pointed out that a disagreement had arisen between members of the Committee in connection with the recommendation of Miss Hutchinson for the position, and the Board were asked to appoint a teacher to fill the vacancy, for which there were two applicants.

Dir Reader said that Miss Wadsworth was the most suitable for the position, and should be appointed. Mr. Strachan, upon being asked for an opinion, said Miss Wadsworth was the more suitable of the two applicants for the position, and recommended her. He explained that while Miss Hutchinson was well suited for a smaller school she was not qualified for the position of assistant.

It was resolved to appoint Miss Wadsworth to the position, and to help Miss Hutchinson in connection with the Kaituna school.

9th April 1909 Messrs. D. Morrison, S. Gardiner, J. K. Hart, and C. F. Hart, members of the Canvastown School Committee, forwarded a request that they be supplied with copies of the correspondence that had passed between the Chairman of the Committee and the Board with reference to the appointment of a teacher. On the motion o£ the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Parker, it was decided to supply the copies. 30th April 1909 present. The only member of the old School Committee who failed to attend was Mr. John Mason, who however left his nomination paper with the chairman. Mr. 15. H. Stratford was voted to the chair, and for some time a very lively discussion ensued. Eventually Messrs. Homes, Stratford, Morrison, S. Gardiner, J. Hart, C. Hart, and P. B. Rush, senr., were elected, and out of these Mr. C, F. Hart was made chairman and Mr. D. Morrison secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. Glastonbury, who has filled the position of chairman for many years most conscientiously and ably, begged leave to decline re-election on the committee. The vexed question of the appointment of teachers led to a lot of argument, and the correspondence between the Board and the committee was read over several times. It is to be hoped the new committee will work more harmoniously for the future.

14th May 1909 The Chairman of the Flat Creek School Committee asked that the money and papers sent in by Mr. C. Turner be returned. He also pointed out that there were only two acres of the ten acres used by the school.—It was decided to inform Mr. Hebberd that the teacher was entitled to the income from the balance.

14th May 1909 The Canvastown Committee directed the attention of the Board to the necessity for painting the interior of the school.—It was decided that the work be done during the winter holidays. Mr. James Hughes wrote asking the Board whether they would have any objection to a small building for the purpose of a post office being erected in the Canvastown School ground,, as the site there was in every way desirable.—The secretary said he had asked Mr. Hughes to obtain the School Committee’s recommendation.— Express

18th June 1909 Canvastown.—The Committee approved of the re-appointment of Mr. Hill as head teacher. The ,head teacher asked for certain alterations. The Committee

submitted tenders for painting the school.—It was decided to accept Mr. A. Reade's tender for painting at £9 10s, and that £3 be allowed for repairs to the school.

22nd June 1909 (From our Correspondent). HOCKEY. The Kia Ora juniors were matched against Takoreke juniors on Saturday. On both sides some excellent play was seen, though Havelock had certainly the better team of the two. The game ended without a score on either side, though a penalty goal was obtained for Havelock through Annie Murray kneeling on the ball; various obstructionists, either by accident or design, prevented the goal being made use of before time was called. The visitors were entertained at afternoon tea by the parents of the Canvastown school girls, and by the Kia Ora seniors. Mrs. Homes, President, looked after the comfort of the visiting children as far as was possible, and provided them with lemonade at half time.

The Building Committee of the L., M. and D. Society, comprising Messrs. Hill, J. Hughes, Norman Jones, John Mason, Frank Ball, and Howard Spear, have arranged to confer with the Canvastown School Committee at that puissant body's monthly meeting on Saturday, as to the precise site of reading-room on the school ground. The School Committee are determined that the reading room must be erected fifty feet front the school and schoolhouse, and where it will not obstruct the public from viewing the artistic public buildings we already possess. The Debating Society want one particular place. " Pull Teufel, pull Baker Will this tug-of-war be a drawn game, also ?

16th July 1909 The Canvastown School Committee asked the Board to have a door placed in the main building of the school. The letter pointed out that there were two rooms in the school and only one entrance from the grounds and that the pupils in the upper division, had to tramp through the room occupied by the lower division, which was unsatisfactory.—The Chairman said he would suggest that the Board subsidise the committee for the work.—Mr. Parker said he was very glad the matter had come up. He thought that through the way in which schools were constructed the Board were running a great risk. There were no means of exit, and if the Board were not careful there would be a terrible crash, and there would be no possible chance of the children getting away in case of fire. He moved that the request for a door be acceded to Mr. Reader seconded the motion, which was carried,

20th August 1909 On Saturday, at 1 p.in., the Rifle Club will shoot for a Club medal at 200 and 800 yards ranges. The local school was examined during the week by the Inspector, Mr. D. A. Strachan. That gentleman, after taking samples of the work throughout the school, expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress the school had made, and complimented both teachers and children on the general excellence of the work shown

17th September 1909 £5 15s was voted for a water-supply at Canvastown School

17th September 1909 Messrs. H. Spear and L. Cooper, representing the Canvastown Debating Society, waited on the Board regarding the site of a proposed hall in the school grounds, and it was resolved to recommend the School Committee to allow the hall to be built where the Society wished.

28th September 1909 The usual monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Saturday night, when all the members were present, Mr. C Hart presiding. A deputation from the Literary and Debating Society asked permission to address the Committee on the question of a site for their reading room and library, but were informed by the chairman that the Committee were discussing the matter, and that the deputation would be admitted in thirty or forty minutes. After that time had elapsed the deputation, consisting of Messrs Miller and Hill, was admitted. The chairman informed the deputation that the Committee had decided to adhere to their former resolution and to oppose the proposal to put the building in the school garden. Mr. Miller said he was very sorry the Committee had not heard the deputation before deciding the question. The Debating Society were prepared to show the Committee that to build on the site in the middle of the playground was not in the best interests of the children or the school buildings. If the building were erected where the Committee wished the public would be able to roam about the school grounds at will. The Society wished especially to help along the young men. and he felt sure that the more secluded they were the more remote would be the chance of the building being injured by the larrikin element. The site in the corner was cut off from the rest of the ground, had an entrance from the road, and was in every way a more suitable place for the building. Mr. Hill said that he, too, was sorry the Committee had not waited till they had heard the deputation before deciding the question. The Society were fighting only for the interests of the district. They did not wish to build a hall in a place where it would be a nuisance to the community. The children's interest was the primary one, and he was surprised that the Committee should allow the Society to build a Hall in the centre of the playground. The site in the corner was only a very small piece, and of no use for anything else or he would not have suggested putting the hall in the school ground. He challenged the writer of the letter in the Express to come forward and substantiate the misleading statements appearing over the signature*" One of the . Committee," but get no response. Mr. Miller said the Society were willing to make the children another garden and to plant more trees in place of the one destroyed. . , The chairman said he was pleased to bear the Society's case, but he was sure it would have made no difference to the Committee's decision if they had heard it before deciding. The deputation thanked the Committee, and withdrew

19th October 1909 There was no debate last Saturday evening, owing to the action of the Canvastown School Committee, so those who had prepared items, and they who meant to listen and behold, were alike disappointed. The School Committee held a special meeting in connection with the debating hall site, but consider their conclave as sacred as the Eleusinian mysteries and prefer to exclude the press reporter from their discussion. The Debating Society Committee held a meeting in Mr. Hill's house, and their intentions will be made known in a day or two

2nd November 1909 The Canvastown School Committee found on going to hold their meeting on Saturday night that Mr. Hill had, alter locking up the school, inadvertently taken the keys away with him to Nelson, so the meeting stands adjourned

14th December 1909]. A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday night. Present—Messrs. C. Hart (chairman), H. Homes, E. H. Stratford, X. K. Hart, and D. Morrison. Correspondence was received from the well-sinker to the effect that he could not be here till after New Year. It was resolved that a miniature rifle range he constructed on the school ground, that all public horses must be kept lout of the school ground for the future, and that all applications for holidays be made to the Committee. The examination is to take place on Friday next, ; and the school breaks up on the 23rd inst. for the summer holidays.

14th January 1910 CANVASTOWN. The Secretary for Education wrote stating that the Minister for Education bad received a complaint that the Board had out of a very limited school site at Canvastown granted a location for a hall not connected with school purposes, and asked for a report thereon. The Chairman moved, and Mr. Storey seconded, that the particulars asked for be sent.—Carried.

28th January 1910 At the local schoolroom yesterday afternoon the late headmaster of the school, Mr. W. C. Smith, was presented by the School Committee with a silver-mounted walking-stick, on the eve of his departure to take charge of the Grovetown School. Mr. W. Pickering (chairman of the Committee) made the presentation, and briefly referred to Mr. Smith's capabilities as a teacher. Mr. Smith made a suitable reply. On behalf of the children of the Anglican Sunday School, Mrs. J. R. Burgin presented Mrs. Smith with a lady's hand-bag, and spoke in praise of Mrs. Smith's, efforts as superintendent of the school. Afternoon-tea was handed round, and the gathering broke up with expressions of goodwill to the departing teacher and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Smith leave for their new home to-day.
15th February 1910 Miss Blanche Stone, sole teacher of the Havelock Suburban School, has received an excellent appointment in the Pahiatua School, and will take up her new position on 3rd April. Miss Stone has had a remarkably successful career as a teacher, and her promotion to a bigger school will give her more scope for her undoubted abilities.
29th April 1910 CANVASTOWN. Our correspondent writes:-At the annual meeting of householders seventeen, including two ladies, were present. Out of nine candidates, Messrs. Morrison, Stratford, Bown, Josephson, J. K. Hart, J. Mason, and C. F. Hart were elected. Mr. Glastonbury was chairman of the meeting. The secretary's report showed that a deal of work had been done by the outgoing committee, that there had been a record number of meetings, and that a lot of extra work had fallen to their share re the Debating Hall. During the year the school had been painted, an extra door put in, 12 new desks procured, and various other repairs made to the building, as well as the school ground having been well cleared of blackberries to the satisfaction of the inspector. The School Inspector's report was read and proved eminently 'satisfactory, the proficiency of the pupils ranging from good to excellent in all departments. The singing came in for special commendation, and the moral tone of the school was much improved; the order was excellent, and the appearance of the school very creditable. The inspector also expressed satisfaction at the result of

the 7th Standard exam, for the Civil Service in Blenheim. The balance sheet had been detained in Blenheim, so could not be read at the meeting. The report was adopted. At a subsequent meeting of the new school committee Mr. C. F. Hart was re-elected chairman and Mr. D. Morrison secretary.

10th May 1910 Mr. Frank Glastonbury, of, Canvastown, has received official intimation of his appointment to a cadetship in the Valuation Department at Dunedin. This lad's advancement is another tribute to the excellence of the instruction imparted by Mr. Hollis Hill, [master of the Canvastown School, for young Frank passed ninety-fourth in an examination in which over two thousand pupils competed.

21st June 1920 On Saturday evening the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society opened their new reading room. This is a neat-looking building on the terrace adjacent to the public school, and is built right up to the public road. The public therefore have access to the building without entering the school grounds at all, and now the building is erected it is the universal opinion that it is in the right place. The inside measurements of the building are 25 x 15 feet, with an 11 foot stud, and arched roof. The outside is rusticating, and the interior is match-lined throughout. A spacious fireplace allows" the room to be fully heated and the kettle to be boiled, and rows of shelves contain the nucleus of a library. Altogether the Society have a room well suited for its requirements, and the district is to be congratulated on that fact. Mr. John Duncan, M.P., has taken an interest in the movement since it began, and had accepted an invitation from the Society to open the room, but a severe cold contracted on Friday caused him to cancel all public engagements. The ceremony was therefore performed by Mr. H. M. Reader, member of the Education Board, who congratulated the Canvastown people on the success of their efforts, and trusted that the Society would continue to flourish. He referred to several improvements that could be done as finances allowed, and mentioned the fact that the building was nearly paid for, thanks to the kindness of Nelson, Blenheim, and local contributors. Dr. Williams added his congratulations, and drew an imaginary picture of the opening of the next hall, when the large influx of population to the gold reefs should place Canvastown on the same basis as it was in 1865. A musical programme was
then presented, consisting of a pianoforte duet by Miss Homes and Mrs. Forrest; song, Mrs. Hill; duet, Miss Homes and Miss Wadsworth; songs by Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Williams, and Messrs. James Hughes, H. Rutland, F. Rush, and R. Watson. The Rev. Stephens felicitated the Society on their efforts, and in a short address urged the importance of whole-hearted service. The pleasure of the gathering was much enhanced by the arrival of Messrs. R. Watson and Rankin, who had cycled through from Nelson to be present. At the invitation of the president of the Society, Mr. H. Hill, Mr. Watson addressed the gathering. Mr. Hill thanked all those who had contributed
towards the funds of the hall and to the programme that night. The very best way to thank the subscribers to the building, he said, was to make proper use of it now it was established. Nelson, Blenheim, Picton, and Havelock friends had contributed generously, and the cost of the building, which was £103 10s without furniture, was almost wiped off. The speaker mentioned that Canvastown had a history, and he

thought it would be an excellent idea to obtain if possible the photographs of the old settlers who had been associated the " The Rush," and hang them in a suitable frame in the room. Such a collection would get more interesting and of more value as years went by. Besides, the younger generation would be able to keep in mind the debt of respect due to the old pioneers. The matter of an arts centre had been delayed by the loss by fire of Mr. G. Rutland's valuable collection, but he believed there were still objects of interest to be obtained in the district and he wished those interested to give aid in this direction. The Society wished the public to understand the room was for the use of all, and hoped that the public would avail themselves of the advantages it offered. Mrs. Freeth contributed a pianoforte solo and Messrs. A. Rutland and Rankin songs, when the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. The visitors were entertained at supper in Mr. Hill's dining room by the Society, and all voted the evening an unqualified success.

28th June 1910 The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held on Saturday night last. The only tender for school cleaning—that of Miss Rose Gardiner, at £3 12s 6d per quarter being considered too high it was resolved to ask Mrs. Bruning if she would do it for the same amount as before, and if she refused to call for fresh tenders. The matter of the school garden—which the Debating Society had commenced to fence as per agreement before being stopped by the chairman of the School Committee—it was decided to leave entirely in the hands of the Education Board, the committee absolutely and unanimously refusing to accept any further responsibility either as to picking the site or the up-keep of the fence—proving again the truth of the adage " an old dog dies hard ! " The debating hall was open as usual on Saturday, and is a boon to those who like a quiet and comfortable place to spend an hour or two.

1st July 1910 The school breaks up for the winter holidays on the 30th inst., and the teachers leave for Nelson and Blenheim on the 1st of July

12th August 1910 The sum of £6 10s was voted towards the Canvastown school library

18th November 1910 The request of the Canvastown Committee that the window be frosted was agreed to, but it was decided to defer till March the painting of the school

29th November 1910 At the monthly meeting of the Canvastown School Committee, held on Saturday evening, there were present; Messrs. C. F. Hart (chairman), D. Morrison (secretary), J. K. Hart, and A. Josephson. Mrs. Bunny's resignation as school cleaner was accepted, and the secretary and chairman were instructed to find another cleaner. Exemption from attendance, on wet days only, was granted to children living on the west bank of the Wakamarina and the north bank of the Pelorus. The examination of the school is fixed for the 16th December, and the school concert will probably take place on the 19th.

20th January 1911 Mr. Hollis Hill, headmaster of the Canvastown School, may well be proud of the success of his pupils at the recent scholarship examinations, for they have secured three out of twelve, in competition with the whole of the schools of Marlborough.

Following is the list of winners;— Cecil Thomson (Blenheim), 484 marks, National Scholarship; £10 for three years.
Ethel Thompson (Waitaria Bay), 455 marks, Board scholarship ; £25 for two years. George Broughton (Blenheim), 451 marks, Board scholarship; £2 for two years. Douglas Tregurtha (Picton), 447 marks,
Board scholarship; £2 for two years. Bernice Mills (Blenheim;, 441 marks, Board scholarship; £2 for two years. Lewis Eyre (Blenheim), 439 marks,
Board scholarship; £2 for two years. Eileen Mills (Marlboroughtown), 433 marks, Board scholarship; £2 for two years. David Young (Canvastown), 430 marks, Board scholarship; £25 for two years.
Eva Brayshaw (Blenheim), 428 marks, Board scholarship; £2 for two years. Margaret Gallop (Blenheim), 417 marks, Board scholarship; £2 for two years.
Andrew Glastonbury (Canvastown), 415 marks, Board scholarship; £25 for two years. Stanley Morrison (Canvastown), 409 marks, Duncan scholarship; £25 for one year.
14th April 1911 Pelorus Road Board report included Mr. A. Rush waited on the Board with reference to the swing bridge at Canvastown. He stated that in its present state it was very dangerous, and he asked that the Board replace it by a new bridge; or, if they could not do this, that they pull down the old bridge. As an alternative, he asked that foot-bridges be placed across the small creeks on the road on the west side of the Wakamarina, to enable the children to get to school. —It was pointed out that the bridge was a private one, and outside the jurisdiction of the Board.—It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Nees, seconded by Mr. Simmonds, that footbridges be erected where needed.—With .regard to the bridge, it was decided that as it was a private bridge the Board could not interfere with it.

28th April 1911 CANVASTOWN. There were thirteen persons, including two ladies, present at the householders' meeting on Monday, when the following gentlemen were elected as a committee for the ensuing year Messrs. C. Hart, J. Hart, D. Morrison, A. Rush, E. Stratford, A. Wratt, and A. Josephson. Mr. C. Hart was re-elected chairman and Mr. D. Morrison was again appointed secretary. The Inspector's report was read and proved eminently satisfactory. A vote of thanks and commendation to the teachers was moved by Mr. Wratt, and earned unanimously. Mr. Hill responded on behalf of himself and Miss Wadsworth. Mr. Miller, secretary of the Canvastown Debating Society, waited on the committee in obtaining a small piece of ground 12 x 16 for the extension of the reading-room. The committee declined to take any responsibility in the matter. A deal of routine business was gone through, as there has been no meeting of the committee since December

9th May 1911 Canvastown news Dave Young and Andy Glastonbury, our two High School boys for this year, are home for the holidays, which last a fortnight

12th May 1911 Canvastown School. —The teachers (Mr. Hollis Hill and Miss Wadsworth) at this school deserve congratulation for the very satisfactory character

of the work done there, as shown by the inspector's report. In almost every subject taught they have attained good to excellent results, and the order, discipline, and tone of the school is recorded as very good. In nature study and elementary science: " a very good course of gardening on practical lines." Geography : Excellent. Drawing; Good to excellent. Composition : Essay greatly improved in taste and expression. Physical instruction : Very good. Spelling: Moderate to good. Arithmetic Moderate to good. Mr. Strachan adds the following personal note; " Each teacher is conscientious, the methods are intelligent, and much attention is given to the moral welfare of the children. Mr. Hill continues to maintain an excellent record in scholarship and Civil Service work in Standards VI and VII." Canvastown parents are indeed fortunate in having a headmaster who takes so keen an interest in his pupils, not only at their studies but at their play.

16th May 1911 The Canvastown School Committee applied for a grant of £4 to cover the cost of clearing the noxious weeds off the school property. This committee also forwarded an application from the Canvastown Literary and Debating Society for permission to extend their hall by 12 ft. It was decided to grant £ for £ up to £4 for clearing noxious weeds, and that the Literary and Debating Society's request be granted,

23rd May 1911 Grovetown School Committee At last night's meeting of the Grovetown School Committee Mr. Hollis Hill was appointed headmaster of the school there. There were six applicants. We heartily congratulate Mr. Hill on his appointment, and feel confident he will justify the committee's selection.

30th May 1911 Monday Mt Hollis Hill, out popular schoolmaster, leaves here on Wednesday. The school will be carried on by Me O'Conner, late relieving teacher at Marlborough town, till Mr. Hill's successor is appointed. The monthly meeting of the school committee was held on Saturday, the members present being Messrs. C Hart (chairman), D. Morrison, E. Stratford. J. Hart, and A Bush. It was resolved that the tender of Stratford Brothers, at 16s per cord, be accepted for three cords of firewood. Also, that the Education Board be reminded of their promise in March last to paint the school; and that they be asked to provide a new clock and a fire-screen. The Board are also to be asked where they got the information that the extension of the Literary Institute' would encroach on the playground ; and that they reimburse the committee the amount spent in clearing noxious weeds during the past three years. Mr. Hill's resignation was received and accepted with regret, and Mr. Hill personally thanked the committee for past courtesies. He said he and his wife were sorry to leave, as they had got used to the people, but a change was always a good thing. After Mr. Hill had withdrawn the committee decided to hold a public meeting on 3rd June to arrange for a presentation to Me and Mrs. Hill.

6th June 1911 CANVASTOWN. Mr. Hill left for Grovetown with his family last Thursday. The school broke up for the winter holidays next day. Mr. O'Connor did

not arrive, and the school is being managed by Miss Wadsworth, with the assistance of Miss McCallum, of Blenheim, until a permanent teacher is appointed. A public meeting to arrange for a presentation to Mr. Hill was held in the Debating Hall on Saturday last. All the members of the -School Committee, most of the L. M. and D. Society, and a few outsiders were present, also several members of the Canvastown Defence Rifle Club, Mr. C. F. Hart was appointed chairman and Mr. Miller secretary. It was agreed that two members of the School Committee —Messrs. C. Hart and D. Morrison ; two members of the Rifle Club—Messrs. Joe Rutland and Godfrey Dalton; two members of the Anglican Church Committee — Mesdames D. Young and W. Dalton ; two members of the Tennis Club— Misses Morrison and Wadsworth; two members of the Debating Society Messrs. J. Hughes and John Miller ; represent their respective bodies on the committee; and that Mr. James Murray represent the general public. Mr. Charles Hart then ordered the rest of the assembly to withdraw that those named might go into committee. Mr. Joe Rutland contended that the rest of those there had a right to know what form the presentation was to take before dispersing, but this was opposed by Mr. Morrison and Mr. A. Rush as unconstitutional, and Mr. Hart again ordering outsiders, including the representative of the Guardian, to withdraw, the rest of the proceedings were conducted (presumably) sub rosa. The King's birthday was celebrated at Canvastown in no way. Not even on the post office or school was a bit of bunting displayed. Is Canvastown too poor or too disloyal to honour the King or the Motherland? Where are the troopers who fought in the Boer war ?.....

20th June 1911 CANVASTOWN. The Canvastown School Committee held a special meeting on Saturday night to select a head teacher in place of Mr. Hill. There were six applicants forwarded by the Education Board in order of merit—namely, Messrs. Maurice O'Connor, Best, Reakes, Bigg-Wither, M.A., Jackson, and Thompson. Mr. O'Connor having far the highest credentials was selected by the committee, and will take up his duties on the first of July. Miss Wadsworth opened the school on Monday, and, with the assistance of Miss McCallum, will manage it until the end of month.

There was a public meeting in the Debating Hall in connection with the presentation to Mr. Hill, when it was decided that the form of presentation should be a purse of sovereigns for Mr. Hill and a tea-service for Mrs. Hill, and that the presentation take place at a social in the Victoria Hall about the next full moon, if possible. Mr. Hill is at present in Nelson, having gone there to attend the wedding of one of his sisters on the 22nd inst.

Master, Arnold Morrison leaves Canvastown this week for Wellington, where a position has been obtained for him in the Department of Agriculture

27th June 1911 CANVASTOWN. Coronation Day passed off very quietly at Canvastown. At nine a.in. the schoolchildren and their teachers assembled to salute the flag. Miss Wadsworth then addressed the children and, assisted by Miss

McCallum, distributed the Coronation medals, after which teachers and children united in singing the National Anthem, under the shadow of the flag that's braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze." The very heavy rain on Wednesday flooded the road, so it was impossible for the teachers to reach the school, but a few children waded there to see if there was any school; they found they bad got wet for nothing

11th July 1911 CANVASTOWN. The long-talked-of social and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Hill came off on Friday night, and was a tremendous success. Several Havelock friends of our schoolmaster attended, among them being Dr. and Mrs. Williams. Revs. Parker and Pain, and Mr. James Gorrie. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. T. D. Taylor and H. M. Header. - Mr. C. Hart, chairman of the Canvastown School Committee, eulogised Mr. Hill's work during his six-and-a half years' residence amongst us, and said that since Mr. Hill took charge the school has gone ahead by leaps and bounds. In group schools Canvastown stands fourth, but as in the last year three scholarships and one Civil Service pass have been obtained, Canvastown School ranks as the first in the dominion.

Messrs. Hughes and Miller spoke on behalf of the Debating Society, Captain Bown on behalf of the Rifle Club, Miss Wadsworth for the Tennis Club, and Mr. Nees on behalf of Mr. Hill's old friends. Then Master Stanley Morrison.; in a really clever speech, presented Mr. Hill with an inkstand on behalf of the schoolchildren. And Rev. E. A. Parker spoke for the Pelorus Church members. After this, Mr. Hart presented Mr. Hill with an address, beautifully illuminated and framed, and signed by the following:—C. P. Hart, chairman Canvastown School Committee; J. Sown, president Canvastown D. Rifle Club; Joe Butland, secretary Tennis Club; j. Hughes, St. Paul's Church; J. Miller, L. and D, Society; and C. Nees, on behalf of Mr. Hill's old friends. Miss Wadsworth then presented Mrs. Hill with a tea-service of handsome design, and Mr. Hill replied for himself and his wife in a very feeling speech. After this, Rev. E. Parker presented Mrs. Hill, on behalf of the Anglican Church Ladies' Guild, with a travelling dressing-case in appreciation of her services to the Church and Sunday School as organist and teacher and all work connected with the Ladies' Guild at Canvastown. Mr. Hill again responded on behalf of his wife, and said many nice kindly things about Canvastown and its inhabitants. The children went through drill and action-songs, and after this the hall was cleared for dancing. A splendid supper was served at midnight, and dancing continued, till about four a.m. There is no doubt that such an enjoyable time has not been spent here for several years, and if good wishes could lighten a man's heart Mr. Hill must have felt very happy on his farewell night at Canvastown. During the evening songs wen sung by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Wilson, and Messrs. McCarthy and Walker

14th July 1911 The Canvastown Committee forwarded the name of Mr. O'Connor as the selected teacher for their school. The appointment was approved

5th September 1911 The football match on Saturday was a great victory for the Canvastown school boys, Who wish it recorded that they owe a good deal to Mr. O'Connor, who has spent a lot of time instructing them in the rules of the game. After the match a few ladies kindly provided afternoon tea, and Mr. Bell gave the boys free drinks to quench their thirst. The boys all played well, Charlie Hart scored a try and kicked a goal, and Len Wells and Kumeroa Mason each got a try. Fred Alquist and Lance Stratford' also distinguished themselves, and Dicky McDonald was ever on the run, but no doubt " Offside " was there and gave you an account of the match.

A meeting of the local School Committee was held on Saturday night, members present being Messrs. D. Morrison, J. Hart, A. Wratt, and E. Stratford: Sir C. Hart, chairman, was absent through illness. The Inspector's report was read, and showed that the lower division was very satisfactory. The headmaster reported that the attendance was very bad, owing to sickness. It was decided that the plans for lavatory be sent on to the Board for approval, and that £2 be spent on gravelling.

3rd November 1911 Measles are in almost every house here, and the committee intend closing the school again. Only 12 pupils were present on Monday out of a roll number of 77.

15th December 1911 The Opouri Valley School Committee notified that Miss Harris been appointed to the permanent charge of the school. -—Appointment confirmed.

19th December 1911 Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., Inspector of School for Marlborough, conducted the annual Standard VI. examinations daring last week, and has kindly supplied the following information Proficiency—Nora Denton, Jessie Rush, Lancelot Stratford. Competency —Clifford McKay

1st March 1912 A special meeting of the Canvastown School committee was held on Saturday evening to consider tenders for, painting the School. The following tenders were received:— F. Henderson, £18 5s ; A. R, £19 17s ; A. Wratt, £14 10s. The tender of Mr. Wratt was accepted. The committee congratulated the teacher on the success of his pupils at the recent scholarship examinations.

29th March 1912 A well-attended meeting took place in the school on Wednesday the 20th inst., to arrange a picnic for the children. It was decided to hold the picnic in the school ground on Wednesday, 23rd April and that there will be sports and prizes for the children

12th April 1912 A very successful picnic of the combined schools of Canvastown and Pelorus Bridge was held in the Canvastown school ground on Wednesday the 3rd inst. The Canvastown school committee, with the teachers and a large number of ladies managed the affair splendidly. Messrs. J. Bown, S. Couper, P. Rush, and N. Simonson also helped greatly. Every child received a prize and the races were

productive of much amusement. Visitors came from Carluke, Havelock, and Wakamarina, and everyone agreed they had a really good time. In the evening a social was held in the Victoria Hall which was crowded to the fullest extent. Songs were given by the school children, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. T. Forrest. Recitations by B. Maddock, Elsie o ! Keefe, E. 'Morrison, and Arthur Rush, and songs by A. Rutland, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. McKay were also rendered. After supper speeches were made by Mr. 0. Hart, (Chairman of the school committee) and Mr. O'Connor, headmaster. Dancing was kept up till two o'clock when the company dispersed after" singing "Auld Lang Syne " and the National Anthem. The dance music, was supplied by Mr. A. Rutland, and Mrs. Wilson played extras

16th April School Committee About 20 householders' assembled at the school on Monday evening when the following gentlemen were nominated and the voting was :—A. Rush 16, J, K. Hart 14, A. Josephson 14, A. Harris 14, D. Morrison 13, C, Hart 13, F. Flower 12, C. Diamanti 9. The first seven were declared elected and afterwards chose Mr. C. Hart Chairman and Mr. D. Morrison Secretary for the ensuing year.' Mr. Morrison was chairman of the householders meeting and read a brief summary of events in the school yard. A lavatory has been erected and the school in its equipment is ahead of many of its size. Some gravelling has been done, and altogether about £40 had been obtained by the old committee of which a balance of £1 8s is left, for the new committee to start with. The painting of the school building is in the hands of Mr. Wratt and will soon be completed. During the year Mr. Hill 'resigned the position of head teacher and Miss Wadsworth temporarily filled his place to the great satisfaction of the committee. Mr. O'Connor was next appointed head master out of five applicants, and under his able guidance the school continues to improve. Votes of thanks to, the retiring committee and to the , teachers were passed Messrs. G. Hart and O'Connor briefly replied. • Some discussion arose over the boundary between the school district of Canvastown and Deep Creek. -A letter received by Mr. Diamanti from the Education Board defining .Ahern's Creek as the boundary, while a plan received from the same Department by the Canvastown school committee, placing the dividing line on Watt's Greek about a I mile lower down, and thus leaving half-a-dozen families in no school district at all, which seems absurd and unjust

10th September 1912 The new member for the Education Board, Mr. C. Nees, has bestirred himself to obtain several grants for the Canvastown School, including one in connection with dairy testing apparatus.

13th September 1912 The Canvastown Committee asked for a grant of £5 for repairs to a chimney. —Mr. Nees was asked to report to the Board.—It was resolved to provide-a heater. The tender of Mr. A l . Wratt, £22, for the erection of outbuildings was accepted

28th January 1913 National Scholarship William A. G. Wratt, Canvastown, 479 marks, value £10 and £30 lodging allowance; term 3 years Only 1 awarded in Marlborough

Board Scholarship 5 awarded Clarence F. Stratford, Canvastown, 401 marks, £3 and £30 lodging allowance; two years. All the scholarships are tenable at the High School

7th February 1913 Miss Wadsworth opened the Canvastown School on Monday in the absence of Mr. O'Connor, head teacher

7th February 1913 Master Clarence Stratford and Archie Wratt left Canvastown for Blenheim High School on Saturday,

14th February 1913 For the position of- head teacher at Canvastown, five applications were received, and three qualified applicants • were referred to the .committee for con- consideration. Eight applications were received for teacherships at Nydia Bay and Opouri Valley, and ten for Te Awaite. All the applications were authorised to be sent to the respective committee. It was decided to ask the committees to make a second choice in each case

17th February 1913 CANVASTOWN The Committee forwarded an offer from E. Hart, junr., to buy the chimney of the old school building at Deep Greek. —The matter was referred to Mr. Nees and the chairman of the committee for attention

18th February 1913 The Canvastown School Committee chose Mr. John Fitzpatrick Wells, youngest son of Mr. Eli Wells, of Paranui, Pelorus Valley, as teacher of the Canvastown State School vice Mr. M. O'Connor resigned. Mr. Wells received his early education at this school under Mr. Herbert Stratford, and it is a matter for congratulation that at last it has fallen to a former pupil of our local school to reign where ones he served. *Mr. O'Connor went to Marlborough Town School*

4th March 1913 On Saturday, February 1st, there was a meeting of the Canvastown School Committee. A deputation of parents waited on the committee with reference to making a presentation to Mr. O'Connor, whose services have been highly valued by all connected with the School. The Committee are therefore taking the matter up. Mr. O'Connor left on Friday for Marlboroughtown. Miss Duggan has been appointed to assist under Miss Wadsworth in carrying on the school until the arrival of the new master. Mrs. Bruning sent in her resignation as school cleaner and it was resolved to call for tenders for the position. A territorial drill was held in the Canvastown school last Friday and to judge by the noise the boys should certainly prove a " terror " to their enemies if lung power alone is needed to win battles. The young colonials are fond of reading stories of Indian warfare, but if they cannot learn the virtues of

silence they most decidedly will betray their presence to the enemy at the psychological moment — unluckily for themselves

18th March 1913 On Friday a social and presentation were given to Mr. Maurice O'Connor, late head' teacher of Canvastown School. The social took place in the Victoria Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Satherley, and was attended by a great many of the residents and by several visitors from Carluke, Havelock and Deep Creek. After some songs by the school-children Mr. Nees presented Mr. O'Connor on behalf of the parents with a beautiful silver tea-service. Mr. Nees and Mr. C. F. Hart, Chairman, spoke highly of Mr. O'Connor's good work during the short period he has been with us. All present were unanimously of opinion that never in the 37 years of the school's existence has it been governed by so clever and capable a teacher. The children, as well as the parents were genuinely sorry to lose him. Miss Wadsworth also made a feeling speech in reference to the good-fellowship which prevailed between the master, the assistants, and the pupils. Mr. O'Connor returned thanks in a very pleasant speech. After the presentation some dancing was indulged in, even the " grave and reverend signors " deigning to trip the light fantastic toe on the occasion The music was supplied by Misters T. R. Forrest and was greatly appreciated. A plentiful supper and the singing of Auld Lang Syne " brought a very memorable evening to a happy ending

1st April 1913 The Canvastown School Committee held its monthly meeting on Saturday 29th March. There were only two tenders for the school cleaning—Mrs. Hart £10 and Mrs. D. W. Morrison £12. Mrs. Morrison's tender was accepted. Miss Wadsworth waited on the Committee re the recent expulsion of Kumeroa Mason. The boy was impudent to her and she told him to go home, he went and refused to return until compelled to do so by the Constable. Miss Wadsworth considered that the chairman's action in fetching Constable Mathieson was a slur upon her want of discipline, but had the Truant Officer not been appealed to there is no doubt further insubordination would have occurred amongst the boys

8th April 1913 The equinoctial gales damaged the swing-bridge over the Pelorus between Te Patoa and Te Hora so much that it is almost impossible to cross it. Several of the largest ratepayers in the district live on the North bank of the Pelorus, and their children use it to cross to the Canvastown school. Something ought to be done to keep it in repair

Mr. John Wells, the new head master of Canvastown school, will take up his position on April 15th

18th April 1913 Mr. John Fitzpatrick Wells, B.A., arrived on Tuesday, 15th inst., and immediately commenced his duties as master of Canvastown School. Mr. Wells has the destination of. being the second youngest Bachelor of Arts in New Zealand, he being only 22 2 years old and' was born and brought up in the Pelorus.

25th April 1913 TO THE EDITOR. Sir,— Kindly allow me space to refer to one of the "Canvastown Notes " that appeared in last Friday's issue. It states : " But for the approaching departure of the Deep Creek teacher, six scholars at present attending the Canvastown school intended going to Deep Creek to finish their education." This statement would lead people to suppose that the teaching at the* Canvastown school was not altogether of a satisfactory character. Now sir, it is a well-known fact that for many years past the teaching at Canvastown school and the results obtained has compared very favourably with the best in Marlborough, and it must be very discouraging to teachers —who have carried out their duties conscientiously and successfully—to see it stated in the public press that their scholars are to be taken away and sent to another school "of a lower grade " to finish their education. I am unaware of your correspondent's authority for making such a statement, but as one who has taken particular note of Canvastown scholars for many years, I can only come to the conclusion—if the statement is correct—that there must be some motive that does not appear on the surface, and that it is not owing to any neglect or inefficiency on the part of Canvastown teachers.—I am, etc., Fair Play.

2nd May 1913 At the meeting of householders at Canvastown thirteen householders, including four ladies, were present. Mr. D. W. Morrison was voted to the chair. There were eight candidates, and the voting was as follows :—F. Flower 11, C. Hart 11, D. Morrison 10, J. K. Hart 10, Alquist 8, Josephson 8, Rush 5, Diamanti 6. On the chairman's casting vote Mr. Rush, the retiring member was elected.

18th July 1913 CANVASTOWN A communication from the Canvastown Committee stated that on his last visit the Inspector commented very strongly on the dilapidated state of the fences on the school property. Owing to the Committee's lack on finance, the Board was approached for a grant of £10 for this work.—The Board decided to make the necessary grant.

19th December 1913 The pupils attending the Canvastown Public school, under the direction of the master, Mr. J. Wells, held a very successful sports day in the school grounds yesterday. We are obliged to hold over a full report until next issue.

23rd December 1913 notable event daring the proceedings at the Canvastown school sports last Thursday was the presentation of proficiency certificates by the chairman of the school committee, Mr. C. Hart, to five successful pupils. In making the presentations Mr. Hart spoke in high praise of the way the children had been brought on by the head-master, Mr. J, Wells. Out of seven pupils who sat for the proficiency examination five gained certificates—a result that must be very gratifying to parents as well as to the teacher. The successful ones were: Frederick Alquist, Allen Thompson, Caroline Rush, George Young and W. Satherley. ' Mr. E. H. Healey, on behalf of the parents, made some very complimentary references in regard to the excellent progress made by the children under Mr. Wells's tuition. The general arrangements for the sports were excellently carried out, and the children were well catered for by a committee of ladies, there being no lack of either refreshments or prizes.

20th February 1914 Canvastown. —The school concert held in the Victoria Hall last Friday was most successful. The building was well filled and the children acquitted

themselves with credit in the various items. One of the best items of the evening was “Ten Little Nigger Boys,” and great credit is due to the schoolmaster, Mr. Wells, and the ladies who were responsible for the training of the children. At the conclusion of the entertainment, Mr. F. C. Hart, chairman of the school committee, gave a short address of congratulation to the teachers and praise to the pupils, to which Mr. Wells responded. The takings were over £5

27th February 1914 Sir, In the local part of your Friday’s paper by some error you omitted to state that in connection with the Canvastown School Concert the greatest credit was due to Miss Wadsworth, who spent a lot of lime in working up the various items. In connection with the same concert I should also like to thank Mr. Satherley who very kindly gave the use of his hall free of charge. I am, Yours etc., _ J. D. Wells.

17th March 1914 Scholarship Examinations. During the Premier’s brief visit to Canvastown. on Friday Mr. J. K. Hart, chairman of the Canvastown School Committee, brought under Mr. Massey’s notice the fact that the scholarship examinations had been made more difficult This had practically excluded the Canvastown school, which had previously been so successful. Mr. Massey was sympathetic. He said that 'an examination may be made stiller one year than another, but there had been no alteration in the law. It was, however, a matter for the Education Department

Mr. Freeman, the schoolmaster who has taken Mr. Wells’ place as head teacher of Canvastown State school, arrived last week and has taken charge.

1st May 1914 CANVASTOWN SCHOOL. In spite of the inclement weather on Monday night 14 householders including three women attended the meeting at Canvastown. The Inspector’s last report which was -read was very satisfactory. The following is the result of the voting:—

C. F. .Hart - 12. A. Josephson 12, 0. Diamanti 12, T. Forrest 11, A. Rush 11, J. K. Hart 10, S Ball 9, F. Gartner /9, A. Alquist 5. Messrs. Hart, Josephson, Diamanti, Forrest Rush, Hart, Ball were declared duly elected. Mr. C. F. Hart was elected chairman of the new committee, and Mr. S. Ball, secretary. The next meeting of the new committee is fixed for the 3rd Saturday in May

6th October 1914 1 have not heard the results of the school examination which was held the week before last, but Mr. Freeman will be with us for another fortnight, after which he leaves for Te Rou.

16th October 1914 CANVASTOWN Having received an appointment in the service of the Auckland Board, Mr. J, F. Wells wrote resigning the bead teachership of the Canvastown School. The secretary stated that upon receipt of the resignation he had advertised for applications. The secretary and inspector were deputed to select the eligible applicants I and to forward their names to the Canvastown Committee, so that a recommendation might be made to the next meeting of the Board.

13th November 1914 On the recommendation of the committee, Mr. William O’Connor, Christchurch, was appointed teacher at Canvastown

1st December 1914 A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday night to consider the extraordinary manner in which this part of the district

has been treated by the Marlborough Education Board. As it is well known, since we were annexed to Nelson Electorate, j though by a curious anomaly both our Land Board and Education Board belong to Marlborough, we have been persistently cold-shouldered by the people who, when our votes were of parliamentary use to them, could afford time to see that our children had decent schooling and our complaints on land matters were attended to. The one and only public house is under the Nelson licensing bench, and the Parliamentary candidate for Nelson is supposed to represent us in the House, but otherwise we are still an integral part of that Marlborough which split away from Nelson more than fifty years ago. This being so it seems unjust that now after a schoolteacher, at first chosen and recommended by the Board, should as soon as the Committee were prepared to receive him gladly, be suddenly rejected by that same Marlborough Education Board and the Canvastown School Committee informed that they must wait a further term while now applications for the position are advertised. The parents are going to hold an indignation meeting next Friday to see into the matter, and I am told the school committee intend resigning in a body if no heed is taken to satisfy their just demands. Presumably someone with an axe to grind is trying to use our school committee as the grindstone to force some incompetent teacher upon us while the parents are taxed to keep him (or her) here.

Mr. Frank Freeman was still teaching at Canvastown at the end of the year

8th December 1914 The householders meeting held -n the Debating Hall on Friday the 4th inst. was well attended. All the members of the school committee and a number of parents were present. Mr. Nees apologised for the absence of Messrs. Fulton and Storey, the former being in Nelson and the latter extremely ill. Mr. C. Hart, chairman, read the correspondence between the committee and the Board from the time of Mr. Wells's resignation up to now. The Board advertised for applications and sent them to the Committee to choose from They chose Mr. O'Connell of Christchurch, a young man who had a D. certificate and a partial C. The Board then told them that they had wired to the Canterbury Board as to Mr. O'Connor's disciplinary powers, and the Canterbury Board had returned answer " That Mr. O'Connor as a pupil teacher, was very satisfactory, but his 'disciplinary powers had not been fully tested. The Marlborough Education Board then advised the Canvastown School Committee that they considered that as when the new Education Act was passed the school teacher would be entitled to an increased salary of £200 per annum, while they had previously advertised it at £180 per annum, it would be advisable to advertise the position again and call for fresh applications. The Board had, according to their own showing, first ratified Me O'Connor's appointment and then made the above enquiries. Mr. Wratt moved that the chairman and Mr. Rush wait on the Education Board and discuss the matter amicably. This was seconded by Mr. W. Ahern. Mr. Healy moved an amendment " That this meeting of householders endorse the action of the school committee and ask the Ward members to lay the matter before their fellows at the next meeting of the Board." This was seconded by Mr. Bruce Anderson, Whereupon Mr. Wratt withdrew his motion in favour of Mr. Healy and Mr. Healey's motion was put to the

meeting and carried unanimously. Mr. Nees, who said that on hearing the correspondence read he could perceive the committee and other householders really had a grievance, promised to obtain the cooperation of his fellow Ward members, if possible, to right the wrong. The meeting, with a vote of thanks to M c Nees for his courtesy, and to the chairman, then terminated, the householders satisfied they had done what' they could in the best interests of the children.

12th January 1915 At a meeting of the Canvastown School Committee on Thursday evening last Mr. Finlayson was chosen as teacher of the State School. The other applicants were: Mr. Burns, M.A., and Mr. Biele. Mr. Finlayson is an unmarried man, aged 37.

23rd February 1915 A meeting of the Canvastown School Committee was held on Saturday evening to consider whether it was expedient to close the school on account of the prevalence of measles among the Maori children. However, it was decided that the school be continued, for the children only run about the roads with the measles on them, and in school they are at least kept warm and dry and under some sort of supervision

2nd March 1915 Your Canvastown correspondent stated in your issue of the 23rd February, that the School Committee had met “to consider whether it was expedient to close the school on account of the prevalence of measles amongst the Maori children.” This statement is hardly correct, and conveys the impression that only the Maori children attending the school were afflicted. As a .matter of fact only two or three out of about fifteen cases, were Maori children. The School Committee did not single out the native children when considering the suggestion to close the, school, and in justice to them I would be glad if you will insert this explanation. I am, etc., Fair Play.

14th May 1915 Canvastown improvements were required to the water-supply system, and to the school and residence, and a septic tank system was needed. The architect was instructed to -call for tenders for the works recommended

22nd May 1915 School Committee Canvastown—Messrs. C. F. Hart, (chairman), N. R. Simonsen, J. K. Hart, S. Ball, secretary, and A. Rush.

21st September 1915 On Saturday afternoon a Girls’ Bounder team, and a Boys’ Hockey team, from Canvastown school, visited Havelock to try conclusions with similar teams from the local school, and in both games they succeeded in carrying off the honours. The result of the girls’ game was: Canvastown 16 rounders, Havelock 6, the rounder getters for the winning team being Alma Alquist 7, Linda Wratt 4, K. Redmond and A. Tierney 2 each, Myra Rush 1, whilst Monica Dooley 3, L Twidle 2, and I. Rouse 1, made up the score for Havelock. A. Alquist, Ellen Mason and L. Wratt did excellent work for Canvastown ; and amongst the local girls, in addition to the rounder-getters, Maggie Dooley and Doris Lovell were prominent players. ’ At hockey the visiting team scored 7 goals : E. Redmond 4, Bert Healey 2, E, Wratt 1, to Havelock’s nil. The winners had a considerable advantage in point of weight; but apart from this they played a better game and fully deserved their win. Cyril Congdon and Frank Scott did good work for the losing side. Canvastown

School, having beaten Carluke and Havelock in a triangular contest, has won the hockey banner for the season.
A number of onlookers, amongst whom were supporters of both sides, were present during the afternoon. At the close of the games the players turned their attention to the refreshments that had been provided, and, when justice bad been done to these, a move was made homewards
14th January 1916 Mr. Clarence Stratford was appointed probationer , at Canvastown
21st April 1916 CANVASTOWN : The election of a - school committee at Canvastown resulted as follows: Messrs. C. F. Hart (chairman!, Sydney Ball, (secretary), J. K. Hart, T. Forrest and Arthur Rush. The inspector's report was very satisfactory, and under Mr. Finlayson's capable management the school has much improved daring the past year.
5th September 1916 Hockey and rounders teams from the Havelock school journeyed to Canvastown on Saturday to play the local school. Both games were won by the Canvastown school teams, the girls winning the rounders match by 16 rounders to 3, and the boys the hockey match by 12 goals to nil. A. Alquist 8, M. Rush 4; A. Tierney 3 and L. Wratt secured rounders for the winners and D. Lovell 2 and E. Barrowclough score 1 for the Havelock team. In the hockey match, Healy 5, Robinson 3, Wratt 2, J. and S. Hart were the scorers. At the conclusion of the games afternoon tea was provided for the teams. The final game of rounders will be played on Brownlee Park on 16th September
19th September 1916 The girls' rounder team of the Canvastown school journeyed to Havelock on Saturday to play the final match of the Pelorus Schools Competition. The day was brilliantly fine, the ground at Brownlee Park was in excellent order and a splendidly contested game resulted. Havelock won the toss and elected to bat first. By good fielding the Canvastown girls managed to get them out for eight rounders. Canvastown then went in to bat and . carried their score to 20 before they were disposed of. After an interval play was resumed, and the Havelock girls set to. work with a will to make matters even. They hit the ball about in all directions and gave their opponents a very busy time in the field. When the last player was hit out Havelock scored 29 for the innings, making a total of 37. In their second innings Canvastown by steady playing scored the 18 rounders required to win and when their score had reached 50 they retired. For the winners Linda Wratt, Alma Alquist, Millie Pike. Myra Rush and Margaret Hart were conspicuous for good play, the first name playing brilliantly. Elsie Barrowclough, Doris Lovell, Katie White, Jessie Smith and Eileen Pope were the pick of the Havelock players. At the conclusion of the game the teams adjourned to the pavilion where afternoon tea was kindly provided by the ladies of Havelock. It was announced that a banner will be presented by Miss Wadsworth for . future competition.
29th December 1916 An interesting function took place at the Canvastown school on Thursday afternoon when the presentation of certificates to those who had earned prizes for the year's work was made. The prize-winners had voluntarily decided to donate the value of their prizes to the fund for destitute Belgian children. Certificates

were therefore given in place of the prizes. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the school committee Mr. C. Hart, the presentation was made by Mr. S. Ball, secretary of the committee, who, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated the pupils on their patriotic action. He pointed out that this Christmas was far from being a happy one for the children of Belgium and that we must be prepared to assist them in every way till the enemy is driven from their land. It gave him very great pleasure to take part in the afternoon's ceremony. He concluded by wishing both teachers and scholars, on behalf of the committee and himself, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Cheers were given for Mrs. Finlayson and the teachers and also, for the school committee and the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

£3 15s, representing the value of the prizes (including the special prizes) has been forwarded to the Marlborough Patriotic Society for the Belgian Children's .Fund. The following is the prize list; — Class prizes : Standard VI., Dux 1915, Arthur Rush; General Proficiency 1915, Robert Young; Dux 1916, Myra Rush ; General Proficiency, Stanley Hart. ‘ Standard V,, 1st in class', Alma Alquist; General Proficiency, Nina Forrest; Good Progress, Ross Forrest ; , Geography and History, John Hart; General Improvement, Sydney Ball; (Mr. C. Stratford's Special). Standard 111., 1st in class, Colin. Wratt; General Proficiency, Sybil Pike, Herbert Smart; General Improvement, Alice Schinkel. Standard 11., 1st in class, Glyn Flower; General Improvement, Thelma Simonsen; Diligence, Ruth Auckram; Norman Ward, Frank Healy. . , . , Standard 1., General Improvement, Dean Simonsen, Hugh Forrest, Russell Smart; Diligence, Hereward Smart. , V

P 11., General Improvement, Alexander Schenkel ; Diligence, Rex Simonsen, Arthur Brent; Attendance Prizes : Very Good Attendance, Sydney Ball; Good Attendance, Alma Alquist, Cyril Healy, Colin Wratt, Frank Healy, Kathleen Tierney, May, Alquist, Alfred Glastonbury, Donald Wratt. Sewing Prizes: First Prize, (Miss Wadsworth's Special), Margaret Hart; Most Improvement, (Mrs. Finlayson's Special), Alma Alquist. Gardening Prizes :• Best Flower Garden, (Mr. C. Stratford's Special), Linda Wratt ; Best Vegetable Garden, girls, (Mr. Finlayson's Special), Myra Rush; Bess Vegetable Garden, boys, (Mr. 0. Stratford's I Special), Joseph Tierney. Proficiency Certificates were awarded to Stanley Hart and Philip Robinson. Clifford Wratt was awarded a Certificate of Competency.

Over 1200 bottles, collected by the pupils of the school in connection with the Bottle Campaign, are packed ready for transmission to Blenheim. The school resumes work on Tuesday, 6th February

23rd February 1917 We learn that Mr. A. D. Dickison, of Hawke's Bay, has been appointed teacher of the Canvastown School, vice Mr. J. Finlayson, who has enlisted. At a meeting of the parents and householders held at Canvastown on Thursday evening it was decided to publicly recognise Mr. Finlayson's services to the school and district

4th May 1917 School Committee Messrs. C. F. Hart (chairman)j S. J. Ball (secretary), A. J. Rush, J. K. Hart, and Alex. Alquist.

15th June 1917 Farmer's Union Meeting Mr. C. F. Hart reported on the proposed experimental plots at the school. One member pointed out that the land selected was some of the best in the district, and thought it would have been much better had some of the poorer class of land been selected. A section of such land was offered at the meeting, but it was thought that it would be rather far from the school for the children to attend to. It was suggested, in connection with experimental plots, that a section of ground should be used for growing trees from seed. It is understood that the seed could be obtained from the Government. The trees when large enough to transplant could be disposed of locally and would eventually become a valuable asset to the district

31st August 1917 SCHOOL MATCHES. The spirit of emulation still exists amongst the school children of Canvastown. Determined to uphold the school's past record in the domain of sport, twelve of the lads met a team of fifteen from Carluke last Saturday in a game of football. The weight and numbers were against the local boys, who succeeded in winning by 10 points to nil. Of the players Cyril Healy, John Hart, Sydney Ball, and Cliff Wratt deserve special mention. Healy's place kicking and Wratt's line work were specially good. 'At the same time the school girls tried issue in a game of rounders with a team from Carluke, in which the local girls succeeded by '34 points to 3. Peggy Hart, Myra Bush, and Linda Wratt accounted for a big percentage of the scores. return matches are to be played later. After the games the ladies treated the players to refreshments served in the Debating Hall. Mrs. Geary also very kindly supplied soft drinks

25th September 1917 At Brownlee Park on Saturday afternoon a team of girls from the Canvastown School tried conclusions at rounders with a local team. The weather was beautifully fine, though the temperature was a bit on the warm side. The visitors showed their superiority by winning a two innings match with a lead of about 20 points. The outing, however, was very enjoyable for all concerned. At conclusion of play afternoon tea was served in the pavilion to both players and spectators

26th April 1918 School Committee CANVASTOWN. There was a fair amount of interest shown in the election of school committee. The nominations included several new names, and the following were elected: Mr. Norman J. Ward, chairman, Mr. A. J. Rush (re-elected), Mr. J. K. Hart (re-elected), Mr. V. Geary, and Mr. S. J. Ball, secretary (re-elected

21st May 1918 Wellington Education Board The Canvastown Committee was allotted £12 for clearing flood debris from the grounds, and subsidised to the extent of £25 for the general purposes of beautifying and planting the school section.

4th June 1918 Appeals lodged by the Wellington Education Board at the Second Division Wellington Military Service Board in respect of Maurice J. O'Connor (school -teacher. Marlborough), and William E. Dickinson (teacher, Canvastown), were adjourned indefinitely, "We exempt all teachers," stated the chairman, "because we think the; school staffs have been sufficiently depleted.

14th June 1918 The School Committee and Literary and Debating Society are taking a very laudable interest in school and in public affairs. On foot is a scheme to improve the environment of the school library. A fence is to be erected, whilst the

southern slope of the school ground and of library section is to be ploughed and graded with _ a grass lawn, in addition to which a large number of ornamental shrubs is to be planted. The work is to be commenced forthwith.

1st October 1918 Last week, another forward step was made in improving the school grounds. Some 80 odd ornamental _ trees were planted under the supervision of the Board's Instructor in Agriculture, Mr. T. Laughton. In a few days, further improvements are to be made by a few of the local 'unemployed.

11th October 1918 On Saturday last, the girls of Canvastown school met a team of girls from Havelock school in a friendly game of rounders. Football teams from each school also met. The matches were played on the local playground. In each ease Canvastown team won. A pleasing feature of each game was the Tine spirit shown by both sides. After the games, refreshments were served in local hall by a committee of ladies. On Thursday last, the school was visited by Messrs. Penny and McCallum, Marlborough representatives on Education Board, and Mr. Logan, of Blenheim Education Board's office. All congratulated the school committee on the fine work done in school grounds. In honour of the visit, a half-holiday was given by the visitors. "What a pity they don't come every day," said one of the school wags. On Tuesday morning at the school, -the "Bulgarian Surrender' ' was celebrated. The committee was represented by Mr. N. Ward, chairman, and Mr. Ball, secretary. The scholars, in two divisions, were marched past, and saluted the flag. This was followed by the "National Anthem," after which the scholars and visitors marched into senior room of school, when an address was made to scholars on the significance of the event; particularly with reference to its effect on Germany's designs in southern Empire, etc., and to Austria's hope of extending her boundaries further south.

Each of the visitors addressed a few words to the children, after which the usual school work was proceeded with. Monday was observed as a school holiday.

12th November 1918 The "Turkish" news reached us on Anniversary Day, a school holiday. On Monday morning, however, most of the school committee members attended at the school, when the children marched past and saluted the flag. The visiting committee also made arrangements in the event of news of Austria's surrender.

This, of course, came on Monday but celebration itself was deferred till the following day, when, in addition to a whole school holiday, the children, parents, and others, were most generously entertained. The committee and others deserve great credit for the success of the day which was quite in keeping with the character of the good news

3rd December 1918 Influenza Epidemic On Wednesday, 27th, all the hall patients except two were taken to the Canvastown school in motor cars, and Nurse Bown showed great organising ability in getting all patients away. Now the Deep Creek school is being turned into a convalescent ward, and the patients able to leave Canvastown will be brought back to Deep Creek. Miss O'Sullivan, the teacher, will be in charge here, although only just recovered from the complaint herself. The Health Department, Wellington, have Been wired to see if any help can be given, as it needs more than voluntary aid in a time like the present. On Sunday five more

cases had to go to Canvastown, and four convalescents were to return to Deep Creek. A later message is more reassuring, and no fresh trouble is expected at Deep Creek.

4th February 1919 During the evening—a parcel from the Ladies' Executive of Patriotic Society was presented to each of the guests by Mr. Rush. An excellent supper was provided. This was under able direction of Mrs. Cloughley. It is regretted that the assemblage of people cannot take place without suffering from the discreditable doings of vandals.

The above mentioned social was held in Debating Hall, the ground of which opens into school grounds. Here extensive improvements have been made, and the place is beginning to become a credit to the school committee and residents. In one part "are several dozen ornamental trees—in between which is growing a fine crop of potatoes. Whilst the social was proceeding—someone deliberately pulled up, by the roots, part of the crop and also one of the trees. If this is to continue—improvements to grounds will be out of the question, and it is to be hoped that public opinion will express itself in such a clear manner that the culprits will realise the grave nature of their doings. The matter is in the hands of the 'police, and no effort is to be spared to discover the doer, or doers.

11th March 1919 The school committee certainly appreciates the intellectual side of the child's life, as shown by their making a fine grant to the Public School Library. In this phase of school life the local Literary Debating Society is warmly interested. It is expected that the above Society will take steps towards increasing the school's supply of literature.

18th April 1919 Last evening the annual election of school committee was held. Twenty seven voters were present, the largest attendance for very many years. The splendid gathering was remarked on by the chairman, who, on conclusion of his report, etc., took occasion to thank those present for the manifest interest in school matters. A chief cause of the largo gathering was to thank appropriately the outgoing committee for the splendid work done during the year and to express renewed confidence in if. Motions were moved in well-chosen remarks by Messrs. Flower and E. H. Healy, supported by Messrs. Glastonbury and Smart in appreciative terms. The sense of the motions, the warmth of their moving, and the sources whence they came proved both gratifying and encouraging to the retiring committee and will, no doubt, in the coming year be an inducement to continue the fine work set in motion during the past year. Of the five retiring members, four wore re-elected. The new member is Mr. Flower. An effort was made to induce two very estimable citizens — Mr. Glastonbury, an ex-chairman, and Mr. E. H. Healy president of local patriotic society—to accept nomination, but each considered the retiring members should again serve. The new committee is as follows:—Mr. A. Rush, Mr. N. Ward, Mr. S. Bull, Mr. Flower, and Mr. V. Geary.

15th July 1919 To mark appropriately the oncoming Arbor Day, and also to beautify further the grounds, further tree and shrub planting is to take place in the school grounds, A consignment of selected trees, etc., is to arrive shortly from the North Island

25th July 1919 Peace Day has come and gone. The places, in celebrating it, joined wish Havelock. In the procession, Canvastown represented Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, Each unit had a complement of nurses. These were beautifully dressed, and proved an attractive feature. The representation of New Zealand's Maori contingent was taken by native girls. The dress of these was original—Maori dress in part-and was quite a feature. Considerable trouble was taken with the clothing of the children. for this much credit is due to Miss Wadsworth, assistant teacher, Canvastown School; to Miss Lily Bown, and to mothers of the children. All worked hard, and this opportunity is taken to accord to all who helped thanks for their enthusiastic support. A prize was given for the finest school representation in the procession. This fell to Canvastown, as did also the win in the School's relay race. On Monday, the School Committee
provided a picnic for children and adults. Liberal cash prizes were given for racing The picnic was followed in evening by a children's dance. During the day an accident happened. Violet Climo, whilst playing. broke both bones of the fore-arm. On Mr. R. Holland's kind suggestion a subscription list was opened for the purpose of giving the little girl a present as a mark of sympathy with her in her misfortune. "As far as possible," said Mr. Holland, "I wish the movement to be on the part of her school mates. It will be a practical lesson of sympathy with others in misfortune.'' When the matter is concluded, the gift will be made by the school. On the 2nd August, two more Canvastown soldiers are expected to return, Mr. W. Murray and Mr. A. Glastonbury.

17th October 1919 On Thursday, a number of Canvastown school children attended at Havelock the address delivered by Lieut. Colonel Charters-on "The Great War." The children were conveyed by Mr. N. Ward in his motor lorry. Many thanks are due to Mr. Ward not only for free use of his lorry but also for his personal services in driving lorry

11th November 1919 monthly meeting of above was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday November 5th, Messrs. W. Blaylock, B. Horton, J. Lovell, and E. A. Dance being present. J The master's report stated that the attendance for October averaged 74.9, 77.7, 83.4, and 85.0—the roll number for the first two weeks being 80, and the 3rd and 4th weeks 84. Two boys and four girls were admitted during the month.

The Inspector was expected to arrive to examine the scholars on or about the 19th inst. It was resolved to obtain a load of gravel for use on the ground where necessary.

A memorandum was received from the Education. Board,, stating that the text books from January 1st, 1920, shall be uniform throughout the district, viz., "Progressive Arithmetic" — compulsory—and the -following being optional: "Pacific Geography," "Lesson in English," "Whitcomb and Tombs History," "Vere Foster's Copy Books," and that in the Infant classes shall be "Blackie's New Systematic English Headers," "1st and 2nd Primer," and 1st and 2nd Infants' Header.

A cheque for £3 15s was received from the board, and forwarded by the secretary to Mr. J. Bary, Renwick, being half cost of the boundary fence erected by Mr. Bary, . Accounts to the amount of £2 14s were passed for payment.

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Deep Creek (1883-1884, 1887-1900, 1905-1923)

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Deep Creek School was up the Wakamarina Road from the Canvastown Turnoff

Deep Creek
1912 Building 360 square feet
1917 60 square feet added
11th June 1919 Destroyed by fire
1920 528 square feet
Transferred to crown 1955 Residence 1913 3 Rooms B W S
848 square feet
Section 1 Block 14 Wakamarina SD Area 3 acres 2 roods 10 perches 1st October 1917 Added 1 acre Section 8 Block 2 Wakamarina SD

Pre 1883

1st February 1882 Canvastown School report included the teacher, Mrs. Hughes is giving general satisfaction. It would be well if some competent person could be found who would undertake similar work at Deep Creek, where there are many children residing and unable to attend at Canvas Town

3rd October 1882 Marlborough Education Board meeting: A pile of correspondence was received with reference to Mr. Plowden, the applicant for the mastership of the proposed new school at Deep Creek, and to the school itself.

Mr. Conolly said that there was a sum of £200 placed on the Estimates to repair the Deep Creek Court House, with a view to having it used as a Court House for the convenience of the miners. He thought it would be desirable to write to the Government, and ask to be allowed to use the Court House as a schoolroom on the completion of the necessary repairs. On Mr. Seymour's motion, the Secretary was authorised to write to the Government and make this request.

Mr. T. Powick wrote, stating that he believed the Court House at Deep Creek could be repaired for £23

1883

1883	Deep Creek	Spears	Robert	Master	£	57.00

6th March 1883 Marlborough Education Board The following tenders were received for the repairs to the old Court House at Deep Creek A. Peddie, £145 R. Jones £143 10s.

10th March 1883 The Deep Creek Court House. —No eligible tenders having been received for the Deep Creek Court House contract, fresh tenders are invited by the Public. Works Department

3rd April 1883 Marlborough Education Board The following tenders were received for repairs, to the Old Court House at Deep Creek G, Nichol (accepted), £108 10s A. Peddie, £140, R. Jones £109. 5 shillings

5th June 1883 Mr. Rutland applied for maps and blackboard for the Deep Creek school, and they were ordered to be sent

3rd July 1883. Mr. Rutland waited on the Board in reference to matters connected with schools in the Sounds District. He also alluded to the difficulties there would be in obtaining a teacher for the Deep Creek school, and said that the Canvastown Committee would .not take upon themselves the responsibility of appointing a teacher.

Mr. Dive suggested: that the matter of the Deep Creek School be treated as one of urgency. Urgency being voted, Mr. Dive moved that a applications be invited for a teacher for the Deep Creek school, at a salary of £3 10s per, head on the average attendance, the appointment to be made by the Board

18th October 1883 DEEP CREEK the new school at: Deep .Creek ,was opened by Mr. Shears, schoolmaster, on the 15th inst. The! muster of children numbered 23

6th November 1883 Mr. Joshua Rutland wrote, stating that Mr. Spear, had taken charge of the Deep Creek School, and asked the Board to alter the remaining portion of the Deep Creek Court House to suit him aa a residence. The Architect was directed to report on the cost of making the necessary additions.

4th December 1883 Mr. Douslin reported that the building at Deep Creek was most unsuitable for a school-master's residence, and, was in the last stage of decay. The only way he thought would be to erect a two- roomed cottage at a cost of about £100.

1884

1884 18 Deep Creek Robertson George Master £ 54.00

3rd April 1884 Inspectors Report. Deep Creek (aided school) Mr. Robertson. Present 20 On roll 20. The children here have received only two months schooling altogether when I visited the place. The present teacher had neem at work about three weeks. Very few of the children had been to any other school, so that this year's examination may fairly be taken as a starting point

1st July 1884 DEEP CREEK Letter from Mr. Thomas Powick forwarding a memorial from ten Deep Creek householders representing the desirability of having a separate school Committee instead of being included in the Canvastown School district. Major Baillie moved that steps be taken to constitute a school district to include Deep Creek. Mr. Ward seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Powick also wrote suggesting the desirability of increasing the teacher's remuneration to at least £20 a quarter for the present. The Secretary said that the Deep Creek was an aided school, and the attendance was about 13. The Board handed over to the Committee £3 10s per head. The Chairman did not think it desirable to re-open the question which was settled at the last meeting, until, at any rate, a separate School Committee was formed. Held over for the present

7th October 1884 Havelock, Deep Creek, and Canvastown nominate the Rev. E. Shears. *For vacant seat on Marlborough Education Board*
2nd December 1884 DEEP CREEK Correspondence received upon the subject of a grant of £20 to the and Canvastown Committees was referred to Mr. Rutland for further information.

1887

1887 10 Deep Creek Robertson George Master £ 60.00

13th January 1885 DEEP CREEK. Letter from Mr. Rutland stating how the £20, voted by the Board for the additions to the Deep Creek School, had been expended to the extent of £17 3s 9d. Resolved, That Mr. Rutland be written to, suggesting that the balance in his hands (£2 16s 3d) be expended in making a road to the school
3rd March 1885 DEEP CREEK, Letter from the School Committee, asking that the teacher of this aided school be paid a salary. The attendance was stated to be 17, and at Canvas Town, which is a Board school and not an aided school, 17 also. It was explained that Canvas Town was an old school, which had been a Board school from the first. Captain Baillie said that if the Deep Creek application was agreed to, there were seven or eight others in a similar position who would apply also. Resolved, That the Board regrets it cannot comply with the request
20th January 1886 We hear a great deal of fuss nowadays about the State teaching religion in the public schools, and doing the work which the denominations and their ministers ought to do. Deep Creek is a place where the State does nothing, and the Churches do very little. There is a population, scattered up and down the Wakamarina, of about 100 people, with a sprinkling of children among them. There is no teaching or teacher in the little empty schoolhouse, and the only minister of religion who ever goes within six miles of the place is Father Lane, whose care for his flock is well known all over Marlborough. But of other ministers, deacons, evangelists, or local preachers, there are none. It is fair to the hardworking settlers to say that, at a recent visit paid to the Creek, we certainly thought they seemed none the worse for their spiritual destitution. The Education Board ought, however, to look to the educational requirements. This might, perhaps, be done by altering the site of the present Canvastown school, at which the attendance has dwindled down to a mere handful. A few of the children in that locality go into Havelock, where Mr. Reynolds carries on one of the most useful and efficient schools in Marlborough. If the Canvastown School were placed half way up the Wakamarina towards Deep Creek, it might meet with the wishes of everybody
7th December 1886 DEEP CREEK, Letter from Mr. George Robertson, offering his services at £65 a year as teacher, if the Board decided to re-open the Deep Creek school. Resolved that any application to reopen the school must come from the householders of the district
11th January 1887 DEEP CREEK. Petition from 14 residents at the Wakamarina asking to have the Deep Creek school re-opened. There were 16 children without the means of education. Resolved that the Secretary make enquiries as to whether there is a Committee in existence, and, if there is not, call a meeting of householders at the earliest possible date to elect one
7th June 1887 DEEP CREEK. Letter from the Committee recommending that Mr. Robinson be appointed teacher at a salary of £65 per annum, and that arrangements be made for opening the school as soon as possible. A later letter was received stating that the school had

been opened and Mr. Robinson had been temporarily appointed. The attendance was 12, and there was not likely to be any increase.

14th June 1887 The Board considered .the application of the Deep Creek Committee that a teacher at £65 a year should be appointed, The Chairman said that the usual course with aided schools was to allow a capitation of £3 10s per head. At Deep Creek there were twelve children. As, however, it was the only school -on the diggings it might perhaps, be desirable to increase the capitation. Several members of the Board pointed out the large number of aided schools under the Board, and the probability that they also would want increased capitation. The Chairman pointed out that the Board now was getting from the Government a decrease of 1 shilling per child per year in the capitation. They had received notice from the Treasury to that effect.

Mr. Conolly said that the estimates not having been passed last Session the matter was left to the next Parliament. Supposing no alteration was decided upon, the Board would get the fall capitation and the back payments of the Is which were being deducted.

The Chairman— Then it's like the tariff, and we may get a refund.

Mr. Ward— l suppose the Government reckoned that ls per head among their "savings" (laughter).

Mr. Conolly— No doubt that was so. The Chairman again urged that the exceptional character of a diggings school and things were very bad at Deep Creek— might justify an increased capitations

Mr. Ward opposed the idea, and said there were other places just as badly off. The diggings might turn out well and, if they didn't, and the £ 3 10s per head was not enough to enable a teacher to be procured, he thought they had better clear out from diggings of that sort.

The Chairman feared that, unless the capitation to Deep Creek were increased, the settlers would shut the school up again. He would suggest that £5 a head on the average attendance, not to exceed £60 be granted.

Mr. Conolly agreed in the suggestion. \

Major Baillie was of the same opinion, though he was certain there was no district in New Zealand so handicapped with aided schools as Marlborough was.

He moved, however, that as Deep Creek was an exceptional case, £5 a head be granted, not to exceed £6O, and for one year only. Mr. Conolly seconded the motion.

Mr. Ward If you don't mind being inconsistent you can pass such a motion. Motion agreed to

1888

1888 12 Deep Creek Robertson George Master £ 66.00

27th April 1888 School Committee Deep Creek Messrs. Alexander (chairman), Diamanti, Doherty, Hunter, Livingstone, Leahy and Nelson

2nd May 1888 It was resolved that the school at Deep Creek be re-shingled but the other recommendations contained in the Architect's report were deferred till a future meeting

5th June 1888 Shingling at Deep Creek N. G. McLellan £24 15s, P. Aherne £13 10s, T. Hughes £27 10s. Mr. Daikie's tender for Tua Marina, and Mr. P. Aherne's for Deep Creek, were accepted

14th November 1888. Report on Goldfields included a Warden's Court was built at Deep Creek some years since, and was used for that purpose about once. Will our present economical Government care to be at the expense of erecting a Courthouse at Cullensville

1889

1889 14 Deep Creek McKourmick James Master £ 45.10

15th March 1889 Deep Creek (aided school) Mr. Robertson. On Roll 20 present 10. The children here by no means fulfilled the favorable expectations that l had formed last year, half of them failing. I was unable to discover any satisfactory excuse for this meagre result, none of the scholars having been excepted for irregular attendance. I again found two standard scholars who were without drawing books.

3rd April 1889 Deep Creek-.— Mr. G. Robertson in reply to the Inspector's remarks "I Again found two standard scholars who were without drawing books," said it was left to him to explain that these were two of the failures, to whom Mr. Hodgson said he had recorded as such for that reason and that reason alone. These were two little boys whose reading was so much ahead of the 1st standard, which they were entered for, and so much better than their writing, that wishing to bring up their writing more to an equality with their reading, he had ventured to neglect drawing in their case pro tan, in order not to distract their attention from their writing It was not for him to criticise the stringency of the regulations with respect to drawing. He would only further note the great odds such a small number as two failures through that means made in the results of so small a school, reducing the percentage of passes from three quarters to half, and swelling the failures from a quarter to half.

29th April 1889 There, was a well-attended meeting of householders in the Deep Creek schoolroom last Thursday for the purpose of electing a new school Committee, and the following were elected: Messrs. Nelson, M. Leahy, P. Ahearn, Hunter, Herbert Newcombe, Dimond and Meek. Mr. Leahy was voted to the chair and after the new Committee was elected the chairman spoke in high terms of the school-master Mr. Robinson, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for the able way in which he had brought the children on. Mr. Meek was elected chairman of the new Committee.

5th June 1889 DEEP CREEK. The Chairman wrote stating that the reduction of the teacher's salary had caused that gentleman's resignation, and asking the Board to reconsider the matter. The Committee wrote a second letter to the same effect, strongly representing the hardship they were suffering. Mr. Conolly. remarked that the Inspector's report was not favorable, and he did not see how the Board could make an exception in favor of this school when other aided schools were reported well upon. The Chairman observed that the result was somewhat disappointing though there were difficulties in the way of living there which made the case exceptional. Mr. Mills endorsed this. There was only one public, house there it was not at all. the sort of place that a young girl could be expected to go to. The Board resolved that it could not make any difference between the Deep Creek and other aided schools

2nd July 1889 From the Deep Creek Committee, recommending Mr. I. M. Meek as teacher vice Mr. Robertson who retires. Sanctioned.

6th August 1889 From Mr. Meek, teacher at Deep Creek, enclosing minutes of the Committee meeting, and asking the salary be paid monthly, not quarterly

3rd September 1889 DEEP CREEK. Mr. P. Ahern, for the School Committee, forwarded an estimate of completing an unfinished room at the school, viz., £18 10 shillings

The Board decided to call for tenders- the Chairman to accept one, provided it do not exceed the estimate

26th September 1889. A long letter to the paper included: We have received the following communications from Mr. James McKain Meek (of Deep Creek)., They are valuable as emanating from one who has probably seen more of gold mining in the colonies than any

individual in the island. His experience dates back to the earliest days of mining in Victoria. "As I have been a resident of this locality for the past three months, daring which period I have made myself acquainted with mostly all. the diggers and miners now working in the Wakamarina" district, together with an experience of colonial life for a period of over 50 years, I respectfully crave the indulgence of a space in the columns of your local journal to be the exponent of my views …….
7th October 1889 Pelorus Road Board included from J. T. Meek, re road to school at Deep Creek

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James McKain Meek was born at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk in 1815, arriving in Sydney 1938 where he reputedly tutored the children of Governor Gipps. James Meek married Julia Ann Craig (1816-84), the governess to Governor Gipps' children. Four children were born between 1844 and 1851.[3]

Meek arrived at Port Phillip (Melbourne) in 1847. He lived in Ballarat from December 1851 until sometime in 1853.[4]

James Meek's known movements after he left Ballarat are:

> 1853 Sandridge, Port Melbourne where he had a fishing fleet of 3 vessels and a cafe on the pier. The fleet was destroyed in a storm, and the cafe by fire, leaving the family financially ruined.
> 1853 Curdie's Inlet, near Peterborough
> 1855-59 Warrnambool
> 1858-59 Western Coast fishing Co. established but goes into liquidation within 12 months, investors lose money
> 1859-63 In Melbourne working as Librarian in the Public Library. Produced a large significant photo-lithograph: Atlas of the Australian Colonies
> 1861: Historical & Descriptive Atlas of the British Colonies in Continental & Insular Australia. This was entered in the Victorian Exhibition in Melbourne, 1861, winning a First Prize. It was sent on to the London International Exhibition of 1862, and a copy is held by the Stationers' Guild, London.
> 1863 Returns to Curdies Inlet
> 1874-91 In New Zealand. His wife dies at Christchurch in 1884
> 1891-98 Returns to Ballarat. Lives/works at Ballarat Benevolent Asylum
> 1898 seriously ill, taken home by daughter Marianne Dallimore to Lake Gillear, near Warrnambool

Meek's house was the first house in Ballarat. It was on the corner of Lydiard Street and Dana Street (where two real estate businesses stand in 2013). The site was originally owned by Patrick Welch. As well as a house, Meek also had a lemonade and soda factory on the site that was reputed to be a sly grog shop.[5]

[About May, 1853] near the corner of Dana and Lydiard streets, now occupied by Holmes and Salter's law offices, a tent or hut was kept by one Meek, who [36] wrote pen and ink sketches of Victoria. Meek, as became his name, did not make his business very prominent from a licensing point of view, and his establishment by way of irony upon it or the police, used to be called "The Trooper's Arms."[6]

PRIMITIVE ARCHITECTURE—Ballarat's First Mansion. North-West corner Lydiard and Dana Streets.

James Meek's house on the north-west corner of Lydiard Street and Dana Street, Federation University Historical Collection (Cat. No.4692)

Meek died at Lake Gillear, near Warrnambool, at his daughter's home (Marianne Dallimore) on 09 June 1899, shortly before his 84th birthday.

A brass plaque was added to James Meek's grave in 1991 by Ballarat Historical Society and Meek's descendants.

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James Mckain Meek has work at Te Papa

Research by Grandson Sam

5th November 1889 THE DEEP CREEK SCHOOL. The Chairman brought up the request of the Deep Creek aided school -for assistance to the master, who was receiving merely the fees for an aided school. The Board generally thought it would be establishing a precedent to grant anything. The Chairman did not think so. Mr. Mills had recommended the Chairman of Committee to put the compulsory clauses in force, The school was remote they could not put a girl there, and the present teacher (Mr. J. M, K. Meek) was, he believed, quite competent. As a fact the master could not live on the pittance he was now getting, The people were 7» c y r Before granting special aid he (Mr. Mills) would see that the children were compelled to attend. If that did not answer, the Board had better (rather than close the school) grant a small subsidy. The Board resolved to intimate to the Committee that, they could not reverse their former decision in the matter.

3rd December 1889 From the Deep Creek Committee notifying the resignation of the teacher, and applying for a fixed salary for the teacher. The Chairman remarked that this was one of the unfortunate schools with which they sympathised, but which want of funds prevented their assisting. Mr. Mills said the pay was quite insufficient, and the residence quite uncomfortable. He would ask the Board to make a small concession, for the salary was but £40 a year. He would suggest putting the compulsory clauses in place. He moved that consideration be deferred till next meeting." The motion, seconded by Mr. E. Paul was carried.

I can find no material re Mr. McKourmick or anyone of this strange spelling. He was only at Deep Creek for a short time

1890

1890 21 Deep Creek Pritchard Florence Female £ 66.10

14th January 1890 From the Deep Creek Committee notifying the appointment of Miss Prichard to the school. Confirmed

25th February 1890 DEEP CREEK SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Deep Creek School Committee was held on Wednesday, February 19. Present: Messrs. T. Meek (in the chair), Leahy. Nelson, Dillon, Ahern, Diamante, and Hunter. Resolved—That the Chairman write to the Board asking their aid to obtain a supply of firewood for the school during the winter months. Mr. Leahy proposed and Mr. Ahem seconded—That the school be converted into a State school in place of an aided one as the number of children are increasing—Carried, Mr. Diamanti' proposed and Mr. Leahy seconded—That the Chairman, write to the Board pointing out the necessity of the school being painted, the windows repaired, and some appliances for the amusement of the scholars,—Carried, Resolved—That the minutes of the future meetings held monthly be published in the Pelorus Guardian. The Chairman, was instructed to ask the Board to erect a fence to protect the school from cattle.

1st April 1890 From the architect (Mr. Douslin) reporting as follows Deep Creek: panting (sic), glazing, and tank were much required. It was resolved to call for tenders for the work needed at Tua Marina, and for painting fencing and tank at Deep Creek.

2nd April 1890 Deep Creek (aided school).— Miss Prichard. Oh roll 18, present 13. The mistress of this little school had evidently ;profited by the experience gained elsewhere, and did not again place her scholars too high. They got through their work fairly well, their quiet independent method of procedure deserving special notice

4th April 1890 A meeting of the Deep Creek School Committee was held on Tuesday evening. Present: Messrs. Leahy (in the chair), Diamante, Nelson, Hunter, and Dillon.

Mr. Nelson proposed, and Mr. Leahy seconded, That Mr. H. Seymour be elected a member of the Board of Education, Blenheim. Carried. Mr. Diamante proposed, and Mr. Hunter seconded, That Mr. J. A. Lambert be elected a member of the Board of Education, Blenheim. Carried. Mr. Nelson proposed, and Mr. Dillon seconded, That three cords of firewood be obtained by the Committee for the school, as the Board had been appealed to in vain by the chairman. Carried. Resolved, That eight chains of fencing was required to fence the school in, and the chairman was instructed to write to the Board's architect, Blenheim re same

4th April 1890 From the architect (Mr. Douslin, reporting as follows:— (3) Deep Creek: painting, glazing, and tank were much required

Deep Creek (aided school)—Miss Pritchard. On roll, 18; present, 13. The mistress of this little school had evidently profited by the experience gained elsewhere, and did not again place her scholars too high. They got through their work fairly well, their quiet independent method of procedure deserving special notice

6th May 1890 Repairs at Deep Creek Messrs. T. Bullens £23 17s 6d (accepted), W. Gillespie £26 5s C. Nelson £32, Peddie and Bott £ 39 10s, G. Foster £39 19s.

9th May 1890 Tenders for repairs at Deep Creek: Messrs. T. Bullens £23 17s 6d (accepted). The highest tender being £39

6th June 1890 From the Deep Creek Committee, stating that the successful tenderer for painting could not proceed with the work, and hoping the next lowest tenderer would be requested to proceed. The Board decided to let the work to Mr. Gillespie, the next lowest tenderer, in the event of Mullins actually giving up the tender

5th December 1890 53 votes were cast at Deep Creek in the General Election

1888	7	Well's Farm	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 17.10
1890	21	Deep Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 66.10
1891	19	Deep Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 66.10
1892	21	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 100.00
1893	21	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 100.00
1894	27	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 100.00
1895	27	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 100.00
1896	30	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D2	Female	£ 100.00
1897	31	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D2	Female	£ 110.18
1898	31	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D2	Female	£ 110.18
1899	28	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 90.00
1900	39	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 116.60
1901	36	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 115.00
1902	36	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 141.00
1903	35	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 141.00
1904	35	Spring Creek	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£ 140.00
1907	17	Taratahi West	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female Assistant	£110.00
1910	574	Te Aro /Side School	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female Assistant	£90.00
1911	538	Te Aro /Side School	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female	£95.00
1912	530	Te Aro /Side School	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Assistant	£100.00

1913	513	Te Aro /Side School	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Female Assistant Female	£105.00
1914	757	Te Aro / 2 Side Schools	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Assistant Female	£115.00
1915	768	Te Aro / 2 Side Schools	Pritchard	Florence	D1	Assistant Female	£120.00
1917	461/139/201	Te Aro / Mitchelltown/Infants	Pritchard	Florence	D-81	Assistant	£120.00
1919	58	Parkvale	Pritchard	Florence	Assistant	D-78	£210.00

8th January 1886 WANTED.— SITUATION in Photographer's or other light Business. Address FLORENCE PRITCHARD, 33 Express Office,

14th an 1888 Sat her D examination

7th May 1889 Miss **P**ritchard wrote to the effect that she would resign the Wells' Farm School inconsequence of failure of attendance, and asking for future employment. A letter was received from the Renwick Committee, notifying the application of Miss **Florence Pritchard** for employment

1891

1891	19	Deep Creek	Pritchard	Florence		Female	£ 66.10

7th April 1891 An application was read from the Deep Creek Committee asking that their school might be classed as a district school. Mr. Mills supported the request; Resolved, That the matter be postponed, pending the Inspector's report

7th August 1891 Pelorus Hotel. G. T. CORBETT. .Proprietor. IBIS Hotel has lately been renovated throughout, and is half way between Nelson and Blenheim and on the road to the Wakamarina Diggings. Passengers by Newman's coaches stop at this Hotel daily for Luncheon. It is also situated most conveniently for sportsmen. Excellent Accommodation. Good Paddocks and Stabling. Davidson's Beer on draught and Clouston's O.E. Whisky kept in stock.

Mail Arrangements— HAVING taken the contract for carrying the mail to Deep Creek, the undersigned is prepared to carry passengers and parcels from Havelock to Canvastown and Deep Creek, leaving Havelock at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, arriving at Deep Creek at 12.30, and returning to Canvastown the same day, and to Havelock if sufficient inducement offers. Parcels and merchandise taken at rates. G. T. CORBETT

27th November 1891 ASSAULT CASE, J. J. Lang v. Robert Alexander— The plaintiff, who is schoolmaster at Deep Creek, charged defendant, who is Chairman of the School Committee, with having assaulted him during the dinner hour in presence of several children. Mr. Conolly for plaintiff; and Mr. McNab for defendant. The plaintiff stated that the day was wet and the children were on the verandah, and during his temporary absence they had commenced screaming and shouting at the top of their voices. He told them to desist but young Leahy and Alexander had not done so, and he caught the latter and carried him into the school and was giving him a lecture when he tried to run away and at the same time cried out to his father to come and save him from ibis cur (meaning the plaintiff '. He thereupon gave him two cuts with a blind stick, at the same time Mr. Alexander had rushed into the, school, and had struck the plaintiff eight times and then went away after offering to fight him.

In cross-examination he said he treated all the children alike. He had not spoken to Mr. Alexander because he had not had the opportunity. The screaming was of a nature which might cause alarm to anyone at a distance. He told Richard Mills of the assault but had no recollection of saying he would like to make it up with Mr. Alexander. David Leahy, a boy eleven years old, said they were screaming and singing out on the day named. We were not playing at any game and made more noise than usual on that day. Mr. Alexander came and gave us some sugar and told us to scream louder. Mr. Lang asked Us to stop. I stopped making a noise and so did some others, but my little brother and young Alexander did not. Mr. Lang told me to catch my brother while he caught Alexander whom he brought into school. Young Alexander sang out, " Father come and save me from this big cur." Mr. Alexander came into the school and hit Mr. Lang. He was quite sure Mr. Alexander struck Mr. Lang. Annie Leahy gave similar evidence. Richard Mills said Mr. Lang came to him and complained that Mr. Alexander had hit him. He did not see any marks on plaintiff on the night of the assault. Mr. Lang spoke to him on another occasion and said he would not take any action if Mr. Alexander would give him a receipt for his board account, pay £2 legal expenses, and apologise. Mary Alexander, wife of defendant, said she heard her little boy crying out as the master was whipping him, and her husband went to protect the boy, but she did not see him punch the master. She could not help seeing

him if he did. The boy was not bleeding from the effects of the flogging.
Robert Alexander said he came home wet and was not in a. very good temper. The children were making an infernal noise, and he gave them some and asked them whether they hot make more noise. I heard the hoy crying out, and I went to rescue Urn from the master. I merely took the boy;, away but did not strike the plaintiff. 1 He believed the action was taken for spite. In delivering judgment His Worship said schoolmasters must be protected, because' if they were not the children would soon be the masters. While censuring -Mr. Alexander for his conduct he did not consider the charge had been proved and gave judgment accordingly. Each paying their own costs

1892

1892 22 Deep Creek Logan Lily Female £ 77.00

10th February 1892 DEEP CREEK. The Committee forwarded the name of Mr. J. J. Lang as teacher for the Deep Creek School. —Confirmed
28th February 1892 Lily Logan passed Class E examinations
2nd June 1892 John James Lang v. Robert Alexander, alleged assault. Mr. Connolly appeared for complainant, and Mr. McNab for the defence. Complainant was school master of the Deep Creek School, defendant was Chairman of the School Committee. After hearing evidence, his Worship dismissed the case. The magistrate made some very stringent remarks to the effect that had the case against the defendant been f satisfactorily proved, he would have dealt with it as severely as the law would allow him, inasmuch as the discipline of the public schools must be maintained, otherwise the children would become the masters
7th June 1892 DEEP CREEK. A number of letters were received from the teacher and Chairman of Committee as to a series of disputes between the master and the Committee
5th July Miss Lily Logan was appointed to Deep Creek

2nd August 1882 The Blenheim School Committee asked for an assistant teacher in the place of Miss Logan. The Inspector pointed out that they were not entitled to more than a pupil teacher, and one had been selected

1893

1893 23 Deep Creek Logan Lily Female £ 78.10

3rd May 1893 Most of the committees forwarded the names of those elected, but Deep Creek and Picton had troubles. In the case of Deep Creek the Chairman raised the point as to whether two members of the Committee who did not hold miners' rights could sit. As to Picton, they had refused to elect at all, on the ground that they had been overlooked by the Board. With respect to Deep Creek it was resolved to write and ascertain the qualifications of the members referred to, and as to Picton the Secretary was instructed to fix a date for the second election

The Deep Creek Committee ware authorised to expend £4 in lining the teacher's residence

7th June 1893 We learn that Mr. Lang, now teacher in the Kenepuru District of Pelorus Sound, has been promoted from Class D., Division 4 to Division 3 of the same class. He was teacher formerly near Westport, more recently at Kaikoura and at Deep Creek. He received his certificate originally partly for certificates brought from Europe. He matriculated in the New Zealand University course some two years ago, and is two years resident in the colony.

In 1892 J Lang taught at Beatrix Bay and in 1893 and 1894 at Endeavour Inlet

25th November 1893 Deep Creek. The Deep Creek correspondent of the Guardian writes At the annual school examination, which was held a short time ago, our excellent mistress (Miss Logan) secured a record which I understand is hard to equal, and impossible to beat, for every scholar presented for examination passed, and the Inspector was also highly pleased with the efficiency of the preparatory class

8th December 1893 social will be held at Deep Creek on Saturday, the 16th inst., in aid of the school prizes. Such a laudable attempt to encourage children in their studies is deserving of the most liberal support, and we hope to hear of the social being well patronised.

22nd December 1893 Deep Creek Social.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) The social held on the 16th was in every way as successful as its promoters could expect. Miss Scott had kindly volunteered to preside at the piano, which she did, in her usual efficient manner, being occasionally relieved by Mr. H. Rutland and others with the accordion. Mr. A. Scott fully satisfied the dancers that he was a capable M.C., and great praise is due to him, for his efforts did much towards making that part of the programme a success. The singing of Misses Florrie and Ethel Andrews won well deserved applause, as did also a song by our old friend Mrs. Morgan, who, though maybe painfully aware that age destroys activity, is by no means " out of the running " when singing is to the fore. Want of space forbids me to enumerate the many singers and reciters deserving of special praise, particularly do I regret having to pass with so short notice those visitors who so kindly and readily gave their assistance. The supper, which was spread in a marquee adjoining the school, was all that could be desired, and was ably presided over by Miss Logan and Mesdames Andrews, Addison, and Alexander. The only

fault to be found with the arrangements was that the children monopolized too much sitting room that should have been reserved for the dancers; but on the whole everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and the thanks of the community are due to all who in various ways assisted to make the social so successful, and the ladies who worked so hard in getting it up are to be congratulated on having brought it to so satisfactory an issue, and thereby netted over £5 towards the school prize fund.
29th December 1893 In connection with the social our Deep Creek correspondent writes "I had almost forgotten to mention the most important part of Saturday's festivities, which was an excellent tea provided at 6.30 p.m. by the ladies for the juveniles, and evidently fully appreciated, when games were afterwards indulged in until dark.
DEATH OF MRS. S. MORGAN.
Another very old resident of the district has passed away in the person of Mrs. Morgan, of Deep Creek, from bronchitis, at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Morgan was the possessor of a remarkable voice, and it was only the other day she was singing at the Deep Creek Social. The deceased was well known and respected throughout the district, and many will regret to hear of her death.

1894

1894	27	Deep Creek	Stratford	Herbert	Master	£	86.12

13th February 1894 Wakamarina.

(Prom Our Own Correspondent.) Deep Creek, February 11. The school reopened on the 5th inst. and on the 6th the prizes, consisting of a really excellent variety of books, &c, both useful, entertaining, and ornamental, were distributed by Miss Logan. As every pupil had passed a standard all received a prize, and some two, as special prizes were given for attendance. The recipients of prizes were:—Standard V.—Jessie Dillon, Percy Dillon, David Leahy, and George Alexander. Standard IV.—Florence Andrews and Annie Leahy. Standard III.—John Alexander, John Dillon, Christopher Maroni, Mabel Maroni, Edith Alexander and Edmund Leahy. Standard IL—Clemente Maroni and Ethel Andrews. Primer class.—Stella Andrews, Blanche Andrews, Beatrice Alexander, Natalina Maroni, Cissie Leahy, Stanley Dillon, Bertie Addison, Michael Leahy, Frank Nisbet, Ethel Alexander, Mary Diamanti, and Daisy Dillon.
The twice happy little ones who received a second prize for regular attendance were Beatrice Alexander; Annie Leahy, Ethel Andrews, and Edmund Leahy.
7th March 1894. The Onamalutu School Committee recommended the appointment of Miss L. Logan to the teachership of the school. The appointment was made, and the Secretary was directed to write to the Deep Creek School Committee (at which place Miss Logan was teacher) pointing out the advisability of appointing Mr. Stratford to their school
10th March 1894 In arithmetic it is true, the Inspector seems to be less satisfied than in the other two subjects, but there were some exceptionally good percentages of passes in this very important subject, the following schools showing a really admirable record Renwick, 96 Havelock 95; Deep Creek, 93;…… We compliment the teachers of these schools upon the good work done, and trust that the high standard to which their pupils have attained in

what is perhaps the most practically important of a child's elementary education; will be well maintained by the work done during the present year. …….
4th April 1894 DEEP CREEK. The Deep Creek Committee acknowledged the transfer of Mr. H. Stratford to theirs. *Herbert Stratford came from teaching at Blenheim School*
27th April 1894 Our late school-mistress, Miss Logan, has been promoted to the Onamalutu School, and carries with her the hearty good wishes of the whole community. Her place has been filled by Mr. Stratford, of the Blenheim School, an excellent teacher, highly recommended by the Inspector of Schools

5th October 1894 The Deep Creek Committee wrote asking the Board to supply a cupboard and blinds for the school.

It was resolved that as the Inspector was shortly visiting the school he could then see what was necessary, and was authorised to supply the wants
28th December 1894 The school closed for five weeks at noon of the 20th inst., and the school picnic took place on the 21st. at tin excellent spot on the high ground behind Mr. Watson's house. In addition to the children there were a .considerable number of adults on the ground, and cricket, rounders, and the swings were well patronised, while a long programme of sports for the youngsters was carried out by Mr. Stratford, apparently to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The picnic broke up about 6 p.m. Mr. Stratford proposing three ,cheers for the ladies who had so kindly and capably provided an abundance of those dainties so acceptable to the juveniles and by no means despised by the adults-and, by their untiring .efforts for the -comfort of all, made the picnic such a complete success. This was very heartily responded to, as also were the three cheers sailed for by one of the boys; for Mr. .Stratford, -with whom the idea of the picnic originated, and who was indefatigable in his efforts to make it a success. 'The dance held in the schoolroom in evening was well patronised, the music was kindly supplied by various gentlemen on the accordion, Miss Scott on the violin, and occasional assistance from Mr. Andrews on the piccolo. An excellent supper was handed round at 11.30, the ladies again distinguishing themselves by their untiring efforts to please all, in which they undoubtedly succeeded, Mr. Stratford very kindly placed his rooms entirely at their disposal, and thus facilitated their labours as far as possible. Dancing, interspersed with songs, was kept up: till daylight in the morning, when all .dispersed, tired, but well satisfied with the world in general and themselves in particular.

1895

1895 25 Deep Creek Stratford Herbert E3 Master £ 100.00
15th January 1895 The School Committee here are applying to the Education Board to have their aided school taken over by the Board, and, as the average attendance for the past two quarters has been 26, and the number on the roll is 30, there is every prospect of that number being maintained —if not increased. [We have no doubt that Mr. Mills, who is a member of the Education Board, will heartily support the application.— Ed. P.G.]
6th February 1895 Deep Creek School.— The Deep Creek School has reopened after five weeks recess. The picnic, which took place in the holidays on the high ground behind Mr. Watson's house, was well attended by children and adults, and a long programme of sports was carried out under the management of Mr. Stratford, the teacher, who was heartily

cheered at the conclusion of the proceedings. A social was held in the schoolroom in the evening and was well patronised. This school has become a most popular institution, and Mr. H. Stratford must be congratulated on the able manner in which he has continued the successful regime of Miss L. Logan. During Mr. Stratford's term, the school has been promoted by the Education Board from an aided to a Board school, a distinction of which he may well be proud. *This meant the Marlborough Education Board [aid the teacher's salary as well as other costs. Previously the Board only paid a per head capitation fee and all other costs were met by the School Committee*

24th September 1895 The annual examination of the Deep Creek school took place on Monday last when the whole of the children presented passed their respective standards. The following is the pass list: Standard VII, David Leahy Standard VI, Florence Andrews, Jessie Dillon, Percy Dillon, and Annie Leahy: standard V, Edith Alexander, John Alexander, John Dillon, and Edmund Leahy: standard IV, Ethel Andrews and William Ragg; standard III, Beatrice Alexander, Stella Andrews. Blanche Andrews, Stanley Dillon, Julia Leahy, and Arthur Meek standard 11, Horace Fisk; standard I, Mary Dillon, Myrtle Fisk, and Michael Leahy

3rd May 1895 SCHOOL COMMITTEE. At- the meeting of householders, held ou Monday evening last, thirteen were present, and the Committee elected for the ensuing year were Messrs. Dillon, Watson, F. Wilson, Mayo and Alexander. At the close of the meeting Mr. Fisk gave expression to the general feeling of those present when he stated that he hoped the new Committee would endeavour to have the school district, extended to The Forks, as the present boundary— Dead Horse Creek—inflicted hardship on a parent with children attending the school. When the new Committee met Mr. Alexander was unanimously . voted to the chair

20th September 1895 The Social to be held in the Deep Creek School, Oil Friday evening next, is attracting % great deal of attention, and bids fair to " break the record." 'the music to be supplied will be a feature of the occasion, and should attract visitors from all rou.id the district

25th September 1895 The man; Blenheim friends of Mr. H. A. Stratford, Master of the Deep Creek School, will be pleased to bear that a very successful examination of the school has just been held, the whole of the scholars having passed creditably. Mr. Stratford is to be congratulated on the excellent result of the year's work

1896

1896 22 Deep Creek Stratford Herbert E3 Master £ 100.00

7th February 1896 The School re-opened a week ago, but the attendance of boys has not been satisfactory, and there is some talk of getting the Truant Officer on the war path. *In Deep Creek notes.*

18th February 1896 Leap Year" Ball.— A novelty in the shape of a " Leap Year " Ball is announced to be held in the Deep Creek School on Friday, Feb. 28th. The prices of admission have been fixed at a very low figure, which will, no doubt, be the means of attracting a large attendance.

30th April 1896 At the statutory meeting of householders held at Deep Creek on Monday evening the following persons were duly elected to form a School Committee for the year, viz. Messrs. Alexander, Dillon, Fisk, Hill, und May. The Committee met immediately after the election, when Mr. R. Alexander was re-elected chairman for the year.

1st May 1896 DEEP CREEK, . At a well attended meeting of householders held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last (Mr. Fisk in the chair) the following gentlemen were elected, out of eight nominees, as a Committee for the ensuing year Messrs. Alexander, Fisk, Mayo, Hill and Dillon. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. ' , The Committee met and reelected Mr. Alexander as Chairman for the ensuing year. It was decided to apply to the Education Board for a-grant towards providing a supply of firewood for the school use. After transacting some minor business, the Committee adjourned till May 26th.

13th May 1896 DEEP CREEK. The Committee asked for £3 for firewood. Granted

29th May 1896 The Secretary of the Concert Committee—Mr. H. A. Stratford —this week forwarded to Mr. C. H. Mills for transmission to Brunnerton the sum of £4 10/-, being the amount realized J at the late concert. The money was withheld for a week pending the return of Mr. Mills from Wellington. I am particularly pleased to be able to state r that the school children opened a subscription list among themselves, and j (forwarded about £1 to the office of the] Canterbury Times. This amount may j, seem trifling, but for a school in a 0 district which is just at present somewhat " down at heel," I consider it really excellent, and feel very proud of the youngsters donation

30th September 1896 The Telephone, We learn that Mr. Buick is taking steps to have telephone communication established between Deep Creek and Canvastown

23rd October 1896 Concert at Deep Creek.

Notwithstanding the fearful weather on Friday last, the concert promoted; by Mr. H. A. Stratford in aid of the Annual School Picnic Fund drew a crowded audience, and resulted in a substantial cash balance to the credit of the fund. The programme, which shewed careful rehearsal and capable management, contained a capital variety of items, and the introduction of innovations in the form of dialogue plays and musical drill by the children, was much appreciated. The following was the programme submitted:— Overture; " Prince Imperial," Miss Fisk and Mr. Hay; song, " The Cricket on the Hearth," Mrs Wakelin; dialogue, "Playing Doctor" (encored), Miss Stella Andrews, and Masters Stanley and John Dillon; song, Mr. Hay; pianoforte solo, Mr.s Webb; song, Mr. Burke (encored); recitation, "Llewellyn and his Dog," Misses Beatrice Alexander and Blanch Andrews ; song, Pa and Ma " (encored), Mr. Badding; physical drill, Masters . E. Leahy, J. Dillon, and J. Alexander ; pianoforte duet, " The Witches Flight," Miss Fisk and Mr. Stratford; song, "Au Revoir," Miss Davis; recitation, "A Leap for Life" .(encored), Miss Wakelin; banjo duet ' (encored), Messrs. Hay and Elder; song, "Dublin Bay," Miss Wilson; dialogue, " Women's Rights," Misses , Lily Fisk, Florrie, Andrews, Jessie ~ Dillon, Edith Andrews, and Annie/ Leahy, . Much credit is due to Mr. Stratford for the manner in which he had tutored the youngsters into the efficient manner in which they carried through: their portion of the performance, and \ to those ladies and gentlemen (from \ Havelock) who, in the face of such diabolical weather, kept their appointments in the order of the programme. At the conclusion of the Concert, willing hands soon cleared the room, and dancing was kept up until the usual hour (daylight), and a most successful evening was brought to a close with " Auld Lang Syne." We are requested by the promoter (Mr. H. A. Stratford) to thank all those who so kindly gave their services; to Mr. Fisk, for use of the piano; and] to those ladies who provided the refreshments, of which there was an abundant and excellent supply

16th December 1896 DEEP CREEK. The Committee asked for repairs to school. Resolved that Chairman of Committee be requested to call for tenders and forward same to next

meeting. Resolved to point out that the attendance "was becoming reduced to the status of an aided school

22nd December 1896 The school picnic on the 18th. inst., organised by Mr. Stratford, with the willing and very material assistance of the ladies—bless 'em I—proved very successful. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and carried away many proofs of their athletic powers and nibleness *(As written: Nimbleness or food nibbling?)*, A dance in the evening was well attended, an excellent supper provided, and dancing kept up until the singing of the birds (not the domestic rooster, please) announced the dawn of another day. The recent rain, which has been so long expected and so heartily wished for, caused a flood in the Wakamarina Which overtopped the Gorge dams, and p the Christmas holidays are so near, work will not be resumed fill the 4th January.

24th December 1896 M, H.R. *(Member House of Representatives)* Medal.— The boy and the girl who gained, the greatest number of marks in the 6th standard at country schools are Eugene T. Rogers, Robin Hood Bay, 338 Lily Fisk, Deep Creek, 290- Another girl in a country school gained the same number of marks as Lily Fisk, but being nearly two years older the preference was given to the latter.

29th December 1896 Scholarly.—Two pupils of Mr. H. A. Stratford, the principal of the Deep Creek School, have done justice their worthy instructor during the late examinations, Miss Lily Fisk having won the M.H.R. medal, whilst Master David Leahy obtained third place in the competition for the Marlborough Education Board's Scholarships. These results are alike eminently creditable to master and pupils

30th December 1896 It will interest many of our readers, to know that the Deep Creek school underwent a most creditable examination, every scholar on the roll passing in the respective standards. In addition to this a pupil narrowly escaped winning one of the Marlborough scholarship, being third on the list and another pupil won the girl's M.H.R. medal for country schools, The teacher, Mr. H. Stratford— who received his tuition and gained his teaching experience in the Blenheim Borough. School— is to be congratulated upon the success of his work since his appointment to Deep Creek.

1897

1897 21 Deep Creek Blake Alfred W B2 Master £ 74.10

13th January 1897 The Deep Creek Committee submitted specifications for repairs to school, and a tender of £35 for the work. Referred to architect.

8th February 1897 We learn that the Cullensville Committee recommend Mr. Stratford, of Deep Creek, for the school vacancy there. There were eight applicants

9th February 1897 That specifications be prepared and tenders called for the work of repairing the Deep Creek School.

10th February 1897 The future educational prospects of the district cannot be considered gloomy when we see the success of the young teachers who have been taught and trained within its borders. One needs only direct attention to the excellent work done this year at Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Onamalutu, and Tua Marina, the teachers of which schools were all formerly pupil-teachers in Marlborough

12th February 1896 In accordance with the recommendations of the Architect, the following resolution was passed, That specifications be prepared and tenders called for the work of repairing the Deep Creek School;

5th March 1896 The complimentary social tendered to Mr. Stratford on Friday evening last was thoroughly enjoyable and well attended, in spite of the unpropitious weather. Daring the evening Mr. R. Alexander, Chairman of the School Committee, on behalf of the scholars, presented Mr. Stratford with an inkstand and tie, remarking that, though the intrinsic value might not be great; it was tangible proof of the great regard and esteem of the scholars, who also desired him to express their sincere regret at the | departure of Mr. Stratford, feeling they were losing not merely a teacher, but a kind and sympathetic friend, who had always been ready and willing to forward their sports and pleasures to the best of his ability. Mr. Alexander then alluded to the friendly relations/, which had always existed between Mr. Stratford and the School Committee, and mentioned that the Cricket Club probably owed its existence to him. One or two other members of the School Committee and Cricket Club also had a few words to say expressive of their appreciation of Mr. Stratford's many, services among them, and of regret at bis departure, bat all united ' in " wishing him every happiness and success in his new home." Mr. Stratford, who was deeply touched at the hearty expressions of good will, feelingly thanked the children for the lasting memento of their kind regards, and heartily reciprocated the good wishes expressed. He regretted leaving a district where he had met with so much cordiality, but his services would still be at the command of the Cricket Club, and he hoped to hear of their prosperity in the future. The proceedings were marked with' much enthusiasm, and " For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was heartily sung by all. The ladies were, as usual, to the fore with a really excellent supper, which pleased all. Messrs. Hay and Burke kindly supplied music, and dancing, interspersed with some capital songs and recitations, was kept merrily going till daylight.

2nd March 1897 Scholastic . — Mr. Stratford, late of the Deep Creek school, assumed charge of the Cullensville school on Monday last. There was a good attendance

6th March 1897 We are pleased to hear that Miss L. M. Brewer— late of the Borough schools, but now in charge of the Deep Creek school — has completed her Class E, examination, and has also-received a partial D. certificate. Miss Brewster (Sic) is a consistent and devoted teacher, and her friends will be glad to hear of her success. *Lottie M Brewer,*

9th March 1897 Tenders. The following tenders were reeved today by the Education Board for the painting and repairing of the Deep Creek School W. Price £30, (accepted) Matthews Bros. £30 10s.

9th March 1897 THE EDITOR. Sib, — On June 22nd next the " Diamond Jubilee" of Queen Victoria's illustrious reign will be celebrated throughout the civilised world. How are the inhabitants of Havelock and the surrounding districts going to take their part in the joyful celebrations. I have a suggestion to make, and it is only a suggestion; to gather together, in some central spot, all the school children from Deep Creek to the Wairau River, including Cullensville and Sounds, and have a day of pleasure and rejoicing. What a gathering it-would be, the children being accompanied by their parents and friends ? Let each child be presented with a suitable momenta of the unique occasion. Funds, of course, would be wanted, but I feel sure, for such an occasion, a ready response would be forthcoming. I shall be happy to assist in any suitable celebration of the event, and I hope suggestions will

flow in, and the best be | adopted. I am, &c, Jacob H. Reynolds. Havelock, March 8,1897.

10th March 1897 DEEP CREEK. The Committee nominated Mr. A. W. Blake, formerly of Robin Hood Bay, to take the teachership in place of Mr. Stratford, who had proceeded to Cullensville, Resolved that, providing Mr. Blake accepted the position, his appointment be sanctioned.

30th March 1897 Deep Creek.—W. Blake, Esq., B.A., the newly-appointed master of the Deep Creek School took up his duties yesterday. He is a worthy successor to Mr. Stratford, who did such extremely fine work with the children, and was such an all-round favourite

30th April 1897. DEEP CREEK.

At a well-attended meeting of householders held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last (Mr. Alexander in the chair) the following gentlemen were elected, out of of seven nominees, as a Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs. Alexander, Mayo, Watson, Dillon, and Mills. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. The Committee met and re-elected Mr. Alexander as Chairman for the ensuing year. After transacting some minor business, the Committee adjourned.

1st May 1897 Yesterday Mr. T. L. Buick handed the Secretary of the Education Board the two M.H.R. school medals for the competition of last year. They are made of gold and silver, and are of the same design as those presented on the previous occasion. They are really handsome treasures. These honors were awarded to Master E. Rogers, of the Robin Hood Bay School, and Miss L. Fisk, of Deep Creek, they, of the boys and girls, respectively, attending country schools, having gained the highest number of marks at the examination. Next year the medals will be open to the competition of boys and girls attending the town school.

12th May 1897 he Cullensville and Deep Creek Committees wore each granted four cords of firewood

11th June 1897 Communications were read from Havelock Suburban and Deep Creek accepting the invitation for the school children from those parts of the district to join in the demonstration on Tuesday, 22nd. It was decided to systematically canvass the town of Havelock and surrounding settlers for subscriptions towards raising the necessary funds for carrying out the programme as decided upon by the Committee at its last mooting. The question of supplying dinner having been raised, it was reported that in many cases parents had offered to supply the required puddings, and, after discussion, the matter was allowed to remain in abeyance until next meeting

25th June 1897 This is part of a long article on the Queen Victoria Celebrations The morning of Tuesday was anxiously looked forward to by all the youngsters, and early in the day the streets were filled with a large throng of well-dressed, healthy-looking children from Havelock, Deep Creek and Havelock Suburban, all agog for the fun that was in store for them. At the hour of 11*15 the marshalling of the procession took place at the school - house, and when each child was presented with a bronze Jubilee commemoration medal. The clergy, members of the Town Board and prominent citizens having taken their places in the order named at the head of the procession, it proceeded through the township and returned to the Town Hall, where the National Anthem was reverently sung by all present, under the leadership of Mr.

H. L. N. Clarke. On its conclusion, very hearty cheers were given for the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Royal Family, and the Entertainment Committee. The procession then re-formed, and marched to the School, where the children were provided with refreshments, preparatory to taking part in THE SPORTS

9th July 1897 Mr. A. W. Blake, teacher of the Deep Creek School, baa received notice from the Education Department that his last year's qualifications entitle him to have his certificate raised from B 3 to 82.
6th August 1897 Mr. Blake, Deep Creek, wrote requesting that the track from the main road to the School be improved.— After discussion, it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance, the Inspector being instructed to report after visiting the locality. Pelorus Road Board meeting
3rd September 1897 Deep Creek. —A concert and dance is announced to be held in the Deep Creek school on Friday, September 10th., in aid of the picnic fund. We understand the Committee have been promised an abundance of support for the Concert, and all who have once visited a dance at Deep Creek know the enjoyment to be derived therefrom. When it is mentioned that the ladies in the vicinity have undertaken to supply the refreshments, that fact alone should merit a full attendance of the general public.

14th September 1897 DEEP CREEK.

(From Our Own Correspondent). Deep Creek, 11th. September. Friday night's entertainment was organised and worked up by a Committee consisting of Misses Andrews, Alexander, Dillon, and L. Fisk, and those who were inclined to doubt their ability to carry out what they undertook were very much surprised at the really excellent results achieved. Everyone of the performers, particularly the children, carried out their parts with a quiet confidence that spoke volumes for the careful training bestowed on them; their sweet, fresh, young voices and bright pretty appearance when grouped on the stage (which was tastefully decorated) forming a combination that could not fail to please, and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. The whole affair was most successful and thoroughly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present. Mr. Blake rendered the Committee much valuable assistance, and Mr. W. Fisk made an indefatigable stage manager. The following programme was gone through:—Glee, " Nursery Rhymes," the Company; recitation, "My Dolly and Aunty's Dolly," Misses A. and E. Alexander; autoharp selection, Mrs. Watson ; dialogue (encored), "Playing Doctor," (Billy White, Mr. J. Wilson; Sammy White, Mr. S. Dillon ; Nellie White, Miss S. Andrews; duet (encored), "You shan't play in our yard," Misses E. Andrews and M. Fisk; glee (encored), "I have ten little servants," the Company; dialogue (encored;, "Unappreciated Genius," (Mr. Brown, Mr. Jones; Mrs. Brown, Miss Dillon; Biddy, Miss Andrews; Clementina, Miss B. Andrews; Alphonso, Mr. H. Fisk; tableau (encored), " The Gipsy's Warning" ; recitation, " God Knows," Misses B. Alexander, and S. and B. Andrews; song, Mrs. Watson; dialogue, " What is Love ? " (Laura, Miss E. Alexander; Bella, Miss Andrews; Naomi, Miss L. Fisk; Tilly, Miss Dillon; Milly, Miss E. Andrews; Hattie, Miss M. Fisk; Mrs. Sutcliffe, Miss Alexander; Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. F. Dillon); song, Mr. McDonald; glee (encored), " Oh! we're all weaving," the Company. The dance was very enjoyable, the attendance being almost beyond the capacity of the school. Messrs. Rutland and W. Donald kindly supplied the music, and Mr. Livingstone acted

as M.C. The supper needs no comment, for when did Deep Creek ladies fail to please in that respect ? The Picnic Fund benefits to the extent of about £B.
In spite of the fact that a writer in your columns recently stated that the Wakamarina was being garroted, there appears to be still a very considerable amount of vitality left in it, judging by the fact that within the last few weeks five river claims of one mile each and four terrace claims, comprising over 300 acres, have been pegged off. Work has already been commenced on one of the terrace claims, and a dredge to work one of the river claims will be started immediately the ground is granted.

8th October 1897 School Examination.

The following scholars passed in the respective Standards at the annual examination of the Deep Creek school, on Wednesday last: — Class X.—Edmund Leahy, John Alexander. Standard V.—Ethel Andrews, Blanche Andrews, Jessie Leahy, Stanley Dillon, Beatrice Alexander, and Percy Holland. Standard IV.—Horace Fisk, and Albert Nelson. Standard III.—Daisy Dillon, Ida Nelson, Myrtle Fisk, and Michael Leahy. Standard 11. Ethel Alexander, Dan Leahy, Constance Fisk, and Mary Diamanti.
21st December 1897 Deep Creek.—Our own correspondent wrote on Saturday last : school picnic (organised and carried out by Misses Alexander, Andrews, Dillon and Fisk, who spared no pains to make it thoroughly enjoyable and successful), was held yesterday, the children and their friends appearing in strong force, and returning home in the gloaming thoroughly pleased with the day's outing, every, little face wearing a happy smile, the packets in hand and jingle of pockets bearing testimony to the athletic feats of the happy possessors. A pleasant dance and supper terminated a very. Enjoyable day."
Scholarships.—The examination for the Marlborough Education Board's Scholar-, ships commenced in Blenheim yesterday. The following pupils from this district are competing: John Alexander, Edmond Leahy (presented by Mr. A. W. Blake, of the Deep Creek 'Miss Douslin, pf the Canvastown school}.

1898

1898 18 Deep Creek Blake Alfred W B2 Master £ 67.10

16th February 1898 Inspector's Report the results of the examination subjects at the 21 Board schools are on the whole fairly satisfactory Seven cases he considers very good These are—Blenheim Boys, Cullensville, Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio, Onamalutu, and Tua Marina. Deep Creek Examined 14 children passed 12.
The account for travelling expenses of scholarship candidates from Deep Creek was passed for payment
28th April 1898 Deep Creek —The statutory meeting of householders was held at the Deep Creek school house on Monday evening, the 25th instant. Seven persons were nominated, and the election resulted aa follows:— E. Alexander, R. Andrews, T. Dillon, H. P. Mayo, and S. Watson. The Committee met immediately after the election when Mr. R. Alexander was re-elected Chairman for the year
29th April 1898 DEEP CREEK. The statutory meeting of householders, for the election of a Sohool Committee for the ensuing year, was held on Monday evening last in the school-room at Deep Creek, when the following gentlemen were duly

elected; —Messrs H. F. Mayo, B. Alexander, R. Andrews, T. Dillon, and S. Watson. Mr. Alexander was re-elected Chairman for the year. During the proceedings, ut supra, a disturbance occurred, owing to an individual imagining that he could indulge in recriminations and abuse for having been voted outside (instead of inside) the School Committee twelve month* ago. It would be well if such people would remember—.e., if they know—that public meetings are not convened for the creation and reception of personal spite, in the form of melodramatic abuse. Not only good taste but common deoenoy demanded its suppression, and the wonder is that the Chairman ot the meeting did not instantly suppress it.

4th May 1898 A wedding took place at Deep Creek**,** Wakamarina on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward S. Jones and Miss Stella S. Fisk, daughter of Mr. A. Fisk, a leading settler of many years standing in the Colony. The ceremony, which took place in the schoolroom, was Conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Grace……

20th September 1898 Social. —The enjoyable nature of the past entertainments that have been provided at Deep Creek should ensure a large attendance at the Social to be held at the school-room on Friday evening next. The Social, which is in aid of a most deserving object—that of the children's picnic fund —promises to be equal in all respects to its predecessors, and those visiting from outside the immediate circle of Deep Creek residents, may rely upon a hearty welcome, whilst special efforts are being made for the comfort of those who attend from a distance. Should sufficient inducement be extended, Mr. Jacobsen will run a coach from Havelock, and early application should be made for seats. The price of admittance has been fixed at—Ladies, /-; Gentlemen, 2/-; and refreshments will be provided on that liberal scale for which the ladies of Deep Creek have made themselves so far-famed.

27th September 1898 Deep Creek. —The Social, in aid of the School Picnic Fund, at Deep Creek, on Friday evening last, was, in every way, the success that was on all sides predicted. Owing to inclement weather, many Havelock residents were debarred from attending, but the sociability of those present, and the energy of the promoters, carried the function through with a swing of enjoyment that is the leading factor of Deep Creek assemblages The ladies, if anything, outdid their previous high reputation as refreshment providers, and the welcome extended to all was lavish to a degree. During the evening. Miss Andrews, on behalf of the Committee, - extended thanks to the musicians (Messrs Burke and McDonald), to the M.C. (Mr. P. Niven), and to all others who had so generously proffered assistance, and invited all who had supported the Social to be present at the forthcoming picnic, the date of which would be notified.

11th October 1898

School Examination.

DEEP CREEK.

At the annual examination of the scholars of this school, the following children passed their respective Standards : Standard VII.—Edmund Leahy and John Alexander.

Standard VI.—Beatrice Alexander, Stanley Dillon and Sissie Leahy.

Standard IV.—Daisy Dillon, Myrtle Fisk, Ida Nelson, Edward Nelson and Michael Leahy. Standard III.—Daniel Leahy, Constance Fisk, and Daniel Leahy.

Standard I.—Maude Adams.

16th November 1898 DEEP CREEK. An account received from the Committee for repairs to the school was passed for payment, and Jit was resolved to inform the Committee that in future all expenditure must first be sanctioned by the Board.
Correspondence was received from Deep Creek with reference to the difference between the teacher and members of the Committee that was mentioned at last meeting. Mr. Blake had since withdrawn his resignation, the opposition displayed by some members of the Committee had ceased, and the difficulty had been settled to the comparative satisfaction of all parties.

1899

1899 14 Deep Creek Croucher Minnie J E2 Female £ 57.00

9th February 1899 Applications are invited for the position of teacher at Deep Creek School

18th February 1899 Valedictory .— Mr. A. W. Blake, teacher of the public School at Deep Creek, who severed his connection with that portion of the district on Monday last, was, on Tuesday evening, at the invitation of Mr. A. Fisk and a number of ladies, the recipient of a valedictory social, held in the dining-room of the Reefers Rest Hotel

21st February 1899 Education Board of the District of Marlborough. TEACHER wanted for the Deep Creek School. Salary according to average attendance, at present between £70 and £80 per annum with small residence. Applications to be addressed to the Secretary, Education Board, Blenheim, and to be sent in on or before FRIDAY, 10th March, 1899. JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

13th March 1899 DEEP CREEK. Mr. A. Blake sent in his absolute resignation, in writing, of the position of teacher. Accepted.

27th March 1899 DEEP CREEK. Miss Minnie J. Croucher was appointed teacher of the Deep Creek School on the recommendation of the Committee

28th April 1899 DEEP CREEK. At the annual meeting of householders, on Monday evening, the following gentlemen were elected as a School Committee for the ensuing year-Messrs. F. Thomas, R. Alexander, E. S. Jones, Samuel Watson, and T. Dillon. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr. Alexander was re-elected Chairman.

9th May 1899 *Part of a long winge about the Deep Creek area included:* What I was going to refer to was the suspicion of political Sulphur that is already pervading the atmosphere in this little spot concerning the next General Election of Parliamentary representatives. Accentuated, as it has been, by the local School Committee election, there is no telling how dense the pervading element may become after a few months.' maturing. Yes, we have experienced the throes of a real live election, and " Your Own " wended his weary way thither —he always goes with the crowd—and the new Committee was duly elected, installed, officered, &c., and returned to their respective homes with bosoms aheave with electoral pride

13th December 1899 The Education Board requires teachers for the Deep Creek, Okaramio, and Wairau Valley school. *Minnie Jane Croucher went to Marlborough Town*

10th December 1899 Applications to be forwarded to the undersigned not later than SATURDAY, December 23rd. Deep Creek.— Teacher ; salary about £50 per annum, with residence

1904/3940 Minnie Jane Croucher James MacMorrin

1900

1900 9 Deep Creek Heyward Elizabeth A E4 Female £ 41.00

13th March 1900 DEEP CREEK, A correspondent stated that the attendance had decreased, and the Committee was without a Chairman. Residents had agreed to subscribe £18 a year and add it to the capitation received from the Board. It was decided to declare the school an aided one, so that the residents might carry on the school themselves.

3rd April 1900 A teacher is wanted for the Deep Creek Aided School, at a salary of £45 per year

1st June 1900 Appointment.—At a meeting of the Deep Creek School Committee; held on Saturday evening last, Miss Heyward, of Takaka, Nelson, was appointed teacher of their school. The Committee may be considered fortunate in securing the services of Miss Heyward, who is a trained teacher, holding a high certificate and exceptionally good testimonials. Of course, the appointment is subject to the Board's approval

12th June 1900 The correspondent at Deep Creek forwarded the name of Miss Hayward, *(Heyward)* Takaka (Nelson), with a request that her appointment as teacher be confirmed. Complied with. A clock was granted to the Deep Creek School

10th December 1900 . DEEP CREEK. A communication from Deep Creek covered the resignation of the teacher. The Committee advised that, on account of the falling attendance, it would be useless to get another teacher, and recommended that the school be closed for the time being. The recommendation was adopted, and the offer of Mr. Mason, post master, to take charge of the building was accepted.

1901-1905

1905 3 Deep Creek Fisk Elizabeth A E4 Female £ 18.00

1879/13310 Heyward Elizabeth Alice Ellen Henry

1900/4935 Elizabeth Alice Heyward Walter Henry Fisk

19th December 1900 Fisk Heyward December 17th, at St. Peter's Church, Havelock, Marlborough, by the Rev. W. H. Howell, Walter Henry, second son of Mr. Arthur **Fisk** (late of Picton), to Alice Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Heyward, of Takaka, Nelson.

1908/9709 Fisk Mona Fallowes Elizabeth Alice Walter Henry

1909/13316 Fisk Lois Hilda Elizabeth Alice Walter Henry

17th April 1901 The Deep Creek correspondent forwarded an offer from W. D. Turnbull to rent the schoolhouse there.— It, was resolved to reply that the Board was willing to let the building at a fair rent for a monthly tenancy.

14th May 1901 The results of the recent, elections of School Committees were received from various localities. No elections took place at Deep Creek, Waitohi, and Manaroa, and it was resolved that the usual steps be taken for the holding of elections at all places where Committees have not been appointed.

9th July 1901 correspondent at Deep Creek forwarded the names of five persons who had expressed their willingness to act as the School Committee. Election approved.

14th October 1902 Mr. J. Mason wrote proposing to hand over the key of the Deep Creek school to Mr. Watson. It was resolved to ask the latter to take charge of the property until it is required by the Board

15th December 1903 The Deep Creek correspondent wrote concerning some trouble with another resident over the school grounds asking for certain information.—It was resolved to inform him that the school property was in his charge, and that any minister of religion had the right to use the building for religious purposes.

14th February 1905 The re-use of the school building at Deep Creek was sanctioned, a suitable teacher having been provided.

27th February 1905 Our Havelock correspondent writes that, after being closed for two years, the school at Deep Creek, Wakamarina, will be re-opened on March 1st, Mrs. Walter Fisk having been appointed mistress. Mrs. Fisk will be remembered in this portion of the district as a former mistress of the school (Miss Heyward), who, on her marriage three years ago, left for Sydney with her husband. Mr. Fisk, who has had considerable experience of mining in the Wakamarina, has returned, and has taken up a sluicing claim on the bank of the river in the vicinity of Deep Creek.

11th July 1905 A cord of wood was granted to Deep Creek by Marlborough Education Board

1906

1906	5	Deep Creek	Fisk	Elizabeth A	E4	Female	£	36.00

3rd February 1906 Miss 'Hayward, of Deep Creek, has been appointed Mistress of the Mahau School, and will take up her duties there on Monday next.

12th March 1906 Canvastown— The Committee applied to have ventilators installed, and that-the boundary of the school district be extended towards Deep Creek. The matter of ventilators agreed to; but further information as to reasons for extending school district was asked from the Committee.

Deep Creek—The teacher (Mrs. Fisk) wrote stating that the school bad dwindled to three children; and asked if an arrangement could be made allowing for teaching only three days per week.—Resolved that the Act would not allow such a proceeding

18th May 1906 Deep Creek— £l was allowed for firewood

1907

1907	8	Deep Creek	Edmonds	Kathleen		Female	£	42.00

23rd February 1907 Miss S. Hayward's application has been granted by the Committee as teacher of the Deep Creek School. The Committee intends holding a social fortnightly, starting from-Saturday next. The object in view is to make the teacher's position stronger, I wish this deserving Committee every success.

26th February 1907 The social held at Deep Creek on Saturday night in aid of the Teacher's salary proved a great success, and everybody present spent an enjoyable time.

The Deep Creek School Committee intends holding one of its socials monthly.

12th March TEACHER WANTED.

WANTED. —Teacher for Deep Creek (Wakamarina) Aided School; seven pupils. Apply to CHAIRMAN

3rd April 1907 BLUNDERS IN EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR
-Sir,—For some time past the Deep Creek School Committee have been wanting a teacher. All at once they get .four applications Miss Edmonds, of Cullensville, age 15 years with a sixth standard certificate; Miss M. E. Diamanti, age 19 years, and passes with a sixth standard certificate Miss Ida Nelson, with a fifth standard certificate, age about 20; Miss M. Reeves, about 17 years, with a fourth .standard certificate. Now I say by the ruling of most Education Boards, there were only two applicants to be considered, namely, Miss Edmonds and Miss Diamanti. However, the Committee considered Miss Edmonds far too young to have control over boys about her own age. So far, so good. On this point I agree with the Committee- to a certain extent, but why pass Miss Diamanti's application without considering it A young woman that has passed her sixth standard without one failure, and always passed well; besides Miss Diamanti had eleven months schooling after she passed the sixth. They chose a young woman that only passed the fifth standard. One must come to the conclusion that it is nothing more or less than favouritism, and not on the merits of education. It appears to me that some of the members of the school Committee are wanting knowledge in school affairs.
HOUSEHOLDER

5th April 1907 DEEP CREEK SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—Thanks to the advt, in the Guardian for a teacher for the Deep Creek School, four applications were received, and the Committee appointed Miss Ida Nelson—undoubtedly a wise choice. Certain individuals who have an axe to grind are making a terrible fuss about the selection, but I say to them; "a still tongue makes a wise head." The memory of a lost " tenner" lingers long!—I am etc., "Bob the Fossicker." [This letter has had to be curtailed, as the writer hit too straight from the shoulder to evade the libel law.-Ed. P.G.
10th April 1907 Deep Creek.—A Committee having been elected, it was desired that Kathleen Edmonds should be appointed teacher temporarily
23rd April 1907 The Education Board have reversed the decision of the Deep Creek School Committee, and have appointed Miss Edmonds, of Cullensville, teacher at the Creek School, in place of Miss Nelson
2nd May 1907 A meeting of householders was held at Deep Creek on Monday night, 22nd ultimo. but only four householders attended the meeting to form a committee of five. How did they do it? I don't know; indeed, this looks very bad for the householders of Deep Creek. It goes to show that some people are short of the right spirit in educating the children; A meeting of householders was held at Canvastown for the same purpose and a very few came to the meeting, somehow or other, people don't seem to take interest enough in affairs that are most beneficial to the young generation.
Miss Edmonds, teacher for the Deep Creek school, arrived at Deep Creek on Wednesday, and started her school duties on Thursday
The roads up to Deep Creek are already-getting their winter coat of mud. Of course this is mostly due to the road grader being put on the road so late in the year
2nd July 1907 Miss Edmonds, schoolmistress, Deep Creek, has returned from her winter holidays, and has started school again

3rd September 1907 Mr. Strachan, Inspector of Schools, held his annual examination of the Deep Creek and Canvastown schools on Friday last. I have not yet ascertained the result of the exam.

Miss K. Edmonds had to walk 6 ½ miles with her seven pupils in the face of pouring rain. I do not understand what the Deep Creek School Committee were thinking about, when they had horses and traps available, not to drive the teacher and her children to the exam.
Miss Edmonds deserves great credit in her efforts to get her children through in such a short time, only four months. It shows that both teacher and children must have worked with a will.

12th September 1907 the fortnightly dance opened on Saturday night, and the Deep Creek, school was comfortably filled.

On Sunday a very nice little picnic party assembled on the Deep Creek school ground, when Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson journeyed from the Grove to Deep Creek to celebrate their son Douglas's birthday. There were about fifty guests, children and adults. There were games of all descriptions, including the national game. All seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. At the end Mrs. Thompson said the only thing she was sorry for was that there had not been number enough to consume all she had prepared. The singing of God Save the King brought the proceedings to a close, and everybody returned home well satisfied with the day's sport. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson should be congratulated on the sociable way the affair was carried out, and their friends look forward to many more of these social gatherings.
17th September 1907 Deep Creek School:—Reading, good; composition, satisfactory; writing, good, general writing very neat; spelling, inferior, Primers good to excellent; recitation, good-; arithmetic, satisfactory; drawing, freehand very good-, geography, good; history, moderate; instructions of Class P., good; order discipline and tone of the school, excellent; efficiency of the school, etc., satisfactory; Miss Edwards has made a good beginning; organisation satisfactory. The above is taken from the Inspector's annual examination, August 30. Miss K. Edmonds is to be congratulated on this excellent report after a short .period of only four months' teaching, Every, success is wished her in future

3rd October 1907 At Deep Creek on Saturday night a meeting; of householders was called. Mr. G. Whiting was voted to the chair and explained the reason for the meeting He said the-chairman of the School Committee had withdrawn his two children from the school without any cause for complaint, and they met that evening to ask him to resign. Mr. Diamanti said he thought Miss Edmonds had a letter she received from the chairman's wife, and if that letter was read to the meeting it would show the only reason for the. withdrawal, if they could call it one. The letter was read and the' chairman said the letter was a slur on the teacher Mr. Watson said it was also a slur .on .the Committee, and if the chairman of the School Committee would not resign, the Committee would resign in a Body. This was agreed on by the majority of the School Committees Mr. Diamanti said, as a teacher for an aided school, the householders and parents of the. Deep Creek had someone to be proud of in Miss Edmonds, and as there might be some at the meeting who had not read the Inspector's report of the examination; he would read it to the meeting. They report being read Miss Edmonds was greeted with applause from all parts of the room. Mr. Reeves said he could not understand Mr. Diamanti taking so much interest in the affair, when he was not a householder in the Deep Creek district. Mr. Diamanti explained that he was a householder within it.

10th October 1907 At Deep Creek the usual School Committee meeting was held on Saturday. Present: Messrs. W. Fisk (chairman), G. Whiting, J. Livingstone, W. Reeves. The Committee

meeting was strictly private, and was under lock and key. It is something new for the public to know that a school committee is a private body, although elected by the householders. After the Committee meeting the Chairman opened the door and asked the few people outside to come in out of the wet. He (Mr. Fisk) said it was suggested to do something to collect money to provide a day's sports and prizes for the school children at the break-up of the school before entering on their holidays. After a little discussion, it was decided, on a resolution by Mr. Whiting, seconded by Mr. Diamanti, that a meeting be called for the 19th inst. After this business was concluded the adjourned householders' meeting was proceeded with. Only six householders attended the meeting. Mr. S. Watson, the gentleman who convened the meeting, was absent. Mr. Whiting, as chairman of the adjourned householders' meeting, explained the cause of the meeting. After the usual petty wrangling, Mr. Reeves proposed, and Mr. John Dillon seconded, that Mr. Fisk still act as chairman for the School Committee. Mr. Whiting moved an amendment that Mr. Fisk resign the chairmanship of the School Committee. Mr. Diamanti said the backbone of the trouble was the accordion that was bought with public money for public use, and it was purely and simply a grievances between Mr. Fisk and .other members of the public. He seconded the amendment, which was lost by four to two. Mr. Robinson said although he voted for Mr. Fisk, he thought Mr. Fisk had no right to withdraw his children from the school, and should send them back, and if the accordion belonged to him, it was his place to get it, but not mix it up with school affairs.

23rd November 1907 A well- attended public meeting was held at Deep Creek on Saturday night last to consider a public picnic and sports for the school children at the break-up of the school for their mid-summer holidays. A committee consisting of Messrs. Fisk, Harrison, J. Dillon, S. Dillon, J. Robertson, C. Diamanti and Reeves was appointed to carry out sports and picnic, Messrs. Harrison and Fisk being deputed to draw up the programme. It was decided to pay all prizes at the picnic in cash. The usual prizes will be awarded to the scholars at the, termination of the school holidays by Miss K. Edwards, school teacher.

28th November 1907 On Thursday last a meeting was held among the musical talent of Deep Creek for the purpose of arranging for a concert. Miss K. Edmonds, who was in the chair, explained the purpose of the meeting. Miss Edmonds said it was her intention, with the help and support of others, to make the concert a success, and the best course would be to form a committee consisting of five, viz., Miss Edmonds, Miss M. E. Diamanti, Mrs. Watson, Mr. Robert Diamanti, and Master Bruce Thompson. Miss Edmonds was appointed to preside throughout, and Miss M. Diamanti was elected Secretary. The Committee are making good progress. A very good little programme will be out shortly.

24th December 1907 Deep Creek on Saturday, the children's sports, combined with picnic, was a fair success. A very few adults attended, but many children. The first ladies' race was a walk over by Miss Lenzini, of Wellington. The second ladies' race was won by Mrs. Harrison. The handicapper put Miss Lenzini well back on the scratch mark this time, and the young lady was prevented from winning by the cluster near the winning post. The first girls' race was won by Miss Edna Clark, also the second race, although well handicapped. The Wellington girl's feet seemed too fleet for the local ones. Winners of the boys' races were: Bert Clark (2), B. Thompson (1), H. Reeves (1), and C. Hammond (1). The boys' three-legged race was won by Allan Thompson and Bert Clark, B. Thompson and H. Reeves second. Several smaller races were run.

The concert at night was a great success, the school being packed beyond standing room. Before commencing the programme Mr. Diamanti, on behalf of the concert committee,

addressed the audience, and said that the concert had been arranged for the purpose of getting cricket and rounder tools for the school and owing to some friction Mr. Watson had proposed to let the people come to the concert free. Mr. Watson would head a list with 10s for the purpose of getting tools for the school, and this list would show the feeling of some of the picnic committee towards the welfare of the school children. The following was the programme: Opening song by company, Britannia's Sons Arise"; recitation by Master F. Thomas, "The Charge of the Light Brigade song.by Master R. Diamanti, Good-bye, Eliza Jane"; action song by the children, Miss Lenzini conductor; song by Mr. C. Nelson, "We Parted on the Shore"; song by Miss Lenzini, Somebody's Sweetheart I Want to Be song by Mrs. Livingstone, In the Mansion of Aching Hearts"; dialogue, Sam Weller No. 2" Miss M. E. Diamanti, Pansy Faces song by Miss Lenzini, "When the Swallows Come and Go"; duet by Misses Edna and Marie Clark, If You Please, Miss, Give me Heaven"; recitation by Mr. F. Ball, The Man From Ironbark" (encore, McGuiness' Whisky"); song by Mr. George Reeves, I Wouldn't Leave my Little Wooden Hut for You": dialogue, "Bashful Mr. Flitter.'
This programme gave great satisfaction throughout, and the audience behaved in a splendid manner. At the concluding of the programme ,Mr. Diamanti, on behalf of the concert committee, thanked Miss Lenzini and Miss Edna and Miss Marie Clark for their kind assistance that evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Watson for the use of their piano. The dance was kept up till 11.30. Music was supplied by Messrs. Rutland and Luxmore. Special mention should be made of Miss K Edmonds (teacher), Miss M. E. Diamanti, and Mr. John Dillon, who worked very hard to bring the concert to a successful issue. Miss K. Edmonds as a young teacher must be congratulated on her success throughout this little function.

31st December 1907 NOTES FROM DEEP CREEK.

From our own Correspondent.
A very enjoyable schoolchildren's picnic was held in the Deep Creek School grounds on Saturday, 21st December. About £8 was distributed among the children in prize money for racing, every child receiving a prize. It had been decided at a previous meeting of the Committee to wind-up with a free dance and supper, and a little friction was caused by a certain gentleman who had arranged a programme for a concert and wished to charge admission; but the Committee thought the public had contributed enough, as they had given both money and food, so it was arranged that the concert and dance should be free to all. A plentiful tea and supper was provided by the ladies of the district, and Mr. McGuire drove a coach-load of gentlemen up from Canvastown. The room was crowded, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Among the items on the concert programme were songs by Miss Linguini, of Wellington, which were greatly appreciated; also some songs by the Misses Clarke, of the Hutt, and the Deep Creek schoolchildren were very good. Two short dialogues were also appreciated by the audience. After the concert the schoolroom was quickly cleared and made ready for dancing, which was continued till 12 o'clock. Mr. A. Rutland and Mr. Luxmore supplied the music, Mr. Watson having kindly loaned his piano for the occasion.
We are now looking forward to the commencement of work at the Golden Bar, which we believe is to again start operations early in the New Year,

1908

1908 5 Deep Creek Edmonds Kathleen Female £ 48.00

11th February 1908 Monday. Miss K. Edmonds opened the Deep Greek School on Monday, February 3rd, with a rather small attendance

25th February 1908 At Deep Creek on Saturday night a very nice little party 'was organised by Miss Edmonds for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the worthy scholars. Mr. Reeves was selected to make the presentations, and an elegant speech was made to each scholar as he or she received the prize. Miss K. Edmonds is to be congratulated upon the success of her pupils.

7th May 1908 At the' Deep Creek school election all the old members were re-elected, as follows:—Messrs. John Livingstone, S. Watson, W .Reeves, and G. Whiting. Mr. J, Robertson was the newly elected member, and, owing to Mr. Fisk retiring was elected Chairman. There was a very poor attendance of householders at both meetings *(Including Canvastown)*. They seem to be much on the don't care" side

12th May 1908 It is now reported that at Deep Creek there was not a full School Committee formed, there being only four householders at the meeting, and only three stood for the new Committee. Several householders express their willingness to attend the next meeting.

1909

1909 8 Deep Creek Morrison Austin E Master £ 54.00

1st June 1909 At Deep Creek on Saturday night a householders' meeting was called for the purpose of electing a School Committee. Mr. John Robertson was elected to the chair, and after explaining the purpose of the meeting, the election of a new School Committee took place. Following are the names of the newly-elected Committee: Messrs. John Robertson, John Livingstone, P. Dillon, W. Fisk and A. Thompson. Mr. John Robertson was re-elected chairman. The chairman was instructed to write to the Education Board to try to secure a teacher for the Deep Creek school, as Miss Edmonds has resigned, to-day being her last

1891/13924	Edmonds		Kathleen Mary Mead		Phoebe Agnes	Henry James Mead	
1935/10560	Kathleen Mary Mead		Edmonds		Harry	Gagen	

Have found no further reference to Kathleen Mary Mead in New Zealand after her marriage she lived on the Darling Towns in 1943 then at Tweed Heads until she died

13th July 1909 The Deep Creek School Committee advised the Board that Mr. Austin Morrison had been appointed teacher at their school, and that he would commence his duties after mid-winter holidays. A request for a grant of £5 was also received from the same body for several small items for the school.—Mr. Reader moved, and Mr. Parker seconded, that the request be -acceded to.

3rd August 1909 On Saturday evening the Deep Creek School Committee met at 8 o'clock. Present: Messrs. John Robertson (chairman), W. Fisk, John Livingstone and' A. G. Thompson. After concluding the business, the meeting adjourned for a month.

24th August 1909 On Saturday evening the Deep Creek School Committee met at 8 o'clock. Present: Messrs. John Robertson (chairman), W. Fisk, John Livingstone and' A. G. Thompson. After concluding the business, the meeting adjourned for a month.

Austin Morrison was a Farm Hand when joining NZ Army in 1915. Killed in Action

1910

1910 11 Deep Creek Morrison Austin E Master £ 90.00 £10.00

The payment of £10.00 housing allowance means that no residence was provided by the Marlborough Education Board

19th May 1910 he chairman of the Deep Creek School Committee wrote expressing dissatisfaction with the teacher, and asking for information regarding the appointment of a new teacher. The Inspector said he was satisfied with the teacher, and pointed out that he had made very fair progress. It was decided to refer the letter received to the teacher, and that any action be deferred until after the annual examination.

17th May 1920 DEEP CREEK SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR.
Sir,— Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable columns to voice the opinion of many householders in reference to the complaint made by the chairman of the Deep Creek School Committee. Judging from what one can hear, it appears that the so-called chairman has an axe to grind, and no doubt he thought by making his complaint good the Education Board would give him power to dismiss the teacher without any further trouble. From what one can hear from some parents who have children going to this school, they are like the Inspector of the Marlborough Education Board: they seem quite satisfied with the progress of their children in the way they are getting along. Some may not be, but this is the case in all schools; there are always some heads that will not learn-— the teacher could not drive knowledge into their heads with a battery of twelve-head stampers. The time of a bright child is wasted while the teacher is trying to drum something into the dull child. Then the dull child's parents are the first to complain about one child calling the spelling out to the younger ones. This seems to be one of the chairman's troubles, or at least the committee's. No one tries more than a teacher in a small school to push something into a dull child's head, especially if that child belongs to an ex-teacher. I may say that as far as the teacher of the Deep Creek school is concerned, he is one of the finest young fellows in the district. There is no one who knows him who can say anything else. He is manly and straightforward, and always says what he means. This is a good point in a young fellow. Now I will come to the Sea View school. It appears that the householders of that school district are barred from having a committee because they have only 14 children attending that school. Is this justice when the Deep Creek school has only an attendance of 12, and that is the largest attendance for years; and still they are allowed a committee.
HOUSEHOLDER
21st May 1910 In reference to a letter which appeared in one of our issues recently dealing with school matters at Deep Creek, we find on inquiry that the local committee is only a committee of management, without having any voice in the election of members to the Education Board. The householders at Sea View are entitled to elect a committee similar to that at Deep Creek. A committee having full, powers under the Education Act can be recognised only in the case of properly-constituted school districts. New districts are constituted when a school has returned an average attendance of not less than 16 for three consecutive months.

10th August 1910 Messrs. H. M. Reader, J. S. Storey and J. Fulton have been appointed by the Marlborough Education Board to report on the alleged interference with the teacher by the chairman of the committee at the Deep Creek school.
13th December 1910 Deep Creek is registered as a school district
23rd December 1910 Walter Fisk, of Deep Creek, was also charged with having neglected to send his children to school, but pleaded, first, that the swing, bridge by which they had to cross the river was unsafe, and. secondly, that as his wife, was a certificated teacher the children were getting efficient instruction at home. The schoolmaster at Deep Creek wrote to the effect that the bridge was quite safe, though it might be slippery in wet weather. Against this was the evidence of Mr. W. Barton, expert bridge builder, who said that the foundations were very bad and the bridge unsafe for crossing; he added that the wire netting along the sides of the bridge would not, support a rabbit. Mr. Fisk said there was money on the Estimates for a new bridge, and when that was built the children would attend school. The Magistrate said he did not feel inclined to dismiss the case, nor to convict, as the truant officer was doing his duty in bringing the matter before the Court and Mr. Fisk seemed to have justification for objecting. In view of a new bridge being built he suggested that the case be adjourned so that the inspector could further consult with the teacher, and this course was adopted
30th December 1910 DEEP CREEK.-All in the Marlborough Land District situated in Blocks XIII and XIV, Wakamarina S.D., and Blocks I and 11, Onamalutu S.D., bounded towards the North generally by the main range between the Wakamarina and Pelorus Valleys between trigs J. and H., thence by a right line to the mouth of Ahern Creek, thence by that Creek to the Reserve for Growth and Preservation or timber, towards the East by the Reserve for Growth and Preservation of Timber, towards the South generally by Doom Creek, and towards the West by the Wakamarina River and by a leading spur opposite Dead Horse Creek through Mt. Bradley to trig

1911

1911 10 Deep Creek Stratford Nea Female £ 90.00 £10.00

18th April 1911 An accident befell Mr. Walter Fisk at Deep Creek yesterday afternoon. He was engaged at stump-pulling when the horse from some unaccountable reason kicked him severely on the eye. Mr. Fisk was brought to Havelock, and Mr. Williams quickly despatched him by motor-car to Blenheim.
12th September 1911 Mr. Morrison resigned his position at Deep Creek
10th October Miss M. N. Stratford was appointed to the position of teacher at the Deep Creek school.
24th October 1911 A visit to the Deep Creek school shows one of the most dilapidated school buildings under the Marlborough Education Board's control. Last Tuesday the heavy rain, along with the heavy wind, was coming through the roof, and the walls all around the school. Everywhere are to be seen broken window-panes: in fact, the children got so wet in school that they had to be sent home in the pouring rain at dinner time. A building of this description is not by any means healthy for the children or the teacher. There has not been a single tap of repairs done to this school for over 25 years. The school is in such a state that a good fire is useless. No matter what the size of the fire, both, teacher and children are just perished. The

whole structure is a disgrace to any local body. It is to be hoped that something will be done in the matter at once, as there are 15 little children, going to the school, and there are more coming on

14th November 1911 The Deep Creek Committee forwarded a report on the state of the school and grounds, suggesting that a new school be built about a mile further down the river. The Committee also, stated that more firewood was required, and that the last cord had not been paid for. Mr. Storey reported on the state of the school. He was disgusted at the state of the building. It .was practically rotten. There were 15 children on the roll, and four more ready to go to school. The Board should build another school. The whole place was a disgrace, and he could not condemn it too strongly. It was decided to make application for a grant to build a school.

5th December 1911 The number of children in the Deep Creek school district is now 57, ranging from 8 months to 14 years. The number from Little Deep Creek down is 31, and from Little Deep Creek up 26. There should be no trouble in getting a new school built, and a suitable place selected to build the school. Even if it has to be shifted a mile or a mile and a half down the river it would then be suitable for the .whole district, equalising .the distance tor the children to travel, and instead of six and a quarter miles between the two schools there would be about five miles, and that is, I believe, the regulation distance between Government schools.

12th December 1911 DEEP CREEK. Mr. W. Ahern, chairman of the Deep Creek School Committee, wrote urging that the school be shifted to a site a mile to the coast. The total number of children in the Deep Creek distinct was 57, and the majority lived some distance below the present site. He pointed out that Mr. Reader was moving in the Land Board that all land surveyed for settlement above Deep Creek be withdrawn from the ballot, and also that all the land on the opposite side of the river, is Crown land,, and, as the sawmills had been through the most of it, there was a prospect of a considerable number of new settlers residing in that locality. Moreover, it was understood that the present site was not securely held, and that any miner holding a miner's right could sluice it away if lie could get a .prospecting licence. Mr. Storey presented a counter petition, signed by several residents, praying that the school, be not removed, and representing; that were more children near the school in its present situation than in the vicinity of the proposed site. This document also anticipated larger settlement near the present school than at the place recommended by Mr. Ahem. A sawmill was working near the school, and the number employed in mining was increasing. Mr. Fulton thought that the names on the counter-petition needed analysing. Several of them seemed to be the names of old and young men without children.

Mr. Storey »aid- lie visited the locality recently, and his observation of the conditions led him strongly to favor, the present site. Mr. Reader supported Mr. Storey's representations, and said he thought it would be a great mistake to shift the school.

On the motion of Mr. Conolly, it was resolved that the Board were not .satisfied that a, removal was advisable, .and that no action be taken.

12th December 1911 Speaking at the Baard's meeting yesterday, Mr. Reader said that the mining industry was going ahead at Deep .Creek. Twenty-Jive men were working at the mine, said it was understood that 40 more were to be .put on after the holidays. I believe said Mr. Reader, "that the right" ground has been struck, and that there will be a second Reefton up there before long."

13th December 1911 The Deep Creek School will break up for their midsummer. holidays on Friday next (writes our Canvastown correspondent) and the teacher Miss N. Stratford, has arranged a picnic for that date. Every child, going to the school will receive a prizes Miss Stratford deserves great credit for her energy. During the last few days she has been engaged in canvassing for support for the prize fund, and has met with great success, collecting something like £7 She deserves every success with the picnic and games:

19th December 1911 The school picnic at Deep Creek on Friday was a great success —one or the best ever held at Deep Creek There were about 40 children on the ground. The children's sports' started about 12.30 p.m. and were kept going till about 2.45, when Mr. W. Ahem announced that the prizes would be given, out. Mr. Ahem, on rising to present the prizes to the children, said that as chairman he would like to make a few remarks. He thought the people of the district should feel proud of their teacher, Miss, N. Stratford, for the way she had, brought the school along. The school and the children had. Gone ahead by leaps and bounds, and: the parents and people of the district should feel highly honoured for their success in securing such an able teacher as Miss Stratford. The children were improving in every way, both in their manners and in their schooling. Every child received a splendid prize. There were three prizes presented to the school by Mrs. Burke, for the children gaining the highest number of marks in the school. No doubt-this is the way to induce children to attend to school work. This lead should be followed by other parents who have children attending the school. I must certainly congratulate Mrs. Burke on this step, and hope it will be a stepping stone for others to follow next year. At the conclusion of the .prize distribution three cheers were given for Miss Stratford, and then W. Ahem called on .the smallest child going to the school to present Miss, Stratford with a gift from all the' children attending the school. This Mr. Ahern said was a small memento of the esteem in which the teacher was held by her pupils. Three cheers For Mr. Ahern .concluded the prize part of the programme. The sports continued until tea-time, and games followed till dark.

In the programme there was a ladies' foot race. This was won by Mrs. C. Thomas. About nine ladies started .and a good finish was the result. The next ladies race was a walk, twice round the course. This was won by Mrs. T. Dillon, an old lady of about 65 years, who really surprised some of the younger ones. The sports were controlled by Mr. O. L Diamanti, assisted by Mr. C. Nelson. The final event was a gentlemen's race, which was won by Mr. E. Hart. Although there a was a very large crowd at the picnic, there was still food enough left to feed another crowd. The dance was kept going till about 12 o'clock. Mr. John Livingstone was M.C., and Mr. G. Thomas supplied the music. Midnight brought to close one of the best little functions that has ever been held at the Deep Creek school. The worst feature was the shameful play-ground attached to the school. The only way to get a course for the children to run on was by making a round one, and then only about 96 yards could be got, and to do this two panels had to be taken out of the fence to let the children out and in. Another very bad feature of this school is the road, if I may call it a road. Whatever I may call it, it is disgrace to any school and to those who are at the head of affairs. The so-called road and play-ground Are shameful.
At the close of the picnic Mr. Ahem thanked the ladies and the people generally for their kind support to bring the function to a successful issue.

1909	6	Anakiwa	Stratford	Nea	Female	£	36.00	
1910	42	Waitohi	Stratford	Nea	Assistant Female	£	90.00	
1911	10	Deep Creek	Stratford	Nea	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1912	18	Deep Creek	Stratford	Nea	Female	£	90.00	£10.00

1913	9	Eli Bay	Stratford	Nea	Female	£90.00	£10.00
1914	9	Eli Bay	Stratford	Nea	Female	£ 90.00	£10.00
1915	9	Eli Bay	Stratford	Nea	Female	£ 110.00	£20.00

1891/2552	Stratford	Mildred Nea	Sarah Amelia	Edmund Hill
1919/3741	Mildred Nea	Stratford	William Godfrey	McNabb
1964/28021	McNabb	Mildred Nea		73 Y

1912

1912 18 Deep Creek Stratford Nea Female £ 90.00 £10.00

9th January 1912 The Secretary reported that nothing. has yet advanced concerning a new building at Deep Creek. The secretary was instructed to write to the Justice Department to obtain a title to the building site.

12th March 1912 DEEP CREEK. Mr. W. Ahern, chairman of the Deep Creek Committee, wrote complaining that the capitation grant due to the school had not come to hand. The school had been in existence over thirty years, and there were over 20 scholars on the roll. All the gentleman who had acted as Chairmen had told him they always received capitation and other grants

The Secretary explained that the school building did not belong to the Board and he could not find any record of capitation payment having been made

Members agreed that the case put by Mr. Ahern deserved sympathetic consideration

It was resolved that capitation for last year and up to the present time be granted. The Education Department notified that a grant would be made for the establishment of a school at Deep Creek.

26th April 1912 Deep Creek: Messrs. John Robertson (chairman), George Wratt, John Livingstone, Edward Jones, and Edward Hart.

14th May 1912 Next Saturday there is to be a euchre party at the Deep Creek school in aid of the school children's annual picnic fund, and. I. understand, that--there is a dance, to follow.

Euchre is a card game

21st May 1912 The progressive euchre party at Deep Creek on Saturday night was very successful. A good number gathered at the school, and euchre was played till 10 o'clock, when the room was cleared for a dance. Music was supplied by Mr. Pope, while Mr. John Livingston acted as M C. Songs were rendered during the evening by Mr. R. Diamanti. The euchre party prize-winners were as follows: Ladies' first prize, Miss C. Stratford; ladies "booby," Mrs. W. Ahem. Mr. W. Ahern won the gentlemen's first prize, and Mr. H. Stratford the "booby." Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent

11th June 1912 Erection of a school .at Deep Creek: A. R, Reade, £165; Alfred G. Mills, £141 (accepted)

25th June 1912 The progressive euchre party and dance at Deep .Creek, in aid of the children's picnic and sports at. Christmas was well attended. Miss N. Stratford, teacher of the school, has arranged to hold one of these parties every month.

6th August 1912 Our Canvastown correspondent writes that, on Friday the local school

examination was concluded, and that at Deep Creek on Saturday
27th August 1912 The new school at Deep Creek is at a standstill. This is another urgent work. The teacher and children still continue to be housed in what is little better than a shelter shed. Where there are twenty or more children going to a school they should get a little more consideration than the Deep Creek children receive.

10th September 1912 The Deep Creek Committee called attention to the necessity of providing living rooms for the teacher when the new school was completed.—On. the motion of Mr. Nees it was resolved to apply to the Department for a grant for a teacher's residence.

On the recommendation of Mr. Nees it was resolved to supply a heater for the Deep Creek school.
NEW SCHOOLS
Mr. A. G, Mills wrote asking for an extension of time for the erection, of the Deep Creek and Pelorus Bridge schools, as the timber was very green. —It was resolved that Mr. Mills be asked to have the school completed so as to be in readiness after the Christmas holidays.
8th October 1912 The progressive euchre party at Deep Creek on Saturday evening in aid of the annual picnic fund at the school was a great success. Great credit is due to Miss N. Stratford, the teacher. Wind or rain, this young lady is in attendance, although in windy or wet weather one might as well be outside as in the old school. At' the close of the entertainment, Mr. O'Connor, in thanking those who had assisted in the children's concert, paid a warm tribute to Mr. Bell, who had assisted them in every way possible. He had given them the hall, the gas, the supper-room—in fact anything the committee wanted was at their disposal free of charge. This announcement was received with cheers. The erection of the new school at Deep Creek is a very urgent matter, as the health of both the children and the teacher is in constant jeopardy in the old building. It is to be hoped that no further delay will be occasioned in its completion.
12th November 1912 The Deep Creek Committee asked for new desks for 24 children and for new outbuildings.—An offer from Sir Mills, the builder, now on the ground, to erect two-outbuildings for £6 was accepted It was resolved to reply to the Committee that the secretary was arranging for a supply of desks in the new school.
26th November 1912 The euchre party on Friday evening at the Deep Creek school was a great success. The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. E. S. Jones. The ladies' "booby" prize also went to the Golden Bar. The gentlemen's first prize was won by Mr. John Dillon, and the "booby" went to the Golden Bar. The dance after the euchre party was also very successful; in fact, there was not dancing room. Music was supplied by Mr. Brady; Mrs. Fisk supplied the piano; Mr. John Livingston acted as M.C., and the ladies provided the supper. The whole function was conducted by Miss N. Stratford, the school-teacher, and it was a credit to her. Miss Stratford also supplied all the prizes for the euchre party. The school picnic is to be held on the 6th of December.
10th December 1912 Mr. Nees was authorised to deal with the residents of Deep Creek in the matter of the request for the use of the old school building for social purposes
12th December 1912 The opening of the new school at Deep Creek and the picnic last Friday were very successful. Mr. C. Nees said that in the absence of Mr. R. McCallum, M P., Chairman of the Education Board, he had been asked to open the school and give out the

prizes. He addressed the assemblage, and then declared the school, open and. handed the key over to the School Committee. - Three cheers for the new school and the Education Board were called for by Mr. C. L. Diamanti, and were responded to with great enthusiasm. Mr. Nees then presented the prizes: as follows:—A. Waddy, special prize least mistakes through the year; E. Redmond, special prize for the highest percentage of marks in the whole, school; Stuart Robertson, special prize for the best attendance. (This lad did not miss a day right through the year). Jessy Robertson, special prize, second for best attendance. These are something like 22 children going to the school, and every child received a prize.

After the last prize had been handed out three cheers were given for Mr. Nees for the able manner in which he had conducted the opening ceremony. Three meals were provided for children and adults. Great credit is due to Miss N. Stratford the teacher of the school, and the picnic committee. Messrs. G. R. Wratt, John Dillon, and E. Hart took a leading part in entertaining the children.

The married ladies' walking race was won by Mrs. T. Dillon, Mrs. G. Wratt being second. The young ladies' race was won by Miss I. Thompson j with Miss M. Jones second. The married ladies' race resulted in an easy win for Mrs. Alf. Thompson, Mrs. John Livingston being second. The single men's race was won by Mr. R. Gardiner, Mr. McLean being second; the married men's race by Mr. G. R; Wratt, with Mr. E. Hart second. The first tug-of-war was won by Deep Creek, who defeated Canvastown, and in the second the sawmill hands beat Golden Bar hands.

At 7.30 p.m.dancing commenced, and was kept up until 2.30 a.in. Just before the close Mr. L. Humphries, on behalf of Miss Stratford, thanked, the visitors and all those who had assisted, both at the picnic and at the euchre parties throughout the year. Mr. Diamanti, in behalf of the visitors and supporters, .thanked Miss Stratford for her efforts to bring the whole function to such a great success, and called for three cheers for Miss Stratford. These were given with great good will, and were followed by the singing of "She's a jolly good fellow."

Songs were rendered during the evening by Mrs. Livingston, and Messrs. C. Smart, Gregor, Little, Taylor, Jarman, and R. Diamanti, and some very amusing stories were told by Mr. L. Humphries. The music was supplied by Mr. W. Brady, while Messrs. Livingstone and Humphries acted as M.C's.

While Mr. C. L. Diamanti and his' family were at the dance some sneak thief appropriated the collar belonging to his horse's harness. The miscreant, however, was seen, and will make the acquaintance of the law if the collar, is not promptly returned.

1913

1913 22 Deep Creek Gayne Violet E C3 Female £ 150.00 £15.00

14th January 1913 The Deep Creek Committee was granted £13 to construct thirteen chains of fencing. *(1 chain = 20.1 metres)* Mr. Nees recommended that the old school-building be demolished. The material might be used; for a shelter shed and for other purposes. It was decided to obtain a report from the Committee.

15th February 1913 The children at the Deep Creek School, under the charge of the teacher, Miss Stratford, were forced to turn back yesterday afternoon and wait for the fire to spend itself

11th March 1913 Mr. Nees reported having sold material of the old school-house at Deep Creek for £6.

15th April 1913 Mr. H. B. Huddleston C.E., reported having visited Deep Creek and found the work of erecting the school residence to be proceeding satisfactorily. He recommended that the old school building be retained as a shelter shed. Mr. Nees said that the old structure was rotten and shabby. It was resolved that the architect arrange with the contractor now on the ground to pull down the old building and construct a shelter shed' with the iron

17th April 1913 Improved teaching conditions have been furnished by the new buildings erected at Kaituna, Jordan, Deep Creek, Redwoodtown , Pelorus Bridge, and the additions to Picton and Marlboroughtown. It is probable that some of the hesitation on the part of teachers to go into country places has been due- to the unsuitable residences provided, or to uncomfortable conditions where there was no official residence. It is therefore very satisfactory to find that the Department is now pursuing a more liberal policy, and has given reasonable accommodation at Koromiko, Te Rou, Deep Creek, and Seddon.

18th April 1913 Inspector reported that At Deep Creek the improvement was very marked in Drawing

3rd May 1913 School Committee Annual Meeting he meeting at Deep Creek was fairly well attended, about 25 householders putting in an appearance.

Deep Creek: E. Hart (chairman), G. Wratt (secretary), A. Alford, j. Livingstone, and H. Crispin.

8th May 1913 The old school at Deep Creek was well filled on Saturday night for the purpose of making a presentation to Miss Nea Stratford, on the eve of her retiring from school-teaching, of a beautiful silver fruit dish. Singing and dancing were kept going till close on midnight. At about 10.30 p.in., Mr. G-. R. Wratt, in behalf of the children, made the presentation, and j in the course of his remarks said that he regretted the loss of Miss Stratford as teacher of the school. As he was there in behalf of the children Be thought it was his duty to say a few words for them. Great credit was due to the children for the way they had subscribed to the presentation. Each and every child had given something towards it, and in his opinion, this showed that they held their teacher in very high esteem, and he hoped they would continue to do so. Mr. Wratt then called upon Miss C. Redmond to hand the memento to Miss Stratford. In doing so Miss Redmond wished her a long and prosperous married life, and asked her to receive their small memento and keep it in remembrance of their old schooldays at Deep Creek. Mr. E. H. Stratford responded in behalf of his daughter. Mr. John Livingston acted as M. C, and music was supplied by Messrs. Alford and Jensen. Supper was provided by the mothers of the children attending the school, and was greatly appreciated.

It appears the Mildred Nea did not get marries until 1919. She was teaching at Eli Bay at the end of 1913

10th June 1913 Miss V E Gayne appointed

16th July 1913 On Saturday evening at 'the Golden Bar mine a presentation was made to Miss N. Stratford, late teacher of the Deep Creek school. In behalf of miners and other residents Mr. W. Fisk handed to Miss Stratford a salver tea-set, Mr. Gregor responding in Miss Stratford's behalf

12th August 1913 DEEP CREEK. The Committee advised that the school was proving to be too small. There were 24 pupils.—No action was taken. It was resolved to reply to the teacher that it would not be in accordance with the Board's rules for it to grant assistance for furnishing the new residence.

9th September 1913 Several requests from the teacher at Deep Creek were received, and were referred back for the attention of the responsible committee. If the committee recommended

that these requests be granted, the secretary was instructed to authorise that the repairs and other works be carried The teacher's request for a refund of money expended on certain house furnishings was granted.
9th December 1913 A -request was made by the chairman of the Committee for improved heating arrangements in the teacher's residence.—The matter was held over.

1914

1914	22	Deep Creek	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	£	150.00

1889	93	Fitzroy.		Female Probationer	£27
1890	93	Fitzroy		Female Probationer	£35
1891	12	Warea		Female	£48
1892	18	Warea		Female	£63
1893	16	Warea		Female	£67.5.0
1893	16	Warea		Female	£67.5.0
1894	20	Salisbury Road		Female	£84
1895	24	Salisbury Road		Female	£90
1896	24	Salisbury Road	E4	Female	£94.10.0.
1897	30	Eltham Road	E4	Female	£99.10.0.
1898	40	Eltham Road	D4	Female	£109.10.0.
1899	36	Eltham Road	D4	Female	£108.07.0.
1900	27	Eltham Road	D3	Female	£84.05.0.
1901	27	Eltham Road	D3	Female	£82.14.0.
1902	13	Fern Flat	D3	Female	£84.0.0.
1903	16	Fern Flat	D3	Female	£84.0.0.
1904	15	Fern Flat	D3	Female	£84.0.0.
1905	13	Fern Flat	D3	Female	£85.0.0.
1906	15	Fern Flat	D3	Female	£90.0.0.

1907	17	Kaitoke	Gayne	Violet E	D3	Female	£	110.00
1908	20	Horoeka	Gayne	Violet Emily	D3	Female	£	130.00
1909	19	Kohinui	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	£	135.00
.1910	24	Onamalutu	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	£	140.00
1911	28	Onamalutu	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	£	145.00

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1912	18 Omaka	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	120.00

Fitzroy is in New Plymouth

Warea is a community in the west of Taranaki, It is located on State Highway 45, 26 kilometres north of Opunake

Salisbury Road North East of Midhurst North of Stratford Taranaki

Eltham Road is a long road from Eltham in Taranaki to Opunake on the Coast

Fern Flat is Eat of Reefton in the West Coast of the South Island

Kaitoke is North of Upper Hutt at the Wellington side of the Rimutaka Hill road

Horoeka The Northern most school of the Wellington Education Board North of Pongaroa in the Akitio County. Nearest larger town is Dannevirke. The researcher Robin Carlyon taught there in 1969-1972

Kohinui School close to Pahiatua

It appears Violet Emily Gayne was not born in New Zealand

1915/5218	Violet Emily	Gayne	Stanley Elliot	Dillon
1920/10327	Dillon	Violet Emily		40Y

Family Trees report

1885-1962 Atanley *(Sic Stanley)*Elliot Dillon he married Violet Emily GAYNE in 1915 -he married Elizabeth Amelia WILLIAMS in 1922 no children of either marriage - he died aged 77

15th April 1914 The children attending the Deep Creek School held their annual picnic on Saturday, the event proving very j successful and enjoyable. Mr. C. Nees, in presenting the prizes, said that no less than five of the children had gained special prizes for good attendance, not having missed a single day during the year This, he said, was a tribute to the interest which parents took in the education of their children. Great credit is due to the ladies who selected the prizes—-Mesdames G. Wratt, James Moore, and H. Crispin. The children's sports under the control of Mr. John Livingstone, who proved the right man in the right place. Dinner and tea were provided by the ladies of the Deep Creek district, both children and adults partaking of their hospitality. At the dance in the evening the room was packed. Mr. G. Thomas supplied the music, and Mr. John Livingstone acted as M.C. Before dispersing, cheers were heartily given for Mr. Nees and for the ladies who had worked so hard to make the day a pleasurable one.

1st May 1914 School Committee DEEP CREEK. A good; number attended the meeting, and the election resulted as follows:—'Messrs. H. Crispin (chairman), G. R. Wratt (secretary), J. Robertson, E. Hart, and J. Livingstone

12th May 1914 DEEP CREEK. In response to an application from^ the committee a grant of £3 was made for fencing around the teacher's residence.

1st December 1914 he dance in aid of the Deep Creek school picnic fund was fairly well attended on Saturday night at the Deep Creek school.

14th December 1914 There were 85 votes cast at Deep Creek in the general election

15th December 1914 Mr. Nees reported that he had inspected the Deep Creek school after ;a dance recently and found it in a tidy .condition, all the desks being in position. Such a satisfactory state of did not obtain after a political meeting however.—The report was ordered to be forwarded to the teacher

1915

1915	30	Deep Creek	Gayne	Violet E	C3	Female	£ 160.00

2nd February 1915 The Deep Creek school children held their annual picnic on Saturday. The prizes were distributed ,by Mr. Rodden; Messrs. Robertson and Howard -conducted the sports, and several of the ladies of the district had charge of the provision department. The dance at night was under the control of Mr. John Livingstone, Mr. G. Thomas supplying the music. Everybody worked hard to give the- children a really good time. The two most interesting events of the day were the boys' wrestling and the ladies' race. In the former the lads were put into two classes—-heavyweight and light-weight—Eric and Jay Redmond proving the respective champions. Out of about ten starters in the ladies' race Miss Rodden possessed the "best turn of speed. Everything went off splendidly. School opened "here to-day, and also at Deep Creek.

1916-1917

1917	47	Deep Creek	O'Sullivan	Agnes E	C-65	Head	£200.00
1917	47	Deep Creek	Burton	Catherine G		Assistant	£110.00

15th February 1916 Miss A E O'Sullivan to deep Creek after consultation with the Committee
11th April 1916 Miss O'Sullivan appointed
11th July 1916 DEEP CREEK. In reference to the improvements of the Deep Creek school, Dr. Anderson (Director of .Education) telegraphed that the prospects of scheelite petering out in a year made the probabilities of population very doubtful, and that a lengthening of the schoolroom was therefore considered the better plan. The Inspector said that Mr. Humphries had informed him that the prospects of the field .at the present output were that the mines would pan out for twenty years. He considered that the new room should be built.
Mr. Ferguson moved in the direction of a strong letter boing written to the Department pointing out the facts as stated. by the inspector and .recommending the building of a new room.
Mr. C. Nees seconded the motion, which was carried. URGENT REQUIREMENTS Mr. Mackay moved that the secretary be instructed to bring under the direct notice. of the Minister the urgent requirements, at Coniston, Deep Creek; Woodbank,; and Starborough Downs and requesting him at once to give effect to the resolution of the Board; and that Mr. R. McCallum., M. P., be asked .t- do all he could to further the request- of the Board with the Minister.
18th September 1916 Deep Creek assistant mistress Miss C G Burton
4th October 1916 Gunner Ostend Lindsay Morrison, who was killed in action on the 15th September/ was the third son of Mr. Daniel Morrison, of Canvastown. and was 24 .years of age. He .enlisted with the second battalion of the 16th Brigade at Blenheim, about twelve months ago. He was for a short time teaching at Deep Creek School, and was afterwards engaged in farming at Omaka *Known as Austin at Deep Creek*

1918-1919

1919	33	Deep Creek	Carroll	Archibald	Licensed	Head	£250.00
1919	33	Deep Creek	Fisk	Nellie		Assistant	£126.00

20th June 1918 Wellington Education Board annual report included additions had been added at Deep Creek

28th June 1918 On the information of the Truant Officer (Mr. J. W. Butler), a man named Reid, a resident of Deep Creek, was convicted and fined 10s, with costs 17s, for neglecting to send his child to school regularly. The school records showed that the child had been absent for 12 half-days in the course of three weeks without a reasonable excuse. The Truant Officer pointed out that teachers were required to send in monthly records of attendances, and they were in no way to blame for the absence of children.

4th December 1918 Writing to the Pelorus Guardian, a correspondent at Deep Creek says: "Wo seem to have been attacked up here by some unseen but deadly enemy. He dates the commencement' of the trouble from the armistice celebrations at Havelock on Nov. 12. First one and then another was taken bad. Valuable help was given by several persons until they themselves were attacked and the malady got beyond control. The Union Hall, had to be turned into a hospital. There were more patients than could be managed with the help available. Several of the very serious cases had to be sent through. to Blenheim.

On Nov. 27 all the patients in the hall except two were, removed to the Canvastown School. Now the Deep Creek School is being turned into a convalescent ward, and the patients able to leave Canvastown will be brought back to Deep Creek. The Public Health .Department in "Wellington has been asked if any help can be given, as more than voluntary aid is needed.
On Sunday five more cases had to go to Canvastown, and four convalescents were to return to Deep Creek.
13th June 1919 In behalf, of the Wellington Education Board, Mr., R McCallum, M. P., Mr. E. H. Penny and Mr. J. Logan will proceed to Deep Creek to hold an inquiry into the fire which destroyed the school there. The inquiry will be commenced, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.
18th June 1919 On behalf of the Wellington Education Board, Mr. R. McCallum, M.P., Mr.- E. H. Penny, and Mr.- J. Logan proceeded to Deep Creek on. Monday morning to hold an inquiry into the cause of the fire. Nothing,, however, was disclosed which could throw any light on the origin of the outbreak. It was stated (says the Pelorus Guardian) that there had been no fire in the stove on the previous day, and the theory of live embers having become ignited was discredited.
20th June 1919 Messrs. Penny and McCallum reported having made inquiry as to the cause of the-fire at Deep Creek, the finding being that there was no evidence to show the cause of the fire. It was decided to apply for the erection of a new building, the chairman and secretary to make arrangements to carry on the school in the meantime. The secretary explained that no school buildings if not over twenty years old the Education Department Assumed the risk of destruction by fire, and that beyond that time the board insured the buildings
15th October 1919 Miss A E O'Sullivan resigned . Miss C C Burton resigned
19th November 1919 Mr. Frank Freeman appointed
10th December 1919 A new building approved
18th December 1919 56 votes received from Deep Creek in general election

1920-1921

1921 21 Deep Creek Carroll Archibald J Sole £280.00
18th March 1920 and it, was reported that the Deep Creek school would be proceeded with almost immediately. The Board's architect is to visit the district shortly to inspect and recommend various works.

10th August 1921 A report that a new 1 room school had been built at Deep Creek

1922-1923

1923 16 Deep Creek Watson Oliver L Licensed Reliever £135.00

Post 1923

1st November 1932 Miss A M Roche appointed.
2nd October 1939 Sole Teacher Mr. L B Graham

National Archives

Deep Creek 1919 Wellington Education Board asking Department for a new building

a) Estimate of £699.12.0 provides for removal of outbuildings
b) The school is to be erected in a new position across the road which is much drier and is strongly recommended by Inspector Sturrock as being more suitable
c) Please treat with urgency

21st March 1945 That the Board receive the reports of members and the subsequent letter of the school committee agreeing to consolidation subject to certain conditions
3rd October 1955 Lands and Survey report that the school site (excluding school buildings will close on the 25th October and the Education Board remove the building before that date
As the Board had no use for the buildings, the Lands and Survey consider re advertising the sale to include buildings
21st March 1955 Letter to Director General Lands and Survey

a) Area 4 acres 2 roods
b) Building erected 1920 and in sound condition
c) 4 people have enquired about the land Mr. C E Round, Mr. H J Levett, Mrs. K Cameron and Mr. A Miller

10th August 1956 The land and buildings transferred to the Air Force

Canvastown Notes

Material contributed by Linden Armstrong member of the Havelock Museum Committee included the following (Thanks to her)
28th May 1900 Telegram to Miss Heyward Takaka *(Telegrams were paid for by the word including punctuation)* Application Successful Don't inconvenience self to arrive this week Telegraph when to meet there
Mayo Deep Creek
30th July 1900 Inspection report for Deep Creek School Teacher Miss E A Heyward showed that children in the school were Standard 7, 6 and primers. *Children in standard 7 could be aged up to 17.*
Ground was dug up by pigs, a longstanding nuisance

1879/13310	Heyward	Elizabeth Alice	Ellen	Henry

18th February 1896 Hugh Page wrote a testimonial The undersigned have known Miss Alice Heywood intimately from her earliest childhood and can safely say that she is and

always has been industrious; stately in her deportment and well liked by all her associates; kindly disposed towards her juniors; has always had an excellent character and is in every degree a suitable young lady to enter the rank of probationer
Hugh Page Takaka 18-2-96
18th February 1896 Elizabeth Alice Heyward of Takaka applies for appointment as a probationer teacher. Application Included
Age: 16 years
Single or Married: Single
List of subjects you would undertake to teach: Reading, Writing, History, Geography, Drawing (Freehand and (*Obscured)*
Approximate date you are free to take up position: 1st of March
Present state of Health: Good
Elizabeth Alice was a 3rd year student at Lower Takaka School in 1898 when she passed her examinations for the Nelson Education Board

A reference attached to the pass list stated
Miss Heyward has been teaching in the Lower Takaka School now for about 4 years and during that time has given great satisfaction to the committee and the parents therefore it gives us much pleasure to be able to recommend her to any committee Letter from Deep Creek to Miss Heyward dated 10th May 1900
Your application for school to hand. Shall be pleased to let you know result on May 28th. At many aided schools board is provided free, here it is not. There are two small rooms attached to the school for the Teacher's use with fireplace and colonial oven,- Firewood free
Former teachers have always made use of the rooms and done their own cooking. The only place where comfortable board and lodgings could be obtained would be at the hotel (McCusker) about 10 chains from the school. *(About 201 meters)*.
The school is close to the Post Office (Private House) and 6 Miles from Canvastown which is on the Nelson Blenheim coach road.
Newman's Coach leaves Nelson at 7 a.in. on Monday, Wednesday's and Fridays passing Canvastown about 1 p.m.from there a private conveyance would have to be ordered, which I could arrange in the event of you coming. The booking office for Newman's is the Masonic Hotel Nelson
The Deep Creek Mail Cart only runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Yours Faithfully
H F Mayo
School Commissioner
A school commissioner was appointed when a School Committee was not formed

25th February 1898 Elizabeth Heywood was classed as a E class teacher, A being the top class.
15th March 1899 Mr. Hugh Page Hon. Secretary Lower Takaka School Committee wrote:
This will serve to certify that Miss Alice Heyward has served as probationer under the Nelson Education Board in the Lower Taka School, for a term of three years, during which time she has successful (sic) passed all the Probationers examinations and also received a very creditable pass in class E
During her term as pupil teacher at the Lower Takaka School she gave every satisfaction alike to the Education Board and School Committee and if promoted to the management of a school, promised to be a very competent and careful teacher, being diligent, studious and hard working, and I have no hesitation whatever in recommending her to any committee who may have the choosing of a teacher

5th May 1900 W Ladley Inspector of schools Nelson Wrote : Miss Alice Heyward has been in the employ of the Nelson Education Board for the last three or 4 years during which she has passed her examination as a Pupil Teacher with distinction and proved herself a painstaking and successful teacher. Her Manners are pleasing and her moral character unexceptionable.
19th September 1900 John Smith's Inspection report included
Children examined in Standard II and Standard V
Subjects examined, Drawing, Grammar, English history, Science and Object Lessons, Geography,
Subjects not examined Recitation, Handwork, Singing, Needlework, Drill
13th June 1906 Report of inspector included Standard 3. 3 pupils, Primers 2 pupils
This school was visited after school hours
This school appears to be working well
3rd September 1906 Inspection by D A Strachan Notes included
3 pupils in standard 3
Teacher Mrs Fisk *(Nee Heyward)*
Reading: Satisfactory to Good
Composition: Fair to satisfactory
Writing: Satisfactory
Spelling: Moderate
Recitation: Good
Arithmetic: Excellent
Drawing: Satisfactory to Good
Singing: Not examined
Physical Instruction: Not Examined
Geography: Fair to satisfactory
History: Moderate
Moral Instruction and Health:-
Primers were not present at examination
Order Discipline and tone: Good
Efficiency of the School: Satisfactory, this school is in good hands

An undated newspaper page sent with above material included the following information.

- Deep Creek was at one time was the main goldfield in Marlborough
- Among those who lived in the valley privation and hardship were accepted
- Timber mills and goldfields lured many to go to Deep Creek
- Goldmining ceased for good in 1927 and buildings including the boarding house run by Mrs. Rush were moved away
- Timber mills were plentiful. Deep Creek timber was used extensively in the Blenheim township
- The hills in the Upper half of the Wakamarina Valley were heavily wooded with forests of Rimu and other native trees
- The quantity of rain makes grass control difficult so Angora Goats were used to control the blackberries growing
- The last mill cut out about 1940
- The school at Deep Creek started about 1884 and was held in the old court house
- In February 1884 the First Teacher Mr. Robertson was appointed. *(See page 1 for correct info)*
- £20 was allocated for a residence for him
- Originally the School was run by Canvastown School but in 1884 Deep Creek School Committee was elected
- Mr. I M Meek replaced Mr. Robertson in 1889

- In 1896 The roll was 83 *Not according to official records)* and no doubt two teacher were employed *(No)*
- The building was destroyed by fire and was replaced by the present structure

In a separate Cutting

- Other teachers: Geoff Yates, Miss E Maule. Miss A Roache, Mrs White, Mr. E Sampson, Mr. N Usher, Mr. J Pound, Mr. Ian Graham, Mrs Wm Taylor, Mr. East
- The school close in the 1950 period and the children transferred to Canvastown
- RNZAF used site for Boy Entrants recreation area
- Mr. Horace Fisk attended the Reunion
- Mr. D J Leahy had vivid memories of Deep Creek
  a) Mr. Meek was a venerable old gentleman with a long white beard. He claimed he could write the Lord's Prayer on a paper the size of a Florin *(2 Shillings)*Then came Mr. Lang, Miss Florence Pritchard, Miss Lily Logan and Mr. Bert Stratford
  b) Mr. Stratford was disappointed Mr. Leahy miss a scholarship to Nelson College narrowly as winning may have seen Mr. Stratford promoted
  c) But Mabel Fisk won the M H R medal awarded by the local MP *(Member of House of Representatives*
  d) After Mr. Blake and Miss Croucher the school went into recess
  e) My two younger brothers Michaela and Daniel went to Canvastown staying during the weekdays with friends
- Mr. Horace Fisk was the oldest ex pupil at the reunion formerly of Depp Creek . 1894-1899 attended Deep Creek School

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Havelock (1878-1923)

On State Highway 6. The main port for the Pelorus Sounds.

Havelock

1883 2000 square feet 1929 Removed

356 square feet

Residence

1885 6 Bathroom Washhouse1095 square feet Garage 144

Town of Havelock Section 53 and 54

Area 2 acres 1 rood P 38 at 1914 2 acres of land 1947

Teacher's Table

Table of Teachers and Picton School show the following data

Box	Example	.
1	1877	When the school was open at the end of the year as a public school
2	5	Roll at the end of the year
3	Havelock	Name of the school as written *(Some minor corrections made)*
4	Smith	Surname of staff member
5	John N	Christian name as listed
6	B4	Teacher's Grading B is a grade where A is the top and E the lowest. Lower Number is higher rating. Later a different ranking system was used e.g. D-123 Where D was the grade and the number ranked the teacher within that grade. These grading's were published
7	Master	Description of title as listed

8	£45	Annual Wages

Pre 1878

1st August 1868 HAVELOCK SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Marlborough Express. Sir, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly insert the following, as it speaks volumes in favour of our small community. A meeting of the household ratepayers took place at the Union Family Hotel, Havelock, to consider the best means of continuing the services of Mr. Smith, the schoolmaster (who is much respected). As the Educational rate was insufficient, it was unanimously agreed to start a voluntary subscription list, and up to date I am happy to say it has reached as high as £57 14s with a good show for more. Messrs. Douslin, Smith, and Pickering were appointed a committee. Yours, &c, Geo. E. Levien, Chairman to the meeting. Havelock, 25th July, 1868

7th November 1868 To the Editor of the Marlborough, Express. Sir, — .Would you kindly give publicity, through the medium of your; valuable columns, to the following statement Being a settler in the Pelorus Sound, I, with a number of others, received a summons for the Education Rate, amounting with expenses to over double the amount of rate. Now, owing to the geographical situation of the Sound, and living as most settlers are from 2 to26 miles apart, the only communication between them being by water, it is, and always Will be utterly impossible ever to form a School in the vicinity, from which-more than one family could derive any benefit. Knowing this, it comes very hard on all the settlers, but much more so-on those with families of from 3 to 10 children, who derive not the slightest advantage, but are expected to go up to 35 miles to pay the rate. I must do Mr. Adams justice as .'Collector for the district, for asking those whom he happened to meet in Havelock for the rate; but simply, as he himself states, through courtesy. Now by far the greatest half of settlers were never asked for the rate, but received a summons for over double the amount. In the Wairau a Collector is appointed; who. travels some thirty miles up country on purpose to demand the rate then why summons us without demanding the moneys who have greater difficulties to contend against, but are expected to travel an average of 25 miles by water to pay- it Such injustice speaks well for our Provincial Acts. Yours, &c; A Pelorus Pilgrim. Pelorus Sound, October 31st, 1868.

25th October 1873 Havelock Education Board. The following is an abstract of Accounts for the year ending Sept. last Receipts, balance in Bank 93s 3d, treasurer paid Bank 88s, publicans' licenses fees £90**,** school fees, arrears £19 16s 3d, ditto current year £80 8s 3d, town rates £7, rent of reserves £5 10s. Total £211 15s 9d. Expenditure, schoolmaster and mistress for 4 months in 1872 £60, ditto for 9 months to June last £112 10s, stationery 38s 6d, printing £3, firewood 25s 6d, cleaning schoolroom, &c. £6 16s 4d, auditors 21s, prizes £5 2s 6d, insurance 42s, paid on account of contract building girls' school £15, clerk's salary £10, balance in Bank 2s Id, ditto in collectors hands £2 17s 10d. Total .£2ll 153 9d.

13th June 1874 HAVELOCK TOWN SCHOOL. A mixed school under a master and mistress, held in separate buildings the master teaching the elder children, and the mistress the younger ones. The total number upon the roll is 79. The average attendance is very fair. The two schoolrooms afford together ample space for the number of children, and one of them is a new and commodious building neatly constructed, (area, 30ft x 18ft) having a porch .at the

entrance. It is not, however so convenient for a schoolroom as it might be, having, it would seem, been designed to suit other public purposes as well, and it will not be easy to arrange it conveniently with school furniture. I think it is to be regretted that buildings erected with funds appropriated to educational purposes, are not always constructed with a primary view to their proper and special use. In this as in several other schools, the desks are placed against the walls, which is the most objectionable arrangement possible for efficient instruction and discipline. The new room is not furnished with a flu or any heating apparatus, nor enclosed by any fence, nor supplied with offices *(Offices are toilets where you do the business)* for the children's use but I was informed that the Board had in view to supply these deficiencies. Proper desks should be supplied as soon as possible also, a book cupboard, and pegs for caps and cloaks, either in the porch or elsewhere. I found a deplorable deficiency in reading and copy-books in the junior school, but the teacher informed me that a supply had lately been ordered. The school is throughout in a backward state, and has but lately changed hands, the present teachers having been appointed at the beginning of the year, but from the good spirit which seemed to prevail throughout the school, I think a great and rapid improvement may be expected so soon as the hindrances to efficient teaching already pointed out shall have been removed. The instruction now given appears sound and painstaking, but 1 should like to see more effort made to induce the children in the junior classes to enunciate distinctly, and more attention paid to writing in its earlier stages. The discipline in both schools appeared to be quite satisfactory, and the children well-behaved, and willing to work, though of course with some exceptions. The reading and spelling in the upper classes was good, and the two highest classes evinced great spirit in their examination in arithmetic, and answered readily and correctly to questions upon the general geography of Europe. The copybook writing in the upper classes was also very creditable

27th January 1875 Havelock. Mr and Mrs Severne are competent and painstaking teachers, who have worked hard during the nine months they have been in charge. The master is very much interested in his work, and the school is in good working order and thoroughly appreciated by the people. There are two school buildings a short distance apart, Mrs Severne taking the young children in the old building, and Mr Severne using the new room for the upper classes. New parallel desks are wanted for the new building, and the old furniture should be removed to the old building. The master is about to introduce new reading books, which are much needed. The arithmetic was particularly accurate and sound. The desks to the side of the room in the new building should be removed,

27th January 1875 Statistics of Inspector Lee's visit. *Inspector Lee came from Wellington*

Boys 44 Girls 41 Total 85 Total Roll
Boys 37 Girls 35 Total 72 Present at Examination
Boys 13 Girls 14 Total 27 Passed in Standard 1 32% Pass rate
Boys 7 Girls 6 Total 13 Passed in Standard 2 15% Pass rate
Average Age of school 8 years 6 months
Head Teacher has been in school 9 months
Two good schools and residence
Mr Severne and Mrs Severne are the teachers

29th January 1876 Havelock. Both buildings of Upper and Lower School in good repair, but neither fenced. Sixty-five children is but a small muster out of 84, though the day was exceedingly fine. There is a kind feeling between teachers and scholars. I was much impressed by the earnestness of the master, whose whole heart is in his work the children had

caught the inspiration, and happy results followed. As the Lower School is large, the percentage results of the whole school do I not yet show very high, but the school is unsatisfactory condition. A mistake, however, has been made in pressing forward too fast a part of the school especially candidates for Standard II. in arithmetic. All three successful candidates in Standard III. answered well in geography and history.
20th December 1876 First Marlborough Education Board meeting discussing Havelock
HAVELOCK. Resolved that the Teacher's residence and Schoolroom at this place should be painted and shingled. The question of increasing the accommodation was deferred.
30th December 1876 Our annual examination was held at the schoolhouse on Friday the 15th inst. before the Rev Mr Spears and W. Whitehorn Esq Dr. Caro and Mr C. H. Mills, who all testified their entre satisfaction at the progress all the children had made during the past twelve months. None could listen to the ready answers given on the different subjects by the scholars. without being impressed, and feeling assured that our school was managed by most painstaking teachers who evidently had their hearts in the work, and allow no chance to escape, for cultivating each, talent of the pupil committed to their charge. It is a great pity parents do not evince more concern in their children's progress by attending at least once yearly at their examinations, so as to encourage both pupil and teacher, who after twelve months wearisome toil, must naturally wish the improvements to be valued at their proper worth. On Tuesday afternoon the children all assembled at the Town Hall, where Mrs Gwillum had prepared a nice comfortable tea in her usual happy style, which all seemed to thoroughly enjoy, in spite of bad weather, and in the evening a social dance terminated one of the most pleasant evenings experienced for some time.
10th January 1877 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. In answer to Mr Dive the Chairman said that no provision had been made for enlargements at Havelock, as they were waiting for plans and estimates in fact all the other predisposed alterations were standing over from the same cause

13th January 1877 ANNUAL EXAMINATION With a report appended from the Rev. Mr Spears, who conducted the examination To the Chairman of the Havelock Education Committee. Sir,— ln accordance with your request which I had much pleasure in complying with, I undertook on the 15th December an examination of the pupils attending the Havelock Town Schools with a view to the apportionment of prizes. I found the children well and thoroughly taught in the subjects in which they were examined, and have cause to congratulate the Board and the district generally on the efficient management under which their schools are conducted. In this examination, I was kindly assisted by some members of the Education Committee in conjunction with W. Whitehorn R.M. I append a list of the successful candidates.— I am, &c, John Spear.

MR SEVERNE'S SCHOOL. 1st Class.— Prizes for General Proficiency 1st. Fanny Whitehorn, 2nd Louis Matthews, 3rd Horace Douslin, 4th William Whitehorn. Prizes were awarded for different subjects to James Dick. Augusta. Severne, William Dick, Rose Fear. and Sarah Dive.

2nd Class Prizes f or general proficiency Walter Mathew. 2nd. Alfred Whitehorn 3rd Herbert Jones. 4th Frederick Pickering.

Prizes were awarded for different subjects to Ellen Adams and Elizabeth Siddels,

3rd Class. Prizes were awarded for different subjects .to Florence Severne, and Percy Caro, George Price, Annie McMahon, Edith McMahon and Arthur Whitehorn.

4th Class. Prizes were awarded for different subjects to John Vircoe. Charles Blackbee F. Clark, Fred Rose, and George Levien.

MRS SEVERNE'S. SCHOOL. First Class. —Prizes were awarded for different, subjects to Margaret Frazer, Jessie Mathews, Maud Chittenden, Ellen Blackbee and Rose Guest.

Second Class.— To Edith Douslin, Kate Dick, Margaret Jones, Etrie Levien, and Frederic Symons.

Third .Class. To. Laura Mathews, Maud Adams, Margaret Rose, Maud Frith and Thomas Rose. Fourth Class.—To Harry Whitehorn, W. 'Brown and W. Davies.

Fifth Class— To Alice Blackbee, Suz Pickering, Caroline Simpson and Charles Brown.

14th February 1877 ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. Havelock. For the Schoolhouse and residence the following tenders were receive viz.—Venimore £120, John Sweeney £89 10s, and R. Jones £91. The lowest tender was accepted. For the Girl's School the same contractors tendered at £40, £49 10s and £49 respectively, and Venimore's being the lowest his tender was accepted

5th September 1877 Waitohi. Mrs Robertson applied for a map of the world for this school. The Secretary stated that he had a similar application from Havelock, and he would like instructions as to what steps he should take in these cases. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Dive, seconded by Mr Paul That the Secretary do furnish the maps asked for, and also in all cases where required, when authorised by the regulations. HAVELOCK. A letter was read from Mr C. H. Mills, asking for a supply of books, and that a well might be sunk. It was resolved That the books asked for be obtained, and the Committee be authorised to get a well sunk.

5th December 1877 HAVELOCK. A clock, maps, and other requisites applied for were authorised to be supplied

1878

1878	Havelock	Severne	F	Head	£	170.00
1878	Havelock	Severne	Caroline	Female	£	90.00

2nd February 1878 ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HAVELOCK.

A meeting of householders was held in the School Room, on Monday last, for the purpose of electing a School Committee, in accordance with clauses 63 and 64 of the Education Act 1877.

Proposed by W. E. Dive, Esq., and seconded by Mr R. Jones, that Mr C. H. Mills take the chair.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting, explaining why they had been brought together, and giving them a full report of how educational matters had been arranged with the old Committee, in what position they were now placed, and finally requested them to nominate seven new members in lieu of those retiring. Proposed by Mr Perry, seconded by Mr Owen, that Mr W. E. Dive be elected, Proposed by Mr Owen, seconded by Mr Dive, that Mr C. H. Mills be elected.

Proposed by Mr Price, seconded by Mr Owen, that Mr G. E. Levien be elected.

Proposed by Mr Dive, seconded by Mr Levien, that Mr Price be elected.

Proposed by Mr Levien, seconded by Mr Clark, that Mr Dorreen be elected.

Proposed by Mr Jones, seconded by Mr Dive, that Mr T. Brown be elected.

Proposed by Mr Levien, seconded by Mr Dorreen, that Mr Jno. Sweeney be elected. Two other gentlemen were proposed, but as seven were all that could be elected, their proposers, by consent of the meeting, withdrew them to save any balloting. On the motion being put by the Chairman to approve the above nominations, it was carried unanimously, and they were declared duly elected.

10th August 1878 Mr Dive drew the attention of the Board to the want of 'increased closet accommodation at the Havelock School and Teacher's residence. It was agreed that the Committee be empowered to accept tenders for one single and two double closets, subject to being within the estimated cost

6th November 1878 Inspectors Report HAVELOCK (UPPER DIVISION.) Mr Severn (29 present). The Arithmetic was very well done. The older scholars also acquitted themselves creditably in reproduction of a narrative, and fairly in geography and dictation. The Reading was only moderately good, the Writing indifferent. The History papers of, the two candidates who passed in Standard IV. were full and accurate. The candidates for Standard 111. failed, however, in the same subject. Although the children were orderly enough, I was struck with their want of- alertness. They were slow to understand, and when they did at length understand, slow to carry out the plainest instructions as to arranging and presenting their, work. This made the task of examining tedious for both scholars and Inspector. The large percentage of failures was mainly owing to a misapprehension on the part of the master, who presented a number of scholars in the first Standard who ought never to have been brought forward.

Havelock (lower DIVISION.) Mrs Severn (42 present.) The young children who attend this school are carefully taught as far as the work of the First Standard, which five out of seven who attempted it passed

9th November 1878 HAVELOCK. From Mr C. H. Mills. Chairman pro tern for. Havelock School Committee requesting that the secretary be instructed to forward two globes, and also the sum of £2 10s be authorised to be expended in repairing the school. It was agreed the sum of £2 108 he authorised to be paid for the repairs, but that the Board could not at present afford to supply globes to the schools, which would cost £10 10s the pair, when other matters were more urgently required

16th November 1878 Inspectors Statistics

Havelock No on Roll 83. No present at examination 71

Passed in Standard 1 7
Passed in Standard II 4
Passed in Standard III 5
Passed in Standard IV 2
Percentage of those present who passed 46%. *2nd to lowest percentage*

1879

1879	Havelock	Severne	Francis	Master	£	170.00
1879	Havelock	Severne	Caroline	Female	£	90.00

1880

1880	Havelock	Severne	Francis	Master	£	170.00
1880	Havelock	Severne	Caroline	Female	£	90.00

23rd October 1880 School Inspection.—Our Havelock correspondent writes The Inspector of Schools has been here and supervised our town school, also that at Canvas Town. It is believed that the official report will show a marked improvement at both schools.

4th November 1880 The Chairman of the Havelock School Committee wrote stating that the Committee had received no grant for the last five months;

The Secretary was instructed to inform him that the grants to Committees had been struck off by the General Government. A sum of £4 was voted for the repairs to the Havelock Boys' school.

22nd November 1880 Havelock. Mr Severne. (Present 34; on roll 34.) In striking contrast with the state of matters few years ago, when not more than half of the 'scholars appeared on the examination day,, very child on the roll was in. place before the appointed time. The children are, who are alert enough now, acquitted themselves well, the work being very even throughout. The reading was given with such good intonation as to deserve special mention. Science is taught fairly well, the Girls also receiving instruction in Needlework from Mrs Severne.
Havelock. Juniors. Mrs Severne. (Present 46; on roll 56.) The children here are carefully prepared for the upper school. Many of the older scholars however, attend very irregularly, and are, therefore, detained far too late in this division the average age of those who passed the First Standard being over nine
8th December 1880 It was resolved on Mr Dive's motion that instructions be given the architect to attend to the ventilation of the Havelock schools.

1881

1881	32	Havelock Senior	Severne	Francis	Master	£	153.00
1881	39	Havelock Junior	Severne	Caroline	Female	£	81.00

1st April 1881 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Committed met on March 28, There were present Messrs A. Mills (Chairman), E. Alexander, J. Guinness, W. H. Smith, and H. L. N. Clarke.

The following resolutions were passed That leave of absence be granted to Mr Dive present meeting.

That upon a holiday being granted by the Committee to the children, the schoolmaster do notify the same on the blackboard in the schoolroom the day previous." That the Chairman have a few loads of gravel placed in front of the boys' school.

That the Chairman write to the Central Board reminding them that our former communication still remains unanswered.

That the school hours be altered from half past one p.m.to one p.in., and the school to close half past three p.in This resolution effect from the 1st April until the 30th September.

29th April 1881 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday, April 25. Present Messrs Dive (chairman), Clarke, Smith, and Alexander. The following resolutions were passed That Mr C. Horton's account for repairs be paid. That the Committee meet on the 2nd Monday in each month at 7 o'clock and a fire be lighted, the expense of the same to be borne equally with the Havelock Board of Works. That Mr Severne be requested that both School Registers be left at c the, Boys' {School on Committee nights." The Committee then adjourned to Monday 9th May

13th May 1881 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Havelock School Committee met on Monday. May 9th. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Dorreen, and Guiness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The amount of a cheque from the Education Board, of £6 l5s 8d, was duly acknowledged.

It was resolved, That the Secretary of the Central Board be written to asking his favorable consideration for a refund for repairs, and painting done to the Boys' School, also for whitewashing the Girls' School.

The Committee then adjourned to Monday, June 13th.

8th June 1881 The Havelock Committee applied for a refund of moneys disbursed by then on repairs to the school.

18th June 1881 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met at Havelock on the 13th mat, when were present Messrs A. Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Dorreen, Guinness, and Smith. Mr Severne's request for two additional days was complied with school duties to cease on the 15th inst. and to be resumed on Monday, July 4. The following accounts were passed for payment Mr Brown £2 10s, Mrs Pike £ 3 18s, and the Committee adjourned to Monday, July 11.

15th July 1881 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday, July 11. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Dorreen, Dive, Smith, and Guinness. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mr Alexander, resigning his seat as member of the Havelock School Committee. It was resolved that Mr Alexander's

resignation be accepted, and that Mr Charles Bridge Jarvis be appointed to the vacant teat. Several amounts were passed for payment. A resolution to the effect that holes be dug and assistance given to Mr Morrison in planting trees was also passed, and the Committee adjourned to the 8th of August next

15th September 1881 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Tire Committee met on Monday, September 12. Present Messrs A. Mills (Chairman), Dive, Clarke, Guinness, and Jarvis. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mr Firth complaining of Mr Severne's behaviour as schoolmaster. A letter was read from Mr C. H, Mills, complaining of the disorderly state of the lower school during Mrs Severne's absence.

M T. Brown (in person) laid complaints against Mr Severne re his sons being expelled from school without apparent cause. It was resolved that Mrs Severne be requested at all times to acquaint the Committee when unable, through illness or otherwise, to attend to her duties, and not to appoint an incompetent person to take charge of the school, and for the future the Committee wish to be consulted before any temporary appointment is again made. It was resolved that Messrs A. Mills (Chairman), Guinness, W. H. Smith, and Jarvis be appointed a sub-Committee to enquire into the alleged complaints lodged by Messrs Firth and Brown against Mr Severne, and that copies of the complaints be forwarded, to Mr Severne in the meantime, the sub-Committee to report at a special meeting on Monday, the 2Gth September

13th October 1881 Havelock School Committee.— The Havelock School Committee met on the 10th October. Messrs A. Mills (Chairman), Dorreen, Clarke, Guinness, Smith,; and Jarvis. The minutes of the 'previous meeting were, read and confirmed. The Sub-Committee report That after considering the evidence min the late inquiry, they are of Opinion that the, school is beyond the control of the present master, and would urge upon the Central. Board the necessity for a younger and firmer master. It was resolved that the above report be adopted that the report re inquiry from the Sub-Committee, held on ,the 4th inst. be forwarded to the, Central Board.' A letter from Miss Davis was received and read. The Committee adjourned until the l4th November

8th November 1881 Mr Hodgson inspected the Havelock School on the 4th inst. the result being highly satisfactory.

6th Standard, 3 presented Walter Matthews and George Price passed.

5th Standard, 2 presented— Jessie Matthews and Florence Severne passed.

4th Standard, 10 presented —Mary Dive, Maud Firth, Laura Matthews, Mary Severne, Margaret Fraser, Harriet Pope, Margaret Jones, Hester Levien, and Thomas Halpin (9) passed.

3rd Standard. 8 presented— John Robertson, Harold Mills, Charles Matthews, Cora Mills, Madeline Blackwood, Amy Pickering, Ivy Pickering (7) passed.

The following children passed the 2nd Standard with great credit .'—William Clarke, Frederic Scott, Eva Horton, Louisa O'Donnell, Fanny Curtis. Mr Hodgson congratulated Mr Severne (schoolmaster) upon the successful issue of the examination.

6th December 1881 J. A. Moore, Chairman of the Havelock School Committee, wrote asking for the payment of Mr Severne's salary for the past month; It was resolved to pay Mr Severne £18, leaving the question as to the future payment of his salary for subsequent discussion

7th December 1881 Havelock. Mr Severne present 36, on roll 46. The scholars acquitted themselves creditably in almost every subject, the exception being the Arithmetic. of the candidates for the Second and Fifth Standards. The Reading, Geography, and Composition were of more than ordinary merit. Of the discipline and organisation of the school, however, I can say nothing favourable. The irrepressible chattering of the scholars, and the total want of method and power of control on the part of the master, made the task of examining unusually irksome. It is, indeed, simply marvellous how such respectable results can be produced under such unfavourable conditions. Havelock (juniors) Mrs Severne; present 44, on roll 62. The result of this year's examination was most unsatisfactory. Only eighteen children attempted Standard work, and of these no more than seven succeeded. This is but a sorry contribution towards the upper school, as the outcome of twelve months' preparation. The children were about on a par with their seniors in the upper school in point of orderliness

15th December 1881 Havelock School Committee met on Monday. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Dive, Guinness, and Jarvis. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following resolutions were passed That Mr Venimore's account be paid that the Chairman and Mr Dive wait on Mr Severne. requesting him to send his formal resignation to the Central Board. That the Christmas Holidays commence on the 21st December. That the Master forward the names of my boys desirous of competing for the Nelson Scholarships

1882

1882	50	Havelock Senior	Reynolds	Jacob H	Master	£	165.00
1882	54	Havelock Junior	Erskine	Emilie	Female	£	80.00

12th January 1882 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Guinness, Clark, Dive, Smith, and Jarvis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that all outstanding accounts against the present Committee be paid. The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday, 11th inst. We understand that it is the intention of the retiring Committee to seek re-election on the 23rd inst.

13th January 1882 Havelock School Committee The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman). Dive, Smith, and Jarvis. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and continued. It was resolved that Messrs Connolly and Dive be nominated by the Committee for the Central Board The Committee adjourned until the 23rd instant, at noon

15th January 1882, Master Price of Havelock came third in the Nelson Scholarship won by Master Horace Douslin of Blenheim

25th January 1882 The Havelock School Committee met at the school house on Monday, prior to .the election of the new Committee. There were present Messrs A Mills (chairman) Smith, Guinness, Jarvis, Clarke and Dorreen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet and report were received and read

At 12.20 p.m.the householders' meeting was held at the school house. Mr George Edward Levein was chairman. A vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee, for their satisfactory work daring the past year was carried unanimously, It was resolved—" That the balance sheet and report be adopted. The following gentlemen were nominated for election to form the school committee, the seven first named being duly elected H. N. Firth, VV. E. Dive, W. H. Smith, T. Brown, G. E. Levein, A. Mills, R. Jones, C. B. Jarvis, H. Clarke, W. Price, W. Dorreen,

and J. Guinness. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and scrutineers (Messrs Halpin and Scott) closed the proceedings

3rd February 1882 HAVELOCK R.M. COURT.

4 Thursday, February 2. [Before J. Allen, Esq., R.M and W. E. Dive, Esq., J.P.] Antonio Rose, aged nine years eight months, and Joseph Hose, aged eight years and six months, both sons of Margaret Rose, a widow, were charged with being neglected children under the 13th section of the act to provide for the care and custody of neglected and criminal children, No. 2 clause. James Slatter, Sergeant of Police, stationed at Havelock. stated the two boys were orphans, the father being drowned on the 22nd October, 1878 he left his wife and children in a destitute state. I have found the children going about the town in a destitute state, they will not go to school. To my knowledge the mother is in very indigent circumstances. Margaret Rose deposed to being the mother of the two boys. They are beyond her control. They were the only two left at home, two are at service, and two at Nelson. Have not enough to feed and clothe them. Cannot pay anything towards their maintenance. Get occasional help from my boy and girl.

Can't get any work. The boys will not go to school. The Court ordered that the eldest boy, Antonio, go for two years, and Joseph for three years, to the Industrial Roman Catholic School at Nelson.

7th February 1882 The Havelock School Committee wrote, inquiring what steps had been taken to appoint a successor to Mr Severne, whose engagement terminates on March 31 next. The Secretary was directed to advertise for applications for the appointment, at a salary of £150 per annum

8th February 1882. Vacant Teacherships Applications are invited by the Education Board for the Head Mastership of the Havelock School, at a salary of £l5O per annum, and the Head Mastership of the Waitohi School at a salary of £120 per annum. The applications must be sent in not later than Wednesday, March 1st next

17th February 1882 This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills, Dive, Smith, Levien, Firth, and Jones. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Proposed by Mr Dive, and seconded by M.- W. Smith— That this Committee views with regret the proposed reduction in salary now offered for a master, and desires to bring under the notice of the Board the number of children of school age within the Havelock School District, but the accommodation being limited, prevents a larger attendance at present. The Committee intend applying at once for an addition to the school, and will, when complete, take advantage of the Education Act to bring the compulsory clause into operation, if necessary, and pray that the salary may remain at the same rate as given the present master, to secure a competent successor. Proposed by Mr Dive, seconded by Mr Levein That a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs Dive, Firth, Smith, and the Chairman, to draft a memorial to the Central Board, embodying the particulars necessary for their consideration with reference to the preceding resolution. —Carried. The ballot for the Central Board was taken, with the following result J Ward 5. E. T. Conolly 1, W. R. Dive 4 W. B. Parker 2, J, B. Green 0. The Committee appointed to ascertain the number of children of school age in the District, report it as 147. Moved by Mr Firth, seconded by Mr Levien— That Mrs Severne be requested to send in her resignation, There being only the mover and seconder in favor of it the motion was not carried. It was resolved,— That the Chairman write the Central Board

with reference to the advertisement re-leasing School reserves, the same being occupied. The Board then adjourned.

6th March 1882 Havelock School Committee.— This Committee met on the 3rd inst. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), Dive, Firth, Brown, Smith, and Jones. The only business was to consider the nine applications for the head mastership of the Havelock school. It was resolved to recommend Mr Reynolds, of Wellington, to the Board for the appointment.

8th March 1882 A memorial was received from the Havelock School Committee, praying for additional school accommodation, and asking for an increase in the salary fixed for the Head Master. The Secretary was directed to reply that as soon as the Board was in funds the Architect would be instructed to report of the school.

15th March 1882 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last, the 13th inst. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), Dive, Brown, Smith, Jones, and Firth. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that notices be posted offering £3 reward for anyone giving such information as will lead to the conviction of the parties who damaged the school windows between the night of Friday and the morning of Monday, March 13. The following memorial, which had been forwarded to the central Board, was read To the Chairman and members of the Education Board of Marlborough The undersigned, for and on behalf of the School Committee for the Havelock School District, desires to bring under the notice of the Board the very limited accommodation afforded by the present school buildings for children of school age in the said district. The present schools are even now overcrowded with the present attendance, which, on the average, represents barely one-half of the children who could and would attend under other circumstances. To be compelled to exclude the other half for want of space to accommodate them, is doing a most serious injustice to both parents and children. This injustice, with your assistance, it is proposed, if possible, to remedy. The schools, as you are aware, are detached, being some 25 or 30 *(502 metres to 603 metres)* chains apart. This is a drawback, as the head master should have the supervision of the whole of the children when at school, which he cannot have as at present arranged. The suggestion is this That the Board will be pleased to instruct the Architect to prepare plans for an addition to the boys' school, providing additional accommodation for at least 120 children, and to cause the building to be proceeded with at the earliest date possible. When completed, the Committee pledges itself to see that the greater portion of the children do attend. This the committee are satisfied will be done without recourse to the compulsory clause of the Education Act, as the Committee, when making a personal house-to-house visitation to ascertain correctly the number of children in this district, were assured by most of the parents that they were only too anxious to send their children to school so soon as proper accommodation and a new head-master were provided. There are 147 children between the age of five and fifteen years in this district, and the average daily attendance for the past year has been only 73, and even this number is more than the present buildings can conveniently accommodate. Keeping in view the number certain to attend when increased accommodation and a now master are provided, the Committee much regret that the Board has thought fit to reduce the amount of salary formerly paid our headmaster. The Committee would, therefore, be pleased to see the same salary rated for the new master as was formerly paid. The Committee, therefore, trust that the Board will be pleased to take the propositions of this memorial into your most favorable consideration.— A. Mills, Chairman."

4th April 1882 The Chairman of the Kaituna School Committee wrote notifying their acceptance of the proposal made at last meeting, to confer the mastership of the School on Mr

F. Severne, lately of Havelock. It was consequently resolved to appoint Mr Severne to the School

13th April 1882

1881 380 Te Aro Reynolds Jacob H Assistant Master £ 120.00

Havelock School. The Havelock schools were formally opened by the new master Mr Reynolds in the 11th inst. The following members of the school Committee were present— Messrs Mills, Dive,, Jones Firth, and Levein. There were 23 boys and 24 girls assembled in the Upper School and 22 boys and 17 girls in the lower school. Making 86 in attendance The muster clearly showed the want of better accommodation in both schools., they, being over-crowded The number children of school age in the Havelock district has been taken by the Committee and reported as 147. The question arises should all attend where could that number be seated? Taking their health and comfort into consideration, accommodation will be required in the course of 2 or 3 years for 200 scholars at least and at present there is not room for 100. The want of good water and lavatories is much felt by the children attending the schools

20th April 1882 The Havelock School Committee met on Tuesday last. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), Dive, Smith, Levien, Firth, and Jones. The following report was handed in by Mr Reynolds, the head master The average attendance up to date has been Upper school, boys, 21 girls, 29 total 53 average, 24 and 26 respectively. Lower school, boys, 21 girls, 24 total, 48 average, 22 and 21 respectively. Total number of children on roll, 101 average, 98. The upper school is especially overcrowded, and unfit for the proper instruction, of so many classes, and, the lower school unfit entirely for the proper conducting of an infant school. Should any other scholars. which is certain to be the case, apply for admission, I shall be unable to accommodate them. To remove the Second Standard on to the lower school would be a solution of the difficulty, but a most undesirable one, in so much as the lower school would then be overcrowded, and the work at present carried on there entirely crippled. In fact, the work of this school must of necessity be somewhat unsatisfactory until larger school buildings are erected, and the whole work placed under my own immediate supervision." It was resolved that Mr Reynolds be thanked for his report on the state of the schools, and that it he adopted, and the requirements contained therein be attended to. It was further resolved that Mr Dive wait on the central Board at their next meeting, urging on them the necessity of increasing the building, and to refer them to Mr Reynolds' report. The Committee then adjourned

2nd May 1882 Me Dive wrote on behalf; of the Havelock School Committee, asking the Board to make additions to the School. Mr Conolly stated that the Schoolhouse was greatly overcrowded, and an additional building was absolutely necessary. On Captain- Baillie's motion the architect was instructed to. prepare plans for an addition to the Havelock School and report at next meeting,-

11th May 1882 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (chairman). Firth, Jones, Brown, Dive, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mrs Reynolds, applying for the situation of schoolmistress in the lower school. It was resolved that Mrs Reynolds application be acknowledged, and that she be informed her application must be forwarded to the central Board.— That the account for stationery and books be paid, viz., £10 7s. That Mr Horton be paid £7 on account. —That Mr Brown's offer of 3s per load for screened gravel be accepted, not to be less than six loads.— Mr Reynolds stated that the total average for the week ending

5th May, was 101. Mr Reynolds' report on the Havelock schools for the month of April was as follows Upper school On roll, 54 average, 50. Lower school On roll, 51 average, 44. Total on roll, 105 average, 94. The attendance as the above shows, has been good at both schools, and the number on the roll continues steadily to increase. The work in the upper school is retarded for want of room. The desks, closely packed together, can seat 48 children, but writing properly under those circumstances is out of the question. Real sound instruction cannot be imparted, and the discipline cannot be exactly what I would wish so long as this state of affairs continues. I held an examination of all the standards last week, framing my questions so as to test what knowledge the children had gained since last inspection; The result, with very few exceptions, throughout the school were most disappointing. Some children who passed a standard last year I am convinced could not do so at the present time. The number, especially in the higher standards, who are likely to be fit for presentation this year will be small. I am preparing two pupils for scholarship examination.

6th June 1882 Applications were received for the headmistress hip of the Havelock school. The applications were directed to be forwarded to the Havelock School Committee responsible for the safety of school buildings and teachers' residences. Mr Douslin reported proposing the lengthening of the Havelock school 15ft. The Chairman stated that Mr Dive had informed him that the Committee would rather wait until a new building could be erected. Mr Parker stated that the school , especially the girls' school, was almost past use. The buildings were very crowded at present, and there were not sufficient forms and desks for the children. The matter was allowed to stand over for the present.

4th July 1882 appointed. Mr Paul seconded, and the motion was put and carried unanimously. The Secretary was directed to write to the Havelock Committee, and inform them that in appointing Miss Radford they had, in their opinion, appointed the most experienced of the candidates

22nd July 1882 Vacancy Applications are invited by the Education Board for the position of mistress in the Havelock school, at a salary of £80 a year. Applications will be received until the 28th inst.

24th August 1882 Havelock School Committee;— This Committee met, on Monday last;21,inst Present.: Messrs A. Mills. (Chairman) j 1 Smith, Brown, Jones, Levien, and Firth A letter was read from the Secretary of the Central Board,- enclosing applications for the position of Schoolmistress for the Lower -School, Havelock. It was resolved —That the applications be sent to the Central Board, leaving that Board to make the selection This Committee's recommendation on a previous occasion having' been totally ignored.— That the Central Board be requested to increase the headmaster's salary by no less than £30 per annum — That the path between the Public Road and the masters residence be gravelled -five feet 'wide. 'The following! report from Mr Reynolds was read:— The attendance from the commencement of this quarter to the end of last week was "as follows upper School roll— Boys 26, girls 30, total 56; average 24 and 25, total 49. Lower School roll Boys 30, girls 35,- tota1. 65; average 24. and 26, total on roll 121, average 99,., The lower school opened on 'the 24th ult. "Mrs Erskine .temporarily in charge. This school is greatly overcrowded the children attending have little idea of discipline, and those preparing for Standard I, about 17, whom I examined fast are in a very backward state;

5th September 1882 The Chairman of the Havelock School Committee wrote forwarding the following resolutions recently passed by that Committee That the applications for mistress of the Lower School be returned to the Central Board, leaving that body to make the

appointment, this Committee's recommendations on a previous occasion having been completely ignored." That the Central Board be requested to increase Mr Reynolds' salary by not less than £30 per annum." The Chairman of the Committee expressed the opinion that the increase was reasonable, as the average attendance had increased from 80 to 109. He also asked for some definite information re the new school. The Chairman explained that the commencement of the construction of the new school was awaking the receipt of the Board's grant; from Parliament. It was resolved, on Mr Paul's motion, that Mrs Erskine be temporarily continued in her present appointment as mistress at the Havelock School, and that she be requested to procure her testimonials from Home at aa early a date as possible. The Chairman did not think the Havelock Master was entitled to any increase. He moved that the Board see no reason to comply with the request.

3rd October 1882 A letter was received from Mr Forrest, objecting strongly to children from the Pelorus schools being sent to Havelock for examination by the Inspector. It was resolved, on the motion of Captain Baillie, that the Architect be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a school to accommodate 150 children at Havelock

12th October 1882 The Havelock Schools.— Oar Havelock correspondent telegraphs The public school examination is completed. Eighty-two per cent passed.

7th November 1882 Plans and specifications for the Havelock school were 'received from the Architect! and it was resolved that tenders be invited for the erection of the building

8th November 1882 Inspector's Report Havelock.— Mr Reynolds: Present 49 roll 52. The present energetic master has been at work only six months In that space of time he has succeeded in re- modelling and bringing under perfect discipline a school that had earned an unenviable notoriety for the unruliness of its scholars. In several respects -.the children did much better than I had expected to find under the circumstances, the school-room being absurdly overcrowded, and the school work being interrupted for some weeks shortly before my arrival by an outbreak of measles. In handwriting, grammar, geography, and history the improvement was marked. The map-drawings was excellent In arithmetic there were many bad failures. Another year's hard work will be required to bring this, part up to the; level of the rest.

Havelock Juniors. Mrs Erskine. Present 60, on roll 71. The result of this year's examination was again most unsatisfactory,.- 12 only, out of the' 71 children on the roll; being considered fit to attempt the 1st Standard and even of these no more than nine being able to pass with some difficulty. The present mistress having been. at work only a few, weeks, I can form no decided opinion as to her qualifications for the very serious work she has undertaken. 1 found the school-room crammed- With children, many of whom had been so neglected that at, ten or eleven years of age they hardly knew their letters. Altogether the circumstances wore most unfavorable to either good order or progress, no do I see any remedy but the providing of a more roomy building, and an addition to the teaching staff in view of. the fast increasing numbers at both the Havelock schools

16th November 1882 HAVELOCK BOARD OF WORKS. This Board met on Monday last. Present- Messrs Smith (chairman) Scott Berry, Morrison, and Doreen A letter was read from the Chairman of the Havelock School Committee in relation to the use of the Town, Hall for the purpose during the erection of the new school buildings. It was resolved _that the committee have the use of the Town Hall for three months from 1st January, 1883, the contractor for the new school to pay a, rent of £1 per week

24th November 1882 Havelock School Committer.— This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Dive (chairman). Smith, Firth, Levien, Jones, and .Guinness.' The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter wan read from the Secretary of the Havelock Board of Works in reply to the application of the Committee re .the -use of the Town Hall for school purposes during the erection of the new building. The Board of Works agree to use of the Hall as applied for, and the chairman is requested .to engage the Hall at once ,in consequence of the overcrowded, state, of the school, and to instruct the master to remove there as soon as possible; The following resolutions were passed :-That the repairs to the teacher's residence, now applied for, be done at the cost of the Committee.— That the school hours during the summer months be from 9 to 12 a.in., and from l-30to 3-30 p.in.— That the Christmas vacation commence on Friday, the 22nd December. Mr Gilbert's account, £3 l8s for school requisites, passed for payment.

The following report from Mr Reynolds was, read During the past; month both schools have been nearly emptied by the prevalence of. measles, only two or three scholars escaping the epidemic. Most of the children have now returned, but the attendance, especially at the lower school, is very irregular. I should recommend an early removal of both schools to the Town Hall. It is impossible to accommodate the number on roll (59) in' the upper school."

5th December 1882 Tenders accepted for building new Havelock School R Jones £1575 *Equivalent cost October 2015 $267,461.21*

21st December 1882 Havelock School Committee.— This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Dive (chairman), Smith, and Brown. Mr Reynolds informed the Committee that the teaching staff of the school ought to be strengthened by the appointment of a pupil-teacher, and the only one he could recommend was George Price, one of the boys who competed for the Nelson Scholarship. It was decided that application be made to the Central Board for the appointment of a pupil-teacher to the Havelock school, and should the parents of the boy named approve of his accepting the appointment, to submit his name to the Board. It was resolved that the Committee attend the school on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m.to assist in the distribution of prizes to the scholars that the school re-open after the holidays, on Monday, the 29th January, 1883. The following accounts were, passed for payment: Brownlee Co., 18s 10d M. Morison, £1 Is 10d, Lyon and Blair, 19s. The Committee then adjourned

1883

1883	86	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Master	£	190.00
1883	86	Havelock	Massie	Marion	Assistant Female	£	80.00
1883	86	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Female Probationer	£	16.00

11th January 1883 Two Havelock Pupils sat scholarship examinations. 5 pupils from Marlborough sat. Three from Blenheim and two from Havelock

F Price. Havelock aged 14 years 4 months: geography 103, history 101, English 75, arithmetic 148, total 427

H Jones. Havelock aged 14 years 11 months: geography 86, history 82, English 50, arithmetic 110, total 338. Top 480 marks

25th January 1883 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.

On Monday last the following gentlemen were elected members of the Havelock School Committee Messrs W. E. Dive, W; H. Smith, H. N. Firth, W. Price, R. Jones, H. L. N. Clarke, and C. H. Mills. There were eleven nominations. The following report was road "Havelock, Jan. 22, 1883. The time having arrived for the election of a new committee, your Committee on retiring beg to submit a Statement' of Accounts, duly audited, showing the receipts and expenditure for the past year. The new Committee will enter on their duties with a credit balance- of £12 7s 11d, besides books in stock in the hands of the teacher to the value of £6 7s 6d.

Wo have also to report that daring the past year great changes have been made in the teaching staff, causing better attendance, and we trust with beneficial results to all concerned. ."

The new school' is now fairly under, weigh, and we hope will be ready for occupation early in June next. A resolution was tabled at our last meeting with a view to enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, this was allowed to stand over until after the election of the new Committee had it been carried by the present Committee, it would have been optional on the part of the new Committee 'whether they enforced it .or not; We think when such exceptional advantages are offered to the public as free education, the parents of children of school age, should not by their indifference compel Committees to resort to measures of compulsion, but cheerfully aid them in the good work by sending their children to school, and giving them the benefits of the education provided by the State.

6th February 1883 The Havelock School Committee applied for an increase of salary for Mr Reynolds, head master of their school. Mr Dive gave notice of motion to take the matter into consideration at next meeting. Mr Sinclair said he would support the motion when it was brought on, as he considered that by the increase in the school since he first took charge, an increase of salary was due him.

22nd February 1883 Havelock School Committee mot on Tuesday evening. Present Messrs Dive (Chairman), Clarke, Jones, Price, and L. H. Smith. The following letter was read from Mr .T. H. Reynolds, the Head Master "The schools opened on 29th January last with a good attendance, which has continued during the present month. The number on the roll is 121, and the working average 98. Books to the amount of 15s 6d have been sold.

The following account was passed for payment Brownlee and Co, £I 18s 6d. The following resolutions were passed 1st, That in consequence of the dirty and disorderly state in which the Town Hall is left (.e., the temporary school) after being used by the Dancing Club, this Committee wish the Town Board to either insist on the Town Hall being left clean by the said Club, or authority be given the Committee to charge for cleaning, and unless paid by the Club, to refuse their using it again.

2nd, That the Committee approve of the Chairman appointing Miss Jessie Matthews to assist Mr Reynolds in school, and provided she is found suitable, this Committee will eventually recommend her for appointment as pupil teacher. The Committee then adjourned.

29th March 1881 Havelock School Committee.— This committee met on Monday last.- There were present Messrs Dive (chairman), Firth, Clarke, Smith and Price. It was resolved that the Chairman be requested to apply for new furniture for the upper school, the old furniture being thought sufficient for the lower school, That the Chairman be requested to ask the Board whether Mrs Erskine has forwarded her testimonial as a teacher since her temporary

appointment by the Board, as it was understood that she would do so if time was given for the purpose. Mr Reynolds reported that the average attendance at the upper school had been 49, that at the lower. school 46, a slight decrease on previous reports, owing to hop picking and continued irregularity on the part of some scholars. Total number on roll 128.

6th April 1883 Mr J. H. Reynolds, Head Master of the Havelock School. had completed for class E.;
1st May 1883 Mr M 'ln tosh reported adversely on the present management of the Havelock Junior School, and the Board decided to dispense with Mrs Erskine's services as teacher after the end of June.

2nd May 1883 The following report was read from Mr Hodgson I "At the request of the Havelock School Committee, who ate dissatisfied with the present management of the 1 junior division of the school, 1 have the honor to submit to the Board the following report I have made two successive inspections of the junior division of the Havelock School taught by Mrs Erskine, each of my visits extending over a half day's course. The task of deciding as to the value of a teacher's work, before that work has been finally tested by the result of an examination, is always a difficult one, and in this case was further complicated on my first visit by the crowded state of the school, 50 scholars being present. But on my second visit the matter was simplified, by the reduction of the numbers in attendance to 28, owing to wet weather. I had, therefore, no difficulty, so far us numbers were concerned, in forming an estimate as to the teacher's qualifications. I regret that my opinion is unfavorable, The style of teaching was lifeless and mechanical, while three fourths of the teacher's time and attention was devoted to the 13 children present, who were preparing for the first Standard. The rest, comprising three-fourths of the school, were employed during the whole of my two visits in trying to copy on their slates two or three words written on a blackboard, or in a few instances in doing a sum in addition, the only instruction they received being apparently the monosyllable "right" or wrong" as the case may be, None of these 37 children did a reading lesson given them while I was in the school. It is not to be wondered at that parents hesitate to send their children to a school where they remain for hours in one position, with nothing to interest them. Such a course of treatment must be equally injurious to the minds and the bodies of the scholars. The first requisite in an infants' school teacher is that she shall be able to interest her pupils and in this the present mistress fails altogether. I am of opinion that the Board will not be acting hastily in declining to confirm an appointment which, as I am given to understand, was only temporary. At the same time, I cannot wholly acquit from blame the head teacher of the Havelock school, whose duty it was to remedy, or at least report to his Committee upon some shortcomings that ought not to have been left unnoticed until the necessarily infrequent visits of an inspector; I found, for instance, a scrap of paper pinned to the wall,- and intended to serve for a timetable.' A portion of this' document had been accidentally scorched, and was consequentially undecipherable; but enough remained to show that the table was unworkable and defective, no provision being made for object lessons— so indispensable a means of interesting beginners. I do not wish to imply, however, that the diffidence of the head teacher excused the incompetence of his assistant. Mr Dive explained that the report was made at the request of the Committee. The Committee were very anxious to change the teacher, and he would move that Mrs Erskine be given notice that her services will be dispensed with after the end of June, and applications invited for the appointment, at £80 per annum. The motion was carried

4th May 1883 Passed Pupil Teacher Examination Mary Matthews, Havelock School, aged 14 years.— Arithmetic 120, geography 65, grammar and composition 110, reading

75, dictation 100. writing 40, total for general examination 510. art of teaching 75, total 585.

11th May 1883 Applications are invited by the Education Board for the mistressship of the Havelock school and the mistressship of the Fairhall school. The salary in either case is fixed at £80

25th May 1883 This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Dive (Chairman), Jones, Price, Mills, and Clarke.

A report from Mr Reynolds for the past month was received and read. A letter was received from the Secretary of the Education Board, informing the Committee that Mrs Erskine's temporary appointment as mistress of the school would terminate on the 30th June that fresh applications 'for the appointment have been' called and that Miss M. Matthews has been appointed pupil teacher.

It was. resolved, That tenders for cleaning the school for one year from the 1st July next be called for. The schedule of questions re educational matters submitted to the School Committees by Mr Steward, of Canterbury were then discussed with a view to replies being sent as requested. The Committee approved the giving each elector a maximum of seven votes, of which only one can be recorded for any one candidate, the present system of-cumulative voting in the elections of school committees being by them strongly condemned. The Committee recommend that the franchise be universal, and the privilege to vote be extended to every adult male or female resident in the various school districts. The Committee do not approve that voting papers be sent to those unable to attend the annual meeting, as in their opinion it would lead to canvassing by cliques or parties, and personation. The definition of "householder" was thought clear enough, but the Committee suggest that it should mean every adult male or female person residing in the School district. The Committee are of opinion that the Board of every educational district should have the power to divide their district into electorates or ridings, and assign the number of members to each, to ensure every part of the district being represented. The Committee think that the Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act would be better altered to compel greater regularity in the attendance of children at our public schools, and such children should attend at least three-fourths of the period in each year during which the school is open.

30th June 1883 Havelock School Committee.— This Committee met on Thursday, June 28; Present Messrs Dive (Chairman), Firth, Clarke, Mills, and Price. It was resolved That the appointment of schoolmistress be left in the hands of the Board —That the Board_ be requested to instruct; their architect to report on the schoolmaster's residence, as the master complains of the roof leaking badly. That the Committee purchase the necessary. basins and, towelling,— That the accounts" as passed be paid; viz., Matthews and Robinson £5 10a, Brownies and Co. 9a 3d. The following letter from Mr. Reynolds, Headmaster, was read "The following is an extract from the quarterly return ending June, 1881 —Upper School On roll 66; working average 42.42 total on roll 126, working average 91.57. In order that the present enclosed playground may be,-kept for the sole use of the girls I would suggest that a gate be placed in the north corner, and the unenclosed portion of the school reserve be used as a playground for the boys. Pending the appointment of a new mistress, I shall make such arrangements as will enable all the children to re-assemble on the 9th July. I wish to draw the attention of the Committee to the state 'of the school residence'. The roof Is leaky in several places the verandah needs extensive repairs, and many of the rooms painting and papering.

The playground attached to the new school needs levelling basins and towels are also required

4th September 1883 Mr Dive wrote, asking for. ink wells, ball frame, object lesson cards, etc., for the Havelock School.

8th October 1883 Havelock School Committee.— -This Committee met on Monday, October 15. Present Messrs Smith, Price, Jones, Dive, and Mills. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from Mr Reynolds was received and read. The question of holidays was held over till next meeting. It was resolved that application be made to the Inspector of Police to allow Constable Hamlin to act as Truant Inspector, under the compulsory clauses of. The Education Act in the Havelock school district.— It was resolved that ,the following accounts be paid Kreig (cleaning school), £3 Jones (fencing and alteration to gates), £3 5s Morrison (trees and shrubs and planting same), £3; 15s.- The following return was. forwarded ,to the Education Board for the quarter ending 30th September Roll 119.8 working average,' ;95.85, Mr. Reynolds remarks that this has improved, to 97 during the past month, and suggests that, in consequence of -the- Inspector's examination coming so soon after the Christmas holidays, only a week should be given then, and the balance after the examination

4th December 1883 Miss Massey, mistress of the- Havelock School, sent in her resignation to the Board, and requested to be relieved of her duties at the end of the present month. Miss Massey's resignation was accepted, and applications ordered. to be invited for the position at the same salary,

Mr Sinclair pointed out that the place and time for the annual householders meetings would have to be fixed at this meeting. Mr Sinclair condemned the Board's practice of sifting out applications for appointments as teachers and only forwarding certain of them to the local committees.

Major Baillie moved that the applications for the female teachership at Havelock be referred to a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, and Messrs Parker, Sinclair, Henderson, and the mover, toy examine, forward to the Committee, and afterwards confirm the appointment The motion was put and carried.

1884

1884	79	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Master	£	190.00
1884	79	Havelock	Balcombe	Georgina	Assistant Female	£	80.00
1884	79	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Female Probationer	£	24.00

10th January 1884 The Havelock School Committee.— This Committee met on Monday last. Present —Messrs Dive (Chairman), Clarke, Jones, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sub-committee reported having agreed to the appointment of Miss Balcombe as mistress of the lower school. It was resolved that Mr C. B. Jarvis be appointed auditor, and that Messrs Dive and Paul be nominated as candidates for the Central Board. The following accounts were passed for payment C. F. Horton, £I 2s 6d Hopper, 7s V. C. Venimore 11s 9d Mrs Kreig , £3; Brownlee and Co., 8s 6d

11th February 1884 Havelock School Examinations. Mr Hodgson will examine the scholars at the Havelock Schools on Saturday the 23rd instant

25th February 1884 Mr Hodgson examined the Havelock scholars on Saturday last the result being very satisfactory. There were on the roll on that day 110; present on day of examination, 102; presented for standards, 66; passed, G3; percentage on those presented, 95.5 percentage on whole, 57'2.— 1t is only fair to the schoolmaster to mention that six scholars left for Nelson by the Lady Barkley on Friday last, and there is no doubt that that number would have been added to the passes

20th March 1884 Havelock School Committee.— Our Havelock correspondent writes as follows On Monday last the above Committee met, but there was no business to transact. Mr Reynolds handed in the following report Attendance for past month Roll, girls 57, boys 54, total, 111. Working average, girls 42, boys 44, total 89.

2nd April 1884 Havelock. Mr Reynolds Present 103; ON ROLL110

Havelock is now abreast of the best schools in Marlborough. The work was well done without only three of the sixty six scholars presented failing to pass. I arithmetic, last year the weak point of the school, there was not a single failure. A large proportion of the scholars working correctly every sum given. The map drawing, handwriting and composition were all of more than ordinary merit, especially the former. The organisation and discipline are all that could be desired*

24th April 1884 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last. :Present: Messrs Dive (Chairman), Clarke, Guinness, Shears and ,W. H; Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, It was resolved that Mr. Reynolds give the names of all children absenting themselves from school to the truant Inspector every week in writing, The following Accounts were passed for- payment: Mrs Kreig, £3.: V. C. Venimore, 15s,

Mr Reynolds reported the attendance, for the quarter ending 31st March as follows Average boys, 53: girls. 59; total, 112. Working average, boys 43-82 girls, 4477 total, 88.59

22nd May 1884 Havelock School Committee.— The committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Dive (chairman), Guinness, Jones Clarke, Shears, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read one confirmed. It was resolved, That the well at the schoolmaster's residence be cleaned out that the chairman represent to the Central Board the wretched state of the teacher's residence and that a holiday, be given on Monday, May 26. the following accounts were passed for payment V. C. Venimore 4s 10d Brownlee and Co. 8s 6d. The committee then adjourned until June 16th 'next

24th July 1884 Havelock. School Committee.— This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Dive (chairman), Guinness, Smith Clarke, Jones, and Rev. E Shears. The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The following accounts were passed for payment Hopper 9s, Price 30a, Mrs Kreig £3. The following report re attendance was read for the quarter ending June 30 Roll Girls 56, Boys 51 working average Girls 40.65, Boys 43 09. It was resolved that holiday be given on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1884, The Committee then adjourned until August 18, 1884

2nd September 1884 Resolved that the Board give £5 towards a gymnasium at the Havelock School, on condition that the Committee raise another £5

23rd September 1884 Education Board.— It is the intention of the several school committees' in the Havelock district "to nominate the Rev. J Shears to fill the vacancy in. the Education Board caused by the retirement fit Mr W.K.Dive. Mr Shears has been connected with the Havelock School Committee for some months past and has proved himself an ardent supporter of all measures to the advancement of education.

27th December 1884 Miss Laura Matthews won the Marlborough scholarship to attend Nelson College Aged 14 years 5 Months got 446 out of 600 possible

1885

1885	75	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	190.00
1885	75	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Female Probationer	£	32.00
1885	75	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	16.00

12th January 1885 Havelock School Committee. A special committee meeting was held on Friday evening lost. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), Smith, Jarvis, Clarke, Guinness, and Jones. The following resolution was carried, and directed to be forwarded to the Board by the Chairman "That as the attendance of scholars has slightly decreased the Committee recommend the appointment of Miss Laura Matthews as pupil teacher in -the Havelock school for the first quarter of the new term, as by that time, they can ascertain if the teaching power is sufficient, and a saving of salaries will be effected. The Committee then adjourned until the 19th instant.

13th January 1885 In accordance with the wish 61 the Havelock Committee, Miss, Laura Matthews was appointed pupil teacher, in the event of her declining to take up the Nelson Scholarship. It was pointed out that this would save the difference between the salary'{£80) of Miss 'Balcombe, the retiring mistress, and that of the pupil teacher

Letter from the Havelock Committee stating: 'that the teacher's residence was greatly out of repair. The Chairman said the Picton residence was in the same condition. The Secretary said that the Board had promised to' attend to 'the Havelock Picton, and Tua Marina residencies, and to provide one at Okaramio, when they were in funds. The building grant would probably be about £750, and would come in March. The Chairman said that the architect had recommended that the Picton and Havelock residences were not worth repairing. Mr Parker said the Tua Marina house only wanted repairs and a kitchen. Mr Lambert pointed out that if a residence was not provided at Okaramio this year would be necessary to make an allowance, fox house rent, in case a married teacher were appointed. From the number of people leaving Havelock, it would be better to rent a house there, rather than build another. Captain Baillie said that the building grant came out, Of the loan just floated, and when the Government got credit for it they would pay the Boards, The consideration of the whole matter was held over to the next meeting

22nd January 1882 Havelock School Committee. —The Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Smith, Clarke, and Jarvis. The report and balance sheet to be submitted to the householders were read and approved. Resolved, that the Chapman forward the names .of Messrs Hutcheson and Ward to the Central Board as nominated by this Committee. The Committee met on 15 occasions during the year ending January 19th 1885. The attendance of members was as follows W. H. Smith 14, W. E. Dive and Jarvis 7 and 5, 12, H. L. N. Clarke 13, B. Jones 11, Rev E. Shears 10 J. Guineas 8, C. H. Mills (from 18th August) 8.

27th January 1885 The School Committee return resulted as follows W. H. Smith 41, T. Scott 35, C. H. Mills, 31, Jarvis 22, Clarke 19, Price 17, Brown 17! Guiness 15, Horton 11, Parker 10, Rutherford 5. The first seven were, therefore, elected. The new Committee met, and appointed Mr C. H. Mills Chairman and Treasurer.

30th January 1885 The following is the Report from the Havelock School Committee for the year ending December 31st 1884, which was submitted to the meeting o(householders on

Monday last To the householders Havelock School District. Gentleman, On terminating our period of office and presenting the balance-sheet duly audited for the past financial year, your Committee are sorry to record, there is, through families leaving the district, a marked decline in the average attendance when compared with the report of 18S2. But we must compliment the master Mr Reynolds and his pupil Miss Laura Matthews, who has through earnest attention to her studies won the Marlborough Scholarship, and we are pleased to notice that by one recommendations the Education Board will probably arrange for some gentleman in Havelock to supervise the examination of our competitors for the nest scholarship, thus saving considerable expense to parents and have also appointed Miss Laura Matthews as pupil teacher in the Havelock school. The total receipts are £44 2s 6d, and the expenditure £43 6s 10d, out of which £10 6s 6d has been expended to provide those very necessary adjuncts for assisting the physical development of the children, viz., gymnastics, and there remains a small balance in the Bank of £1 5s 6d to commence the new year. Your Committee would strongly urge on the new members the absolute necessity of a new residence 1 for the Schoolmaster which the Board 1 have promised if the funds will allow, and 1 we would suggest it should be erected on the sections near the new school. As some of the parents are still neglectful about sending their children regularly to school we recommend a closer supervision from the Truant Inspector. It is now your duty to elect a new Committee for the ensuing year. I have the honor, &a &c, C. H. Mills, Chairman. Balance-sheet Receipts balance, 1st January 1884, £11 5s 6d; grants, £28 7s; grant for gymnastics, £5; total, £44 12s 6d balance, £1 5s 8d total, £43 6s 0d. Expenditure— Cleaning, £9 fuel, £5 9d 1 repairs, £11 19s Id books, &0., £5 19a 8d special grant, £5 telegrams and stamps, 10s 4d auditor, 10s 6d gymnastics, £5 6s 6d total, £43 6s 10d

3rd February 1885 SCHOLARSHIP. Letter from Miss Laura Matthews declining the Nelson scholarship, and accepting the pupil teachership at Havelock. Resolved, on the motion of Captain Baillie, seconded by Mr Packer, That the scholarship be offered, to John McCullum, who was next to Miss Matthews on the list

10th February 1885 The Nelson Mail states that among the unsuccessful applicants for the Head Mastership of the Bridge Street Boys' School were Mr Reynolds of Havelock and Mr J. T. Mayhew of Blenheim.

3rd March 1885 Requests for repairs and additions at Havelock, Grovetown, and Spring Creek were received and held over. The Chairman thought that it was out of the Board's power to provide residences at Picton and Havelock, but he would suggest that the School Committee should rent houses for the teachers

9th March 1885 Havelock School Committee. —This Committee met on Monday, 10th instant. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), Jarvis, Smith, Scott, Clarke, Price, and Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting read und confirmed. Resolved, That the sub-Committee's arrangement with Mr R, Jones for repairs to the well be confirmed, and the Chairman urge him to have the work completed without further delay, but to give the Chairman immediate notice directly the well is cleaned out. Report from Mr Reynolds was received showing that the number on the roll was 109, with an improved average attendance of 83, and suggesting that the winter supply of firewood be obtained, and the girls swing repaired. Resolved, That Messrs Scott and Brown order the necessary repairs to the swing That the Chairman write to the Central Board asking permission to try and let the old building so as to increase the small funds at the committee’s disposal. That the chairman again write to the Central Board calling their attention to the defective spouting etc. and reminding them that the committee

trust, with the other fund of 300 pound now at their disposal, they will be able to have. the schoolmaster's new residence built immediately, as no suitable building can be rented in Havelock. The following accounts were passed for payment A. T. Card 11s, Brownlee and Co. 4s 6d Parker and Little 4s, W. Pickering 4s 6d, T. Brown 12s. The committee then adjourned until Monday, 20th April.

8th April 1885 Pupil Teachers. The Inspector's report of his examination of pupil teachers in the Marlborough District was laid before the Education Board yesterday. Fourteen candidates presented themselves five for admission, four first year's pupil teachers, one each for the second and third years, and three fourth year's. Two only of the five candidates for admission passed. 700 was the maximum number of marks obtainable, including 200 for the art of teaching, The following wore the results of the examination Candidates for admission Laura Matthews 415, Caroline Roberta 410 First Year's Pupil Teachers Mary Linton 568, Laura Jeffreys 404, Charles Simson 382 second year's Jessie Matthews 547 third year's Mary Morrin, 355 fourth year's— Mary Wrigley 678, Edythe Stratford 670, Mary Bary 661. The Inspector considers the work of the fourth year pupil-teachers the best of the kind he has ever seen. Of the two successful candidates for admission, Miss Matthews was trained by Mr Reynolds at Havelock, and Miss Roberts by Mr Tissiman (until the beginning of this year) at Renwick. There were no successful candidates for admission from the Borough Schools.

8th April 1885 Letter from the Havelock School Committee asking permission to let the old school building, and urging the Board to build's new residence, as no suitable house could he rented. Resolved that the committee be asked if the site of the old building was suitable for a residence, and that the matter be held over to the next meeting. The architect wan instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a four-roomed residence.

20th August 1885 The Havelock School Committee mot on Monday last. Present all the members The minutes of the previous mooting were read and confirmed. Resolved, That the Truant Inspector be requested to give peremptory notice to parents of those children not attending and that summonses will be issued against all who do not comply with the provisions' of the Education Act. Resolved, That the school he closed from Tuesday the 25th inst. till Friday the 28th inclusive, to enable the teachers to visit the Wellington Exhibition-in the Excursion steamer. Resolved, That the Chairman acknowledge Mr Horton's letter, and inform him that the Committee sees no reason why the present system should be altered, The following accounts were passed for payment W. Price 11s, Clark and Pickering 3s, C. P. Horton 6s. Adjourned till Monday, September 21st.

5th December 1885 For the first time, owing to arrangements made by fie Education Board. an examination will this day be held in Havelock under the supervision of Mr Lambert, of Kaituna, There are three candidates from the Havelock School, viz.,— Ernest Rutherford, Charles Matthews, and James Rutherford. It will be the fourth consecutive year that candidates have been sent up for scholarship examination from this school. Last year Miss Matthews carrying off the coveted prize. That a Havelock candidate will win again is the earnest wish of all those interested in the welfare of our school. It has. been arranged to break up for the Christmas holiday's on Friday next, the 18th inst.

1886

1886	77	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	190.00
1886	77	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	40.00
1886	77	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	24.00

23rd January 1886 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Price, Scott, and Smith. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs Baillie and Henderson were nominated for the Central Board, those two being the only candidates who had given their written consent. A letter was read from Mr Reynolds, as follows The school roll and average show little alteration, the former being 107 and the latter about 75. A few of the children are still very irregular in their attendance, treating the Truant Inspector and myself with contempt. The giant stride requires repair, also the swing. It will be necessary to move the former further away from the new residence. It would be well to apply to the Education Board to have the school reserve fenced in, and also to point out that the new residence is far too small for the purpose for which it is being built." Resolved, That notice be given to the parents of the children who do not attend school regularly, that the compulsory clauses of the Education Act will be strictly enforced. Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to have the swing repaired. Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Central Board, asking if Mr Douslin has given an estimate of the necessary repairs required for the Havelock school. Proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Scott, That the Chairman write to the Central Board, asking them to vote a sum of money sufficient to fence in the section on which the new residence is bins built, consisting about 10 chains. Carried. Proposed by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Price, That the Central Board be requested to sanction and arrange for the examination of the pupil teachers to be held in Havelock expense of going to Blenheim Carried. Resolved, That a meeting be called for next Monday, the 25th inst., if necessary. Accounts amounting to £3 11s 6d were passed for payment.

2nd February 1886 Havelock. The architect was instructed to report upon certain repairs to the schoolroom, asked for by the Committee. The Committee having requested that the new residence for the teacher be fenced in, resolved that they be asked for an estimate of the expense. an Application by the Committee that the examination of the two Havelock pupil teachers should be conducted before the Inspector in that town when he goes there to examine the school, so as to save the expense of the pupil teachers coming to Blenheim. The Board considered the request to be reasonable, and it was resolved that the Inspector be instructed to examine the teachers in Havelock accordingly. Major Baillie suggested that the Inspector should be requested to do it at his convenience. Mr Lambert said that he was certain to study his own convenience.

18th February 1886 Havelock School Committee.— This body met on Monday Mat. Present Messrs C. H. Mills (chairman), Brown, Price, Scott, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters to the central Board and also to the Bank of New Zealand were read. Report from the master, Mr Reynolds, giving average attendance as 70, was received.

2nd March 1886 Letter from Inspector Hodgson expressing his willingness to hold a special examination at Havelock of the two pupil teachers employed there,

18th March 1886 Havelock School Committee,— This Committee met on Monday last. Present —Messrs- Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Price, Guinness, Scott, and Smith. Resolved— That the Chairman write to the Secretary of the Education Board, asking what has been done re fencing for the new school residence, and also to ask if Mr Douslin had put in an estimate. The following accounts were passed for payment A. T. Card, £1 6s 2d R. Jones, 10s 6d R. Jones £1 12s 6d. Adjourned till Monday, April 19, 1886

24th April 1886 Havelock: School[Committee The Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman) and all the members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read -and confirmed.- Letters were read from. the Secretary of the Education Department re the necessity of establishing school libraries, and from the Head Master, endorsing the views enunciated from the Department. Resolved, That this Committee express their approval of the scheme in establishing a school library, and recommend the attention of the incoming Committee thereto, Proposed by Mr Clarke, .seconded by Mr Scott, That the Chairman write to the Secretary of Education, asking if the Department will grant any assistance towards establishing a school library.— Carried. Report read from the Head Master in reference to the repeated nonattendance of James Lovell, John Pyke, and Eva. Wells. Resolved, That as the present Committee vacate office during the present. .month, the. consideration of the above report stand over, till the next meeting. Resolved, That the necessary loads of gravel be procured. Proposed by Mr W. H. Smith, seconded by Mr Clarke, and carried unanimously, That a vote of thanks be given, to the Chairman' for his services during the past fifteen months. An account was passed for cleaning out the schools for three months to Mrs Kreig. The meeting then adjourned.
28th April 1886 HAVELOCK. The following is the result of the School Committee election last evening _Empson 41, Mills 29, Clarke 28 Guinness 27, Smith 23, Price 19, Scott 15 (elected), and Brown 9. Great interest was shown

30th April 1886 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report was submitted to the Meeting of the Householders of the Havelock School District, held on Tuesday last, by the retiring Committee Our period of office has, through a recent Act of the Legislature, extended for three months longer than usual, and we present the Balance Sheet, for the past financial year, duly audited, for your inspection. We are sorry to say There has been no great increase of pupils for the last twelve months, but, in accordance with our previous request, the Central Education Board kindly arranged and allowed our competitors for the Marlborough scholarships to have their examination supervised in Havelock, thus saving the parents considerable expense, and, although not first, one of Mr Reynolds' pupils held the creditable position of second on the list. We have much pleasure in stating the master's new residence will shortly be completed, and we have requested the Board to vote a sum of money sufficient to fence in the section on which it stands and for the future to allow our pupil teachers to be examined in Havelock before the Inspector at his annual visit, thus saving the young ladies a large outlay from their small stipends. Your Committee have again found it necessary to issue notices, aa required, to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, as some few families seem to entirely overlook the great advantages our National system of education offers to everyone. The total receipts for the past year are £37 13s, and the expenditure £37 8s 9d, leaving a balance of 4s 3d to our credit. The expense of cementing part of the well so as to provide good water being a severe drain on the. small funds at your disposal. Wo now restore the trust you reposed in us, and it will be your duty to elect a new Committee for the ensuing year,"

4th May 1886 Havelock School.— The high opinion of the convenient design and construction of the Havelock School, which everybody forms who visits the township, was confirmed on Saturday last by the Hon, Mr Stout. He went over the building, and expressed the opinion that it was one of the best he had seen in the Colony, In justice to Mr Douslin, the architect, this fact is worthy of record.

4th May 1886 Resolved that tenders be called for additions to residence and fencing at Havelock.
20th May 1886 Havelock School Committee At a meeting of the Havelock School Committee, held on Monday last, all the members were present The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed A .letter was read from Mr Reynolds re the school library; It was proposed by Mr Clarke, seconded by Mr Scott, and carried That Messrs Empson, Smith, and the Chairman be a sub-committee for the purpose of collecting subscriptions towards the formation of a school library. :It was resolved that the Chairman write to the Education Board, requesting that they will endeavour to give effect to the recommendation twice made by the inspector re obtaining and keeping an adequate supply of stationery, so as to furnish .the various School Committees, which would thus lessen the cost to the children attending the school, as it is difficult to procure the books in many parts of the district. The Chairman was authorised to procure a map-form diagram of the human body. Accounts amounting to £3 7s 81 were passed for payment. The Committee then adjourned till Monday, June 21, 1886
6th July 1886 Three tenders were received for additions and fencing at Havelock. Resolved that the fencing, being too expensive, be not done, and that fresh tenders for the additions.be called
3rd August 1886 Havelock School Committee. A special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Thursday evening last. Present Messrs O. H. Mills (Chairman), Clark, Empson, Price, and Smith. Proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Empson, That the Central Board be recommended to accept Mr Jones offer for part of section 57- —Carried. Proposed by Mr Smith, Seconded by Mr Price, That the Central Board informed that subscription lists have been circulated in this district for the purpose of starting a School Library, and that £6 has been raised, and the Board be asked to supplement it as per section 57 of the Education Act.—
4th August 1886 An application from the School Committee, for a subsidy of £6 toward the Havelock School Library, was declined with very great regret, the Board not having the funds. Mr Lambert hoped for the day when every school would have its library, and said he should move in the direction of getting endowments under the Land Act for that very purpose
Resolved— That certain fencing be done at the Havelock School, provided the cost does not exceed £10. Mr Jones' offer for leasing land was accepted for a term of seven years.
20th August 1886 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs O. 11. Mills (Chairman), Empson , Scott, and Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters road to Education Board re fencing, Mr Kreig, re his compliant Secretary to Education Board, re vote for repairs to school, re forming school Library, re accepting. Mr Jones's tender for old school house section. Inward correspondence, telegram from Education Board stating £10 was authorised for fencing. from Mr Reynolds giving particulars re School Library. Proposed by Mr Empson seconded by Mr Smith That the Chairman make arrangements re fencing— carried. Resolved, That the amount raised for Library be expended when the catalogue is completed Mr Reynolds to draw up a few simple rules for the Library, the charge for scholars to be 3d per quarter. The following accounts were passed for payment Card 9s, T, Brown 15s
23rd September 1886 Havelock School Committee.— The Havelock School Committee met on Monday, Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Guinness, Empson, Scott, and Smith.

The Chairman stated that Mr R. Jones tender of £10, for erecting a fence round the Schoolmaster's residence had been accepted also that a suitable catalogue of books for the School Library had been received by Mr Reynolds, and a selection made, and an order sent to Messrs Whitcombe and Tombs, not to exceed the amount of subscriptions in hand. Resolved. That the maps of the Middle Island *(Now known as the South Island)* showing the position of the mineral and other resources of this portion of the Colony (presented by the Chairman to the School Library) be suitably mounted and varnished, and Mr Mills thanked for his present. Letter read from Mr Reynolds. The roll number and average attendance show little variation, the former 103, and the latter about 80. Proposed by Mr Empson seconded by Mr Smith, That the Chairman write to the Central Board asking if they will kindly make the same arrangements re Scholarship examination of pupils being held in Havelock, as was the case last year. Carried. Resolved, That the necessary labor be employed to level the playground and loosen the earth around the trees.

7th October 1886 A Novelty in Havelock.— Our correspondent writes A Civil Service Examination will take place here on the 25th and 26th inst. under the supervision of Mr O. A. Empson, the postmaster, the candidate being Ernest Rutherford, a pupil of the Havelock Town School. This will be the first of its kind held here.

2st October 1886 Havelock School Committer.— A meeting of this Committee took place last Monday. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Empson, Guinness, Price, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read. The Chairman stated that he had not received any reply from the Education Board re examinations being held in Havelock, nor was there any mention of the matter in the Board's printed minutes . Proposed by Mr Empson, seconded by Mr Smith, That the Chairman write to the Board asking them to deal with the matter, and kindly forward a reply immediately after their next meeting, as the matter is of great importance to intending candidates. A long and desultory conversation took place re home lessons. Mr Reynolds said he would give three nights a week for reading library books, but that Home lessons would be continued for the remaining three nights. This will be continued if the concession is made use of, that is if the children will read when they are given a chance. Accounts were passed for payment Card 6s 6d, Kreig £3, E. Jones £2 145, Robinson 21s, R. Jones 10s. The meeting adjourned till Monday, November 15, 1886.

20th November 1886 Havelock School Committee.— A meeting of this Committee was held on Monday, November 15, 1886. Present Messrs C. H. Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Empson, Guinness, Scott, and Smith. Report from Mr J. H. Reynolds read. Resolved, That the application from Miss M J. Matthews, to be relieved of her duties on the 10th December ensuing, be acceded to, so as to enable her to go up for examination on the 14th Proximo, and the, Education Board be recommended to reaffirm her services at the present salary until the result of the examination is made known. Proposed by Mr Empson, seconded by Mr W. H. Smith, That the Christmas vacation be four weeks, commencing from Monday, December 13, school duties to be resumed on Monday, December 14. —Carried. An amendment proposed by Mr Clarke, That Christmas vacation be five weeks, did not meet with a seconder. Resolved, That the Chairman he authorised to employ the necessary labor to screw up the bolts of the school building, and to get the pump put into working order. Resolved, That the letter received from the Churchwardens of St Peter's Church acknowledged, and their application re Sunday School be referred to the Town Board, with a strong recommendation that the Town Hall be granted for the purpose free of cost on Sunday afternoons. The

following accounts were passed for payment —A. T. Card 5s 6d, R. Jones £10, Whitcomb and Tombs £2 17s 6d. The Committee adjourned till Monday, December 20, 1886.

7th December 1886 HAVELOCK, The Committee requested that Miss Matthews' services might be retained at the present salary, until the result of the examination was known. It was stated that Miss Matthews was a pupil teacher out of her time. Request agreed to.

Inspector's Report included It has been printed in a tabular form, the subjects dealt with being the numbers of scholars and classes, remarks on the organisation, suitability of time tables, remarks on the methods and quality of the instruction, order and discipline and tone of the school, supervision in recess, manners and general behaviour of the pupils, state of the buildings and grounds, sufficiency of school accommodation, and cleanliness and tidiness of premises, ventilation, and warming. Under all these headings the Inspector has compiled much valuable information, and the public can gain from them more facts as to the real state of the schools than Mr Hodgson has been hitherto accustomed to give. The place of honor is accorded to the Havelock School (Mr Reynolds, Head Master), as to which the organisation is stated to be very good, the time tables well drawn up and practical, the instruction modern and very effective, the order and discipline excellent, the manners and .behaviour of the pupils apparently very good, and the cleanliness and tidiness of the premises very satisfactory. There is no school or schoolmaster in Marlborough which receives from Mr Hodgson so much praise. In the case of Havelock the public may be sure that he has not exaggerated or detracted from the real state of the case

24th December 1886 The Havelock School Committee held on Monday evening last Present all the members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letter from, the Ray Edward Shears, asking for the use of the infant portion of the school building for the purpose of holding the Church of England Sunday School therein on Sunday afternoons. Proposed by Mr W. H, Smith, seconded by Mr T. H. Scott, That the Chairman write to the Key E. Shears, informing him that this Committee regret that they cannot comply with his request to use of schoolroom for Sunday School purposes. Amendment moved by Mr Emp3on, seconded by Mr Guinness, That the Infant School be granted for the Church of England Sunday School, on the conditions offered by 'the Rev E. Shears. Amendment put Ayes 3— I Messrs Empson, Guinness, and Mills I Noes 4— Messrs Clarke, Price, Scott, and Smith. Original motion put and carried. Proposed by Mr Empson, seconded by Mr Clarke, That the Chairman write lo the Education Board, asking if they will grant a sum of money for repainting the school building, and erecting a lean-to to the schoolmaster's residence, in accordance with their promise made some months since.— Carried. The following accounts were passed for payment -Brownlee and (Jo 8s 7d, Clarice and Pickering 13s 6d, A. T. Card 8? 6d. Adjourned till Monday, January 17th, 1887

1887

1887	84	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	190.00
1887	84	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	40.00
1887	84	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	32.00

11th January 1887 That the Board is not in a position at present to erect a lean-to and paint the Havelock School, owing to the Department at present prohibiting expenditure out of the building grant upon such purposes

19th January 1887 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last. There were present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Guinness, Price, Scott, and Smith. The minutes of the

previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following letter was read from Mr J. H. Reynolds:— The Chairman Havelock School Committee. Dear Sir,— The school re-opened last Monday with a very moderate attendance, which has continued during the past week, as many as sixteen scholars not having yet to put in an appearance at all. As the Inspector's examination will take place on the 10th February next, I trust parents will at once make an effort to secure regular attendance for without this a successful examination cannot; be looked for. I wish parents would understand clearly that satisfactory progress cannot be made without regular attendance, and those that habitually keep their children away on all kinds of pretexts would advance the work of the school by withdrawing the children altogether. The attendance on Mondays is always bad, kept at home for washing being the excuse. I think it is worthy of consideration whether any improvements would result in this direction by altering the weekly holiday from Saturday to Monday. I cannot refrain from referring to the excellent performance of Ernest Rutherford in the recent Scholarship and Civil Service examinations I think as a reward for his industry the Committee might present him with a suitable volume on his leaving the school, on which he has conferred such credit. It will shortly be necessary to consider the best means of adding to our School Library, that the children's interest in this excellent school adjunct may be kept alive. I am your obedient servant, J. H. Reynolds.
Resolved that the Committee take stringent measures at the end of the current quarter, March 31st, to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, and in all cases where children have not attended the requisite number of days, the parents will be summoned without further notice. Resolved that the Committee present Master Ernest Rutherford with a suitable volume, expressing their warm approval of his successful competition for the Marlborough Scholarship and Junior Civil Service examination, Proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Clarke— That Mr E. Jones audit the past year's accounts, and the remuneration be 10s 6d. Carried. Resolved— That a sub-committee, consisting of Mr W. Smith, Mr Empson, and the Chairman, be appointed to prepare the annual report and forward it to the Secretary of the Education Board before the 31st instant. It was unanimously resolved— That in the opinion of this Committee our schoolmaster, Mr J. H. Reynolds, deserves great credit for his tuition, and they congratulate him for having acquired a moat enviable distinction through one of his pupils winning the Marlborough scholarship last year, and another pupil winning the Marlborough scholarship and passing the junior Civil Service examination so high on the list this year, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr Reynolds by the Chairman. The following accounts were passed for payment:— Horton, 6s 6d Card, 2a Mrs Kreig, £3. The Committee adjourned until Monday, February 17.
28th January 1887 Our Havelock correspondent writes On Tuesday the 25th inst. a very pleasing ceremony took place in the Public School, viz. that of a presentation by the Havelock School Committee of a set of books, "The Peoples of the World," to Ernest Rutherford. The presentation was made by Mr C. H. Mills, Chairman of the School Committee in a few well chosen remarks, and the recipient; certainly made a good reply, it being his maiden speech. The wording of .the presentation which had been very chastely done by Mr W. H Smith was Presented to Ernest Rutherford by the Havelock School Committee, as a token of their warm approval of his winning the Marlborough Scholarship for 1887 and 1888, and passing the Junior Civil Service examination so high on the list of competitors. Havelock, January 25th, I887. (Signed) C. H. Mills, Chairman, W. H. .Smith, Geo. Empson, J. Guinness , Thos. H. Scott, H. L. Clarke, W. Price.' I omitted to state that Ernest Rutherford in returning thanks spoke highly of the care and attention bestowed on him

by Mr Reynolds. Several ladies were present. The customary cheers were given by the children for Rutherford, Mr Reynolds, and the Committee, and a half holiday was the outcome.

21st February 1887 Our correspondent writes Mr W. C. Hodgson, Government School Inspector examined the pupils of the Havelock Schools on Friday. There was a full attendance, and the result may be deemed a very satisfactory one.

24th February 1887 Havelock School Committee.— The Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Empson, and Smith. It was resolved that the school duties be reamed on Monday the 28bh inst., a holiday having been granted since the examination on the 18th inst. Mr Empson handed in his resignation consequent on his forthcoming departure for Waipu, when it was unanimously resolved that this Committee accept Mr Empson's resignation, and express regret at his leaving the district The Committee adjourned till Monday March 21st, 1887.

5th April 1887 HAVELOCK, Mr Reynolds and two pupil teachers: Present 91 on roll 103. The result of the late examination shows conclusively how well-deserved is the high reputation that Havelock school has won for excellent teaching, discipline, and organisation. With the help of two young, but efficient pupil teachers, trained entirely by himself, the headmaster has succeeded in teaching, in a fashion that leaves little indeed to desire, above a hundred scholars. Two only of the 56 scholars who attempted Standard work failed. The only weak point in the teaching was the handwriting. The order is perfect.

26th April 1887 The following is the result of the election of the Havelock School Committee —Clarke 26, Smith 20, Mills 19, Price 13 Brown 12, Dorreen 10, Scott 10, re-elected Horton. 8. Mr C. H. Mills was appointed Chairman

29th April 1887 Havelock School Committee. The following is the annual report submitted to the householders of the Havelock School District The past financial year having just closed, we have much pleasure in presenting the annual report and balance sheet for your inspection. The total receipts have been £44 9s 3d, thus leaving £1 7s for credit of account to commence the current year. A new fence around the schoolmaster's residence has just been completed, and the playground enlarged, which is a great improvement to the premises, and extra convenience for the children. We have to congratulate you on the position our school has attained through 1 the Marlborough scholarship being won twice by pupils under the tuition of Mr Reynolds, whose efforts deserve your hearty thanks. Your Committee are pleased to note that the School Library has been well patronised by the scholars, and we trust the new members will take steps to procure more books, so as the children will retain their interest for reading at home. We finally recommend that the compulsory causes of the Education Act be strictly enforced at the end of the present quarter

20th May 1887 Havelock School Committee. The Committee met on Monday last. Present, Messrs Mills (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, J Price and Scott. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Air Reynolds, Head Master, .stating that the school roll was 104, and the average attendance about 78; also recommending that a tea party and day's amusement be got up for the children in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee on Monday, June 20th. Letter read from Miss M. L. Matthews, asking to be recommended to the Education Board for the office of assistant teacher at her present salary. Resolved, That Miss Matthews' application for appointment as assistant teacher in the Havelock School be recommended to the Education Board at a salary of £50 per annum, and the Chairman write to explain that Miss Matthews will be competent to undertake also the

duties of sewing mistress, for which a special salary of £10 has been annually voted. Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board, reminding them of their former promise to have the lean-to erected on to the master's residence and fence completed, and point out that such works are urgently required. Resolved, That Messrs Mills, Brown, Scott, Price, Smith, Reynolds, and Jones be a Committee to arrange for a tea party for the children on Monday, June. 20th, the Queen's Jubilee, Mr Reynolds to be Secretary and Mr T. H. Scott Treasurer. The following account was passed for payment R. Jones £3. The meeting adjourned till Monday, June 1st, 1887.

7th June 1887 HAVELOCK. Letter from the Committee recommending the appointment of Miss Matthews,. who had finished her pupil-teachership, as Assistant Mistress at a salary of £50, It was stated that Miss Matthews would undertake the duties of Sewing Mistress for which £10 had been annually voted by the Board. Mr Lambert: stated that the applicant had not passed in all subjects but she had only failed in one or two and had no doubt would pass in all at her next examination. He believed her to be thoroughly competent.

Mr Henderson said a female teacher was supposed to teach sewing without extra payment, and it was only when there was no female teacher that an extra sum was voted by the Board. He was afraid of opening the door to similar applications from others. Mr Lambert moved, and Mr Paul seconded, That the application be granted on condition that Miss Matthews passes her examination. After some discussion it was decided to appoint Miss Matthews as Assistant Mistress until the examination in December. The Committee also applied for the erection of a lean-to and fencing to the master's residence, stating that the Board had promised to execute the work when they had funds. Resolved, That the matter be submitted to the Architect for his report

17th June 1887 The Havelock School Committee met; on Monday last. Present Messrs Smith (in the chair), Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, and Scott. The two following resolutions were passed (1) The mid winter holidays to commence on June 20, and school duties be resumed on Monday, June 27, and an extra week be added to the Christmas holidays"; (2) "That Mr Jones be paid 35s in addition to the amount already agreed upon, on condition that he concretes the well to above the height of the water level, instead of filling in with gravel." The meeting adjourned until Monday, July 18.

21st July 1887 Havelock School Committee. Five members of the Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening last, but the meeting lapsed owing to the absence of the Chairman and the gentleman who acts as Deputy Chairman

29th July 1883 Havelock School Committee.— The Committee met on the 25th inst., Mr C H. Mills in the chair. It was resolve that the Chairman write to the Education Board, reminding him that the assistant teacher and the pupil teacher have not yet received their salaries for the quarter ending June 30, 1887 and pointing out that Miss Matthews, as assistant teacher, is now entitled .to her salary monthly. Resolved, That the Chairman have the slight repairs required to the school attended to at once. The following accounts were passed for payment:— A. T. Card 7s, Mrs King £3

18th August 1887 Havelock School Committee. The meeting of this Committee on Monday, the 15th instant, was purely formal. There was no business to transact, not even an account to pass there were no complaints, and unfortunately the Committee had no one against whom an official shot; could be fired. Truly the millennium must be at hand

4th October 1887 Winner of the MARLBOROUGH Scholarship Ernest Rutherford, the winner of the Marlborough Scholarship who so creditably passed the Junior Civil Service Examination, and who is at present at the Nelson College, has been offered a cadetship in the Government Service. As he has yet fifteen months to remain at College, and proposes going in for the Senior Examination next year, and also the Matriculation Examination, he has declined the offer. It is to be hoped that some better appreciation of his abilities will be possible at the end of his College career, as he is proving himself a credit to his late instructor, Mr Reynolds, the master of the Havelock School.
21st October 1887 Havelock School Committee. At a meeting of this committee on the 17th inst. there were present Messrs H. Smith and C. H. Mills' (Chairman). It was resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board requesting they will arrange for competitors re scholarships to be examined in Havelock as usual that sufficient gravel be ordered to level the playground after all the large stones had been raked off and that a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 24th inst., for the purpose of considering what books shall be purchased for the Library or prize's.
25th November 1887 Havelock School Committee.— The Committee met on Monday evening. Present- Messrs Mills (chairman), Brown, Clarke, Price, Scott, and Smith.— Resolved, "That Mr Reynolds prepare a set of examination papers for the different classes in the school, and report to the Committee what scholars have made the best average during the past year, the result of the examination to be handed in by Monday evening 12th-December: that the Christmas vacation commence on Monday, the 19th December, and school duties be resumed on Monday., the 23rd January that the Chairman write to the chairman of the Town Board, and ask for the use of the Town Hall on Thursday, the 15th December, for the purpose of holding the school children's tea party. Mr Reynolds report stated that the school attendance was 104 and the working average 84.— Proposed by Mt W. H. Smith, seconded by Mr Clarke, That the Chairman write to the Education Board, pointing .but .the necessity for repainting the school building, as recommended by Mr Hodgson, the Inspector, and suggest the work should be done during the Christmas holidays.— The following accounts were passed for payment J. Robinson 14a, Brownlee & Co. 4s 2d, T. Brown £2 I6s.
7th December 1887 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. A resolution was forwarded by Mr C. H. .Mills, Chairman of the Havelock School Committee, pointing out the necessity for re-painting the school building, as recommended by the Inspector, Mr Hodgson, and suggesting that the work should be done during the Christmas holidays; It was resolved that ten3er3 should be called for
9th December 1887 Havelock School. —On Thursday, December 15th, the children attending the Havelock School are to be entertained at a tea party, after which the prizes will be distributed. The teachers of the neighbouring schools of Canvastown, Kaituna, and Okaramio are cordially invited to assist in consuming the good things that are to be provided. In short, it will be a free treat 'for all the school children in the Pelorus district who like to attend.

16th December 1887 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on Monday, all the members being present. The following report from Mr Reynolds, the Head Master, was read "ln accordance with the Committee's request, I examined, last week, Standards 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and classes PI and P2. Standard 1 was examined by Miss Matthews. The papers I prepared were based on the Standard's syllabus, and the

result of the examination, taken as a whole, was satisfactory and l am glad to say that almost in every case the prizes fall to those whose year's work has been the most gratifying. Special mention must be made of the work done by Isabel Scott, Florence Rutherford, Cecil Smith, Fred. Matthews, and Arthur Taylor, also of the map drawing of Ernest Scott. The Seventh Standard, consisting of C. E. Matthews, J. G. Rutherford, and J. H. Mills, was not examined, but the general work of the class deserves the highest praise. At the time of examination 104 children were on the school roll, 6 were absent from examination, and 3 were not examined, leaving 95 as the total number examined for prizes. I beg to recommend that prizes be awarded as follows

Standard 6 (3 pupils)— Alfred Scott, 1st prize.

Standard 5 (7 pupils) -Isabel Scott; 1st prize Letitia Pope, 2nd prize.

Standard 4 (11 pupils) Florence Rutherford, 1st Charles Kreig and E M. Harker, equal. Standard 3 (10 pupils)— Cecil Smith, 1st Charlotte Kreig and. Eva, Rutherford, equal, Standard 2 (24 pupils) —Fred. Matthews, 1st Edgar Smith, 2nd Florence Williams, 3rd. Standard 1 (13 pupils)— Arthur Taylor, 1st Alfred Jones, 2nd.

PI (15 pupils)— Arthur Rutherford, 1st Thomas Linton, 2nd,

P2 [15 pupils)— Robert Linton, 1st George H. Reynolds and William Hutcheson equal,

Drawing Prize Ernest Scott,

Sewing Mabel Hutcheson.

I also recommend that extra prizes be given to Blanche Mills in Standard 5, Cecilia Brown in Standard. 4 and Ivy Twidle in Standard 2 for special attention to their school duties during the past. year. I enclose schedule of marks, also examination papers

Proposed by Mr W. H. Smith, seconded by Mr Brown, That the report from Mr Reynolds, and his recommendation for prizes to the school children, be adopted. The motion was carried, and it was resolved that the prizes be distributed at 2 p.m.on Thursday, the 15th instant, by the Chairman, Mr C. H. Mills. Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board for further information re new school books, pointing out that only six books on the list are now used in the Havelock school, and that it would be difficult to give an estimate of more than one year's supply; Resolved. That Mr Mark Jones be appointed Auditor, an 3 that the Chairman prepare the annual report. The following accounts were passed for payment :—Price 3s 4d, Horton 2s, and Card 12s.

1888

1888	94	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	190.00
1888	94	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	40.00
888	94	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	40.00

9th January 1888 Three out of eight boys sitting Marlborough scholarship came from Havelock

James Rutherford was 2nd = only 10 marks behind the inner with 486/600. C Matthews 470 and C Mills 326

10th January 1888 The following tenders were received for painting the Havelock School J. C. Wilson, Blenheim, £22 10« S. Clinch, Blenheim, £20 0. F. Horton, Have look, £33 J. D. Iremonger, Blenheim, £19 15s W. F. Gallop, Okaramio, £29. Mr Iremonger's tender, being the lowest, was accepted. Mr Horton, who stated that he had on occasions done work to the satisfaction of the Board, complained that up to the 6th instant no specifications had been forwarded to Havelock , and as he and other tradesmen were thus placed at a disadvantage, he asked that the time for receiving tenders should be accepted

17th January 1888 The .Havelock School,.— The Havelock school will re-open on Monday next, and as Mr Hodgson, Inspector of School, has fixed Monday, the 6th February, for the annual examination, Mr Reynolds hopes that all children will attend promptly on the opening of the school; and with regularity up to the day of examination. It is to be regretted (remarks our correspondent), that the painting of the school has been delayed, and as the school re-opens on the 23rd inst., and the work has not been begun, it will necessarily have to be completed after the school duties have commenced which will more or less interfere with the progress of the work

8th February 1888 A letter was read from Mr C. H. Mills, Chairman of the Havelock School Committee, stating that whilst approving of the Board's, scheme of purchasing books, they would point out that only six on the list were at present in use, and that a change would mean a considerable expense to parents.

18th February 1888 W. H. Stace, who was educated at the Blenheim Borough Schools, and C. E. Matthews, of the Havelock School, both of whom won Scholarships, have passed the Junior Civil Service Examination in the order of merit

24th February 1888 Havelock School Committee .— This Committee met on Monday, the 20th inst. There were present Messrs C. H, Mills (chairman), Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, and W. H. Smith. The report of the Head Master, in which he complained of the habitual non-attendance of a certain number of children, was read, and it was resolved that the parents of children who have not attended the requisite number of days provided by the Act during the quarter will be proceeded against without further notice . Resolved, That the Chairman have the necessary work done to the out-houses, and three maps repaired.

2st March 1888 Havelock School Committee.— The Committee met on Monday. Present Messrs Mills (chairman),' Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, Price, and Smith. The report of the head master stated that in consequence of further departures from the district the school roll was now reduced to 94, and the attendance for the past month has been low, owing chiefly to wet weather. Resolved that a special meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday, the 3rd April, for the purpose of considering a return to be prepared by the teacher showing the names of those children who have not attended -the requisite number of days during the quarter. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Education Board, requesting them to instruct the architect to see that something is immediately done to strengthen the northern end of the school building, which has been injured during the late series of gales; also to have the window blinds repaired, and recommend the necessary alterations at the teachers residence. Resolved that the Chairman order four cords of manuka firewood and one cord of slabs for

the winter. The following accounts were passed for payment Horton 5s, Venimore 10s, R. Jones (auditing accounts) 10s 6d.
10th April 1888 A letter was read from Mr C. H. Mills, Chairman of the Havelock School Committee, requesting the Board to instruct the architect to see that something was immediately done to strengthen the northern end of the school building, which had been weakened by the late severe gales also that the Venetian blinds might be made, and the necessary alterations made at the teacher's residence. On the motion of Major Baillie, it was resolved that the architect should report to the Beard as to what was necessary.
11th April 1888 Havelock School Committee. An adjourned special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present Messrs Mills (chairman), I Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, Scott, and W. Smith. It was resolved that the parents of Margaret Maulo and Annie Davies be summonsed, in accordance with the compulsory clauses of the Education Act 1877 Amendment Act 1886, to show cause why their children had not attended school the requisite number of days during the quarter ending the 31st March, as provided by the Act. It was resolved that the Truant Inspector be requested to furnish the Committee with the list of all the names of those children within the school ages residing within the Havelock School District who are not attending any school.
18th April 1888 Havelock School Committee . Thin Committee met on Monday last. Present Messrs C. H. Mills (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, and VV. H. Smith. Notice was received from the Secretary of the Education Board, 1 notifying that the annual election of School Committees in the Marlborough Provincial District would take place on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 7.30 p.m.Resolved, That the Chairman prepare the annual report for the householders' meeting on the 23rd. .The following accounts were passed for payment 4. T. Card 6s 10d. Mrs Kreig £3, Brownlee md Co 5s 6d, J. Robinson £3 11s 6d.
23rd May 1888 Havelock School Committee. This body met on Monday, May 21. There were present, Messrs Mills (chairman), Clarke, Scott, Smith, and Venimore. Resolved, That a few more trees be procured, and the Chairman have them planted around the school ground. Resolved, That the Chairman have the pump repaired. The following accounts were passed for payment Brownlee and Co. 7s 2d, Price 2s, A. T. Card 4s 6d, Venimore 7s, B. Jones 19s.
12th June 1888 READINGS FROM FAVOURITE AUTHORS. Mr C. C. Howard, Head master of Picton School has kindly consented to give readings from Dickens and other favourite authors in Havelock on Friday June 29th and at Canvastown on Saturday June 30th, in aid of the funds of the Havelock and Canvastown Schools. From the well-known reputation of Mr Howard as a good reader, an intellectual treat of a very high order may confidently be anticipated.
18th July 1888 Havelock School Committee. The Committee met on Monday evening last. Present Messrs Scott, Brown, and 'C. H. Mills (in the chair.) Mr Reynolds sent in his report, giving the number on the roll 104, and the number present on reopening after the holidays 88. The proceeds of Mr Howard's readings were £4 11s 6d. Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Howard for his late readings, and that a copy of the above be sent him by the Chairman. Resolved, That the attention of the Education Board be again called .to the stale of the school blinds, etc. The following accounts were passed Mrs Thompson 6s 6d, children's, tea account 15s, Mrs Kreig £3
22nd August 1888 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday evening last present, all the members except Mr Scott. A report from the Head Master was read as follows The school roll and average attendance show a considerable increase. .The number on roll is

now 113, and average attendance 90. It is a matter of urgency that something should be done to put the school blinds in decent repair many of them are now useless. The following resolutions were passed That the Chairman wire to the Secretary of the Education Board, asking what arrangements have been made for repairs of Venetian blinds in the school"; "that the. Chairman write 1 to the Secretary, asking what decision the Education Board arrived at re other matters included in letters from this Committee, dated March 19 and July 16, 1888" that the Truant Inspector be requested to ascertain why the children named by the schoolmaster are not attending school regularly that a vote of thanks be sent to Mr Crichton for his gift of trees to ornament the school grounds." Accounts were passed for payment as follows Card 9s 8d, Bolton 18s, John Morrison £2 4s.

2nd October 1888 The Havelock Committee wrote asking the Board to pay the cost of supply and repair of blinds. The former resolution refusing the. application was adhered to.

17th October 1888 Havelock School Committee. — This Committee met on Monday evening. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), -Brown, Clarke, and Venimore. A report from Head Master was read as follows: School roll— boys, 48 girls, 71 total 119 being an increase of 15 over the previous quarter. Application will have to be made to the Education Board for holding Scholarship examination in Havelock as heretofore." It was resolved, That the Chairman write .to the Education Board requesting that they will arrange for holding the scholarship in Havelock as heretofore That Mr Venimore .employ 'the necessary labor to I open the well, and see what ,work is necessary. The following accounts were passed for payment: Venimore £8 9s, Card £1 11s ,9d, Price 3s 8d, Kreig £3. The Chairman stated there was no funds available to pay the above

4thh December 1888 Mr Reynolds forwarded a notification of candidature at the scholarship examination of C. Houghton Mills, pupil of the Havelock school.

17th December 1888 The Havelock school broke up for the holidays on Friday. There was no formal ceremony of prize giving, the small funds in the hands of the committee having been all utilised in repairing the blinds and other necessary work. Even now the school is without a water supply. A well was sunk when the present school was built and since then £20 has been expended by the various school committees in office in deepening and concreting, and still the water is bad in quality, and the pump is always out of order. It would be far cheaper to sell the pump and fill up the well at once than waste further money on it. A good permanent supply could be obtained by laying pipes from the creek situated about 300 yards away. That there should be a constant and pure supply of water, at the school is a matter of urgency, and it is to be hoped that the committee will at once bring the matter under the notice of the Education Board. Their funds are adequate.

1889

1889	85	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	200.00
1889	85	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	60.00
1889	85	Havelock	Picard	Mary	Female Probationer	£	16.00

7th January 1889 . Only 2 Marlborough children sat scholarship. Both went to Nelson to sit the exam C Mills from Havelock came third with 427 out of over sixty contestants

16th January 1889 The Havelock school re-opens next Monday. The Inspector's examination takes place on February 11, and it is hoped that all the children will assemble on the opening day. The time fixed for an examination, just after a long vacation, is an inconvenient one, but parents can vary materially minimise the evil by insisting on the regular attendance of their

children. An old pupil of the school, C. E. Matthews, who successfully passed the Junior Civil Service examination last year, has received an offer to enter the public service, and all his old schoolfellows wish him much success in his new sphere of duty.

23rd January 1889 A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday last. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Smith, and Venimore. A report from the Head Master was read as follows To the Chairman Havelock School Committee. Dear Sir, The school was opened to-day with an attendance of 99 out of a school roll of 118. Miss Laura Matthews has completed her term of four years' pupil teachership. During the four years she has occupied that position she has performed all her duties with diligence and care. Owing to the completion of my duties as instructor to Miss Matthews and her sister, I am a loser of £15 per annum, a serious item. For about six years put of the nearly seven that I have occupied my present position, I have received no increase of salary, and I have abstained from making any application owing to the financial condition of the Education Board. I also feel that both my assistants are entitled to some extra remuneration on the completion of their term of apprenticeship, considering that one is already certificated, and the other was a candidate at the late examination. To make our education system more perfect, and to induce those in the service to devote their whole lives and energy to the work, a well- devised system of promotion is necessary. At present the element of chance is a large factor to preferment in the profession. I must again call the attention of the Committee to the necessity of having a water supply at the school. The solitary tank at my residence is insufficient for household use, let alone for the supply of the school children, and cleaning purposes at the school. In Picton there is a splendid supply of water for drinking, lavatory, cleaning, &c. Inspector Hodgson will hold his annual examination on February 11th. The average attendance for last quarter was 92.02. It was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Venimore That that portion of Mr Reynolds' letter having reference to the salaries be sent to the Education Board, recommending it to their favorable consideration." Carried unanimously. The following estimate of cost of piping to supply Havelock school with water from the creek was put in by Mr Venimore 12OO feet galvanised iron piping, ½ inch., £13 15s do. do., ¾ inch., £17 10s; do. do., l inch., £22 10s. Cost of laying, £5. Either of the above sizes of pipe could be used and cost of pipe would be the same. Proposed by Mr Clarke and seconded by Mr Smith That as the well had proved a failure, a copy of the estimate supplied by Mr Venimore re supply of water for school purposes be forwarded to the Education Board, with a recommendation that they will vote a sufficient sum of money out of the funds to carry on the work." Carried. Resolved That the name of Mr E. Jones be submitted to the Education Board as Auditor of the past year's accounts. The following accounts were passed for payment Hayden, 2s A. T. Card, 3s 10d Brownlee and Co., 14s 3d Mrs Kreig, £3.

5th February 1889 The Havelock Committee wrote enclosing letters from the Head Master and others, (1) asking for increased pay and special compensation, (2) calling attention to the want of a good well, and elaborating a plan for getting a supply from a neighboring stream. Mr Ward asked what supply there was. The architect said there was a pump but it was not in good order. They needed a force pump as the well was very deep. There was a similar difficulty at the hospital here. Mr Conolly thought they should have a good deal more information about the scheme before sanctioning it. The matter was discussed at some length in a conversational way. The Board decided that the Architect should have the pump put in order and report to the Board on the water supply question. The question of salaries was then considered. The Committee recommended that Mr Reynolds (the Head Master) should have

his salary raised on the grounds (1) that he had been many years there (2) that he had lost a source of income since the Pupil Teacher Miss Matthews had passed through her course and ceased to require instruction. The average attendance for the quarter was 94. The Board decided to inform the Committee that the question of salaries would be considered.

20th February 1889 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last. The business was purely formal. The resignation of Mrs Klieg was received as the cleaner of the schools to date from 31st March, 1889, which was accepted, and an expression given of the satisfactory way in which the work had been done. It was resolved to call for tenders from parties willing to accept the office. An account for 9s 3d was passed for payment. A discussion took place re the supply of water for the use of the school, but no action could be taken as there was no report in from the Architect

14th March 1889 Inspector's Report Havelock.— Mr Reynolds; assistants, Miss Matthews and a pupil teacher. On roll, 117; present, 100. This school again passed a most creditable examination—a result that is now looked for at Havelock quite as a matter of course. There were only four failures among the standard candidates, and these were confined to the lower classes. The reading has improved throughout, and the handwriting is now equal to the rest of the work. Arithmetic, as heretofore, is the strong point of the school. The upper classes gave intelligent answers to the questions put to them in elementary science. The needlework Is excellent, The discipline leaves nothing to be desired.

20th March 1889 At a meeting of the Havelock School Committee on Monday last, there were present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, and. Smith. Mrs Hennessey's tender for cleaning the school and lighting the fires when necessary, for £13 per annum, was accepted. An account for 5s 3d to A. T. Card was passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned to Monday, April 15th inst.

2nd April 1889 The Board declined to raise Mr Reynolds' (Havelock) salary, and decided to raise Miss Matthews,', offering Miss L. Matthews a position at £60 at Renwicktown. Our full report is held over, owing to pressure on our space.

3rd April 1889 SALARIES. Mr Mills moved that Mr Reynolds' salary be increased by £10 and Miss Matthews by £20, making the former £200 and the latter £60. Mr Parker seconded the motion. Captain Baillie pointed out that this involved an expenditure of £30 more, and Mr Tissiman's school being on all fours with that of Havelock should also be considered, He would increase the salary of Miss Matthews, but he would propose as an amendment, that no increase be made in Mr Reynolds salary. Mr Mills having replied, Mr Conolly said the Havelock School was largely over-officered as compared with the Renwick school. He would at once raise Miss Matthews' salary but he would remove the younger Miss Mathews to Renwick.- Then the two schools would be' on a good footing, and Mr Reynolds would have a pupil teacher to instruct and get-£l5 .for- it. He would further move That the junior Miss Matthews be offered a position at Renwick at £60. Hon Capt. Baillie's amendment was carried, to increase Miss Mathews' salary and not Mr Reynolds. Mr Conolly's proposal treated as a substantial motion was carried. CONCLUSION. It was decided to give notice to the pupil teachers who had failed.

17th April 1889 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday evening last. Present: Messrs C. H. Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Dorreen, Smith, and Venimore. The Chairman pointed out that at the late meeting of the Education Board, Messrs Conolly and Baillie classified the Havelock School on the same footing as the Renwick and Tua Marina, whereas the average attendance at the Havelock School for the last quarter was 95, Renwick

70, Tua Marina 62. A letter was read from Mr J. T. Robinson, Secretary of the Education Board, to Miss Laura Matthews, offering her the situation of Assistant Mistress at Renwick. A letter was also read from Miss Laura Matthews, accepting the situation. Mr Reynolds, Head Master, wrote as follows: "The school roll is 119, and average attendance 94. Miss Laura Matthews has accepted the position offered her by the Education Board -as assistant at Renwick. Miss Matthews, both as an old pupil of mine and as a teacher in the school, has done herself much credit. I am exceedingly sorry to lose so able and industrious a co-worker. I would suggest that the position of pupil teacher be offered to those pupils who have passed Standard 6, the final choice to be reserved until I have had an opportunity of seeing how each of those willing to accept the position shape at the work. A stock of firewood is needed for the school, and the fence outside the girls' W.C. requires repairing. I should be obliged if the Committee would grant Thursday next and Easter Monday and Tuesday as Easter holidays. Resolved, That the Education Board be requested to appoint a pupil teacher in the place of Miss Laura Matthews, and Mr Reynolds be requested to inform the Committee if there is any scholar in the school suitable and willing to take the position. Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board, pointing out that the statement made by Major Baillie and Mr Conolly at the last meeting of the Education Board was made under a misconception of facts, as the average attendance at Tua Marina was (52, Renwick 76, Havelock 95, being 19 above Renwick, and 33 more than Tua Marina and this Committee respectfully request the Board will re-consider their decision. Resolved, That the Chairman order the usual amount of firewood for the schools, arrange to have the spouting around the school building attended to, and the fence repaired. Resolved, That the Easter holidays commence on Thursday, the I5th inst. and terminate on the following Tuesday. The following accounts were passed for payment:— A. T. Card 3s 10d, Mrs Kreig £3

3rd May 1889 A very pleasant meeting, at which Mr C. H Mills presided took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Public- School, Havelock, the object being to make a presentation to Miss. Laura Matthews, of a handsome album and hand bag, subscribed for by the children of. the school, as a mark of appreciation of her past services as pupil teacher, and also as a -mark of respect for her uniformly good conduct. Miss Laura Matthews has been educated in the Havelock school, first under. Mr Severne, and lastly under Mr Reynolds. She is now about to leave for Renwick, Miss Matthews has also been for many years Librarian of St Peters' Sunday School and a presentation of an address, nicely engrossed by Mr Venimore, .was first made to her by the Rev H. E. Ensor, of which the following is a copy

"To Miss Laura Matthews, Havelock

Dear Miss Matthews We the teachers and scholars of St Peters' Church Sunday School Havelock ask you to accept our heartfelt thanks for your diligent, patient, and constant attendance at our Library for several years past and .hope that you may meet with the kindness you deserve, .and that prosperity may attend you wherever your lot may be cast. Wishing you God Speed, we remain yours most sincerely,—H. E. Ensor, President, George ;D. Drury, Superintendent, Mary Drury, Lily Price, Maggie Mills, Cora Mills, Harriet Venimore, teachers. Mr Reynolds then proceeded to make the presentation, and in doing so said: We are met together to-day to wish Miss Laura Matthews good-bye and every success in her new work at Renwick. When I came to Havelock over seven years ago you were preparing for Standard V, this and the following standard you passed in successive years and in the succeeding one carried off the Marlborough scholarship although for private reasons

you did not take it up. You were soon appointed pupil teacher in the school. During the. past four years you have done your duty faithfully and well. I trust there are many present who will emulate; your .example. :Your old school-fellows and those now attending the school did not wish to let you go without presenting you with some little token of their regard and esteem. The presents I am about to hand you were entirely subscribed by past and present Havelock Scholars. Mr Reynolds in handing to Miss Matthews a Valuable album and ornamental hand bag hoped that her early successes were the forerunners of a successful and useful career.

Hearty cheers were, then given, for the recipient, and also for her sister who remains as second teacher in the school, and on the motion of Mr Clarke. seconded by the Rev H. E. Ensor, the schoolchildren were awarded; a half holiday.

7th May1889 With the Renwick return came a letter from the newly elected Committee, objecting that they had not been consulted in regard to the appointment of Miss Laura Mathews as assistant teacher
From the Havelock Committee, pointing out that the statement made at the previous meeting as to the comparative attendance at the Havelock, Renwick, and Tua Marina schools respectively, was in evidently made under a misconception of the facts, The Committee desired that the question of raising the master's salary should be re-opened. The Board decided that the subject must be re-opened by notice of motion.
22nd May 1889 Havelock School Committee. The Havelock School Committee met on Monday morning present Messrs Smith, Venimore, Brown, Doreen, Parker, and Mills (in the chair). Resolved, That the Education Board be requested to appoint Miss Mary Picard pupil-teacher in place of Miss L. Matthews and that her salary start from May 1. After passing a few small accounts the Committee adjourned.
11th June 1889 In consequence of the serious illness of Miss J. Matthews, and the large number of children suffering from sore throats, by which the attendance at the school has suffered much, the Havelock School Committee have decided to close the school till Tuesday, June 24.
19th June 1889 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday evening last. Present Messrs Mills (chairman) Brown, Clarke, Smith, and Venimore. The chairman stated that at the last meeting of the Education Board, the application from the Havelock School Committee, re increase of the head-master's salary had been favorably entertained. Resolved that the action of the Chairman in closing the school for the winter holiday's on the 10th instant, and arranging to have the school duties resumed on the 24th instant be approved. Copy of a letter which had been sent to the Education Board, with a letter from Mr Edward Powell, asking for an expression of opinion from the Committee, re the subject of the preservation of children's' teeth was read, when it was resolved that this Committee heartily approve of the suggestion, and would be very glad if Mr Powell could so arrange as to visit the Havelock school, so that the parents could have the benefit of his experience on a subject of such vital importance. Accounts amounting to £3 8s 4d were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till July 15.
17th July 1889 The Havelock School Committee met or Monday, July 15, all the members wen present. Report was read from the Head Master as follows There is little alteration to report during the past month excepting that under the present mode of computing the average attendance, the late bad weather has considerably reduced it. The roof of my residence is in a

bad condition, and needs attending to at once. Resolved that the Chairman see Mr Jones the builder, and ascertain the cause of the defective roofing. The following accounts were passed for payment Mrs Hennessy, £3 5s; T. Brown, £1 1s Bolton, 18s 6d

25th September 1889 Special Sewing Prizes. We learn from our Havelock correspondent that Mrs Chilton offers- three prizes for plain sewing at Havelock on the following conditions

No. 1 prize Garments to be cut out at home, to consist of night dress, patching pair of trousers and stockings.

No. 2 prize 10s Chemise and stockings.

No. 3 prize: Pillow case and darning; plain sewing. Any trimming or fancy work will disqualify the garment. Garments to be cut out at home.

A special prize of 5s is offered to the 2nd and 1st standard for the best sewing and darning. All work must be done in school,

23rd October 1889 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday last. Present, Messrs Mills (chairman) Brown, Clarke, and Parker. A report from the headmaster read as follows: On school roll 107, average attendance 86 the irregular attendance being on the part of the girls. Resolved, That the attention of the truant Inspector be called to the habitual absence of some of the pupils, whose names will be furnished to him, that he may take proceedings against. the parents. Resolved. That the Chairman write to the Education Board pointing out the necessity of having the school master's residence and fence around it painted. . That consideration of Mr Maskills letter stand over for the present.

6th November 1889 year's growth from the end of October, 1888, to the end of October, 1889. The Havelock School. Our Havelock correspondent writes Owing to the indisposition of Mr J. H. Reynolds, the Head Master of the Havelock Schools, they will be closed until Monday next the11th instant.

20th November 1889 Havelock School Committee met on Monday last, present, Messrs Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, Smith, and Venimore. Mr W. H. Smith was voted to the chair. Resolved that the Christmas holidays commence on Monday, December 23rd, and school duties be resumed on Monday, January 20, 1890. That the Chairman write to the Education Board asking the reason no reply has been received to his letter of October 22nd, relative to painting the schoolmaster's residence and fencing during the summer vacation. That this Committee have a special meeting at Mr C. H. Mills' office at 3.30 p.m.on Friday next, 22nd instant to consider the advisability of giving children a picnic at the breaking-up for the Christmas holidays. The following account was passed for payment A. T. Card, £1 15s. The Committee adjourned.

3rd December 1889 From the Havelock Committee, forwarding a resolution as follows, "That the chairman write asking the reason no reply had been received to his letter of 22nd ult., re painting school master's residence. The Secretary explained that Mr Mill’s letter was missing from his file. He had referred the matter to the architect. The Board considered the question of painting the building, and it was resolved on the motion of the Chairman, to request the architect to report generally on the pressing requirements of the district, tenders in the meantime to be called for this particular work

5th December 1889 At a special meeting on the 4th inst. it was resolved, "That the children attending the Public School have on Friday the 20th inst. "That the balance in hand be used for the purpose, and that a, subscription list, be sent round the school district to make up the

deficiency that Messrs Reynolds, Scott and Venimore be a sub committee to make the necessary arrangements.
16th December 1889 The picnic for the school children attending the Havelock Public Schools will (weather permitting) be held in a pleasant spot near the site of Messrs Brownlee and Go's, old saw-mill, Kaituna, about two miles distant, on Friday the 20th instant. The small fry of Havelock are never neglected.

21st December 1889 HAVELOCK SCHOOL,

The sewing prizes which were announced some weeks since to be given by Mrs Chilton were awarded to-day Thursday December 19th. The judges for the work were Mesdames Chilton, Reynolds and Venimore. The awards were as follows Standards 6 and 5, 1st prize 15s to Ethel Toothill, 2nd prize, 5s Agnes Forrest. Highly commended Edith Scott, 2s 6d, given by Mrs Duncan.

Standards 4 and 3, 1st prize 10s to Annie Forrest highly commended, Jessie Davies, 2s 6d given by the Rev H. Ensor, commended Winnie Couper.

Standard 2 and 1, 1st prize Carrie Miles, highly commended Grace Mills, commended, May Scott, Special prizes given by Mrs Gwillim to Standard 1. Doll to Ivy Dorreen, workbox to Annie Maule. All the work was beautifully done and reflected great credit on Miss Matthews, as the instructress of the children. Mrs Chilton distributed the awards.

23rd December 1889 Public School Pic-nic— Our Havelock correspondent writes A most enjoyable day was spent-yesterday (Friday 20th inst.) by the children who attend the public schools. A pic-nic was held on Messrs Brownlee and Co.'s land, near the site of the old sawmill Kaituna. The youngsters amused themselves by racing and swimming matches, more than £2 being awarded them for the various events. There were 120 present. Great credit is due to the Committee, viz., Messrs Scott, Reynolds and Venimore for the successful way they carried out their various duties, also to Mesdames Scott, Dorreen, Venimore and others for the abundance of food provided, which was much enjoyed by all
Pic-nic was often spelt like this

1890

1890	93	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	200.00
1890	93	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	60.00
1890	93	Havelock	Picard	Mary	Female Probationer	£	24.00

14th January 1890 The Teachers Certificate, and Junior Civil Service examinations are now being held in one of the rooms of the Borough School, under Mr John T. Robinson, Secretary to the Education Board, who has been appointed supervisor. The teachers under examination are: Class D, Miss M. J. Matthews (Havelock) class E, Misses Florence Prichard (Blenheim), and Laura Matthews (Renwick), Messrs Frank M. Dobson (Nelson), and Herman Huddleston (Nelson). Junior Civil Service: W. Houldsworth. (Blenheim), and P. Chaytor (Blenheim).
14th January 1890 The Havelock School re-opens after the holidays on the 20th instant. The Inspector's examination is this year fixed unusually early viz. the 7th and 8th February. It is to be hoped that parents will send their children to school on the day of opening, as there will be very little time to roughly cover this year's work

22nd January 1890 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday January 20th present Messrs Smith (in the chair) Brown, Clarke, Parker, Venimore. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Report from Head Master read. The. School re-opened to-day (January 20th) after the holidays. During my tenure of office three Havelock scholars have carried off the Marlborough Scholarship. I would therefore suggest that their names should be suitably inscribed on a plate and be placed in a prominent position in the school room. It will commemorate past achievements and would stimulate others to have their names added to the honor roll. (Signed) J. H Reynolds; Resolved That Messrs Smith, Venimore and J. H. Reynolds be empowered to get a plate suitably .inscribed- with the names of the several scholars who have succeeded in obtaining -scholarships and- other honors. Resolved That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mrs Chilton and others for their prizes for plain sewing awarded to the school children, to the ladies who acted as judges for the same,, also to the ladies and Mr Scott and others who took such an active interest in making the children's pic-nic a success.

3rd February 1890 The news that Ernest Rutherford, formerly of Havelock School, and now of Nelson College, has won one of the Junior University Scholarships with 3792 marks, fourth on the list, has been received here with much satisfaction by

19th February 1890 death was both violent and shocking. Havelock School Committee. The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last, present: Messrs C. H. Mills (Chairman), Brown, and Smith. A report from the head master was read. Resolved, That the chairman write to the Education Board pointing out the necessity p£ providing at once a water supply, and suggesting the architect's opinion, be obtained as to which would be the best plan to adopt, 1st , To bring water from the creek in pipes; 2nd, To sink an artesian well,, starting at the bottom of the present well; or 3rd, To purchase three iron tanks and have them placed in suitable positions; That the chairman also write, to the Board reminding them that no tenders have yet been called for painting the schoolmaster's residence and fence as they-arranged at the meeting last December; That the chairman write to the Secretary of the Board, asking why it is the salaries due to the teachers, viz., Miss Matthews for the last month, and Miss Picard for the quarter ending December 31st, 1889, have not yet been forwarded That Mr Jones be appointed to audit the School Committee's accounts for the-past year. The following account passed, for payment: Mrs Hennessy £3 5s.

5th March 1890 Mr Mills brought up the question of painting at Havelock. Certain schools (Havelock included), had been included in a scheme of painting sanctioned by the Board, but no action had been taken re Havelock. It was now to decide to call for tenders, in pursuance of the architect's report of last year.

From Havelock, asking why the salaries of certain teachers had not-been paid. Mr Mills said the matter; had been laid before him as Chairman of Committee. The Secretary reported that the salaries had been paid. From the same re water supply to the school, and asking that the house and school fence be painted. Mr Mills said attempts to purify the water had failed, and had been costly, and now the supply had fallen off entirely. Mr Hutcheson reminded the Board that some; years ago, Mr Douslin had reported on a similar case, advising that the well should be cleaned out then the supply would come. Mr Mills said this had been done by his Committee, but nothing availed. Mr Hutcheson said it was no great hardship .to have to go a couple of hundred yards away to the creek during a dry season ln the early days they did it for a year Mr, Mills said what they now wanted was- a permanent supply of good water. It was a most important matter. Referred to the architect to report upon at next meeting;

1st April 1890 The architect reported the well had been put in repair
23rd April 1890 Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Monday last present, Messrs Mills (Chairman), Browne, Clarke, Parker, Smith, and Venimore. A report was read from-the Head Master as follows —School roll 109; girls 60, boys 49. The attendance, owing to bad weather, has been very irregular. Proposed by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Parker, That the sum of 50s be voted to pay the expense of writing names on the roll of honor. Resolved,- That a load of kindling wood, and a few loads of gravel be obtained. The names of Messrs W. H. Macey, B. Paul, and H. C. Seymour were nominated for the Education Board. The following accounts were passed for payment Auditor 10s 6d, Mrs Hennessey £3 10s, G. Hayden 15s, A: T. Card 10s 6d, J Brownlee and Co £1 17s
30th April 1890 HAVELOCK. The meeting of householders was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. Mr J. H. Reynolds was voted in the chair. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted as follows Our term of office having expired, we have much pleasure in submitting to you a statement of the past year's accounts, which have been duly audited. The balance in hand at the commencement of the financial year, was £1 12s 4d, and the receipts from all sources has been £40 14s 6d, making a total of £42 6s 10d, which leaves a small balance to credit £1 4s 8d. The school roll now comprises 50 boys and 60 girls, total, 110, and we earnestly desire to urge on parents the necessity of enforcing regular attendance of their children. We have again to congratulate our schoolmaster on one of his pupils, winning the Marlborough scholarship, the successful competitor being Claude Mills, who scored the highest number of marks of any candidate in the district, and your Committee have authorised the. names of all. who have been successful, to be placed on an honor roll in the school. Some more ornamental trees have been planted in the school grounds, and tenders accepted by the Education Board for painting the schoolmaster's residence and school fence. When this work is completed the premises will then be in very good repair. A few more books have been added to the school library, but many others are now required, and we hope the in-coining Committee may devise some means to raise funds for the purpose. The following were duly elected a Committee for the ensuing year without opposition, viz Messrs Mills, Smith, Parker, Clarke, Venimore, Brown, and Dorreen. Mr C. H. Mills was subsequently unanimously appointed chairman.
21st May 1890 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday last present Messrs Venimore (in the chair),. Clarke, and Parker. A report from the head master read During the past week the attendance has been bad owing to sickness, but is improving daily, the roll numbers 113. The school well and pump are how in good order." The business was purely formal, and the meeting adjourned until Monday June10.
2nd June 1890 Mr J T Robinson Secretary to Marlborough Education Board is charged with embezzlement
4th June 1890 The following are the names of the late pupils of the Havelock School, who are placed on the Honor Roll in the Head Master's schoolroom: Marlborough Scholarships— Laura Matthews, December, 1884; Ernest Rutherford, December, 1886 Claude Mills, December 1889. Junior Civil Service Ernest Rutherford, January 1887 0. E. Matthews, January 1888. Junior University Scholarship Ernest Rutherford, January 1890. Each person's name is placed on a separate board, nicely painted, on a blue ground, and red and white letters, the work of Mr V. C. Venimore.
18th June 1890 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening the 16th inst. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Brown, Dorreen, Smith and Venimore. A report was read

from the head master, which showed the number on the roll to be boys 58, girls 64, total 122 this being the largest number on the roll since 1882. It was resolved that the mid-winter vocation commence on Monday June 30th, and school duties be resumed on Monday July 13th. Accounts were passed for payment as follows V. C. Venimore £2 10s, A. T. Card 14s 3d, Brownlee and Co. 13s 8d, H. M. Reader 7s, W. Price Is 10d.

23rd July 1890 This Committee met on Monday evening last. Present, Messrs Brown, Clark (in the chair), Dorreen, and Venimore. A report from the schoolmaster was read, showing the school roll to be— Boys 57, girls 64, total 121. The names of three children were mentioned as being habitual absentees from school. Resolved, That the parents of the children named in the schoolmaster's report be notified that unless their children attend school regularly from date, they will be proceeded with according to law. Resolved, That the acting Chairman be empowered to write to the parents of the children named in the schoolmaster's report, the purport of the foregoing resolution. The meeting then adjourned

17th September 1890 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday September 15th Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Parker, and Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Head Master's Report was read as follows The school roll continues to increase, and now numbers, boys 58, girls 69, total 127. The .average attendance has also improved. The sitting accommodation in the lower school, for a long time crowded, is now quite insufficient. I would suggest the erection Of a gallery for the infants, similar to that in the Picton school. It would economise space, and leave plenty of desk room for the standard classes. A stock of slates, say five dozen, is badly wanted in the lower school, likewise a new ball frame, a different series of tablet lessons and pencil holders. R. Horton has not attended school during the past three months, and the attendance of T. Lovell is far from being satisfactory. When the. honor roll was authorised I omitted inadvertently the name of Miss J. Matthews, Certificate Examination Class E., and likewise of Miss L. Matthews, Certificate Examination Class E, If funds will permit, I should like to see the list complete to date. A supply of books is required for the school library. I would suggest that the parents of children using the school library, and others be asked to give any suitable books they may have to increase the present stock. I feel sure many would gladly respond, entailing as it would no outlay. I should be glad to receive the direction of the Committee how to act when parents of pupils cannot afford to buy the necessary books. Resolved That the Truant Inspector be requested to take proceedings against those parents who allow their children to stay away from school. That the Chairman write to the Education Board, requesting that they will kindly authorise a gallery to be erected in the school for the infants, similar to the one now in Picton, as the increased number of pupils renders it imperative to have more sitting room accommodation. Also a new ball frame and a different series of tablet lessons. That two extra honor rolls be procured, containing the names of Miss J. Matthews and Miss Laura Matthews. The suggestion made by the schoolmaster re increasing the school library was heartily approved, and the Committee solicit the parents of children attending school to give each a suitable book for the purpose mentioned. The following accounts were passed for payment, H. Reader 7s, W. Price 3s 8d, Linton 33 6d.

7th October 1890 The Havelock School Committee forwarded resolutions passed at their last meeting asking for a gallery in the school, and some school furniture.— Mr Mills spoke in favor of the demands, and said that with an average attendance of 130 they must have additional accommodation. Mr Douslin, architect, was in attendance, and in reply to a question, stated the approximate cost.

4th November On the motion of Mr Mills A gallery was ordered
3rd December 1890 Tenders for the erection of a gallery at Havelock were received as follows:— H. A. Jones £13 10s and T. Linton £12 15s (accepted).

1891

1891	83	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H		Head Master	£	210.00
1891	83	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J		Assistant Female	£	60.00
1891	83	Havelock	Picard	Mary		Female Probationer	£	32.00
1874/27097	Picard	Mary Ann	Amelia	William A				
1899/828	Mary Ann	Picard	Richard	Pike				

22nd January 1891 Havelock School Committee. The Committee met on Monday evening January 20, 1891. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman) Brown, Clarke, Parker, Smith and Venimore. Minutes previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr W. T. Erskine was nominated as Auditor. Messrs Hutcheson and Parker were nominated as members of the Education Board. A letter was read from Mr E. Ensor asking for the use of the School-room once a week after school hours for the purpose of giving religious instruction to the children of parents who did not object. It was resolved That Mr Ensor have the use of the school-room on condition that no children remained whose parents objected. The Committee than adjourned until Monday February 16th,
18th February 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening, February 16th, 1891 present, Messrs Mills (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Dorreen, Smith, and Venimore. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the head schoolmaster was read on the roll, boys 65, girls 67, total 132. He suggested that the spouting required looking to, also the outbuildings, and gravel be put on the pathway, etc. Resolved, That the necessary repairs be done to the spouting and to the outbuildings, also that some gravel be put on the pathway. Accounts were passed for payment Brownlee and Co 27s 11d, Linton 20s, and the meeting adjourned till Monday, March 16, 1891
18th March 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening Match 16, 1891. Present Messrs Smith (in the chair) Clarke, Parker, and Venimore. Resolved: That the parents of all the children who have not made the necessary attendance required by the Education Act, be proceeded against forthwith That the Chairman write to the Central Board recommending them to reimburse Miss Picard the expenses incurred in going to Blenheim for the annual examination in consideration of her small salary That fuel for the school be procured. Account £1 16s was passed for payment to Mr V. C. Venimore. The head schoolmasters report was read as follows The school roll has somewhat diminished owing to departures from the district, and now stands boys 62, girls 63, total 125. The attendance has not been satisfactory especially in the lower school. I submit the attendance registers that the Committee may judge for themselves, and take such action as they may deem fit. Miss Picard will be absent next week owing to having to attend her annual examination in Blenheim, I trust the Committee will recommend the Education Board to reimburse ,her for the expense entailed in going such a distance. It is a considerable item out of a small salary. It will be necessary for the Committee to fix the duration of the Easter vacation. Resolved :That the Easter holidays commence from Thursday after, noon the 26th instant, until Wednesday April 1st, 1891 That the Chairman write to the Central Board re the want of room in the

schoolmaster's residence, and explain that an expenditure of not more than £10 or £12 would remedy the evil. The meeting adjourned till Monday April 20

7th April 1891 The Havelock Committee asked for a refund of. Miss Packard's expenses; to attend pupil teachers examination. (2) For an additional .room to the teacher's residence. Resolved that Miss Picard be allowed £2 for her expenses, and that the additional, room be included in the schedule of requirements.

The following estimates for building and repairs to be forwarded to the Department were read: Havelock (additions to residence) £50,

18th April 1891 Whooping cough, in most cases of a mild character, is spreading in the town and District, and the attendance at the Havelock School is much thinned in- consequence. One of the great injustices of the Education Act is that a school should lose capitation owing to an epidemic

23rd April 1891 Town of Havelock— Population, 318 inhabited houses 68, uninhabited 4. Census return

29th April 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday, April 27, 1891, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following persons were, by Mr C. H. Mills, the Chairman, declared duly elected —Messrs C. H. Mills, W, H. Smith, T. Brown, V. C. Venimore, T. E. Parker, Alexander Maule, and H. L. N. Clarke. Mr C. H. Mills was unanimously elected Chairman on the motion of Mr W. Smith, seconded by Mr H. L. N. Clarke. The meeting then adjourned till Monday, May 18, 1891

20th May 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening, May 18, 1891. Present Messrs C. H. Mills, M.H.R., (chairman), Brown, Clarke, Parker, Smith, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Headmaster's report was read. Owing to the prevailing epidemic, the average attendance has been reduced from 95 to 51 for the past month. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Inspector of Police asking him if he will authorise the Constable stationed here to act as Truant Inspector. Resolved that a letter be written to the Town Board calling their attention to the gorse spreading from the public roads into the School grounds and requesting they will give it their early attention as the Committee are going to have the school grounds cleared once more. The following accounts were passed for payment Brownlee and Co., 4s 2d T. Brown, £1 16s. The Committee adjourned till Monday, June 15th.

17th June 1891 The School Committee met on Monday, "June 15th present Messrs Brown, Parker, and W. H. Smith in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Mr Reynolds' report was read showing the roll number 112. A letter was received from Inspector Thomson, Wellington, informing the Committee that Constable Williams had been instructed to act as truant Inspector. An interim report from Inspector Smith on the Havelock School was read, Resolved that the midwinter holidays commence on 29th inst., and that the school re-open on July 13th. The meeting then adjourned to July 20th

22nd July 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday, July 20, 1891 Present Messrs W. H. Smith (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Maule, Parker, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The headmaster's report stated that school duties were resumed on Monday, the 13th inst., boys 61, girls 52 total 113. The attendance has been fan 1 considering the unsettled weather. In view of the forthcoming examination it is hoped parents will insist on the regular attendance of their children. He pointed out that it will be necessary to at once obtain a stock of books and other school requisites from the Education Board. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Education Board, enclosing a

paper showing the terms on which the Art Department of the Wellington Board will undertake the examination of primary school pupils in drawing. Application should be sent to Wellington direct before the 31st instant. Resolved that the books as per list furnished by Mr Reynolds be procured from the Education Board. Resolved that the night of meeting in future be the third Wednesday in the month instead of Monday as heretofore. The following account was passed for payment Brownlee and Co. 123 9d. The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday August 19.—

A Havelock correspondent writes Petty thefts of children's dinners having become much too frequent at the State School here of late, it seems high time that something was done to stop such despicable pilfering. Children from the Blackball and other country districts require to bring their dinnei'3 with them and they are invariably hung in the School corridor. Imagine the dismay of the poor little urchins who on going to appease their appetites find their dinners non est. Parents will do well in directing their children to deposit the needful in a safer place than the one referred to, and out of the reach of such petty pilferers, who by the way can be easily identified, and whose precocity it is to be hoped will take a less undesirable direction in future

29th August 1891 Havelock School Committee. The adjourned meeting of the Havelock School Committee met on Thursday evening last. Present: Messrs W. Smith (Chairman), Clarke, Maule, Parker and Venimore. It was resolved that the Chairman write to the Minister of Defence informing him of Constable Williams' refusal to act as Truant Inspector until properly appointed by the Inspector of Police; That this meeting stands adjourned until Thursday, September 3rd, pending the receipt of a reply from Wellington re appointment of Constable Williams as Truant Inspector; and that action against the parents of truant children be held over until after such meeting. The only account passed for payment was 7s to G. Hayden

14th September 1891 An adjourned meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday. Present: Messrs Smith (chairman), Clarke, Maule, Parker, and Venimore. Resolved: That as no reply had been received from the Defence Minister, the Member for the District be wired to requesting him to enquire whether anything had been done re the appointment of a Truant Inspector that the matter stand over to the next regular night meeting; that the Town Board be written to drawing their attention to the neglected state of that portion of Lawrence Street between the Church and the School grounds, and requesting that something be done to make it fit in bad weather; also, that the attention of the Board be drawn to the fact that the gorse at the foot of the same street only partially cleared by them recently is again encroaching on the School grounds and suggesting that the Board take the necessary step 3to have the same rooted out. The meeting then adjourned

18th September 1891 The Havelock School Committee mot on Wednesday, 16th inst. Present: Messrs Smith (in the chair), Clarke, Parker, and Venimore. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Head Master's report was as follows The school now numbers, boys 59, girls 49, total 108. The average attendance has materially improved." The only account passed for payment was, Brownlee and Co. £1 7s 3d. The meeting adjourned till the 30th instant

3rd October 1891 An adjourned meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening, September 30, 1891. Present, Messrs C. H. Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Parker, Smith, and Venimore. The following letter was received from Inspector Thomson re Truant Inspectorship District Police Office, Wellington, 16-9-91. Sir, —In reply to your letter

of the 29th ultimo to the Defence Minister re the appointment of Constable, Williams as Truant Officer, I have the honor to point out that there is no necessity for such an appointment, as all constables are specially directed to render to School Committees all possible assistance in enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, and I have again carefully instructed Constable Williams to that effect. I beg to forward, for the information of your Committee, a printed copy of the instructions on this head issued to police, and should Constable Williams fail to render to the Committee the assistance therein specified, I shall be glad if you will intimate same to me.— l have, etc., J. Hall Thompson, Inspector 1st Class." Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents of the children reported on by the Truant Inspector. The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday, October 21, 1891.

15th October 1891 Havelock School Committee v. George William Kassabaum, for neglecting to send his son to school no appearance of defendant, fined 1s, 7s costs. Same v. Jabez Wells case postponed to obtain medical certificate as to state of his son's health.

7th November 1891 Our Havelock correspondent writes The examination of the Havelock School has to be indefinitely postponed, owing to the illness of the Inspector. Mr Smith is staying at the Masonic Hotel, having been brought down from Canvastown by Mr Corbett yesterday.

10th December 1891 Mr Smith, Inspector of Schools has just concluded a very satisfactory examination of the Havelock Public School

19th December 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday last Present Messrs Mills (Chairman) Clarke, Parker, and Venimore. The school roll was 109 the attendance was good up to the time of examination, since which time it has fallen off, and the average attendance 13 now 95. Resolved, that the holidays commence on Friday 18th and school duties be resumed on Monday January 18th 1892 and that an extra week be given from Monday February 1st to Monday February 8th 1892 to enable all who wish to attend the Nelson Jubilee. The account for cleaning the school £3 53 was passed for Mrs Hennessy and the Committee adjourned till Wednesday January 20th 1892,

1892

1892	91	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	200.00
1892	91	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	80.00
1892	91	Havelock	Picard	Mary	Female Probationer	£	32.00

5th January 1892 Mathew Frederick Gwillium from Havelock One of the 7 pupils sitting scholarship at the Borough School Blenheim

7th January 1892 Claude Mills (Havelock) was one of two candidates for Senior Civil Service from Marlborough. There was also a Junior Civil service examination. *On passing this exam the civil service then appointed the holder to a Government Department*

4th April 1892 Havelock School Picnic. A very pleasant picnic was held on Friday the 1st instant in Mr Twidle's large paddock, Pelorus Valley, the object being to celebrate Mr Reynolds' tenth year of service as schoolmaster here, he having arrived on the 31st March, 1882, and has successfully carried on the school duties ever since. There was a very large attendance of both parents and children, something approaching two hundred, including a fair sprinkling from Canvastown. The refreshments were ample and of the best quality, and great credit is due to the ladies of Havelock for the trouble they have taken. Races and swimming matches were improvised, and before leaving for home three cheers for Mr and Mrs Twidle,

the ladies, schoolmaster, and school mistress were given, and thus ended a very pleasant day. Messrs Twidle, Venimore, Addison, Hammond, Hawkins, and Reynolds, were the Committee who arranged and carried out the programme of sports, some of them finding the prizes for the races

5th April 1892 Mr Reynolds, head teacher at Havelock, forwarded a long explanation of the reasons for a pupil teacher's failing

6th April 1892 Miss Picard, who has creditably occupied the position of pupil teacher in the Havelock school for three years baa tendered her resignation to the Education Board. This is a matter of regret, as she has conscientiously done her duty, and has been very kind to the children, with whom she is a general favorite

23rd April 1892 Havelock School Committee.— The above body met on Wednesday evening, April 20th, 1892 present, Messrs Mills, (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, and Parker. Minutes previous meeting were read and signed. School roll boys, 60 girls 54 total, 114; average attendance 94. Resolved that the letter from the Education Board, re Miss Picard's resignation, stand over for consideration by the new Committee. Tenders were received for cleaning the schoolroom from Mrs Congdon, £14 per annum; Mrs G. Pope, £13; (accepted) as from 1st April. The following nominations were received for candidates for the new Committee. T. E. Parker, C. H. Mills, V. C. Venimore, H. L. N. Clarke, T. Brown, W. H. Smith. The following accounts were passed for payment, Brownlee and Co., £5 10s, sweeping out school by children, 6s and 4s, carriage by coach 7s, Mrs Hennessy £3 5s, Auditor 10s 6d, R. Jones 13s 6d.

27th April 1892 prove payable if not something more. Havelock School Committee.— A meeting of householders was held in the Havelock schoolroom on Monday evening the 25th instant for the election of a new school Committee, Mr Reynolds in the chair. The balance sheet was read and adopted. The following seven householders were nominated and declared duly elected, viz.'—Messrs C. H. Mills, W. H. Smith, P. Brown, V. C. Venimore, F. E. Parker , R. Jones, H. L. N. Clarke. On the motion of Mr. H. L. N. Clarke, seconded by Mr F. Brown, Mr C. H. Mills was unanimously re-elected Chairman.

21st May 1892 The entertainment given in the Town Hall, Havelock, on Wednesday evening, the 18th instant, on behalf of the public and school libraries was well attended notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather. The items palling for special remark were a recitation by Mary Tee, The little boy that Died song, Children’s Voices," by Grace Mills, and a recitation, Keeping his Word," by Grace Wakelyn. The part singing consisted of two choruses, viz., "Forth to the Battle," and Over Hill and Plain." The conduct of many young men in the hall was very reprehensible.

6th June 1892 Havelock School Committee. A special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on the 3rd inst., present :Messrs Brown, Jones and Clarke (in the chair). It was resolved that the Education Board be requested to allow Miss Picard to. remain at the Havelock School until the end of the present year. Resolved that Miss Matthews' application for an increase of salary be forwarded to the Education Board with a recommendation that the request be granted. Mr H. M. Reader was present for the purpose of urging the necessity of having the hours of attendance altered at school, viz., from 9 a.in. to 9.30 a.in., but as there was such a small attendance of the Committee, the subject was adjourned until Wednesday 13tti June next at 7 p.in., the regular night of meeting

7th June 1882 HAVELOCK. It was resolved that tenders be called for adding a room to the teacher's residence, and the Board approved that Miss Picard should continue to teach till the

end of the year, Messrs Bush, Swafford and Newman were selected as Commissioners for the Havelock suburban school, Miss Matthews applied for an increase of salary, and her case was supported by Mr Mills, and also by a letter from Mr Reynolds, the head master. The Inspector said that the position was somewhat anomalous, as the assistant mistress was really entitled to £80 a year, and not the £75 she asked for. A tabulated list of the increases which each school was entitled under the new rules, was laid on the table, and showed that on new appointments the increase in salaries would be £158. Mr Seymour gave notice of motion that .the increase of Miss Matthews' salary be considered at nest meeting. Mr Mills said he would not be able to be present at the next meeting, owing to the sitting of Parliament.

18th June 1892 School Committee. The Havelock School Committee met on the 10th inst. Present Messrs Parker, Jones, Brown, Smith, Venimore and C. H. Mills (chairman). It was resolved that mid-winter vacation begin on June 24tb, school duties to be resumed on Monday July 11th. Mr H. M. Reader waited on the Committee with a petition from the householders re opening the school at 9.30 a.in. instead of 9 a.in. Resolved unanimously, That in the opinion of the School Committee, after due consideration of the petition presented by Mr Reader it is not advisable to alter the school hours which have been in vogue ever since the school was opened. Several small accounts were passed for payment and the Committee adjourned till Wednesday July 20th.

5th July 1892 On resuming, the Committee reported in favor of increasing the salaries of Miss Matthews, of Havelock, and Miss Prichard, of Grovetown. A general discussion took place in Committee on the financial position of the Board. After passing accounts, the Board adjourned. *Salary stayed the same and reduced the next year*

2nd August 1892 Mr Reynolds asked if the Board intended to hold the Marlborough scholarship and the Tin Line scholarship examinations on the same date, as, if not, the expense would be too great for some of the Havelock children who had not friends in Blenheim. Mr Smith said he would be only too pleased to have them both at one time, but he had no information from .Nelson on the subject. He thought there should be one 'centre of examination, in place of three as before. He could not say whether the examinations were so much alike as to have both examinations at once. Postponed till next meeting.

20th August 1892 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday last. Present Messrs Venimore (in the chair), Clarke, Parker and Jones. The school roll was boys 61, girls 55, total 116. The average attendance has been good up to the past month, but owing to sickness it has considerably declined.—The 5th winter entertainment held in the Town Hall was well attended. The Phantasmagoria presented a novel feature as all who took part appeared on the stage in full costume, notably, two fairies, a Ghost, a Pirate, a Flower Girl, a Street Crossing Sweeper, Caller Herrin'," a Fisher Girl. The chair was taken by Mr H. Reynolds, who appeared as a Student. All the books and duets were well received. The entertainment concluded with a piece designated "Pride shall have a fall," in which the whole of the characters were well sustained,

8th September 1892 The first examination in drawing under the Art Department in Wellington was held in the Havelock School yesterday, at 9.45 a.in. There were twenty-two candidates for 1st grade, and all finished within the allotted time, viz. fifty minutes. Members of the Committee acted as supervisors

19th November 1892 Ernest Rutherford, an old Havelock school and Nelson College boy, has passed this year with first class honors at Canterbury College and gained the mathematical exhibition. He was also bracketed first for the exhibition in Physics.

Scholarship.— There will be four candidates from the Havelock district for the Marlborough and Tinline scholarships. It is to be hoped that both examinations will be held on the same dates, as the expense of sending candidates to Blenheim is considerable.
21st November 1892 The Havelock School Committee. This Committee met on Wednesday. Present Messrs Mills (Chairman), Clarke, Jones, Venimore, Brown, and .Parker. It was resolved that Mary Tee be recommended as a pupil teacher That Christmas holidays commence on Friday December 17th, and school duties be resumed on Monday January 23rd, 1893. The Report of the Head Master read: "The School Roll is boys 61, girls 55, total 116. The average attendance has fallen off since the examination. As Miss Picard leaves at Christmas to my great regret and loss to the school, it will be necessary to communicate to the Education Board for the appointment of a successor. Mary Tee is the only pupil willing to enter on the duties, whose services I can recommend the Committee to obtain Resolved, That Mr Jones see what is amiss
with the School pump, and rectify it That a new pair of steps be made for the school

1893

1893	75	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	200.00	.10th Jan
1893	75	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	75.00	uar
1893	75	Havelock	Lee	Mary	Female Probationer	£	12.00	y
1893	75	Havelock	Vacant					

1893 Mr Hodgson forwarded the Tinline Scholarship results, and reported that Ewart's was the only set of papers fr0m Marlborough that was worth much, though Rose Avery's arithmetic was capital. There had been a terrible mistake about the Havelock dictation paper. The children had copied out the poem tidily, and had very little time, for their questions on the poem. He could not yet make out what was amiss, but whatever was wrong it could not possibly have affected the results, even if full marks had been allowed for the English paper. He had always found email local centres a source of danger.
HAVELOCK. The Committee asked that Miss Mary Tee *(Lee?)* be appointed pupil teacher. Agreed to. They also asked that the Board supply two 400 gallon tanks, as the well had failed them. The Chairman said there was water wanted for the Picton School, and if this were agreed to it would release two tanks which were in good condition, and could be sent to Havelock with the stand on which they were erected.
PICTON. An estimate of the cost of putting on water to the school and residence was received, via., £2 7s for the residence and £6 10s for both. It was resolved to have the water laid on in accordance with the estimate, the Board not being inclined to provide hose for either fire or garden purposes. The tanks were ordered to be sent round to Havelock by the first chance.
11th February 1893 The Minister of Education, before his departure for Blenheim, paid an official visit to the Havelock School, accompanied by the Chairman of the School Committee. After going over the building, for which he expressed great admiration, at the request of Mr Mills the Minister addressed the whole school assembled in the headmaster's class-room. In the course of his remarks Mr Reeves reminded his hearers that for the future material progress was not to be obtained as in days of old by hard blows but by a steady application to their duties. He also spoke of those they had to compete with in the towns which possessed advantages country districts had not, but with a stronger bodily physique

they should be able to tackle their studies with greater zest and less interruption. The Minister concluded by asking Mr Reynolds to give a holiday in honour of the first official visit paid to the school by a Minister of Education. Mr Reynolds readily acceded to the request, and in the course of a short speech trusted that the promised Bill to improve the attendance at school would be drastic in its provisions and be such that hereafter it would be impossible for negligent parents to deprive their children of the great boon of a free and thorough education

17th February 1893 Havelock School. The Committee met on Wednesday evening last, present: Messrs Brown, Clarke, Parker, Smith, and Yen more (in the chair). Report from the headmaster read, school roll boys 59, girls 46 total 105. Messrs H. C. Seymour, J. H. Redwood, and J. A. Lambert were voted for as new members of the Education Board. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Education Board asking when the tanks for the school are likely to arrive.

23rd February 1893 Teachers' Exams- The following is the result of the teachers' examinations for the Marlborough district. Passed Class D.— Hurry Jerome Howard, Picton Mary Jessie Matthews, Havelock

3rd May 1893 With respect to a demand from Havelock for a kitchen range it was resolved to make inquiries

11th May 1893 The eldest daughter of Mr J. H. Reynolds died on the evening of the 9th instant. The little girl was a general favourite, and much sympathy is felt for the parents, as this is the second child they have lost within a fortnight

24th June 1893 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday last; present, Messrs Clark (Chairman), Jones, and Price. Resolved, That the midwinter holidays commence on Monday, July 3rd, and school duties be resumed on Monday, July 10th that the Chairman again write to the Secretary of the Education Board re kitchen range. The meeting then adjourned till July IS.

1st August 1893 The Secretary reported on the subject of a new stove for the teacher's residence at Havelock, and was authorised to obtain one

2nd September 1893 From the Chairman Havelock Committee, enclosing an application from Mr David Wells for capitation of an aided school. Resolved, That capitation be granted to Mr Wells on the usual terms.

4th September 1893 1. Measles.— This epidemic has reached Havelock. The attendance at the school is materially affected, which, as the examinations are near at hand, is unfortunate.

20th September 1893 After a consultation with the Chairman of the Havelock School Committee and the head-master, Mr Smith has. owing to the measles epidemic very considerately postponed the examination of the school until Monday, 20th November. The Havelock school re-opens on Monday next.

27th September 1893 The Havelock School opened on Monday last. Only half the usual number of pupils were present.

28th September 1893 Havelock.— Our correspondent wires Sterling Barry, son of Mr J. Berry, Inspector of the Pelorus Road Board, died to-day, on his birthday, aged 13. He had been suffering from measles, and inflammation of the brain supervened Measles are still very prevalent, and the attendance at the public school is less than half

3rd November 1893 The following is the result of the first grade drawing examination in the Havelock School:— ln freehand Grace Wakelyn and Walter Wakelyn received passes. In scale drawing, Edgar Smith, Hadfield Smith, and Grace Wakelyn were excellent. Alfred

Jones, Leonard Reynolds, and Harry Williams were good. Alfred Congdon, Ernest Jarvis, Fred Matthews, Percy Passau and George Wells secured passes. Nineteen in all were examined.

18th November 1893 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday la 't present: Messrs Parker, Price, Jones, and Clarke (Chairman). A report from the head master showed School roll to he, boys 57, girls 46, total 103 average attendance fair annual examination to be held on Monday, November 20th. Resolved that the necessary gravelling on the school grounds be done at once. Resolved that the Christmas holidays commence on Monday, December 18th, and school duties be resumed on Monday, January 22nd, 1894

23rd November 1893 The Havelock School was examined on Monday and Tuesday, with the following result On roll, 101; presented in standards, 76; passed, 67; failed, 7; excepted 2; Standard VII very good Class P satisfactory

22nd December 1893 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday, present Messrs-Brown, Jones, Parker, and Clarke (chairman). Report from Head Master showed the School roll to be boys 59, girls 44, total 103. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Education Board asking that Miss Tee's (the pupil teacher) expenses to Blenheim to undergo her examination be paid by the Board,

1894

1894	82	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	210.00
1894	82	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	75.00
1894	82	Havelock	Lee	Mary	Female Probationer	£	12.00

13t February 1894 Mr Reynolds, schoolmaster at Havelock, asked that Miss Tee be appointed assistant teacher, although she had failed in her pupil teachership examination, there being no other competent person to take the position.— Approved. The appointment of Miss L. Matthews to the position of teacher at the Havelock Suburban School by the Havelock School Committee was approved. The Havelock School Committee recommended Mr B. Farrell as auditor of accounts. Approved. A letter from Mr Severne senr. asked that some expenditure made by his son on the Suburban school grounds receive consideration. A letter was also received from the Havelock School Committee asking that the roof of the Suburban school be repaired. The Havelock School Committee was authorised to expend £5 on the work. *It appears that the Havelock School Committee took over after the teacher, Mr Henry Leigh Severne committed suicide.*

10th March 1894 Inspector's report included Havelock in arithmetic had the second best result with a 95% pass rate. Only Renwick did better with 96%

4th April 1894 The Havelock School Committee wrote asking that certain fencing repairs be erected around the school. Resolved, on the motion of Mr Mills, that the Committee be authorised to call for tenders for three chains *(1 chain= 20.17 metres)*of fencing with the best material, and send them in to the Board

6th June 1894 The principals of the Nelson Boys' and Girls' Colleges wrote reporting the progress of the holders of the Marlborough scholarships, Miss Avery of Fairhall, and Master Matthews of Havelock. The work of both scholars was referred to in the highest of terms, and both were credited with having gained the first place in their classes for several subjects

Though listed on teachers A to J lists as surname Lee I am certain it was Tee

FRANK 3 DAKEN (ESTHER2 JACKSON, JAMES HAYTER1) was born 09 Jun 1874 in Port Underwood, and died 03 Oct 1950 in Port Underwood.

He married MARY EUGENIE TEE 04 Jul 1900 in Havelock. She was born 17 Feb 1879 in Pelorus Sound, and died 21 Sep 1955.

Children of FRANK DAKEN and MARY TEE are:
. COROLEE ALMA DAKEN, b. 1901, Wairau; d. 1902.
ii. REGINALD FRANCIS DAKEN, b. 03 Nov 1901, Wairau; d. 03 Mar 1986; in. (1) PEARL ELIZABETH DOHERTY, 1926, Plimmerton; b.
1891; d. 19 Aug 1971, Picton; in. (2) EDITH MARION YULE, 1972; b. 20 Apr 1910; d. 14 May 1993.
iii. FREDA PEARL URSULA DAKEN, b. 1906, Wairau; d. Unknown; in. ALFRED ERNEST CRISPIN, 1937; b. 1906, Pelorus; d. Unknown
iv. LAURENCE FRANK DAKEN, b. 1910, Wairau; d. 27 Mar 1975, Picton; in. DOROTHY RUTH MADDOX, 1962; b. 1907, Dunedin; d. 15
Jan 1982, Nelson.
As per Jackson Family History. Frank Daken farmed at Hakahaka Port Underwood
1900/3787 Mary Eugenie Tee Frank Daken

1895

1895	78	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	Head Master	£	210.00
1895	78	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	Assistant Female	£	75.00
1895	78	Havelock	Jones	Alfred M	Male Probationer	£	20.00

30th January 1895 The Havelock School Committee intends to put the compulsory clause of the School Attendance Act into force.
13th March 1895 sum of £6 a year was granted to the constable at Havelock, as truant officer. A similar grant in regard to Picton was mentioned, but not decided upon
12th June 1895 HAVELOCK. The Rev Foston, whom the Board had decided as ineligible for a position on the Committee on the grounds that he was a boarder, wrote that he had taken legal advice and would take steps in the Supreme Court to establish his right. It was resolved to defer the matter till next meeting, Mr Foston to be invited to attend and produce evidence of his alleged eligibility
29th June 1895 The Havelock State School had a very narrow escape of being destroyed by fire on Thursday evening. Two passers-by noticed a bright glare in the building, and after watching for a moment they saw that it was on fire and flames were running up the eastern wall. An entrance was at once effected, when it was seen that a number of maps, etc., which were standing in a corner near the fire place, had by some means become ignited, and the fire had spread to the wall. An alarm was at once given, but the fire was put out before assistance arrival. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery
9th July 1895 HAVELOCK. The Committee reported the recent fire which occurred in the school and destroyed a number of maps, etc. It was resolved to thank the gentlemen who put out the fire and to approve the action of the Chairman in effecting repairs
13th August 1895 HAVELOCK. Mr Rogers, solicitor, wrote endorsing the opinion of the Board that the Rev. C. Foston was not a householder and was ineligible as a member of the Havelock Committee. The Board confirmed its opinion and appointed Mr Simmonds to the vacancy on the Committee

5th September 1895 The Havelock school football team play the town school on Saturday in the football ground. The visitors are expected at noon. The game will commence at 12.45 as the visiting team have to leave about three. We wish them a pleasant trip and game.

9th September 1895 The Havelock school team followed a challenge to Blenheim on Saturday. Under ordinary circumstances a travelling team plays under a recognised disadvantage, but owing to the river being uncrossable the visitors had a long journey prolonged, Mr Pickering, however, landed his passengers in the good time of 4 hours, and after some light refreshments the game started at 2 p.m.The local boys soon manifested superior combination the tough go the Picton boys gave them last week had a beneficial effect and now that they recognise that there is science in the game may they remember it as long as they continue playing. They were very slow to drop to the reason why the visitors were being allowed so many free kicks, but players who handle the ball in the scrum or who indulge in offside play must be penalised, and Mr Horton deserves every credit for putting down these tempting infringements, for youth is the time to learn. The spectators took a keen interest in the game, and the visitors were heartily applauded for the plucky up-hill manner in. which they fought to a finish. Where all worked be hard it would be unfair to mention names suffice it to say that the score of 17 to nil must in no way be taken to represent a one sided contest. Another adjournment was made to the school, where the lady teachers dispensed the ample supply of good things which were so kindly sent by ever-willing mothers and so highly appreciated by hungry boys. Before leaving for the homeward journey, Mr Reynolds issued an invitation for the local school to visit Havelock. Mr Sturrock returned thanks and accepted, promising to see that a trip was arranged during the forthcoming cricket season.

13th November 1895 The Chairman of the Committee was authorised to call for tenders for the erection of additional accommodation at- the school two rooms and a passage

21st November 1895 Borough School Cricket.— The Borough School team followed a challenge to Havelock on Wednesday and brought home a bare victory. The recent summer showers rendered the Wairau river uncrossable, consequently the travellers had to take the track for it both ways. Havelock was reached by mid-day, where, as usual, everybody was ready with everything conducive to a hearty welcome and an enjoyable day. After partaking of an excellent lunch spread in the school-room (provided and superintended by the lady friends in their characteristic manner), the game was started almost immediately. The visitors batted first, the innings closing for 21 Havelock made only 9 the Blenheim second innings closed for 28 and Havelock could only score 38, thus losing the match by 2 runs, The visitors then had tea, and after Mr Sturrock had thanked Mr Reynolds and lady friends for their kindness Mr Reynolds said how pleased he was to have the visitors with them, and he hoped that many such matches would take place. A start was made for home, and after a long dark journey the boys arrived at midnight after a most enjoyable out, Mr Fowler bad charge of the conveyance and is to be congratulated on his careful driving. The teachers accompanied the cricket team

11th December 1895 For painting and paperhanging the schoolmaster's residence at Havelock Matthews Bros., £7 10s (accepted) R. Jones, £10 10s W. A. Carter, £11 15s; F. Henderson, £8 5s

. It was resolved to call for tenders for the construction of desks for Blenheim, Picton and Havelock, and other school furniture

1896

1896	81	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	E1	Head Master	£	200.00
1896	81	Havelock	Matthews	Mary J	D3	Assistant Female	£	75.00
1896	81	Havelock	Jones	Alfred M		Male Probationer	£	20.00

15th January 1896 The Committee forwarded a letter received, by them from Mr F. Henderson in reference to a matter over which some unpleasantness had arisen. Mr Henderson complained that his tender for a small job in connection with the Havelock school had been rejected in favor of an informal tender, a few shillings lower, put in by Messrs Matthews j Bros several hours after the advertised time of closing. The Committee sent the tenders to the Board, refusing to receive that offered by Mr Matthews, who then despatched his tender to the Beard himself. The Chairman and several members said that when they considered Mr Matthews' tender they were under the impression it had been forwarded by the Committee. It was resolved to reply that Mr Matthews' tender was accepted under a misunderstanding, and that, if the Board had been in possession of all the circumstances of the case it would not have opened the informal tender.

12th February 1896 THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOLS

In his annual report to the Education Board, Inspector Smith summarises the results in the principal schools

School	Presented	Present	Passed
Blenheim	431	246	225
Blenheim Girls	186	169	159
Picton	198	123	112
Grovetown	141	102	88
Springlands	131	69	66
Renwick	102	62	53
Havelock	100	68	60
Canvastown	75	52	44
Okaramio	75	54	36
Waitohi	65	47	42
Fairhall	52	35	26

12th February 1896 HAVELOCK. The master and Committee wrote recommending that Master Jones, pupil-teacher, be granted another term. Agreed to
29th February 1896 The Headmaster of the Havelock School in his last report to the School Committee made the following remarks The attendance has been far from good in some Glasses until this week, but not sufficiently irregular to bring the absentees within the penal clause of the Act. Irregular attendance is the curse of our educational system throughout New Zealand, and the amendments recently wade in the Act seemed to have been framed, perhaps not intentionally, to make it as difficult as possible to impress on careless parents their parental duties

9th March 1896 HAVELOCK BOYS V. BOROUGH SCHOOL TEAM.

The match between the Havelock school boys and the Borough school team resulted in a win for the home team by 10 wickets. The visitors had a pleasant trip through, and were well

looked after by the lady teachers. Before leaving Mr Reynolds thanked the teachers for their kindness, and Mr Sturrock briefly replied.

11th March 1896 HAVELOCK. The Committee asked for a vote of £10, to be enabled to gravel the play-ground. —Granted. Also, if the Board would consent to be rated in connection with the proposed Water supply at Havelock. Consent given.
He would like 1 ,0 see the Committee show some willingness to raise some funds for themselves before coming to the Board. In Havelock the Committee provided a library by means of entertainments, and the Blenheim Committee had a still better opportunity of obtaining funds in that manner. Mr Chaytor suggested that applications be invited from all the schools in the district, and libraries could be subsidised on a proportional basis. Mr Duncan thought that the first movement in such a direction as establishing school libraries should be made by the Board, It was no advantage to maintain a large balance, as Government considered the state of the various Boards' funds in making money grants.
14th April 1896 Havelock. The head teacher wrote that, his pupil teacher having been incapacitated by a gun accident, he had enlisted the services of some of the older pupils. Approved. The Committee notified that Constable Egan had been appointed Truant Inspector in place of Constable Williams. The appointment was confirmed, the salary to be the same as in the past.
12th May 1896 Blenheim School Committee The Committee wrote asking what amount of subsidy the Board were willing to grant towards the establishment of a school library. The Chairman thought it would have been better if the Committee had come prepared with their own contribution and then asked for a subsidy. In Havelock the library was established by funds raised wholly by the Committee through entertainments.
9th June 1896 HAVELOCK. The Committee wrote asking the Board to clear off it 3 debit balance of £8 16s. It was resolved to reply that, after examining the abstract of the Committee's account last year, the Board could not comply with the request.
11th August 1896 HAVELOCK. The Inspector stated that the average attendance of the school had fallen below the number (85) entitling it to a pupil teacher. The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Committee to this fact.
15th December 1896 Havelock School.—The following tenders were received by the Education Board today, for the painting and other improvements of the Havelock School:— W. Price, Cullensville, £70; Matthews Bros £89 1s 6d; Iremonger £60 (accepted). There was one informal tender of £62 10s.

1897

1897	76	Havelock	Reynolds	Jacob H	E1	Head Master	£	200.00
1897	76	Havelock	Matthews	M J	D2	Assistant Female	£	75.00

19th February 1897 Inspector’s report included: In almost every walk of life, but particularly in rural occupations the ability to use carpenter's tools with skill, and to keep them in good order is a most useful acquirement, and in places such as Blenheim, Picton, Havelock, etc., it should not be difficult to organise a system of instruction in wood working without any great expense to the Board
12th May 1897 Last month tin Secretary of the Education Board sent circulars to teachers of several schools in the district with the object of ascertaining the probable extent to which provision for instruction in shorthand would be availed of. From the replies received it

appears that about 60 children attending school have expressed their readiness to take advantage of such instruction. Ten pupils at the Blenheim Boys' School are desirous- of acquiring the art twelve at the Girls' School, about twelve at Picton, and eight at Havelock. As for the tuition fees, the general opinion is in favor of 5s a quarter. Yesterday the Education Board deferred further consideration of the matter till next meeting, the Secretary being instructed' to make enquiries from an authentic source as to the system of shorthand that it would be advisable to introduce

22nd June 1897 Mr J. A. Moore now has occupied the position of Chairman of one the Havelock School Committee 17 years consecutively.

13th September 1897 The Blenheim Borough, School boys' journeyed to Havelock on Saturday morning to play the Havelock schoolboys a match at football. An early start was made, the drags leaving a little before seven, and as it turned out the early start was the saviour of the visit. The first drag was in charge of the Headmaster, and after negotiating the Omaka Renwicktown was reached safely. Everything went smoothly until the Opawa was reached and then the difficulties commenced. Drag number one got over, but number two got stuck in mid channel. It, however, was rescued by a dray which was coming along, and the boys were safely landed on the other side of the Wairau. Number one in charge of the Headmaster got into difficulties at the second crossing of the Opawa, but the driver of the Nelson coach came to the rescue, and after the boys were transferred, things went merrily. About eleven o'clock the boys reached Havelock, and their approach was made known by the melodious strains of the impromptu band got together for the occasion. Mr Reynolds, the genial schoolmaster, met the Blenheim boys and welcomed them to Havelock, A splendid lunch was prepared for our boys, and after full justice bad been done it, the battle field was made for. The game was an interesting one and was watched by a large number of spectators. The feature of the game was the excellent passing of our team and the magnificent kicking of Hubbard. Three goals were kicked in quick succession by him, and towards the close of the match he, from a penalty gained a goal for our team. After the match was over the band gave the Havelock residents a reception, and the harmonious strains of the music will be long remembered in Havelock, The band was comprised of about ten tin whistles, cymbals, and a drum, fearfully and wonderfully made, and the strains of the music, which was most tuneful, caused considerable merriment to all onlookers. At about four o'clock the local team was invited to tea, and, after a good repast Master Furness returned thinks for the kindness and hospitality received by the visiting team, and he called for three cheers for Mr Reynolds, and ibis was heartily responded to. Mr Reynolds suitably replied, and hoped that these gatherings would often take place. An early start (about 5.80) was made for Blenheim, the Headmaster deeming it advisable to go round the track, and the youthful-footballers arrived in Blenheim about 10.15. Everyone was pleased with the day's outing, and the school band played a march as far as the Market Square. The result of the match was Blenheim 20 points, Havelock 8.

14th September 1897 HAVELOCK. The Committee was authorised to expend a sum of money not exceeding £1 in clearing the gorse off the school ground, in accordance with the notification of the Town Board

1898

1898	67	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£	148.11
1898	67	Havelock	Matthews	M J	D2	Assistant Female	£	75.00

16th February 1898 Inspectors Report included

Havelock ranked in the bottom 7 of the 21 Board schools in Marlborough
Then a table showing success of those schools in examination passes

Cullensville	10	10	100.00%
Havelock Suburban	21	20	95.24%
Tua Marina	38	35	92.11%
Okaramio	31	28	90.32%
Picton	80	72	90.00%
Blenheim Boys	140	120	85.71%
Deep Creek	14	12	85.71%
Onamalutu	13	11	84.62%
Canvastown	32	26	81.25%
Grovetown	56	45	80.36%
Omaka	9	7	77.78%
Spring Creek	21	16	76.19%
Waitohi	28	20	71.43%
Fairhall	16	11	68.75%
Blenheim Girls	131	89	67.94%
Renwick	46	31	67.39%
Kaituna	16	10	62.50%
Havelock	37	22	59.46%
Springlands	32	19	59.38%
Marshlands	19	11	57.89%
Marlboroughtown	14	7	50.00%

17th March 1898 Mr J. H. Reynolds, who resigned the mastership of Havelock school this month, has occupied that position for sixteen years in a very able manner. The merit of his work is above the average, and by his departure the Education Board loses one of its best servants. The Havelock School is noted for its good records, having always acquitted itself with great credit in the examinations, and several scholarships having gone to that quarter. The distinguished scholastic success achieved in the Colony and at Home by Mr Rutherford have their foundation in the tuition of Mr Reynolds, We understand that Mr Reynolds leaves his present position to eater the Civil Service. Many friends will wish him success

17th March 1898 THE HAVE LOOK SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Bib, I noticed an advertisement in your issue of the 12th instant, calling for applications for the position of head master of the Havelock School; the said applications to be in by the 6th proximo, and school duties to commence on the 4th of July. Now, Sir, it is difficult for those interested in the school here to understand why the advertisement referred to has been delayed so long. The present; head master's resignation was handed to the local committee as far back as February, and at his request was not forwarded to Blenheim until March but lam reliably informed that it was forwarded to the Board in time to have been considered at its March meeting, thus giving ample time for the matter to have been dealt with much earlier than it has been. It is simply impossible for the conditions of the advertisement to be complied with— as, should the successful applicant be at present holding a position in any of our State schools, it will be necessary, before relinquishing that position, to give a month's notice and, as there is not that length of time between the date of applying and taking up the duties, this cannot be done, even though the time necessary to consider the

different applications and to notify the successful applicant be not taken into consideration. With all due deference to the Board, as the advertisement has been delayed so long I would suggest that after the words 4th of July in the advertisement "or as soon thereafter as possible" be added.— l am, etc., Parent. Havelock, May 14, 1898.

15th June 1898 HAVELOCK. The Committee wrote recommending that Mr Alexander Penney, Rakaia, be appointed as Master in succession to Mr Reynolds. About 20 applications were received by the Committee. The Board did not make the appointment, but a Committee of the Board, consisting of the local members, was appointed to confer with the School Committee, receive other recommendations, and make an appointment if an understanding is arrived at.
WAITOHI. Mr G. Wilmott, teacher, asked if the Board would consent to pay him the salary he received now supposing that he put in an application for the position at Havelock and it were successful. The Board resolved to reply that it could not interfere with its regulations.

18th June 1898 VALEDICTORY.

On Wednesday afternoon at the close of school duties, Mr Jacob Reynolds, who is leaving Havelock after 16 years' service, was presented by the children attending the Havelock school with a handsome leather writing desk and meerschaum pipe. The presentation was made on behalf of the scholars by Miss Matthews. Mr Reynolds in returning thanks for the children's token of affection and respect, said that he would ever highly value their gift, helping as it would to remind him of the many happy years spent in their midst. Miss Matthews, who had been associated with him from the beginning as pupil, pupil teacher, and for many years as mistress, he thanked heartily for her loyalty in every capacity, in fact during the whole time a cross word had never passed between them. As to the work of the school it did not rest on the opinions of Inspectors, parents, Boards, School Committees, or this result of examinations only, but on the well doing and creditable positions occupied by a great many who had passed through his hands. Two things Mr Reynolds said he would like to impress on all, the necessity for more regular attendance, and the need of parents giving a more hearty moral support to their teacher. For his successor, whom Mr Reynolds styled jocularly at present a mysterious person, he asked their sympathy and united support, for without these success could not be obtained. In conclusion Mr Reynolds in an affectionate farewell asked all to do the right in honor of their school, and it in years to come he could be of any assistance he wished them to claim his services. After cheers had been interchanged the old regime passed away, and an equally prosperous new one, we trust, will succeed. Mr Reynolds will have the hearty good wishes of all in his new career, On Thursday evening Mr Reynolds, on the eve of his departure, was entertained at Mr Scott's Post Office Hotel by a number of personal friends and residents at a smoke concert. Mr Clark presided. During the evening a large number of toasts were given and responded to, with songs interspersed. Mr Reynolds, in a lengthy and interesting speech, took as his text a "Retrospect of Havelock and district." Harmony prevailed throughout, and the guest will, no doubt, keep in remembrance his last evening in Havelock and his happy send-off

Jacob Henry Reynolds

Born about 1856 in England

Now just some info on his father, also Jacob, he worked for Lloyd's as an Underwriter as well as and it looks as though he died young in the 1870's and left an absolute fortune of 16,000 pounds, which was then promptly wasted (his widow died 35 years later with just 200 to her name) *Grandson's notes*

Wanganui

Jacob Henry Reynolds is first found in Wanganui when he is teaching, uncertificated in 1879 at Matarawa School. Matarawa was a small school about 2 miles from Fordell just out of Wanganui on the Marton Junction -New Plymouth railway line.

1st February 1879 THE MATARAWA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

This committee met last night for the purpose of electing a Chairman and to consider the resignation of the present teacher and the appointment of a successor. Major Noake was unanimously re-elected chairman, and on taking the chair read a letter from Mr E, J. Collins tendering his resignation, and one from Mr Reynolds applying for the. appointment, It was decided that Mr Collins should be at once released from his engagement, and Mr Reynolds should be appointed, subject to the approval of the Board, in his place. Mr Reynolds was requested to take charge of the school on Monday so as to relieve Mr Collins immediately. Mr Collins thanked the Committee for their consideration, and. explained .that the Board, when if passed the strong resolution against him, were unacquainted with the fact that the resignation had been sent, in due course to the Committee, and that he had the permission of the Committee to be absent from school for a day and a half. The Committee fully understood Mr Collins position, and proceeded with the other business connected with the school

28th February 1879 Letters were read; from the Committee explaining the circumstances under which Mr Reynolds had been appointed in place of Mr Collins resigned,. Members of the Board hoped that this action of the Matarawa Committee would not be taken as a precedent by others. The temporary appointment was then confirmed,

1879/1869	Annie	Rowley		Jacob H		Reynolds

1879 Reynolds, Matarawa , Wanganui, Master £100 salary

1880 Reynolds, Matarawa, Wanganui, Master £100

7th April 1879 MATARAWA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of this Committee took place on Friday to consider the resignation of Major Noake as Chairman, as he had been elected a member of the Board. Present— Major Noake, in the Chair, Messrs McGregor, Bamber, Burr, McLeod, Higgie.— On the letter of Major Noakes tendering his resignation, being read, it was pointed out that several members of the Board were also Chairmen of School Committees, and therefore on the unanimous wish of the Committee the Major agreed to withdraw his resignation.—A letter was also read from Mr Reynolds asking for a supplement to his salary, and also that the repairs to the

school residence might be finished. and that the School chimney might be repaired. It was decided that although this Committee had always been opposed to the principle of country Committees having to supplement their teacher's salaries it was evident under existing arrangements that that was the only way they could retain the services of a competent teacher. Mr Bamber therefore undertook to ascertain to what extent the parents and settlers would agree to supplement. A sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Higgie, McLeod, and McGregor, were appointed to draw up an estimate for the required repairs, to be submitted to the next Board meeting, and the Committee then adjourned.

6th November 1879 In the District Court of Wanganui, held at Wanganui. In the matter of the Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876, and the Amendments, and of the Bankruptcy of Jacob Henry Reynolds, of Wanganui, a Debtor. NOTICE is hereby given that at a first meeting of Creditors of the above-named Jacob Henry .Reynolds, held on the 3rd November, 1879, at the Court House, at Wanganui, Lewis Lyons Levy, Merchant, of Wanganui, was duly elected Creditors Trustee of the estate of the said Jacob Henry Reynolds, and that the said Lewis Lyons Levy has duly accepted such office in manner prescribed by the above Acts Witness mv hand this fourth day of November, 1879. G. W. WOON, Clerk of the Court.

13th April 1880 Out of Bankruptcy Monday, April 12, 1880. (Before His Honor Judge Hardcastle.) IN BANKRUPTCY. Re Jacob Henry Reynolds. Mr Burnett applied for the debtor's final discharge, and there-being no opposition the application was granted. E W. H. Lynds, an arranging debtor. Mr, Burnett applied to have the deed of arrangement made absolute.-- This case had been adjourned from last sitting, the Court being of opinion that the requirements of the Act had not been, satisfied by the wording of the deed, which seemed to limit its application to such debtors as had proved, and on this ground the order was now refused

13th June 1880 Letter from Mr Barr, chairman of the Matarawa School Committee, was read re Mr Reynolds. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Board.

17th December 1880 floated, The annual prize distribution at Matarawa school took place this morning. Notwithstanding the threatening nature of the weather a good number of well-wishers to the school were present. After a few opening remarks by Mr W. Burr, Chairman of School Committee, Mr **Reynolds,** teacher, reviewed generally the work pf the past year and trusted renewed vigour would be infused into the work in the conning year. Mr W. McWilliam then addressed the children on the importance of their appreciating more fully the expensive machinery which is employed for their benefit. Two recitations were then rendered Very creditably by T. Wallace and L. Harris respectively. The distribution of the prizes, thirty, in number, kindly subscribed for by the settlers of the district was. then proceeded-with, Mrs Noakes kindly undertaking the duty. After cheers had been given- for Mrs Noake and the Chairman this pleasant gathering separated,

24th February 1881 Mr J H Reynolds applied for 3rd assistant at Wanganui Boys High School. Not appointed

30th March 1881 J H Reynolds resigns from Matarawa

Wellington

1881 Te Aro Jacob H Reynolds Assistant Master £120

31st March 1882 Partial Pass Wellington Education Board examination for E level qualification (Bottom Grading)

Havelock

11th April 1881 J H Reynolds Starts Leaves 18th June 1898

8th June 1886 [Before 0. Curtis Esq R. M. Treyea v. Jacob Reynolds, Claim for £2 19s 6d, for meals, stabling, and cash. Judgment for amount and costs 17s 6d. Nelson Court Had applied for a teaching position in Nelson

18h June 1898 Judicial.— By the departure of Mr Jacob Reynolds, Havelock is deprived of its only resident Justice of the Peace. This requires the immediate attention of the Justice Department.

Wellington

Mr C H Mills Member of the House of Representatives, a resident of Havelock and a chairman of Havelock School Committee appears to have found employment of J H in Wellington

18th September 1899 Jacob Henry Reynolds fined 10s with 7s costs for having an unregistered dog Wellington Court

3rd October 1899 GRATEFUL CLERKS."

TO THE. EDITOR. Sir— Your remarks under the heading "Grateful Clerks" in to-night's Post to the effect that I had been invited and had accepted the interested hospitality of the temporary; clerks in the Old Age Pensions Department, and that, together with the Government Whip, the Government member for Egmont, and the Government member for this city, I met them for that purpose on Saturday last, are quite incorrect. .1 have never received or accepted an invitation from or on behalf of the Old Age Pensions staff, as stated by you. I wits asked by a private friend of .many, 'years' standing if I could make it convenient to join him and two other friends at lunch on that day, which I, suppose you will admit I had a perfect right to do if I chose. It was a private invitation with so little significance that I had entirely forgotten it until half an hour after the time named for the meeting, while, with reference to the Government Whip and the Government member for this city, to whom you refer, I did not lunch with them, or either of them, on Saturday, nor did I even see or speak to them at any time on that day. I am, etc., John Graham. Wellington,

2nd October, 1899. TO THE EDITOR. Sir In a sub-leader published in your issue of the 2nd inst., headed "Grateful Clerks," you try to make a little political capital against the Government by saying the Government Whip was present. It is a pity you do not first ascertain the truth of your statements before publishing them. I was not there I am, etc., C. H. Mills, Government Whip. Wellington, 2nd October, 1899. [The information on which our paragraph was based was supplied to us by Mr. J. H. Reynolds, of the Old Age Pensions staff. On Saturday morning, Mr. Reynolds invited us by telephone to send a representative to a lunch which he stated was to be given at the Cafe Victoria by the staff of the Old Age Pensions Department to Mr. J. Graham, M.H.R., in recognition of the latter's advocacy of the interests of the temporary clerks in the Government service. In response to the invitation our chief reporter presented himself at the Cafe Victoria at' 2 o'clock, and was informed by Mr.

Reynolds that the lunch had begun, that .he was in the chair, and that Messrs. Graham, G. Fisher, W. C. Symes, and C. H. Mills were the Parliamentary guests assembled in the luncheon room. Our representative thereupon returned to this office and wrote the paragraph to which Messrs. Graham and Mills refer.]

5th October 1899 Mb Graham, M.H.R., was entertained by the members of the Old Age Pensions Department at the Cafe Victoria (Wellington) on Saturday afternoon, in recognition of the efforts made by him on behalf of the temporary clerks. Mr J. H. Reynolds occupied the chair, and Messrs C. H, Mills, W. C. Symes and G. Fisher, M.H.R., were also present. Mr Graham's health was enthusiastically drunk

6th February 1900 Westport Coal claiming 2 pound 4 s from J H Reynolds in court

1st October 1904 A marriage of interest to New Zealanders was celebrated on September 27th (last Tuesday) at Glasgow, when Mr Leonard H. Reynolds, son of Mr. J. H. Reynolds, J.P., Wellington, was married to Miss Isabel B. Smith, granddaughter of Mr. W. Brownlee, of Havelock, Marlborough. Miss Smith has been on a lengthened visit to England, with Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee. Mr Reynolds was formerly in the General Post Office, Wellington, and is now underwriter's- clerk at the Thames and Morsby Marine Insurance Company, London, of which office his grandfather was underwriter at Liverpool for many years

16th November 1904 REYNOLDS-SMITH.

Private advices to hand by the last 'Frisco mail (writes our Havelock correspondent) supply an interesting account of the wedding of Mr Leonard H. **Reynolds** to Miss Isabel Brownlee-Smith, at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, Glasgow, on 27th September last. The contracting parties are the son of Mr Jacob H. Reynolds, formerly headmaster of the local school, and the daughter of Mr W H Smith, and granddaughter of Mr W. Brownlee, and are well known throughout this district. The ceremony, which was performed by the Very Rev. Hutchison. M.A., (Oxon) Dean of Glasgow, was attended by some sixty guests. The bride was given away by her grandfather, Mr W. Brownlee, and was attended by her cousin, Miss A. K. Brownlee. The bridegroom was supported by Mr H. Forrest, cousin of the bride. On the conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained by Mr W. and Miss Jessie Brownlee, an orchestra supplying a programme of musical selections during the repast. The nuptial pair spent their honeymoon amongst the Cumberland (England) lakes, the bride wearing on her departure from Glasgow a travelling dress of blue flaked tweed with feather hat to match. Mr and Mrs Leonard **Reynolds'** address is now 14 Norfolk House Road, Streatham, London, S.W.

4th August 1906 Mr. J. H. Reynolds, a member of the (Brooklyn school) committee, and an old teacher, said they had right, law, fairness, and justice on their side, and they were not going to sacrifice them. The board really confessed they had done an illegal act, but they had not the manliness to retract from an illegal position, and they intended to make them retract

Part of a long piece n appointment of teachers

12th November 1906 At the last meeting of the Havelock School Committee the headmaster's report showed that there were 74 children on the roll and an average attendance of 65. The Committee decided to apply to the Board for a grant of £6 per annum in order to enable an adequate payment to be made to the caretaker of the school, her present remuneration being considered too low. A request was received from Mr J. H. Reynolds (headmaster of the

Havelock School for 16 years) that an enlarged photograph of himself be placed in the school. The request was acceded to, when the photograph having come to hand.
On 1900-14 electoral rolls he is a clerk/civil servant living in Wellington so I think we can say with confidence he wasn't a working teacher from Havelock until Cust

England

27th December 1906 Reynolds On the 14th November, at Southsea, England, Adelaide Mabel, dearly beloved mother of Jacob N. and F. S. Reynolds, of this city, and relict of late Jacob Reynolds, of Lloyds, and formerly underwriter of the Thames and Mersey Ins. C, Liverpool, in her 77th year. Evening Post
5th June 1907 Mr Jacob Reynolds of Wellington was in London called at the London Office of the N Z Government
15th July 1907 Mr and Mrs Reynolds (Wellington) were at the London Office of the N Z Government
28th August 1907 Mr and Mrs Reynolds (Wellington) were at the London Office of the N Z Government
26th August 1907 Mr. and Mrs Jacob Reynolds (Wellington) are about to leave England on their return to the colony. They will join one of the Orient steamers at Marseilles after a tour overland through France. They have recently been in Ireland.

Wellington

3rd July 1908 Represented in church Anglican organisations
14th November 1908 Speaking in favour of Inspectors in Anglican Sunday Schools
1st April 1909 Mr. Tuckey, clerk of the Old Age Pensions Department, received a. presentation of a silver-mounted smoker's companion and box of cigars from his comrades of the office yesterday. Mr. James E. Smith, Registrar of Old Age Pensions, made the presentation, commending Mr. Tuckey's service and character. Complimentary speeches were also made by Messrs. G. C. Facho (chief clerk), J. H. Reynolds, and J. S. Lambert
9th July 1912 Ordered to pay 1 pound 8 shillings to W Kinsey by courts
13th March 1913 Jacob Henry Reynolds to pay Union Clothing Co., £6 9s 6d by 27th March, default seven days in prison; Wellington Court
10th June 1914 Schneideman Bros, v. J. H. Reynolds (Wellington), £7 11s 4d Auckland Court

Canterbury

6th March 1916 The wedding took place in St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, on Wednesday, of Mr. Cyril S. Reynolds, fifth son of Mr. Jacob Henry Reynolds, of Wellington', to Miss Ethel Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. W. F. Smith, of Hastings. Miss Campbell was bridesmaid, and Mr. Harold Smith best mail.
14th June 1916 appointed to Cust Head Teacher 3 teacher school with 200 pupils
9th December 1916 Benjamin Perry v. Jacob Henry Reynolds, debt £3 11s 6d. there was no appearance of the debtor, arid an order was made for payment forthwith, in default three days imprisonment. Christchurch Court

9th December 1916 A Publican's Loan. Jacob Henry Reynolds did not appear to answer Benjamin Perry's application for an order for the payment of £3 11/6 (money lent). The order was made for payment forthwith, in default three days

4th July 1917 Petitions in bankruptcy have been filed by George William Lawrence, of Christchurch, motor dealer, and Jacob Henry Reynolds, of Cust schoolmaster.

11th July 1917 AN INSOLVENT SCHOOLMASTER. A meeting of creditors in the bankrupt estate of Jacob Henry Reynolds, schoolmaster, of Cust, was held to-day, the Official Assignee (Mr T. 1). Kendall) presiding. Bankrupt's liabilities (all unsecured debts) totalled £219 8/1, and the assets £20. The principal creditors were:— F D Kesteven £4O, L. W. Balkind £2O 3s 6d Strange and Co. £l5, Adams Ltd. £14. Baker £l0, Brown and Co., Ltd., £11/. 11/2. The bankrupt said he had expectations of property of considerable amount from the estate of a brother who died in India. He had had six months illness, and had been put to the expense of keeping two homes going for 12 months. He had also been paying off back debts in Wellington. His income had been insufficient for all the expenses entailed, and he had filed because some creditors had refused to accept an offer made six months ago, of per month in payment of debts, and because committal warrants had been issued by several judgment creditors. He was relieving teacher for 12 months before going to Cust . His financial position was very unsatisfactory before coming to Canterbury and he had continued to go back. He was a married man with a family of 12, although there were none at present dependent upon him. Mr Cunningham, who appeared for the bankrupt, said that Reynolds was prepared that £5 per month should be paid out of his salary by the Education Board to the Public Trustee. That was the most he could do and keep himself and his wife. In about two years and a half he could thus liquidate the whole of his debts. He had been kept down by sickness. In answer to questions bankrupt said he came to Canterbury about two and a-half years ago. he had incurred debts on the strength of his expectations of getting money from his brother in India. The opinion was expressed that the bankrupt had not acted as he should have done in contracting the debts. He must have known that he could not meet them. It was decided that the creditors accept the order made on behalf of the bankrupt, on condition that £5 a month is paid direct by the Education Board to the Official Assignee

5th April 1918 Resigned from Cust School

8th May 1918 Died: REYNOLDS —On May 7th. 191S, at his residence, 467 Madras street, St. Albans, Jacob Henry, beloved husband of Annie Reynolds, and eldest son of Jacob Reynolds, of Lloyds, London; aged 61 years

1918/4307	Reynolds	Jacob Henry		62Y

27th December 1932 REYNOLDS.—On 27th December, at Waterloo road. Lower Hutt, Annie, widow of the late Jacob Henry Reynolds; aged 72. (Private interment.)

Personal

1880/5129	Reynolds	Leonard Henry	Annie	Jacob Henry
1882/2711	Reynolds	George Herbert	Annie	Jacob Henry
1883/17397	Reynolds	Edward Stannard	Annie	Jacob Henry
1884/16348	Reynolds	Harold Victor Coyte	Annie	Jacob Henry

1887/14348	Reynolds	Francis Conway	Annie	Jacob Henry
1889/18448	Reynolds	Theophila Arabella	Annie	Jacob Henry
1891/5136	Reynolds	Cyril Septimus	Annie	Jacob Henry
1893/3495	Reynolds	Adelaide Victoria	Annie	Jacob Henry
1894/9597	Reynolds	Dorothy Isobel	Annie	Jacob Henry
1897/6409	Reynolds	Ronald Rowley	Annie	Jacob Henry
1898/18552	Reynolds	Henry Havelock	Annie	Jacob Henry
1900/975	Reynolds	Onslow	Annie	Jacob Henry

1893/2582	Reynolds	Adelaide Victoria	5M	
1893/2583	Reynolds	Pheophila Arabella	4Y	

Leonard didn't die in New Zealand
George Died in 1951 aged 69

1883/6316	Reynolds	Edward Stannard		5W

Harold Died 1964 aged 78

1904/3401	Reynolds	Francis Conway		17Y
REYNOLDS	FRANCIS C	17 Years	16/06/1904	Karori

There were no death notices placed in the Evening Post for Francis's death
Cyril died 1958 aged 67
Dorothy Married Neil Duncan Mclean in 1920
Ronald died 1926 aged 28
Havelock Henry died 1953 aged 54

1902/7198	Reynolds	Onslow		2Y

Avonside Cemetery Tour

Avonside Anglican Parish Cemetery Tour

Reynolds

Jacob Henry Reynolds, descendant of English lawyers, became a primary school teacher and taught at Willis Street, Te Aro, Wellington. When he left in 1881, the pupils of the fifth standard presented him with a handsome ink stand and writing tablet as a mark of respect. Reynolds moved to Havelock in the Nelson area where he taught for 17 years. He and his wife had 12 children.

Reynolds, broad-shouldered and stout but not lethargic, was a prominent figure in the small Havelock community - debater, singer, cricketer, comic actor, church vestryman and spokesman for the goldfields industry. He was not a highly qualified teacher - his E1 grade meant that he had limited academic knowledge but was a skilled classroom practitioner. In cramped conditions Reynolds showed himself a stern disciplinarian and got excellent results from his pupils. A report on his work by one inspector read: 'Havelock is now fairly abreast of the best schools in Marlborough …. The organisation and discipline are all that could be desired'. Reynolds produced many successful students but the most famous was Ernest Lord Rutherford. The two kept in touch when Rutherford was achieving scientific fame. When Rutherford visited New Zealand in 1914 and spoke at the Wellington Town Hall, Jacob Reynolds was a proud member of the audience.

Reynolds had problems. Three of his children died. His 'black dog' was alcohol. On occasions he was brought home in a wheelbarrow or on the backs of his friends. The school committee decided 'that it would be advantageous to both master and school if a change was affected' but, moments before being fired, Reynolds quit. The local M.P. got him a job in the Wellington bureaucracy. He taught, briefly, at Cust, just prior to his death, at 62, on 7 May 1918. He was buried at Avonside.
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12th July 1898 HAVELOCK. The School Committee's recommendation that Mr W. M. Ward (D 2), of Goldsborough, Westland, be appointed teacher at Havelock, vice Mr Reynolds, was approved, and the appointment was made. Mr Ward wrote finally accepting the position. An estimate, prepared by Mr W. Matthews, of the cost of necessary repairs to the Havelock school was forwarded by the Committee, and the Board authorised the Committee to get the work done at a cost not exceeding £16, payment to be held in abeyance for a short time. The temporary appointment of Miss McMahon to assist Miss Matthews at Havelock school, pending arrival of new master, was approved
10th August 1898 Mr Ernest Rutherford, who, a cable from London says, has been appointed Professor of Physics at the Magill University (Montreal) began his education at the Havelock School in this district. He gained his A. degree in 1892 the M.A. degree in 1893, and B Sc. degree in 1894. In 1894 he gained while at Canterbury College an exhibition of 1851 science scholarship in electricity, entitling him to a place at any University in England or abroad. He proceeded to Cambridge, and has, during his researches there, proved himself ono of the most brilliant students of electrical science.

1899

1899	63	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£ 145.13	15th March
1899	63	Havelock	Ward	Emma		Assistant Female	£ 75.00	

1899 Havelock were near the bottom in the inspectors report on averages of the larger schools Only Springlands being lower of the 6 schools mentioned
14th June 1899 HAVELOCK. The Committee referred the Appointment of Miss Ward, teacher, back to the Board for it to settle, as the Committee could not agree. It was resolved that Miss Ward be appointed. *Mary J Matthews went to Waihakeke school between Carterton and Greytown in the Wairarapa, she was sole teacher there for 3 years before leaving teaching. Her sister Laura followed her at Waihakeke in 1909 and taught there until 1922*
16th August 1899 HAVELOCK The Committee forwarded an estimate of the cost of repairs that were asked for at last meeting of the Board.— The Committee was authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £16 12s.

1900	64	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£ 145.13
1900	64	Havelock	Ward	Emma		Assistant Female	£ 75.00

1900

9th July 1900 A sum of £2 10s was granted for tree planting on the school grounds
10th September 1900 HAVELOCK. The Committee wrote asking that, on account of the low percentage of passes obtained at last examination, the Inspector make a searching examination of all standards on the occasion of the next examination. The Inspector explained the effect of the new Government regulations, which came into force last year. These established the principle of examination by the teachers. The Inspector was instructed to accede to the request of the Committee.

1901

1901	66	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£	146.80
1901	66	Havelock	Ward	Emma		Assistant Female	£	75.00

15th January 1901 John Duggan only candidate for first Marlborough High School scholarship
14 years 6 Months old . Subjects Mental arithmetic, Writing, Spelling and Dictation, Arithmetic, Geography, History, grammar, Composition John scored 254/770 to finish 2nd bottom out of 20

11th March 1901 Correspondence was received from the Department with reference to the allocation of the increases for teachers' salaries. The increase set down, £44 Is, for the Headmaster at Havelock was a mistake due to an error in calculation. The Board resolved to ask the Department to apply the excess in the Havelock case to the salaries of the Headmaster of the Borough School and the Mistress of the Infant School: the former to obtain an addition of £13, the latter £9.

It was also decided to urge on the Department the advisability of allowing the Board itself to allocate the increases in future quarters

17th April 1901. Havelock was graded as good one of 11 schools. 12 schools were graded as very good.

9th July 1901 The application of the Havelock Committee for a flagstaff was refused

14th October 1901 Miss Ward, teacher at Havelock School, was granted leave of absence for a month, to enable her to attend the University examinations at the end of the month, the understanding being that a competent substitute should first be found.

10th December 1901 In connection with the holiday question, the Board considered a recommendation from the Havelock Committee that the school close for Christmas on the 22nd and remain closed for five weeks. The Committee were of the opinion that five weeks should be granted in summer and three in winter.

In discussion the members of the Board sympathised with the Association's representation that the length of the holidays had been excessive, and the general proposals of that body. Full consideration of the question was deferred till next meeting, when the new regulations will have been digested.

1902

1902 65 Havelock Ward William C1 Head Master £ 185.00
1902 65 Havelock Ward Emma Assistant Female £ 80.00

11th March 1902 The Havelock Committee forwarded a statement of its finances showing a debit balance of £7 18s, and asked for a special grant.—It was resolved to reply that the Board is unable to comply with the request.

15th March 1902 Inspector's Report only mention was that Havelock was one of 10 schools taking singing. In another report Four children at Havelock were refused promotion by inspector having already been passed by the teacher

22nd May 1902 An interesting ceremony was performed at the public school, Havelock, on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs Mules, wife of the Bishop of Nelson, unveiled a marble memorial tablet to an erstwhile schoolboy, who, as a member of the Fifth Contingent, died from the effects of dysentery at Mafeking. The Rev. H. W. Howell, vicar of Havelock, in making the opening remarks, referred to the esteem and respect in which the deceased had been held by his comrades and by his school mates, who had now perpetuated his memory by erecting: the tablet. He expressed the sympathy that was universally felt with the deceased's relatives, and pointed out that although the one they were honouring had not died on the field of battle, his end had been, reached on the eve of manhood, in the noble desire to serve his King and country. The reverend gentleman impressed upon the younger ones present that they had also their duty to perform to their parents and teachers, and to God, the King of Kings. The marble was exposed in silence, many of those who had known deceased in his youth being noticeably affected, the ceremony concluding with the Lord's Prayer and pronouncement of the Doxology by the Vicar. The inscription upon the tablet reads In memory of Gunner C. W. Smith, Fifth New Zealand Contingent, who died from dysentery, 19th January, 1901, aged 23 years. Erected by his school-fellows.

12th June 1902 The Coronation Celebration Committee met at the Public Library on Wednesday evening, and drew up a lengthy programme for the festivities. The programme provides for the children assembling at the school, when the flag will be saluted and an anthem sung. A procession will then be formed, and proceeding to the site of the Cottage Hospital, on the Blackball Road, a thanksgiving service will be held, and the Chairman of the Town Board (Mr W. Price) will lay the foundation stone of the hospital. The procession re-forming will return to the Town Hall, where a free luncheon will be provided, sports for the children following, and tea will afterwards be served in the Town Hall. In the evening the new lamps for the township will be lighted for the first time, and the illuminations will be brightened by a monster bonfire. A social will be held in the Town Hall until 10 p.in., the proceedings concluding with a dance. Everything included in the programme will be free with the exception of the dance, for which a small admission charge will be made.

4th October 1902 The Havelock School' Committee has accepted an offer by Mr T. Price to drill the children Once a week

14th October 1902 HAVELOCK. The Chairman of the Committee wrote with reference to the appointment of a honorary pupil teacher.—It was resolved that Mr Cavell's application, on behalf of his daughter be granted provided that the necessary arrangement can be made for examination by the Department; and that a copy of Mr Cavell's letter be forwarded to the Department with a request for an expression of opinion on the question of the annual examination of such "honorary pupil teachers

1903 58 Havelock Ward William C1 Head Master £ 183.15

25th January 1903 A communication was received from the Havelock Committee with regard to the examination results. It was resolved to refer it to the master.
10th March 1903 HAVELOCK. Lengthy correspondence on the subject of the Head-mastership was received from the Committee, and also a letter from the Head Master. After giving some consideration to the matter in committee, it was decided to await certain data and take action at next meeting *At the same time the Blenheim School Committee were unhappy with their Head Master Mr Sturrock and were asking for his removal*
21st April 1903 The Havelock Committee asked that the school be connected with the water system being brought into operation.— It was resolved to ascertain the cost. A letter was received from the headmaster with regard to his position. Unless there was a certainty that he would be compensated by the proposed superannuation scheme in favor of teachers he would prefer to take his stand on his results. —No communication being forthcoming from the Committee, the Board took no action. GENERAL. The establishment of an aided school at Brooklyn Bay (the Havelock School Committee approving) and the appointment of Miss Hutcheson as teacher were sanctioned.

1st May 1903 The representations that have recently been made by the School Committee to the Marlborough Education Board regarding the Havelock School, and the public interest created thereby, had the effect of drawing a large attendance of householders to the School Committee election on Monday evening last. For the seven seats on the Committee there were nine nominations, the result of the ballot replacing the Committee of last year with the exception of one, who has left the district, and whose successor was apparently placed on a ticket that was steadfastly adopted by a large majority. To fine matters down, the late Committee felt itself justified in applying for the removal of the head master, and presented the Education Board with comparative statements that supported, so it was thought, its contention that a change was desirable in the interests of the scholars. The opportunity on Monday presented by the meeting of householders was grasped by the master to make a telling defence, and by means of the blackboard, to illustrate the position of the Havelock School in comparison with those of seven others in Marlborough holding the same or a higher grade. By these figures, taken from the Education Board's reports, it was disclosed that the aggregate average pass for the eight schools dealt with (Havelock, Canvastown, Tua Marina, Grovetown, Renwick, Picton, Springlands and Blenheim Boys) was 60.6, which average was exceeded by the Havelock School with a percentage of 61.4 In 1901 the comparison was: For the eight schools, average 61.5; that of Havelock 63.5, or 2 per cent, higher than the average. Of these passes, those classed as strong in 1901, the average so denominated was for the eight schools 36, Havelock being third on the list with 45. In 1902 the average of "strong" passes appeared as 61.7, being again exceeded by Havelock (second on the list) with 62 to its credit.

The master further claimed that of the children presented in all classes for examination 33 were younger than the average age in their respective classes, and only 12 were up to or over the average age of other schools throughout the colony, and illustrated his claim by the following comparisons: —Colonial average age presented,

Class 1., 8 years 10 months; Havelock, 7 years 9 months,.

Class 11., Colonial, 9 years 10 months; Havelock, 9 years 7 months.

Class 111., Colonial, 11 years; Havelock, 10 years.

Class IV,, Colonial, 12 years 1 month; Havelock, 11 years 4 months.

In regard to a list of parents signatures expressing satisfaction with the master or otherwise, Mr Ward stated that an examination of the signatures showed that the parents of 29 children who had obtained strong passes had attached their signatures as being dissatisfied, and that others had signed in a similar manner, but who had never had children under his instruction. He asked was this fair

The "surprise" visit paid by the Inspector was productive of the following report, viz.,— Organisation, the only possible time-tables, suitable methods and quality of instruction, satisfactory; order and discipline, good supervision in recess, sufficient; manners and general behaviour, very good; state of buildings, ground and fences, in fair order—fence broken other topics, registers correctly kept. In referring to this report Mr Ward drew attention to the fact that the only heading in which the Committee was responsibly affected was that dealing with the buildings, etc.—and it was here set forth that the fence was broken. There would appear to be an impression prevailing that whilst the master was enabled to illustrate these successful results, he was aided in such by the percentage of passes in the lowest standards taught by the assistant. An examination of the results of Classes 111. to VII., inclusive, which are taught by the master, shows this impression to be erroneous, as the passes in these classes were (for 1902) 85.1 per cent, and were reduced to 61.4 by the inclusion in the average of the lower standards. It is further contended that the master fails in controlling the children—this would not appear to be borne out by the percentage of results. The Education Board has not deemed itself justified in acceding to the Committee's request that the master be removed.

The personnel of the committee elected on Monday evening is as follows —Messrs Buckman, James Brownlee (dairy factory), W. Pickering, F. W. Pope, H. M. Reader, W. P. Simmonds, and Warner (all re elected with exception of Mr Brownlee), and at a subsequent meeting Mr Reader was appointed chairman.

That there is blame to be attached to parents for irregular attendance of the scholars is currently remarked, and three boys between the ages of 10 and 13 seen in the township between 10.30 and 11 on Tuesday morning gave the writer the following explanation for their absence from school:—The first had lost the cow, the second had been sent to get half-a-pound of tea, and the third was not quite certain, but was going out the road."

4th May 1903 A long article on the appeal by Blenheim Headmaster against his dismissal and another on 5th May. Will be included in Blenheim's history

9th May 1903 The Havelock School Committee gave further consideration to the question of the Headmastership at a special meeting this week. The following; resolution was passed to be forwarded to the Education Board:— The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the Board should deal with this important Question of the Headmaster of the Havelock School by acceding to the request of the Committee—indicated by the late Committee and confirmed by the householders in electing the old Committee- by a very large majority. In asking the Board to fully consider the important question the Committee particularly wish to refer you to a letter from the late Committee, dated 22ud January, 1903, together with tables

comparing the Havelock and Canvastown Schools for a period of four years also to letters and a series of tables sent to the Board on 18th March, 1903.
12th May 1903 HAVELOCK. A resolution was received from the School Committee repeating the request with regard to the headmastership. A communication was received from the Headmaster in which he analysed the examination results with the object of showing that they were of a satisfactory character. In view of the circumstances relating to the recent appeal case, the Board resolved not to take any steps in the matter

28th May 1903 The observance of Empire Day in Havelock was but fairly spirited, and it would appear that the recognition of the great issues that surround the feature have, apparently, as yet, hardly been grasped. A lonely flag here and there took a hand in holding up a semblance of festivity, but a general scheme of demonstration was non-existent—such, in fact, would not appear to have been thought of. It is to be feared there are symptoms of a lean-up against the verandah post epidemic with an all over tiredness, prevailing. Tired of what it is hard to say—possibly of one another. What ceremony there was in keeping with the occasion ,was confined to saluting the flag by the schoolchildren, and as no arrangement had been made for speakers even this usually exhilarating procedure was made to look trashy, vacant, and murky. There being only one member of the School Committee present occasioned unfavorable comment, and as the function was called for 2 o'clock a number of scholars failed to attend, and the roll was limited. It might be a suggestion for future occasions of a similar nature to arrange for the children to assemble in the morning hours, and then to start them off on their day's holiday: it cannot be expected that after they have become distributed in their recreations that they can be wholly re-assembled. In the absence of an prearranged programme the Vicar (Rev- Howell) voluntarily addressed the children, explaining the object of the occasion and the honor that should be extended to the symbol that carried such respect wherever it was unfurled.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the King and Queen.

8th June 1903 The request that the Havelock School property be connected with the water supply was granted

19th June 1903 Information has been received that the Hon. C. H. Mills will pay a flying visit to Havelock on Wednesday next for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies connected with the opening of the Cottage Hospital, the waterworks, and the presentation to the township by Messrs Brownlee and Co., of three town sections as a public recreation ground. The provisional programme provides for the turning of the water into the mains at the reservoir at 11 a.in., and will be followed by an exhibition of water pressure by means of hydrants, hose, and branches at the fire plugs in the township. It is intended that the afternoon shall be devoted to the opening of the Cottage Hospital and to the extension of social courtesies to the visitors; and the evening will be occupied by a social gathering in the Town Hall until 10 p.in., at which the deeds of the sections will be handed to the Town Board in trust for the residents. This gathering will be followed by a smoking concert amidst convivial surroundings.

A considerable number of invitations to prominent memoirs of local bodies have been issued, and it is hoped that a large number of visitors will be present, and that the Hon. C. H. Mills will be accompanied by some of his colleagues of the Cabinet and members of the House.

Owing to the recent restricted attendance at the Havelock School because of prevailing sickness and vaccination amongst the children, the master, Mr W. Ward, has suggested to the School Committee that the midwinter holidays be reduced this year to one week. This has met with the approval of a majority of the Committee, and the school will "break up" on Friday afternoon next, resuming study on Monday, 29th instant. In adopting Mr Ward's suggestion, some members of the Committee have displayed an unbiased and commendable spirit in expressing the wish that after the recent unpleasantness between the Committee and the master, that the latter should have every opportunity of preparing his scholars for examination —this, they admit in fairness to the master, has not been possible under the recent circumstance of limited attendances.

23rd June 1903 The occasion of the anticipated large gathering at the opening of the water works, etc., .on Wednesday, at Havelock, will be taken to unveil a memorial tablet to the late trooper W. Brownlee Smith, accidentally shot whilst on active service at the Boer war. The story of his death is one of those where the call of duty appealed more urgently than a personal regard for comfort. A young man, with a prosperous career in front of him, son of Mr W. H. Smith, and grandson of Mr William Brownlee, resident of this township, sent to Scotland in his youth to study for the profession of mechanical engineer, and having served his indentures in the shops, served a further term in the drafting offices. A volunteer, and a prize marksman—the Boer war—enlistment in the 18th Company Imperial Yeomanry, Lanarkshire, and killed from the accidental discharge of a rifle by the corporal of his company in an adjoining tent at McNatling's Nek. His school fellows now perpetuate his memory by erecting in the Havelock school a marble tablet inscribed "In memory of trooper William Smith, Imperial Yeomanry, 18th Company, who was accidentally wounded at McNatling's Nek, January, 1902, and died from the effects of the. wound at Lady brand Hospital, February 1st, 1902; aged 23 years. Erected by his school fellows."

The tablet will adjoin one previously erected in memory of trooper Cecil Smith, cousin of the young volunteer whose memory is to be honoured on Wednesday.

16th November 1903 Correspondence from Havelock requesting the Board to accept the cost of a set of school wands, and also make itself responsible for the water rate on the school and teacher's residence was deferred till next meeting
15th December 1903 The Picton Committee -replied that the water rate on the teacher's residence was paid by the Board, and it was therefore resolved that the Board defray the rate to be paid on the teacher's residence at Havelock.

1904

1904	61	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£	175.00
1904	61	Havelock	Farmar	Mary	D3	Mistress	£	85.00

12th January 1904 In discussing yesterday the results o? the scholarship exams., members of the Education Board expressed regret that no candidates were forthcoming from Blenheim Boys, and from Picton and Havelock. The papers submitted to the National Scholarship candidate were characterised at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday as ridiculously captious, and stiff enough even for an E certificate
8th February 1904 The Havelock Committee endorsed an application from Miss Ward, teacher, for twelve months' leave of absence to enable her to attend classes at the Victoria

College, and the technical classes 5 The leave asked for was granted, and the appointment of a substitute deferred till the afternoon

9th February 1904 On resuming yesterday afternoon the Education Board farther considered the matter of appointing a teacher to relieve Miss Ward at the Havelock school, and finally authorised the Inspector to make an arrangement. The Committee had made no recommendation, leaving the matter to the Board. Some unimportant business was deferred till next meeting

9th February Inspectors Report included Arithmetic Havelock finished 9th out of 25 schools with 62.5% pass rate. Havelock Suburban was on top with 89.4% pass rate

15th March 1904 Miss Palmer was temporarily appointed as assistant at Havelock

11th April 1904 The sum of £2 was voted to the Havelock Committee to make provision for expenses incurred by the expenditure of a cheque which was by mistake sent from the Board's office to Havelock instead of Havelock Suburban, and which the Board recovered by way of a stoppage of capitation. The Havelock Committee were authorised to repair the school spouting.

EXAMINATION RESULTS. Mr Fell moved, according to notice, That the Board is very disappointed to find that no candidates were sent up in December for the High School scholarships from the Blenheim Boy's, Picton and Havelock Schools, and that the Committees of these schools be asked to obtain an explanation or. reasons; that the Committees be informed that the Board will not allow pupils attending these schools to be deprived of their rights to compete for scholarships by the whims or incompetence of any teacher

9th May 1904 HAVELOCK. The Havelock Committee forwarded the report of a special meeting at which a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion that the Headmaster had lost control of the children, and asking the Board to give the teacher three months' notice of dismissal. The Committee also forwarded an explanation from the Head master as to the dearth of scholarship candidates, which it regarded as unsatisfactory. It was resolved that the teacher be asked to furnish the name of the pupil to whom he alluded in his letter with respect to scholarship candidates

14th June 1904 The Havelock Committee wrote asking that something be done re the Headmastership, and a lengthy letter was received from the teacher.—The matter was held over till next meeting.

10th October 1904 The Havelock School Committee wrote protesting against the keeping in of children after school hours for examination by the Inspector. The Inspector made an explanation in which he said that the overtime did not extend past six o'clock, and was quite unavoidable. It was resolved to inform the Committee that the Inspector's attention had been drawn to their letter.

1905

1905	63	Havelock	Ward	William	C1	Head Master	£	178.15	
1905	63	Havelock	Farmar	Mary	D3	Mistress	£	85.00	7th June

1905 The boys of the Havelock School Cricket and Football Club, in order to express their recognition of Miss Farmar's interest in their affairs, presented that lady on Wednesday evening with a silver button hook and ebony shoe-lift, the latter bearing a silver shield on which was engraved the recipient's monogram.

28th February 1905 Inspector's report included While on the inspection tour I was struck with the fact that some schools were placed with more regard to appearance from the road than to the comfort of those using the buildings—the windows at Havelock, Picton, Kaituna, and elsewhere are to the south and west. This causes the schools to be very cold in winter. In other instances the form of the buildings, long and narrow, and the arrangement of doors, leave little option to the teacher but to keep the children so seated as to throw a shadow on their work—a state of affairs highly prejudicial to the eyes. The effect was specially noted at Blenheim, Havelock, and Picton.
14th March 1905 Havelock was granted necessary outbuildings
10th April 1905 The details of the proposal to form a cadet corps as between the Havelock, Canvastown and Okaramio Schools were laid before the Education Board this morning. There would be the usual complement of officers and 53 privates. MJ Cartwright, teacher at Okaramio , was proposed as captain Mr W. Ward, headmaster at Havelock and Mr H. Hill, at Canvastown, as lieutenants. Fourteen of the candidates for enrolment were under 12 years of age, but were over 4ft 7in in height and sound physically. Fifty three were on the school rolls; nine had left school, but were under 16 years. The uniform in view would consist of blue serge knickers, blue jersey, white Eton collar and service cap. These schools frequently met to play football and cricket and there should be no difficulty in arranging for combined drill. The Board approved of the scheme, and decided to forward it to the Department for favorable consideration. *(Havelock Suburban seemed to keep on their own)*
28th April 1905 HAVELOCK. Very little interest was displayed in the election of a School Committee on Tuesday evening, there being only five nominations for the seven seats. The following gentlemen were elected viz. -.—Messrs W. Pickering, F. Pope, senior,, J. Brownlee, W. H. Bookman, and R. J Paul. It is anticipated the two seats vacant will be filled by appointments made at the meeting of the Committee on Monday next
29th April 1905 Havelock School Committee unanimously passed a resolution asking the Education Board to remove the head teacher, owing to his increasing age and lack of discipline. The members concurred in recognising his gentlemanly qualities, but thought that a change would benefit the school,
5th May 1905 Messrs A. J. Brown and R. Stansfield have been appointed to fill the vacant seats upon the Havelock School Committee.
9th May 1905 A communication from the Havelock Committee in regard to the Head. master was deferred till next meeting. Marlborough Education Board
10th June 1905 The visit of Professor Ernest Rutherford, of the McGirr University, Montreal, to New Zealand has special interest for Marlborough. Not much more than a decade ago the distinguished scientist was a pupil of the public school at Havelock, and slogged away at his reading book and his arithmetic in surroundings not a whit different to those in which the boys of the present day are -receiving their primary education. Now he is one of the foremost scientific authorities of the age, and among his honors is the Rumford medal, which was presented to him last year by the Royal Society of England in recognition of his researches into radio activity
13th June 1905 The Havelock Committee informed the Board that it had applied to the police to assist in the suppression of truancy. —It was resolved to support the request.

A letter from the Havelock Committee represented the advisableness of a change in regard to the headmaster ship; and it was accompanied by a letter of defence from the headmaster.

Considerable discussion ensued in Committee, and it was resolved that the headmaster be asked to tender his resignation, to take effect at the end of the year, his interest in any superannuation scheme passed by Parliament in the meantime to be protected,

24th June 1905 Sir,—l gather from a paragraph in to-day's New Zealand Times that considerably anxiety is being displayed in some quarters to claim Professor Rutherford as their very own. My modesty forbids that I should state the humble part I played in developing the character and mind of this fine young fellow. The quality of a teacher's work should not be gauged by the blossoming of one sunflower, but on the general success of a generation of school boys. Old boys' of Havelock School from 1882-1898 are to be found all over the world in all sorts and conditions of life, and as far as I know they are a credit to the education they received at my hands.—l am, etc., Jacob H. Reynolds, -Wellington, June 22, 1905. [The paragraph in the New Zealand Times was as follows:—The village schools of Marlborough are beginning to quarrel over the early education of Professor Rutherford. The chairman of the Education Board (Mr J. Duncan) said the distinguished scientist passed through the primary school at Havelock under Mr Reynolds, who afterwards took up a position in Wellington. Then the headmaster of the Grovetown School (Mr Ladley) wrote to say that young Rutherford had passed through all the standards but the sixth at his school at Foxhill, Nelson.]

1st July 1905 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —Through the courtesy of Mr Ward, of the Havelock School, by reference to the old school records I am able to supply you with the following facts: Ernest Rutherford was admitted to the Havelock School on 6th May, 1883. He passed Standard VI. at that school in February 1884, and remained a pupil until December, 1888, when, having won a scholarship, he proceeded to Nelson College, of which Rev. Andrews was then Principal.—l am, &c, Jacob H. Reynolds. Wellington, June 28,1905.

11th July 1905 The Headmaster at Havelock replied to the Board that on the disposal of the superannuation proposals in Parliament he would send in his resignation. —Received

28th November 1905 It is gratifying to find (writes our Havelock correspondent) that public interest in the school cadets is increasing throughout the district. On Sunday next the cadets of Okaramio, Canvastown, and Havelock attend church parade at St. Peter's, Havelock, at 3 p.in., and preparations are in hand for holding a special service appropriate to the occasion. The number of cadets attending will, it is anticipated, exceed fifty, and will be under the command of Captain Cartwright of Okaramio

19th December 1905 The scholars attending the Havelock public school presented a programme of much merit at the Town Hall on Friday evening last the various items being accomplished in a manner that bespeaks praise for the scholars themselves and for Mr Ward and Miss Farmar, the teachers attached to the school, upon whom the preparation devolved. As was anticipated!, the entertainment attracted a large audience, and it was evident the juvenile performers entered most heartily into the spirit of the entertainment, the result being success. and general eulogy shared alike by the teachers and performers. The following is a copy of the programme :—Part I.—Overture, Miss Scott, fan song, school girls song, Miss Walker; song, Awkward Squad," school boys; song, Master S. Buckman; pole drill, school girls physical drill march; school girls. The second part of the programme was occupied by the comedietta Silverlocks and the Three Bears," forty of the scholars being engaged in its production, which, throughout, was marked by the confidence with which the principal parts were acted—attractive dressing, graceful dancing, tuneful singing and good stage management. The school entertainments here have become an appreciated annual feature and

the one given on Friday last discloses that there is available youthful talent worthy of attention. Misses Pickering and Scott acted as accompanists during the evening.

21st December 1905 HAVELOCK SCHOOL'S "BREAKING-UP."

The distribution of prizes to successful scholars at the Havelock public school was made on Tuesday last, the prizes being awarded on the last examination. The Vicar, in presenting the prizes, addressed a few words of congratulation to the prize-winners, and encouraged the unsuccessful ones. The following is the prize list: …….

Standard VI—S. Pickering (certificate of proficiency), R. Adams, Evelyn Scott (certificate of competency), Annie Orsman, Winifred Warner.

Standard V—A. Congdon, E. Pope, Annie Wells.

Standard IV—B. Pickering, W. "Warner, Jessie Orsman, Isabel Matthews, Lillian Wells.

Standard III—C. Reader, Jessie Homann, Theo. Reader, Katie Pickering.

Standard II—Annie Smith, G. Congdon, S. Buckman.

Standard I—L. Walker, G. Jarvis, Gladys Reader; Irene Congdon (reading).

Preparatory III—R. Mears, W. Orsman.

Preparatory I. and II—T. Scott, F. Henderson, L. Twidle, Trevor Taylor (spelling), Redvers Pope (general improvement).

The awarding of special prizes presented by Mr R. Stansfiekl for the most popular girl and boy in the school was made by ballot amongst the scholars of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth standards, the polling being in favour of Evelyn Scott and Ralph Adams by large majorities.

Afternoon tea was provided by the parents and friends of the scholars, and the proceedings terminated by Mr Ward, the head teacher, addressing a few words to his pupils and the singing of the National Anthem

21st December 1905 INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

Favoured by lovely weather, Havelock was en fete yesterday, the occasion being the inaugural meeting-of the North Marlborough Schools Amateur Athletic Association, established a short time ago for the purpose to inculcating in the: children attending the schools in the district a healthy love of out-door exercises, and or promoting a spirit of friendly rivalry among them. About .one hundred and fifty children were present, representing the Canvastown; Havelock and Okaramio schools. A large number of entries were made in all the races, and some excellent performances were registered. The Challenge Shield was won by the Okaramio team, with a total of 118 points, Canvastown coming second place with 73, and Havelock being third with 53. The gold brooch for the girl gaining the greatest number of points was won by Ruby Mortimer (Okaramio), who secured the possible number of points—25—for the five girls races on the programme. Geo. Spiers, also of Okaramio, carried off the boys' gold medal, with a total of 44 points out of a possible 50.

In addition, Okaramio won the tug-of-war The results testify to the earnest and painstaking labors of Mr Cartwright, the Okaramio teacher. Besides the championship events, a number of other races, such as sack and potato races, and a ladies race, were held, and proved the source of much interest and amusement. After the conclusion of the sports programme, an exhibition of wand drill was given by the girls, and the cadets, under Captain Cartwright and Lieuts. Hill (Canvastown) and Ford *(Ward?)* (Havelock) executed a number of evolutions, culminating in the march past and Royal salute.

Inspector Strachan, President of the Association, presented the prizes to the successful children. In the course of a few remarks, the Inspector said that the inaugural meeting had been a brilliant success, and he hoped that successive gatherings would maintain the high standard of efficiency attained by this one. The Havelock district had led the province in the establishment of a school's Athletic Association, and he looked forward to seeing the whole of Marlborough soon included in the scope of the Association. He was glad that the sports were conducted on purely amateur lines—that the prizes competed for were trophies only, and not cash prizes. He complimented the scholars and teacher of the Okaramio School on their success, and hoped that the other schools would take the lesson of training to heart, and endeavour next year to wrest the coveted trophy from the champions. Referring to the cadets, with whose drill he had been much pleased, he voiced the general feeling that more-rifles-should be granted to the boys for shooting purposes. In conclusion he paid a tribute to the whole-hearted labors of the Executive of the Association, to whose efforts the success of the meeting was due, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to them, which was carried amidst applause. The arrangements of the meeting were carried out by the Rev Stace and Mr J. Wilson (judges), and Messrs Buckman, Taylor, King, Cartwright, and Hill. Special mention must be made of:-the work of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Scott.

1906

1906	63	Havelock	Irwin	Robert	D2	Head Master	£	195.00
1906	63	Havelock	Stone	Blanche P	D5	Assistant Female	£	95.00

6th January 1906 On Thursday Mr and Mrs Ward left Havelock for Wellington. Mr Ward has for over, seven years been headmaster of the Havelock School, but will probably in February resign the position. He will, however, return to Havelock, and will continue the school until the appointment of his successor.

8th January 1906 Havelock.—The Inspector brought up the question of Mr Ward's intended retirement from the teachership at Havelock. The position was that if Mr Ward retired, as asked to do., at the end of the year 1905, there would be a prospect of losing his benefit under the superannuation scheme. It had been stated that no moneys would be paid out under the Superannuation Act before the end of March next.— In order to protect Mr Ward's interest, and also to avoid a break in the teachership, the matter was left in the hands of a committee consisting of the Chairman and Inspector and Secretary.

25th January 1906 *For No Reason I have included this cutting:* Good progress is being made at this end of the Picton-Grove road (says the "'Press"). The work this side of Wedge Point is of a heavy nature, and much rock has to be shifted. Going over the road a few days ago we were surprised at the fine scenery along it, and the magnificent view of the Sound it commands. When completed to the Grove, one of the most beautiful drives imaginable will be from Picton to Havelock and back.

10th February 1906 Mr R. Stansfield has resigned his place on the Havelock School Committee, and has been replaced by Mr C. King.
14th February 1906 Margaret Neumann Havelock *(Possibly Havelock Suburban School)* Obtained a scholarship of £25 for two years secondary schooling
15th January 1906 Margaret Newman recommended for Wellington Training College *(Alongside Maggie Magill who was the JP who signed the researcher's application to attend training college in 1959, makes me feel really old)*
12th March 1906 Havelock The Committee complained that Mr Ward had not resigned, and of the waste of time in the matter. —On the Executive's recommendation, it was resolved that Mr Ward be given three months' leave of absence from April 1st, subject to his resignation being received, to take effect on June 30th
17th March 1906 A head teacher is wanted for the Havelock Public School. Particulars are advertised
22nd March Inspector's report included. There were special teachers' classes in ambulance (Blenheim and Havelock), At the close of the ambulance lectures in Blenheim 24 candidates sat at the examination for the certificates of St. John's Ambulance Association, and 22 succeeded in passing. The doctor examining referred to the average attainment in terms of high praise. From observation of the daily papers it appears that the class work has time and again been put to practical use by members of the classes in cases of cuts, fractures, and fits occurring in up-country places, on the football field, and by the sea-shore
A company has also been formed of detachments from Havelock, Canvastown, and Okaramio, in which district much enthusiasm has been displayed. This company has inadequate equipment for shooting—having only two miniature rifles
5th April 1906 Mr W. Ward, who has been headmaster of the Havelock School since 1898, retired, on superannuation, on Friday last, and has left this province to reside in Wellington. On the closing of the school on Friday the scholars assembled to say farewell to their late master, who was then presented by Miss Annie Orsman, on behalf of the scholars, with an ivory mounted walking stick. Mr Ward,, who has acted as licensed lay reader and choirmaster of St. Peter's, Havelock, was. after choir practice on Thursday evening, presented with & travelling rug and framed address, of which the following is the text: "William Ward, Esq.: We the undersigned, on behalf of the Anglican congregation of Havelock, Marlborough, desire to express to you our gratitude for the good work so kindly and ably done by you in connection with St. Peter's Church. During the time you have been iii our midst, both as choirmaster and licensed lay reader, you have given us valuable assistance. In leaving us you curry away with you the best wishes of .the whole congregation, and we trust that both Mrs Ward and yourself may, with God's blessing, long 1 be spared to enjoy a quiet and well-earned rest A. W. C Stace, Vicar. C. Venimore , A. Adams, churchwardens." Mr Ward has boon in the Education Department of this colony since 1874, and has held the head-mastership of the Waimate District High School, the Riccarton School, and the one from which he retired on Friday last. The school is being temporarily conducted by Miss Farmar, with Miss Hilliard as assistant mistress.
10th April 1906 Havelock.—Miss Mary Farmar resigned her position as assistant mistress at Havelock. She intended retiring altogether from school work.— Resignation accepted. The School Committee asked for certain small repairs, and requested to be supplied with the names of the applicants for the position of master.— Authority for repairs was given. Several applications were received for the position of headmaster. The applications were forwarded

to the Havelock Committee, the Inspector to advise. Col. Loveday wrote asking if the Board approved of Mr Hill, Canvastown, taking charge of the Havelock school cadets.
11th May 1906 Mr R. Irwin, late of the Lyell School, Buller Gorge, who has just been appointed headmaster of the Havelock School, Marlborough, was simultaneously appointed headmaster of the Springston South School, near Christchurch. He preferred to retain the former. Mr Irwin served his pupil teachership in the Timaru Mam School.
2nd June 1906 The current issue of the Nelson Diocesan Gazette has the following: We report with regret the removal from our midst of Mr and Mrs Irwin and family, but we congratulate him on his promotion to the Headmastership of the Havelock State School. Our loss is Havelock's gain."
12th June 1906 Havelock. The Committee was granted the sum of £12 to defray cost of felling .trees and clearing gorse, workmen to be covered by insurance. A portable boiler was also granted
North Bank.—The resignation of Miss B. P. Stone as teacher was accepted, she having been appointed associate teacher at Havelock
12th June 1906 A discussion arose at the Education Board meeting yesterday morning in reference to the question of compensation for accidents to workmen. This was given rise to by a contemplation of the risk attendant upon the decision to authorise the Havelock Committee to have four large trees felled. It was stated by Mr Litchfield, who claimed to have the best kind of knowledge of the matter—that begotten of hard experience—that an ordinary 13s per £100 risk over workmen would not insure a man engaged in the risk of felling trees. He instanced a case on his own farm, where a man, in cutting down a single willow tree, injured his leg. He applied for compensation, and was informed that a bushfeller's risk should have been taken' out and that the ordinary risk did not cover such a case. One member of the Board had just taken out a policy that morning:. which he took from his pocket and placed on the table. It was a lesson to him to learn that he would have, to secure a special risk before his gardener could fell a tree. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was depicted that the Secretary and Inspector should make enquiries with a view to the Board taking out a floating policy covering the workmen directly and indirectly employed in its service.
14th June 1906 Miss Blanche Stone, who has been appointed Mistress of the Havelock School, is to take up her duties on June 25th.
23rd June 1906 At the Havelock School on Wednesday afternoon last Miss Farmar, assistant teacher, who is severing her connection with the school, was the recipient of a presentation in the shape of a gold and pearl brooch and a postcard album, and an address in which the children expressed their keen regret at Miss Farmar 1 s approaching departure from Havelock. Miss Farmar, in reply, urged the children to persevere in their school-work, and thanked them for their kind and thoughtful gifts,
29th June 1906 Miss Farmar, who has resigned her position as assistant teacher at the Havelock School to join her parents in Christchurch, has been presented by her late scholars with a gold and gem brooch, and by their- parents with a case of toilet accessories. During her connection with the school Miss Farmar has endeared herself to the pupils under her charge and has been self-sacrificing in assisting in all matters of social interest amongst this community. With the tokens she has received she carries universal good wishes and appreciation of the high attainments she has displayed during her residence in this locality

15th August 1906 On Saturday, at Havelock, the Canvastown School defeated the Havelock School at football by 11 points to 3. For Canvastown, N. Hughes, and H. Simpson scored tries; T. Murray converted one of these tries, and also kicked a penalty .goal. .Havelock's score was a try gained by E. Reader.

1st September 1906 HAVELOCK.

(Our Own Correspondent.) -A very able lecture was delivered by Mr Strachan, School Inspector, at the schoolroom on Thursday evening on "The History of Education. Emphasis was had upon the era when a knowledge of Latin was the sole element winch constituted a liberal education, and the history of various reformers, and their improvements in method, were dilated upon in chronological order, until the hearer was brought down to the present time, The lecture in many respects-was an intellectual treat, entirely comprehensible both by the children and the large gathering of adults, by reason of the fact that the language employed by the lecturer was in as high a percentage of Anglo-Saxon as the Bible, which is saying a good deal for its literary purity. A hearty vote of thanks was moved and carried by acclamation to Mr Strachan. Nor were the audience by any means stinted in showing their appreciation of the new headmaster (Mr Irwin), who created an excellent impression, which certainly appeared ta.be well merited. Songs, recitations, tea, coffee, and refreshments generally, brought what was really an- intellectual, and, at the same time, much-enjoyed evening to a close. The children's efforts in song and recitation were decidedly appreciated, and evidenced careful training, Songs were rendered by Mesdames Ching, Irwin, E. Powell, and Miss Lovell Messrs D. Wells and Irwin, and the Rev. W. B. Scott; the accompanists being Mesdames Ching and Irwin and Miss V. Powell. The entertainment was in aid of the school prizes

8th September 1906 HAVELOCK.

(Own1 Correspondent.)

At the recent school examinations held here S. Pickering and A. Orsman passed their Standard VII., and 32 other pupils have advanced a grade

10th September 1906 and Palmer were forwarded to the Grove Committee. INSPECTOR'S REPORT. The Inspector reported upon the 15 •schools examined. The schools at Fabian's Valley, Havelock, and Fairhall had reached the "good" class. *(Good was the top rank)*

15th September 1906 Miss Stone has arrived from Picton, and will take up her duties at the Havelock school as assistant on Monday next

2nd October 1906 Our Havelock correspondent writes Mr Irwin, headmaster of the Havelock School, took some 30 of his scholars for an excursion on Saturday afternoon. He frequently does this, the object being to imbue the children with an appreciation of every-day nature, and also to stimulate their observation ;to open their eyes that they might see what they usually pass by without notice. It was a very enjoyable outing, and wound up with an afternoon tea under the blue sky. On Sunday evening, at the conclusion of the service at St. Peter's Church, Mrs Irwin sang the sacred .solo, He wipes the tear from every eye.

9th October 1906 On Wednesday last Mr Irwin took the Havelock School Cadets to Canvastown to practise shooting at the butts there

Mrs W. Smith and Miss Stone are going to Blenheim to-day, and return again tomorrow.

10th October 1906 From this it appeared that if the Education Department would give notice year by year what number of trees were likely to be needed two years ahead, these would be grown in the State nurseries.
Members Expressed the. opinion that great discretion was needed in the planting of trees. Many of the grounds were not large enough for plantations. At Havelock it had recently cost a large sum to cut trees down --owing to their having been grown between the sun and the school.
12th November 1906 At the last meeting of the Havelock School Committee the headmaster's report showed that there were 74 children on the roll and an average attendance of 65. The Committee decided to apply to the Board for a grant of £6 per annum in order to enable an adequate payment to be made to the caretaker of the school, her present remuneration being considered too low. A request was received from Mr J. H. Reynolds (headmaster of the Havelock School for 16 years) that an enlarged photograph of himself be placed in the school. The request was acceded to, the photograph having come to hand.
13th November 1906 Judging from the excellent singing of the school children on the occasion of Mr D. Strachan's recent lecture here, we should anticipate a good audience at the annual school concert, which is fixed for Friday, November 30th. Mr Irwin, headmaster, and Miss Stone are actively engaged in the preparation of the programme, and we are sure that the result of their united efforts will be well worth listening to, and we hope to see it well attended, a& the proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the prize fund.
3rd December 1906 The annual Havelock public school concert took place last evening at the Town Hall, and was a very successful affair, and enjoyable both to the little performers and their audience. The following programme was gone through:—Recitation, "Welcome," infant division; action songs, school children recitation, If no one ever marries me," Irene Congdon. Wand drill, senior girls; cat recitation, W. Warner and family; recitation and song, "Bunch of Flowers," senior girls; song, "Hen Convention," school children; recitation, "Little Froggie," Leslie Walker; song and chorus, "Bye bye, Baby," Mr Irwin and children; recitation, The Origin of Scandal," Madge Rae action songs, Little Bo peep," children; recitation, Fairyland," infant division physical drill, cadets; song, Polly Wolly Doodle," children; recitation, "Dolly's Toothache," Gladys Reader; song and chorus, "Ellic Rhee," Arthur Congdon; recitation, This is East," Mervyn Scott; humorous duet "You Shan't Play in my Yard," M. Rae and A. Wells; club drill, Katie Pickering; song, "The Fisher Boy," Cyril Irwin; recitation, "Famous People," children; song "When My Ship Comes Home," children; recitation, Not Understood," pupils. The children's performance was on the whole very meritorious, and evidenced the most painstaking and careful training on the part of their instructors, Mr Irwin and Miss Stone. Interspersed, however, with the children's efforts there were some items given by adults. Two pianoforte duets by Misses Hunter and Stone; comic duet, Money Matters," Miss Hunter and Mr Irwin; song, Sing Me- to Sleep," Miss Franklyn; glees, Oh, who will o'er the Downs?" and Massa's in the Cold Ground," glee party; living picture, Where are you going my Pretty-Maid" Miss V. Powell and Mr Day& Wells; song, My Heather Hills Mrs Irwin; cornet solo, Mr E. W. Smith; Jiving picture, "Tea and Scandal," Misses Hunter, V. Powell, Franklyn, and Stone. Mrs Irwin, Misses V. Powell, and Stone were the accompanists, Mrs Ching, who was to have taken part in the glees and duet, was suffering from influenza, and was unable to assist. Dec. 1st, 1906.

4th December 1906 The Canvastown school boys defeated Havelock school boys by-an innings and six runs, thus keeping up their old reputation and the honour of their old teacher, Mr Stratford of Renwicktown

12th December 1906 The question of power to grant an extra week's holiday at Christmas for the teacher was placed before the Board. It was decided that the Board's resolution be adhered to. Mr Scott said Mr Irwin had put in a great deal of extra time during the year. Mr Irwin was studying for the C certificate. Mr Reader was strongly opposed to the granting of the extra week. He did not believe in children being sweated day and night in order to allow a teacher to get a little extra holiday at Christmas. He had one child at the school, and five weeks were quite enough for her

15th December 1906 The following is from the Pelorus Guardian:—"Mr H. M. Reader made an extraordinary statement at the meeting of the Education Board on Tuesday—namely, that the Headmaster of the Havelock school "sweated"' the children in order to secure for himself an extra holiday at Christmas. As it is probable that the local School Committee will ask Mr Reader for an explanation of the remark (seeing that it. is as much a reflection upon their supervision of the school as it is an impertinent insult to the Headmaster) we will not at present deal with it.

22nd December 1906 A special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening to consider Mr Reader's charge against the Headmaster at the last meeting of the Education Board. It having been stated that Mr Reader had written to the press explaining the matter and regretting the use of the remark, the Committee resolved that the case would be met by sending to the Education Board a formal protest against the statements and an expression of appreciation of the Headmaster's services. It was also decided to grant Mr Irwin the extra week's holiday asked for by him, in view or the fact that nearly the whole of his vacation will be occupied with an examination.

22nd December 1906 The prizes in connection with the children's gardens of the public school were won by Misses M. R-ae and A. Orsman, 1; A. Wells and W. Warner, highly commended. Boys: L. Walker, 1; G. and C Jarvis, commended. The cultivation of such amusements, which partakes of" practical useful knowledge, can hardly be too highly commended, as it is mostly at this age that the taste for rational amusement is acquired, and to a certainty will be appreciated in after life. But in this case they have a definite object lesson to guide them, as their head teacher is an enthusiastic horticulturist. Mr Bruce, the Agricultural Expert, inspected the school gardens.

Miss Stone, assistant teacher, leaves by coach this afternoon to spend her holidays in Blenheim and Nelson Mr Irwin leaves for Christchurch to-morrow.

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3rd January 1907 HAVELOCK. (Own Correspondent.) 'A meeting of the School Committee, was held last Friday to consider an allegation made by Mr H. M. Reader it the meeting of the School Board to the effect that the headmaster of the Havelock School "sweated" the children to gain an extra week's holiday, Mr Reader, who attended, denied that he used the word sweated," but admitted having said that a master "had no right to work the children night md day in order to get an extra week's holiday. After a good deal of discussion, the Committee refused to vary the attitude they had taken up in defence of the headmaster

15th January 1907 HAVELOCK MATTER. The Havelock Committee wrote protesting against a remark of Mr Reader that the teacher (Mr Irwin) had “sweated" the children in order to get away to the Exhibition. The Committee had passed a vote of appreciation of. Mr. Irwin's services. Mr Reader said he did not think he used the word "sweated," although his words were in that direction. He put the whole matter down to a little editorial venom. He would not go back on his word, and he still contended that it was wrong of a teacher to work children night and day, and then ask for an extra holiday. To work five hours a day, and walk four or five miles to school, was quite sufficient. He saw by the Conference recently that night-work was opposed. It was no use trying to cram a quart into a pint bottle. He was on good terms with the Committee and with Mr Irwin. The Chairman said it was a small matter, and he did not think Mr Reader used the word "sweated." However, the Board might very well pass a vote of appreciation of Mr Irwin's services, too. The incident here ended
29th January 1907 A M Orsman finished 18/21 in the scholarship examinations
30th January 1906 For some days past the erection of a tower and fire bell has been absorbing the interests of the town. Havelock has long felt the need of a good fare alarm, the school bell, which formerly did service, not being loud enough to wake the: inhabitants from their sterner slumbers.
11th February 1907 Yesterday afternoon at the Public School the distribution of prizes took place. The Rev. A. W.-Stace, with a few appropriate remarks, bestowed the coveted rewards. A short concert by the children preceded and -wound up the presentations. The parents and friends then enjoyed afternoon tea, which had been kindly provided.
13th March 1907 Inspector’s report included Havelock had a 90% attendance record. Havelock was open 424 half days. They were expected to be open for 420 days.

5th April 1907 The cadets who are visiting the International Exhibition at Christchurch, to go under canvas in the grounds there for ten days' military training and sight-seeing, left Blenheim, Picton and way stations this morning, embarking by the Wainui soon after noon. The journey from Wellington to Lyttelton will be made in the Te Anau.

Major Sturrock is in command of the battalion, and with him are Captains Howard (Springlands), H. Hill (Canvastown), and Gifford (Blenheim). The parade is as follows:— Blenheim; 56; -Springlands 17; Tua Marina, 17; Grovetown, 23; Havelock, Canvastown, and Okaramio, about 20; total in ranks, about 133; officers, 4. There are scarcely any Picton cadets amongst the number, the reason being the want of a teacher to accompany them. At the Blenheim station the Blenheim and Springlands boys were- given a hearty send-off A large number of parents and other relatives of the boys are making the trip at the present time.

13th April 1907 At the end of last winter Mr. Strachan, Inspector of Schools, offered a prize of £1 to the school whose garden, tended solely by the pupils, produced the greatest weight of vegetables on a plot 30ft. by 10ft. Mr Irwin, Headmaster of the Havelock School, has been notified by Mr Strachan that the Havelock School garden had won the prize, the weight of the vegetables grown there being 49.2lb. The amount of the prize was forwarded, and will be utilised in purchasing seeds for next season
4th May 1907 So long as the present system obtains the best of the Marlborough school teachers will only remain here until they can get away. Mr Stratford has gone from Renwick to the North Island, .for no increase of pay, but simply because' the conditions under our

Board are almost unendurable. Now we hear of another defection. Mr Irwin, headmaster of the Havelock school, has been appointed to a similar position in the Riwaka (Nelson) school.
11th May 1907 At the last meeting of the Havelock -School Committee (says the Guardian) Mr Taylor referred to the fact that, the Headmaster, was leaving after 12 months' service, and also to the feeling of unrest that seemed to be prevalent in many Marlborough schools. He said there was something radically wrong with the system of appointing teachers, and it appeared as if the primary object of some of the teachers was to be constantly on the move for a higher salary quite oblivious of the great harm the children suffered by the frequent changes. It was, he said, natural for a man-to want to improve his position, but there was a limit to that sort of thing, and no commercial business could possibly progress if there were continual changes in the staff, Other members admitted that some alteration was needed, though it was unanimously agreed that no reflection was thrown upon any teacher— the fault was with the system. Eventually Mr Taylor gave notice of a motion on the subject, of which the following is a copy:—" That this Committee circularise the other School Committees in Marlborough on the subject of the continual change of teachers,-with the object of securing combined action in a request to the Education Board to effect an alteration in the present method of appointing teachers."
14th May 1907 Havelock.—The resignation of Mr Irwin as headmaster was accepted with regret and it was decided to call for applications for the position. Mr Reader was deputed to confer with the Havelock School Committee to endeavour to. secure the retention of Mr Irwin's services until the commencement of the mid-winter holidays. A request for a refund of £2 for a bath fitted at the master's residence and £1 for window-blinds was referred to the Committee. Mr G. Smith was appointed truant officer for the district (Havelock, Canvastown, Mahikipawa, etc.), at a salary of £5 per annum and the amount of fines inflicted.
15th May 1907 The Secretary of" the Education Board invites applications for a head teacher for Havelock school; also a female assistant for the Canvastown school.
1st June 1907 A pleasing little function took place at Mrs F. Pope's last night, in connection with Mr Irwin's early departure from Havelock. Mr Richards took the chair, and in the course of a felicitous speech acknowledged the assistance they had always received from Mr Irwin during the period of change of ministers, and frequently during the late minister's absence. Mr Richards, on behalf of the congregation, then presented Mr Irwin with a suitable souvenir, and Mrs Irwin was not forgotten. Opportunity was also taken to make another presentation by members of his continuation class, and several members spoke of the benefits they had derived. The meeting then sat down to an excellent supper provided by the lady members of the Methodist Church, and the rest of the evening was spent in a social way. Mr Irwin will be leaving here about the 5th June for Riwaka, his new sphere of labour. The school will probably be having winter holidays, during which time his successor, or a temporary substitute, will most likely be appointed.
6th June 1907 Yesterday afternoon Mr Irwin was presented by the school children, prior to his departure for Riwaka to-day, with a small souvenir of his work among them and their esteem. The gift' consisted of a beautiful fountain pen and silver pencil case. Mr and Mrs Irwin and family and Miss Kreig leave to-day by coach for Nelson. Havelock, June 6th, 1907.
19th June 1907 Mr Field, who has for about twelve months been relieving teacher at the Upper Spring Creek School, has been appointed to the charge of the Havelock school pending the arrival of, the newly-appointed headmaster, *Upper Spring Creek is actually plain Spring Creek School*

25th June 1907 Mr J. S. Webb, first assistant master at the Pahiatua State school, has been - selected as headmaster at the Havelock School. *Went to Tokomaru School in the Horowhenua instead*

29th June 1907 The regulation of the Marlborough Education Board that provides for year-to-year appointments of school teachers has on several occasions been condemned in these columns. Again and again it has been brought to our notice that the cause of practical education in this .province has suffered as a result of the iniquitous rule that robs a State servant of the feeling of .security that should be associated with the holding of a position of responsibility, in which results of the most conscientious and ingenious work might not make themselves evident inside of four or five years. Pointing to the School. Committee in every country town, which may or may not comprise the cream of the intellect of the householders of that town, the Education Act says to the newly-appointed teacher: "These are your judges." The teacher accepts the inevitable, but relies upon the Teachers Appeal Court, should his work be misjudged in haste, to see that he shall get fair treatment. The Marlborough Education Board, however, has not been reckoned with, and the unwary appointee learns with dismay that the good purpose of the Appeal Court has been frustrated by. a regulation that gives him only a yearly tenure of office. Some of the best teachers in the service have been lost to Marlborough because of this regulation, and it now appears that one more must be added to the long list. In our Havelock correspondent's Notes on Wednesday last it was stated that Mr J. S. Webb, first assistant teacher of the Pahiatua State School, had been selected for the position of head teacher at Havelock. Mr Webb was selected from amongst fourteen applicants, but the judgment the School Committee exercised in the selection was quite futile, as Mr Webb now writes to thank that body, but to decline the honour. Mr Webb writes: When I found that the conditions of 'appointment were only a certainty for one year I deemed it more advisable to remain here. An experience of 19 years' teaching has revealed to me the fact of men whom I consider good men getting poor results very occasionally, and I know I am not infallible." How long will the Marlborough Education Board withstand appeals to its assumed sense of fairness and good-judgment?

9th July 1907 The Chairman of the Education Board made a very naive admission at last night's meeting. It is an admission of the justice of the charge we have repeatedly brought against that section of the Board which is under the Chairman's thumb—that the teacherships are dispensed in the shape of: patronage. The subject has been brought into prominence once more by the refusal of the selected candidate for the headmastership of the Havelock school to. take up the appointment. The main reacts are sufficiently well known, but it now seems that Mr Scott a former member of the Board, has been writing to somebody here, complaining that no teacher from outside could be expected to change a certainty for an uncertainty. One of Mr Scott's last acts before he retired from the Board was to table a resolution to abrogate appointments from year to year. The motion was, unfortunately, defeated, and though several other members were in favour of it the Chairman affects to treat it as a matter of no importance. Mr Scott, he said, 'had unwittingly put his finger on the crucial point. They (meaning the Board) did not want teachers in this district who considered they held certainties." We should like very much to know what the Board (or that portion of it represented by the Chairman and those who nod at his bidding) does-want. Does it want teachers who shall be constrained to consider that they are not "certainties," and liable to removal at the end of twelve months for reasons unconnected with their ability or non-ability to carry out their duties If so it cannot expect to secure the services of the best men, or even

of the second best from outside, while, by a process as natural as that, of the tides the best and second best already here will steadily drift away, as indeed, they are drifting.

The element of certainty which prevails in other Education districts is not as all teachers know, absolute, but conditioned by considerations 0of capability and conduct, and outside of these no Board possesses the moral right to interfere. It is in the highest degree essential, in the interests of the parents and children, that the position of teacher, should, be as agreeable as circumstances will permit. No man can put his best work into any business when he knows that he has to fight against .influences such as. the Marlborough Education Board has decided to keep operative. It suits the ends of the Chairman perhaps to keep the teachers in a condition of subserviencey, but it cannot serve any useful purpose whatsoever. If the teachers were placed in a position of independence, as they ought to be, a position on the Board might cease to hold for some people the attractions which it at present possesses, but those for whom the schools were created the growing citizens of the State—are more concerned .about the personnel of the teaching staff than about that of the Board. Let the teachers enjoy reasonable freedom and it matters little who sits in the Board's chairs; but, if we are to have the class of incompetent teachers, sure to be the a result of the maintenance of the twelve months lease coupled with a Board grown venal by dabbling in improper patronage, the cause of education in this district will be lost

9th July 1907 THE HAVELOCK HEAD TEACHERSHIP. The Havelock Committee wrote stating that they had heard that Mr Webb, who was appointed head teacher for the Havelock school, was not coming. They supposed the' Board had heard from him. Had the Board done anything, or wired to Mr Smith, the second choice? The Chairman reported that Mr Webb, after appointment, had wired as follows from Pahiatua: Appointment here permanent. Cannot you insure same? Mr Webb was plainly told that the tenure was renewable yearly; but he was apparently not satisfied, and wired again declining to accept the position. The Committee had written for report re Mr Smith. In this connection Rev. Scott had written a letter, which he had seen, in which Mr Scott claimed that Mr Webb's action bore out his contentions in the Board some time ago. Mr Scott had stated that a man could not be expected to sacrifice a certainty for an uncertainty.' Mr Scott had unwittingly put his finger on the crucial point. They did not want teachers in this district who considered they held certainties. Mr Field, the relieving teacher wrote stating that he could not remain after the end of the month

16th July 1907 Mr W. C. Smith, of the Dromore (North Canterbury) School, has been appointed headmaster of the Havelock School.

1st August 1907 Miss Wilson, Blenheim, arrived yesterday to assist at the Havelock school until the new master (Mr Smith) arrives to take up his duties. August 1, 1907.

13th August 1907 Mr Jas. Bruce, Agricultural instructor, to the Nelson, Marlborough, and Grey Education Boards, presented a written report upon his work. He would be coming to Marlborough again in about three weeks when he would devote a month to the school gardens and teachers' classes, this phase of agricultural instruction being most advisable at this season of the year. Mr Strachan said Mr Bruce had paid visits to Ward, Havelock, and other outlying parts; but had met with little success as regards public attendance at lectures. In Havelock only two people attended a lecture. Mr Reader said the Havelock people looked upon the whole movement as a farce

On the motion of Mr Reader, it was resolved that the new teacher at Havelock be asked to prepare an inventory of the gardening tools. It was a pity if the Department's expenditure on gardening should be abused.

14th August 1907 I am reported to have said the Havelock people thought the teaching of agricultural science was a farce. I did not say that. I was asked what I thought, and said I thought it was a farce. Further on in the meeting I said the Havelock School had won the prize for the best garden or for the greatest amount of produce grown. What I had in my mind was, I understand £75 had been spent on ten schools, and for anything I had seen the money could have been much Better applied. H.M. READER

27th August 1907 Mr W. C. Smith, the new headmaster of the Havelock School, has arrived with his wife and family, and took up his scholastic duties on Monday. Miss Farmar, Christchurch, is visiting friends here, and at present is the guest of Mrs W. H. Smith.

2nd September 1907 Since the School Inspector has been here the children have been naturally anxious to know what standards they will be in, but according to the head master promotions in standards will not be made until the time of the Christmas holidays

30th September 1907 Dominion Day in Havelock was wet, cold and boisterous, and a general holiday was rigidly observed, but it would be impossible to say that the enthusiasm upon what is called such a momentous celebration gave any evidence whatever of boiling over and running to waste down the gutters. Most people did not appear to have "caught on," and the proceedings were tame. As usual on State occasions, the assembling of the school children was the principal event. About half of them put in an appearance, and some ten or a dozen adults were also present to listen to the addresses. The Head Master gave a patriotic address, and explained the meaning of the change from "Colony" the Chairman of the Town Board (Mr Price) announced that a medal would' be struck and presented to the children (with possibilities of another ceremonial and another public holiday), and the Rev. Mr Richards improved the occasion with some good advice. The proclamation was read and the flag saluted» with three cheers, and the National Anthem, and the change from Colony to Dominion was consummated with-out any mishap.

15th October 1907 Havelock. —The Committee asked for two regulation straps and a clock.—It was decided to grant the clock

29th October 1907 Among the items open for competition in connection with the Blenheim Garrison Band bazaar, some of the school children of Havelock seem to have shown up well, as the school gained four prizes; Pencil drawing, original design, Stuart Buckman 1st; original design in brush work, Arthur Congdon 1st; brush drawing, copy, Irene M. Smith 1st, Isabel Matthews 2nd. The first prize is 5s and a diploma, the 2nd 2s 6d

13th November 1907 Mr H. Hill, Captain of the Canvastown Cadets, wrote pointing out that the conditions as to the Chaytor trophies for rifle shooting prohibited country schools from competing, as only one range was stipulated, that at Vernon. Mr Hill asked that the cadets be allowed to fire at Canvastown, and suggested that Mr Reader and the Rev. Mr Stace supervise. He intended entering a team for the colonial contests, so that it was important his school should have an opportunity, j Mr Reader said there was a good range at Havelock. He thought that was the proper place for the Canvastown cadets to compete at. The regulations were produced, •when it was seen that the conditions provided for the first firing to take place at Vernon on the first Friday in December. The Chairman suggested that by unanimous agreement the regulations be varied, so as to allow a firing at Havelock, besides Blenheim. Then the next meeting could confirm. it not, the Pelorus boys would still need to come to town to fire. The concession was, of course subject to Mr Chaytor's consent. This was agreed to, Mr Reader undertaking to supervise along with the Rev. Mr Stace.

3rd December 1907 At a meeting of the local school committee this evening it was resolved to purchase a piano for school use. The instrument is to cost £60. It was decided to hold the annual school concert on the 20th instant—the day on which the school breaks up for the Christmas holidays, which are to extend ever a period of six weeks

14th December 1907 The Canvastown, Okaramio, and Havelock detachments of the public school cadets competed for the South Island Shield, the Ammunition Company's Cup, and the Weekly Press competitions on Thursday, 12th inst. A tricky north-wester was blowing, which mitigated somewhat against high scoring. The conditions were 100 yards standing, 150 yards kneeling, and 200 yards lying, seven shots at each range. The Government method of scoring, e.g., 4 for a bullseye, 3 for an inner, and 2 for an outer was used. Cadet Williams put on 70—just one short of his score in the Chaytor Cup competition, in which he won the silver medal for the champion shot in the province

21st December 1907 A proposal is afoot to establish a district High School in Havelock,

24th December 1907 A crowded audience greeted the performers at the school concert in the Town Hall last night, when a long and varied programme was presented solely by the pupils attending the school. Amongst the items were: "Tambourine Drill" by the senior girls, dressed in the guitar costume; "Sailor's Hornpipe," by Katie Pickering-, "Highland Fling," by Katie Pickering an Jessie Hunter, attired in Highland costumes; "Physical Drill" by a squad of cadets, "Club Swinging" by six of the senior girls; pianoforte solo by Rene Smith; recitation, "Give the little Boys a Chance," by junior boys; song and chorus, Dolly Grey by Stuart Buckman; Japanese song and chorus by Rene Congdon; and a humorous sketch entitled Miss Mulligan's School," performed "by the senior girls Rene Smith taking the part of "mistress." This item pointed out the various duties and recreations within the command of the pupils attending a girl's school, much to the amusement of the audience. The charity song, "Please Give Me a Penny, Sir," was sung by Rene Smith, and realised a profit of over 10s, which, aided by the Education Board's subsidy, makes another pound for the school piano fund. "Mr and Mrs C. Smith are to be Congratulated upon the success attending their efforts for the difficulty of training children is well- known, and in this case only the very .short space of a fortnight was allowed in which to bring the children to "concert pitch." During the evening Miss Stone presided at the piano

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1908	58	Havelock	Smith	William C	C3	Head Master	£	195.00
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14th January 1908 The Havelock Committee applied for the usual library subsidy on £24 17s 6dj raised by way of concert. The Chairman said the Town Committee had gone into the accounts, and had found that £10 of the amount represented a discount on .a new piano purchased. Therefore it was only proposed to grant the subsidy of £14 17s 6d. This was agreed to. At this stage Mr Smith gave notice to move at next meeting that rule 27, dealing with the library subsidy system, be renewed. He would then probably propose that the percentage be reduced. If they kept on at 100 per cent, they would gallop speedily to a deficit. Havelock.—The Committee reported having provisionally allowed the Havelock Musical Society the use of the school for practice.—The Committee's action, was confirmed, provided the school is insured.

18th January 1908 Yesterday the annual school picnic was held at Moetapu. The launches belonging to Capt. Smith, Messrs Litchfield and Spittal, and the Rev. Stace's Selwyn were

engaged in carrying the youthful passengers to the holiday resort. The day was passed in playing various games and contests, and was much enjoyed by all present

1st February 1908 The Havelock School will re-open on Monday next

25th February 1908 On Saturday afternoon at Brownlee Park the school girls challenged the boys to a game- of rounders, which resulted in a big win for the boys. Afternoon tea was provided by the parents, and a very pleasant time was spent by the young peopled In spite of one captious critic, the people of Havelock are pleased to see their recreation ground—Brownlee Park—utilised in the manner it was intended by the donor, that is to say recreation and amusement for all who like to use it.

10th March 1908 Havelock Suburban.—Mrs Packard wrote regretting she, could not accept the position of. teacher of Havelock Suburban.—It was resolved to appoint Miss Stone of Havelock School.

11th March 1908 Miss Stone, who has been assistant teacher in the Havelock school for nearly two years, has been appointed to the Havelock Suburban School. There were several applicants for the position

11th April 1908 Miss I. Macalister, of Canvastown, has been appointed assistant mistress at the Havelock school.

2ND June 1908 At the Havelock School on Friday afternoon Miss Stone (who yesterday commenced her duties as mistress of the Havelock Suburban School) was presented by the senior girls with a beautiful silver-mounted hair-brush. The presentation was made by the eldest girl in the school (Miss Elsie Pask *About 15 years old*), who read the following address to Miss Stone:—" We, the elder girls of the Havelock School, desire to present to you, on your departure from our school, this small token of our goodwill, and, at the same time, to .wish you every success, prosperity, and happiness in the future." Short eulogistic speeches were made by the headmaster (Mr W C Smith), the Chairman of the school Committee (Mr W. Pickering), and Mr Buckman, and Miss Stone very feelingly responded. Three hearty cheers for Miss Stone were given by the pupils, and the proceedings concluded.

3rd June 1908 Miss Itta Macalister, in place of Miss Stone, who is transferred to Havelock Suburban, took up her duties at the Havelock school this morning.

24th August 1908 Saturday. Yesterday afternoon after the school children had finished their examination they went over to Brownlee Park for a little recreation; where the girls played a rounder match against the boys. The girls gained 76 points, the boys 87, the boys being victorious by 11 points. After the game they were regaled with, a good afternoon tea, which, needless to say, was much, enjoyed amongst the young people.

8th September 1908 The headmaster- of the .Havelock School is to be congratulated upon the report made by the inspector. The compulsory subjects range from satisfactory to good, and good to excellent. Additional subjects present the same highly satisfactory details. Order, discipline and tone of the school, excellent: efficiency, satisfactory to good, with a note that this school is rapidly taking its place among the best in the province. The progress is especially noticeable in composition, spelling, and arithmetic. The junior division continues to show effective instruction.

22nd September 1908 Next Saturday afternoon, weather permitting, a rounder match will be played at Brownlee Park.at 3 p.m.between the Mahikipawa schoolgirls and the Havelock schoolgirls

29th September 1908 On Saturday morning, the school children were presented by the Chairman of the School Board (Mr W. Pickering) with the Dominion Day medals. Mr Smith,

headmaster, and Mr W. Pickering both briefly addressed the boys and girls. In the afternoon oi the same day a rounder match was played at Brownlee Park, Havelock v. Linkwater. There were sixteen players a-side (nine girls and seven boys). Havelock 163, Linkwater 44 (in two innings). Havelock won by an innings and 119 runs. The parents and friends of the home team had provided a very bountiful tea for the visitors and friends, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The young people left for Mahikipawa by drag

5th October 1908 The Linkwater school children journeyed to Havelock on Saturday last to play a rounder match with the. Havelock school children, and got hopelessly defeated. Nevertheless the children enjoyed their outing, and are looking forward to the return match next month.

14th November 1908 Colonel Loveday passed through to Canvastown yesterday, and inspected the cadets, a- similar inspection taking place at the Havelock school this morning.

21st November 1908 Eleven, candidates presented themselves, Havelock being represented by three, Havelock Suburban four, Canvastown one, Carluke two, and one other candidate not on the roll of any public school. Mr Strachan finished the examination on Thursday morning. Results: Havelock: Jessie Orsman, proficiency certificate Isabel Matthews, proficiency certificate; Willie Warner, competency certificate, results for the other schools are communicated to the head teachers of those schools. A competency certificate is a standard VI pass. A proficiency certificate is- a standard VI pass and in addition gives two years free tuition at a High: School. Mrs W. C. Smith kindly provided tea for candidates from a distance

26th November 1908 Professor Rutherford, who has been awarded the Chemistry Nobel Prize, is well-known in Christchurch, and he has many friends here who will rejoice at the latest success he has added to his very brilliant career. The honour that has been conferred upon him is reflected upon Canterbury, College, where he was partly educated. He was born in Nelson, where his parents resided for some time- After passing through the public school at Havelock under Mr Reynolds he attended Nelson College, and later on came to Christchurch, where he married Miss Mary G. Newton, a daughter of Mrs Newton, who still resides in this city…….

4th December 1908 Proficiency Exams passed Havelock: Isabel Matthews, Jessie Orsman

7th December 1908 Next Saturday a team from Havelock School will visit Mahikipawa for the purpose of playing a return rounder match with the children there. They will leave here about 11.30 a.m. in Mr Brown's drag

14th December 1908 HAVELOCK CADETS.

The following are the results of the class-firing by the Havelock cadets on the Kaituna range on Thursday afternoon. Dr Williams, captain of the Defence Rifle Club, superintended the shooting with Mr J. D. Gorrie, secretary of the D.F.R. and Mr W. C. Smith, headmaster of the Havelock public school. A very. strong and variable wind was blowing, and some of the cartridges were evidently defective, which accounted for the comparatively low, scores

	Kneel	Sit	Lying	Total	
	100 yards	150 yards	200 yards		
W Warner	22	14	20	56	
C Gregor	22	16	16	55	

C Reader	22	15	16	53	
G Condon	17	18	12	47	
C Jarvis	12	13	20	45	
A Watson	16	14	13	43	
S Buckman	15	10	10	35	
A Mills	15	16	13	34	
L Walker	14	10	8	32	
L Taylor	14	4	2	20	
D Henderson	2	6	2	10	
E Buckman	2	0	2	4	
W Orsman	4	0	0	4	

15th December 1908 On Saturday a rounder team from the Havelock school journeyed to Mahakipawa to play a return rounder match with the school children there, resulting in a win for the Linkwater team. Linkwater 1st innings 31, 2nd innings 57, total 88; Havelock 1st innings 39, 2nd innings 20, total 59. Each team has now won a game, and I believe the final will be played after the Christmas holidays. The visitors were entertained to a very nice tea, which all thoroughly enjoyed, before leaving on their return for home

22nd December 1908 Monday; A large audience greeted the performers at the school concert in the Town Hall on Friday evening, when a long and varied programme was presented. The Moetapu Regatta ball, held at Mr G. Borck's woolshed, Maori Bay, took place on the, same evening, which was a pity, as the school concert has for years taken place the Friday before Christmas, and many would have liked to join in the "light fantastic" but were true to their colours, so came and -gave the children their support and encouragement. The young people had only been rehearsing for a week, and it is marvellous, considering the short time, how well they all took the parts allotted to them. Great praise as due to Mr W. C Smith (headmaster), Mrs Smith and Miss Itta Macalister (assistant teacher), for the time and patience they had spent upon the children. During the evening Mr and Miss Smith presided at the piano. Mr Quartly, from Blenheim gave, in his usual good style, two recitations, for which he was recalled and recalled. One of the features of the evening was a society sketch, entitled "The Bashful Lover." Mr Fellowes, as Frank Desborough, acted the part of the Bashful Lover in a most realistic manner, and the many attempts to propose always ended in some ridiculous question far from the point. This had been going on for over seven years, and during that time he could never screw up courage enough to propose. His remarks and nervousness caused great amusement, and fairly brought down the house. Miss Violet Powell was Nancy Waldron, and took her part very naturally. After trying for some time to bring her adoring, though bashful lover, to the point, she lost all patience and said, "You have been courting me for over seven years and never made any offer to marry me and if you ever intend to do so why don't you do it or go." When Nancy had thus done the proposing, the bashful lover immediately waxed eloquent, and the happy day was soon named. Mr Fellowes, who has lately arrived in Havelock, has proved quite an acquisition, being a very clever ventriloquist, and gave an exhibition of his skill. The following is the programme: —Nursery Land, S. Buckman action song. Burlesque Band; solo, Miss Irene Congdon, and chorus: Pop-gun Brigade, by six small boys; school song, "Drink- Little Birdie, and "Days of Summer's Glory" tableau, "The Enchanted Garden baby-life, by six small boys in night attire;' duet, Misses Theo Reader and K. Pickering; action song, junior scholars; Beautiful White Sails,

senior scholars; vacation song, and "God Save the King" brought a very successful evening to a close. The concert was in aid of the piano fund, which now will be greatly reduced.

1909

1909	62	Havelock	Smith	William C	C2	Head Master	£ 200.00
1909	62	Havelock	Hanron	Alice		Assistant Female	£ 90.00
1909	62	Havelock	Reader	Guy H		M Probationer 1	£ 25.00

1909	62	Havelock	Reader	Guy H		MPR1
1912	50	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master
1913	43	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master
1914	39	Carluke	Reader	Guy H		Head Master
1915	37	Carluke	Reader	Guy H	C5	Head Master
1917	42	Carluke	Reader	Guy H	C-64	Head
1919	36	Dyer	Reader	Guy H	C-58	Head
1921	62	Tua Marina	Reader	Guy H	C	Head

Dyer is in the Wairarapa south of Martinborough known locally as Dyerville. In 1910-191 Guy Reader attended Training College at Wellington

22nd January 1909 Junior National Scholarship runner up was Lilian A Smith Havelock With 518 marks. The winner from Blenheim won with 581 marks out of 800

3rd February 1909 Miss Macalister, who is suffering from acute neuralgia, was unable to leave Picton to return to her duties at the Havelock school. Mr H. Reader is temporarily relieving. The children of the local school reassembled after their Christmas holidays this morning. Master Eric Buckman, in Standard IV, received a good attendance certificate, also a silver medal suitably inscribed, given by an anonymous friend. The little scholar had not missed a single half day during last year, and although many times being far from well, battled away to school. Such perseverance deserves encouragement. Misses Annie Smith and Isabel Matthews were also awarded prizes for their good marks during the year.

Misses I. and L. Smith are leaving to-day for Blenheim High School

9th February 1909 Havelock. — The Committee applied for a grant to paint the school, and a new fence. Mr Reader thought that the fence should stand over.—It was resolved that the Committee forward tenders for the painting of the school to the Board, and that Messrs Reader and storey bring up a report on the state of the fence at the next meeting

Four applicants, all qualified, applied for the Board's four probationerships. They were as follows: Miss A. Payne (Grovetown, Master G. Reader (Havelock), Miss M. McCallum (Blenheim) and Miss Lilian Gallop (Blenheim)! All four were appointed to serve in the various schools indicated

4th March 1909 Mr W. C. Smith on Monday received the sad news of the death of his father, which took place, at Ashburton on Sunday. The funeral takes place to-day, and the- local school, of which Mr Smith is headmaster, will therefore be closed.

5th April1909 The football match which was to have taken place on Saturday afternoon at Brownlee Park between the boys of Carluke School and Havelock School was unavoidably postponed, owing to the men who were going to bring the visitors into Havelock upon the "oilpot" having to work in the afternoon. Nevertheless, our boys are looking forward to meeting them at an early date.

11th May 1909 The Havelock School Committee wrote recommending the appointment of Miss Hanron to the position of assistant-secretary. The Inspector said he noticed that Miss Hanron only had a partial E certificate, and he thought Havelock should have a certificated .teacher. It was decided that Miss Hanron be appointed. Mr Reader said the fence at Havelock had been finished, and good work had been done.

The Chairman said in connection with the fence at Havelock, the Board had exceeded the power of expenditure, the work having cost £6 12s 6d, whereas only £6 had been allotted. The question of repairing the back fence was referred to Mr-Reader to deal with, Mr Scott to pay half the cost of the fence. *Probably Alice Hanron*

19th May 1909 Miss Hanron, of Nelson, has taken up her duties at the Havelock school as assistant teacher, Miss Itta Macalister having resigned

25th May 1909 This afternoon, .at Brownlee Park, a very interesting game of .hockey was witnessed—the school girls v. the Takorekes—which resulted in a win for the former by two goals to one-.' The young members must be congratulated upon their excellent play, as one and all played splendidly. The goals for the juniors were scored by Miss K Pickering (captain), and Miss Watson, one of the Takoreke players, accidentally scored for them in a .scrum.-'Miss V. Powell (captain) scored for the Takorekes. After the match afternoon tea was provided by the enthusiastic young players, which, after the hard game, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It is hoped before long a return match will be played. Mr Howard Reader proved a very efficient referee.

In the local school Empire Day addresses were delivered to the children on Friday, each division being taken separately, that the intelligence of the different ages might be appealed to. Reference was made to the. growth and importance of the Empire, the signification of the Union Jack, and the stability of a nation which builds on honor, truth, forbearance and duty, special lessons being .drawn therefrom on morality and good .citizenship. The patriotic song, Britannia the pride of the Ocean, and the .National Anthem were sung by the children

Empire Day was given up to a shooting competition on the Rifle Club's range for the Education Board's; medals, of which two were assigned to this district. The "billy";, was boiled and a good day's sport resulted, The firing was superintended. By Messrs M, M. Reader, B. Hill, W. C. Smith and Hughes, while .Mr Kelling acted as marker.

1st June 1909 The Havelock school-children had an enjoyable day on Saturday, on the occasion of the visit of the Linkwater school for a rounder match. Play commenced at 11.30 a.m., and after the first innings an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where lunch was laid out. The game was continued at 1.30, and great enthusiasm was evinced by the youthful sports, the result being a decisive victory for Havelock by 145 points to 42. By three o'clock, when the sun left the ground, the game was over, and afternoon tea in the schoolroom was as fully appreciated as the lunch. Thanks to the liberal supplies sent by parents and friends, there was sufficient to meet all demands.

The principal scorers on the Havelock side were Mabel Hewetson 31, George Jarvis 28, Cyril Jarvis 19, Jessie Orsman 16, Annie Smith 15, Leslie Walker 13 and Katie Pickering 11; while for Linkwater Charles Coleman secured 12 rounders, Leonard Neal 9, and Annie Dalziel and Herbert Coleman 6 each.

26th June 1909 On Saturday next the school children have a day out on Brownlee Park, the occasion being a rounder match between the Havelock Suburban and the local children,

which is to occupy the morning, and a football match between Canvastown and Havelock boys in the afternoon.
30th June 1909 Mr D. A- Strachan has been on a visit of inspection to the local school, and expressed satisfaction at the work being done and the good tone of the school.
1st July Mr Rabbits, Inspector of Orchards, is in this district, and yesterday afternoon gave an address to the school children on the principles of laying down an orchard. Tomorrow the inspector will give a demonstration of fruit-pruning, which should be well attended. Judging by the majority of' trees about here, the art is almost unknown.
8th July 1909 Mr W C Smith was promoted to C2 classification *A was the highest and E the lowest*

13th July 1909 The Chairman of the Havelock School Committee advised that the cost of laying on water to the boys' urinal was £3 9s 6d, and he also asked that permission be granted to have the fence between the master's residence and the school erected.

It was decided that the request be acceded to, and that Mr Reader have authority to supervise the fencing.

10th August 1909 Mr W. C Smith wrote informing the Board that there were no tanks at the Havelock School, those previously in use having been disposed of. There was a 400-gallon tank at the teacher's residence, but it was used for supplying water to the bath and for indoor purposes. —It was decided to ask the Havelock Committee who gave them permission to sell the tanks and what was done with the money, and that they furnish the Board with an estimate of the cost of sinking a well and installing a pump.

10th August 1909 [our correspondent.] Monday. A very enthusiastic and exciting hockey match was played last Saturday on Brownlee Park between the local school girls and Canvastown. Havelock won the toss, and elected to play down, and soon after the "bully" Isabel Matthews shot a neat goal, followed later on by a cleverly got goal by the captain, Katie Pickering. After half-time the game was made "willing," but no scores were registered. The match resulted in a win for Havelock by two goals to nil. After the play afternoon tea was handed round, and was much appreciated by the visitors.

3rd November 1909 The Misses Smith bicycled from Blenheim on Saturday for the school holidays, which they will spend with their parents.
30th November Misses Annie Smith, Frances Bryant and Bertie Mills proceed to Blenheim on Wednesday to sit for an examination for a scholarship. They .are all pupils at our local school.
6th December 1909 A pleasing little ceremony took place at the local school yesterday afternoon, when Miss Katie Pickering, on behalf of the scholars, presented Misses Essie and "Bobbie" Hunter, who are leaving Havelock, with a handsome silver-backed hand glass and autograph-book, as a memento of the happy times they all had spent together. Miss Essie Hunter, who accepted the gifts for herself and her sister, was very much affected by the kindness of her fellow-scholars.

20th December 1909 Yesterday afternoon at the local school—which had been decorated with ferns and flowers by the children —a number of parents and friends- assembled,, the occasion being the presentation of prizes awarded to the scholars. Mr W. C. Smith, the headmaster, in

a happy little speech to the children, presented the prizes, after which the children sang the "Vacation Song" most heartily, and Master Chas. W. Reader, in a neat little speech, called for three cheers for their popular master, an invitation which was vigorously responded to. All present enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, and the young people had lots of games and scrambles of lollies, and. one and all had a thoroughly good time. Following is the Prizes for highest marks: Preparatory I, Mona Burgin; Preparatory II, Arnold Pask: Preparatory III Frank Scott;

Standard I, Athol Taylor; Standard 2: Gordon Buckman Standard 3: Thomas Scott; Standard 4; Willie Orsman; Standard 6: Gladys Reader; Standard 6: Annie Smith.

Special prizes awarded for most earnest workers, Vera Hewetson (Standard 3) and Eric Burgin (Standard 4).

Progress prize for Standard 5: Leslie Walker. Progress prize for Standard 6, Francis Bryant.

The following are Winners of proficiency certificates, entitling them to two years' free tuition at the High School: Charles W. Reader, (aged 13 years 11 months), Theo Reader (13 years 3 months), Albert Mills (13 years 8 months), Francis Bryant (12 years 8 months), Annie Smith (12 years 8 months. Competency certificates an Standard 6 were gained by Stuart Buckman and George Congdon (a former pupil, now messenger at the local post office.

Attendance certificates: 1st class, Eric Buckman; 2nd class, Thomas Scott, Mavis Orsman, Nellie Smith, Gordon Buckman, Athol Taylor. Dux of the school, Chas. W. Reader.

Miss .Hanron,. Nelson, has gone home for. the school/holidays.

1910

1910	60	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	D3	Head Master	£	185.00
1910	60	Havelock	Hanron	Alice		Assistant Female	£	90.00
1910	60	Havelock	Neumann	Monica		Female Probationer 1	£	50.00

6th January 1910 tis reported that the Grovetown School Committee have decided to recommend the Education Board to appoint Mr W. C. Smith, of the Havelock School, to succeed the late Mr Ladley at the Grovetown School.

8th January 1910 News was received that Mr W. C. Smith, headmaster of the local **school,** had been appointed to a similar position in the Grovetown school. During their stay in Havelock Mr and Mrs Smith, have made many friends, who wish them every success in their new home

12th January 1910 Mr W. C. Smith returned from Wellington on Saturday, whither he went to attend the meeting of the Educational Institute

12th January HEADMASTERSHIP. The Grovetown School Committee advised the Board that Mr W. C. Smith, of Havelock, had been selected as head teacher for the Grovetown school. The Chairman moved that Mr Smith be appointed. Mr Conolly seconded the motion. Mr Smith said- that this was the first appointment since the Board had been brought to see its duty. The Chairman said that the Board had communicated with the Committee, and had recommended Mr W. C. Smith's appointment. Mr' Smith remarked that, that being so, the ground was cut from under his feet. The motion was carried, Mr Smith dissenting. Mr Reader moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that Mr W. C. Smith take up his duties at the termination of

the school holidays, and that Mr Thompson relieve at Havelock until a permanent appointment had been made.—Carried. Mr Parker moved that applications be called for the position of head teacher for the Havelock school., Mr Reader seconded the 'motion, which was carried.

21st January 1910 Frances Mary Bryant (Havelock) won a scholarship of £25 for attendance at High School for 1 year

26th January 1910 At the local school on Thursday next a presentation will be made to Mr W. (1 Smith, prior to his departure to take over the head-mastership of the Grovetown school.

29th January 1910 Mr Thompson, late of Grovetown, will take charge of the local school until a permanent teacher is appointed. The school re-opens on Monday, This afternoon an interesting ceremony took place at the local schoolroom, the occasion being the farewelling of Mr W. C. Smith, the headmaster. There was a very large attendance of parents and pupils, and the general regret shown and expressed at Mr Smith's departure was the noticeable feature of the gathering Mr W. Pickering, chairman of the school committee, opened the proceedings. He regretted Mr Smith's transfer to Grovetown School as the loss to them, and the gain ta>j his new sphere of influence of a good man, who by gentle method, industry, and perseverance had won the goodwill of the pupils themselves, which always meant success for the teacher. He wished him prosperity, and presented him with a small token of appreciation in the shape of an ebony walking stick, silver-mounted, engraved as follows: "Presented to Mr W. C. Smith by the Havelock School Committee, 1910." Mr Smith, in reply, said that he was much affected by the goodwill of the parents, pupils, and inhabitants of Havelock towards him, and in thanking them for that he thanked them also for their testimony as to his influence and success as a teacher of the young; He would treasure their gift, which would be constantly with him. He referred incidentally to the opinion, of Professor Hunter that mere examinations are not by any means, nor always, the test of faithful tuition; and referred to an uncorrected statement in: the local paper that four pupils had been presented for examination and none were successful. As a matter of fact three were sent up, and Frances Bryant, was successful in securing the Duncan scholarship and £25. He had been at Havelock 2 ½ years. In the first year (1907) a gold medal was secured, in 1908 a Marlborough scholarship, and in 1909 the Duncan scholarship. He regretted leaving Havelock; in leaving the children he left many personal friends, but his principal reason for going was to be near Blenheim, where his daughters went to the High School, and 'in his new home they could live at home again instead of his being a divided household.

Several of the School Committee, including Messrs Buckman, J. Gorrie and Brownlee, were eulogistic as to the merits of Mr Smith, and regretful as to his departure. The Committee had always been on excellent terms with the master.

The Rev. J. R. Burgin also spoke. He said that his children, fresh from the Old Country, with everything new —books, environment, etc.—had made such wonderful progress under the patient care of their master that it was a matter of sincere regret to him that they were losing Mr Smith. Mr Smith then took the opportunity of presenting certificates to several pupils for good attendance during the past year, as follows: —Eric Buckman, who had not missed an attendance; Nellie, Smith, Thomas Scott, Gordon Buckman,. and A. Taylor, absent five half-days.

A presentation was then made to Mrs W. C. Smith by Mrs Burgin, on behalf of the teachers and children of the Sunday school, in which Mrs Smith has taken so much interest. The gift

was a lady's hand-bag, with the following inscription: Presented to Mrs Smith from the teachers and scholars of the Havelock Sunday school in appreciation of devoted service. January 27, 1910. Mrs Smith suitably replied. Afternoon tea was provided by parents and friends, and was much enjoyed

15th February 1910 THE HAVELOCK SCHOOL. The Inspector recommended the Board to transfer Mr H. Oldham from Spring Creek to Havelock, and that Miss Monica Neumann be appointed probationer at Havelock, and also that Mr G. H. Reader be reappointed probationer at Havelock if unsuccessful in his examination for his "D" certificate. It was decided to forward the names of the whole of the applicants for the position of head teacher.
17th February 1910 going away to where they are apt to become tired and have headaches. We understand that the Havelock School Committee have recommended the appointment of Mr J. R. A. Gifford, formerly assistant master at the Blenheim Borough School, as head teacher at Havelock, and that he will in due course be appointed by the Board.
17th February 1910 Miss Monica Neumann and Mr Neil Forbes have been appointed probationers under the Marlborough Education. Board. Miss Neumann will be attached to the Havelock School, and Mr Forbes to Renwick.
15th March 1910 The Havelock School Committee wrote recommending the appointment of Mr J. Gifford to the position of headmaster of the Havelock School. —Approved
5th April 1910 Mr J. Gifford, the new headmaster of the Havelock school, commenced his duties yesterday morning
12th April 1910 In consequence of complaints being received as to the bad condition oi I the master's residence at Havelock. the Board decided to call for tenders for putting it in a thorough state oi repair. Mr Storey said that two rooms should be repaired, and he moved that tenders be called for the repairs. Mr Parker seconded the motion, which was carried.
26th April 1910. Inspector’s Report included while at Havelock, there were continuation classes in English, arithmetic, and book-keeping
10th May 1910 The Havelock School Committee applied for a number of repairs for their school.—Mr McCallum moved, and Mr Storey seconded, that a grant of £6 10s be made.—Carried. A further letter was received from this committee enclosing the tenders for repairs to the schoolmaster's residence, which they asked the Board to deal with.—The Board decided to accept the lowest tender, that of Mr Reade, of Havelock, for £20 17s.
14th July 1910 Our Havelock correspondent writes that owing to Mr J. Brownlee, who was secretary and treasurer of the local School Committee, having left the district, Mr W. H. Buckman has taken over the position of secretary and treasurer, and the Committee have temporarily filled the vacancy by the appointment of Mr T. D. Taylor as a member.
2nd August 1910 Our Havelock correspondent writes that a football match played at Brownlee Park on Saturday afternoon between the Carluke and Havelock school boys caused a great deal of excitement among both old and young The .result was a win for Havelock by 12 to 9. Carluke scored well in the second spell. The visitors were regaled with light refreshments in the school before returning home.
16th August 1916 The Havelock and Okaramio school Boys played football on Saturday, afternoon at Brownlee Park, the match resulting in a drawn: game, two tries each, The visitors were regaled with; afternoon tea before going home.

6th September 1910 GIFFORD—HORNE. At the Church of the Nativity today the Ven. Archdeacon united in wedlock Mr James Gifford, headmaster of the Havelock School, eldest

son of Captain William Clifford, of the Bluff, to Lilian Horne, fourth daughter of the late Dr,, Horne, M.R.C.S., arid sister of Mrs W. E. Clouston, of St. Andrew's. The bride being a member of the church choir, the service was fully choral, commencing with the bridal music from "Lohengrin." ……

16th September 1910 Havelock Court Two fines of 2s, without costs, were imposed for parents omitting to send children to school.
10th October 1910 A man named J. Sterling, an employee of Messrs Brownlee and Co., was brought into Havelock .yesterday afternoon from Carluke in Mr Blanchett's conveyance, with his right hand shattered through the explosion of a cartridge. He was taken to the Cottage Hospital,, and as the case was urgent Dr Williams amputated the hand. Mr Gifford, headmaster of the Havelock school, administered chloroform under the doctor's direction. The operation was successful, and Mr Sterling had a good night's rest afterwards, and is doing quite as well as could be expected

19th November 1910 Yesterday afternoon the Havelock School Cadets opened their miniature rifle range, which is to be utilised to enable the lads to acquire proficiency in shooting. The principal advantage claimed for what is in effect a miniature model of a full-sized target and range is its perfect safety, and it has already been well demonstrated that considerable knowledge can be thus gained which is useful when the boys come to practise at real distances and full-sized targets, with regulation arms. The device works on a tramway operated from the firing line, and can be set at any distance or brought right down to the firing-line, and that with expedition, so that no one is exposed to the firing. Mr W. Pickering, the chairman of the School Committee, addressed the boys on the necessity of beginning young to acquire familiarity with the theory of shooting straight. He hoped they would acquire the art of shooting straight, and in another sense that they would learn to shoot straight at an honorable, upright, manly life. He mentioned that the present method of beginning tuition had the approval of Field-Marshal Roberts and General Baden-Powell and many others, and they should be able, when they were men in after life, to put in practice what they had learnt in miniature when they too, were also miniature. Mrs Pickering fired the first shot, and the range was declared open.

Mr Gifford, the headmaster, who takes a great interest in his corps, then took command of the youngsters, and practice began in real earnest.

Owing to the energy of the boys and their teachers, almost the whole of the expense had been already collected.

A number of townspeople and visitors were present, and Master Stuart Buckman made a collection which extinguished the debt, and will form the nucleus of a fund for ammunition.

8th December 1910 At a meeting of the School ,Committee on Monday evening, the headmaster, at the request of the Committee, consented to hand over the rifles during the holidays, in order to allow the boys an opportunity to practise. The master reported that 'the tuition of the boys and girls participating, in the school concert on the 16th. inst. was progressing satisfactorily. Mr Dimanti has also written confirming his willingness to give an item that evening. As all the surrounding talent has been procured the school concert is likely to be a great success

19th December 1910 The above concert took place in the Town Hall last evening before a crowded house. The programme ran from beginning to end without a hitch. The Havelock orchestra opened with an overture, rendered in excellent style. Miss Walker followed with a song entitled "Because," which was thoroughly enjoyed, as was also the duet by the Misses O'Sullivan. The, initial contribution of the boys and girls came next in the "Patriots' March," Miss Kate Pickering singing an old favorite "Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue," followed by "Wake up New Zealand," the choruses being taken up by the company. The marching and formations were worthy of our Territorials, and the contributors are to be congratulated on their performance. Mr C. Dimant, a new friend from Wellington, "brought down the house" with humorous stories and anecdotes, reappearing several, times for encores. Mr D. Wells sang "The Deathless Army" in good voice, followed by "The Gipsy Song" and a coon song, both rendered by the children, causing considerable enthusiasm. Mr Finlayson, who has already established himself as a favorite, contributed a recitation entitled "The. Tay Bridge Disaster." A short display-of drill, ,and a song by the boys entitled "The Mighty Captain" and a song by Miss A. Wells entitled "Love me and the World is Mine," - were very creditably performed. The "Jockey Dance" in costume next brought great amusement to the sporting fraternity, who would not be denied a reappearance. Another old favorite, Mr Lucts, sang "The, Admiral's Broom" and as an encore "The Three Beggars." The concluding item. "The Gipsy's Warning," sung by Mrs O'Grady and illustrated by Miss E. Scott and Mr ?

1911

1911	56	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	D3	Head Master	£	185.00
1911	56	Havelock	Hanron	Alice		Assistant Female	£	90.00
1911	56	Havelock	Neumson	Monica		Female Probationer 2	£	55.00

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1890	455	Masterton	Gifford	James		Assistant Master
1891	510	Masterton	Gifford	James		Assistant Master
1892	714	Clyde Quay	Gifford	James		Assistant Male
1893	635	Clyde Quay	Gifford	James		Assistant Male
1894	717	Clyde Quay	Gifford	James		Assistant Male
1906	365	Blenheim	Gifford	James R A	Licensed	Assistant Master
1907	359	Blenheim	Gifford	James R A	Licensed	Assistant Master
1908	381	Blenheim	Gifford	James R A	D4	Assistant Master
1909	25	Burnett's Face	Gifford	James R A	D3	Head Master
1910	60	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	D3	Head Master
1911	56	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	D3	Head Master
1912	55	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	C3	Head Master
1913	55	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	C2	Head Master
1923	15	Hillersden	Gifford	James R A	C-119	Sole

1908 James Passed his D 4 examination, Lilian purchased a section at Hillersden in 1914 and it appears they lived there for the rest of their lives. James was involved in farming organisations

14th February 1911 The Havelock School Committee wrote asking for three lengths of hyloplate *(Blackboard)* for the school walls. The application was granted

9th March 1911 SCHOOL COMMITTEE. .At-the above meeting, held last evening, the headmaster (Mr Gifford) reported that £10 had been paid on account of the piano, being the surplus from the school concert, and that the Education Board, who had been advised to that effect, would probably forwarded the subsidy within a few days, when the whole-of .the debt would be cleared off.

14th March 1911 PIANO SUBSIDY. A letter was received from the Havelock School Committee asking for a subsidy on the amount raised locally for the school piano. It was decided to grant a subsidy of £1 for every £1 raised.

26th April 1911 Our Havelock correspondent writes: The election of the School Committee took place on Monday evening, the following being elected: Messrs W. Pickering, W. H. Buckman, G. Pope, F. Pope, A. Pask, 'and Rev. E. H. Pain. Mr Pickering was again elected chairman, and Mr W. H. Buckman secretary. Messrs T. D. Taylor and J. D. Gorrie did not seek re-election. The above committeemen were the only householders, in attendance—a most regrettable circumstance, which shows an unwarrantable lack of interest by the townspeople in educational matters

29th April 1911 In view of the prevalence of various complaints amongst schoolchildren the Havelock School Committee have decided to close the school-for the week commencing on Monday next

3rd May 1911 The- reports of the truant officers employed by the Marlborough Education Board show that daring last year were laid Blenheim and 10 in Havelock Convictions were recorded in every ease, and the fines were as follows:—Blenheim £5 5s, costs £2 11s; Havelock £1 18s costs 17s 6d he Inspector reports that under the Education Amendment Act of last year pupils must now, until their fourteenth year, or the attainment of the age of exemption attend every time the school is open but the following grounds of exemptions are added to those in the Act of 1908- severe stress of weather, sudden and serious illness of a parent

9th May 1911 The secretary of the Havelock School Committee (Mr W. H. Buckman) writes correcting a statement which appeared in the columns of this journal recently to the effect that the local school had been closed for a week on account of sickness. The reason why the school was closed,. Mr Buckman states, was; that the regular week's holiday was being held. The school closes for a week in May, and also for a week in September.

24th June 1911 THE CORONATION.

HAVELOCK CELEBRATIONS. Our Havelock correspondent writes: —The Coronation celebrations were held here on Thursday in splendid weather. In the early part of the forenoon Mr W. Pickering, chairman of the School Committee, presented -the Coronation medals to the children. The school cadets formed up in front of the Town Hall, and saluted the flag, thereafter the Havelock band played the National Anthem. The procession then proceeded along Lucknow Street, headed by the band, with Britannia and the Dependencies mounted on an artistically decorated express following, preceded by the members of the Friendly Society of Foresters, Town Board members, and others. The procession terminated at the public recreation ground. where an elaborate programme of children's Sports was gone through, and afternoon tea supplied by the ladies' committee. In the evening a display of fireworks and a bonfire delighted the. hearts of the youngsters; -the former, however, were not up to

expectation. A dance in the Town Hall concluded the proceedings, and again the ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames Buckman, Smith, Taylor, Scott, Williams, and Pickering, provided supper. The dance takings amounted to £9 2s 6d, and on the whole proceeds of the Coronation fund there is. likely, to be a considerable balance on the credit side. During the procession the onlookers -were entertained to a Maori dance of welcome by one of the Sounds Maoris, Hama Humeura by name, the facial expressions being particularly amusing.

29th June 1911 A correspondent at Havelock writes as follows:—Coronation Day was a red-letter day for the children. Every child on the ground received a silver coin, whether starting in a race or not. After the sports the whole of the children and many adults were given a free tea. Over 200 sat down to one of the most delicious teas ever provided—but then, the ladies of Havelock are noted for the way they get up all kinds of teas .and ball suppers. They have promised to give a grand ball and supper when the Town Hall is. lighted with electricity, which is expected to be accomplished before the winter ends

11th July 1911 An application was received from, the v Havelock School Committee for a grant for painting the school fence The Chairman said he was by no means in. favor of making grants1 for this purpose and he was opposed to the application. Mr Penny thought it would be a good tiling to have the fence painted. Mr White was very much in favor of the application.'. He thought it economical to paint the fences. Mr Fulton said that he did not agree with the other speakers, as he thought painting fences1 was false economy. Mr Ferguson considered that paint preserved the wood, but he was not in favor of the erection of wooden fences. Mr Storey thought that wire fences should be erected. It was decided that the Havelock Committee be instructed to repair the fence, but that no paint would be paid for by the Board.

12th September 1911 The Havelock Committee applied for a grant of £3 for replacing some piles at the school.—The application granted

5th September 1911 The football match between the Havelock schoolboys and the Canvastown boys resulted in a win for the latter by 11 points to nil. The Canvastown boys played a fine dashing game, showing great improvement on their previous matches. The home team seemed to have the best of the game all through. The Havelock boys had a little more "foot" than some of the home boys, although they did not play up to their usual form, while Canvastown played better than usual. They all played well, while the kicking at the goal by C. Hart was very good.

4th November 1911 The Havelock School Committee asked the Board to put new desks in j the infant room as soon as possible, and also made application for a couple of heaters before the winter came on. Mr Storey said he had seen Mr Buckman, and he bore out what the application made out in regard to the heaters. Mr Ferguson suggested that the large trees at the school be cut down. These made the place damp. Mr Strachan: Judging by the price charged to cut down the last trees it would pay to put in the heaters. On Mr Storey's motion the application for the heaters was agreed to; .the desks to be supplied as soon as convenient

16th December 1911 A very touching little presentation was made on Wednesday afternoon in the Havelock school) Miss Monica Neumann being the recipient. The gift was a handsome dressing-case from the children and: teachers, as a token of esteem and remembrance to Miss Neumann,, who severs her connection, with the Havelock school today, and, after the holiday vacation will resume her studies at the college in Wellington. The presentation was made by one of the children, who in a pretty speech handed the gift to Miss Neumann, who responded

suitably. The Rev. Mr Pain called for three hearty cheers, raid afternoon tea was then partaken of in honor of the guest.

1912

1912	55	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	C3	Head Master	£ 190.00
1912	55	Havelock	Hanron	Alice		Assistant Female	£ 90.00

11th June 1912 HAVELOCK. The Committee wrote asking for a grant for firewood. The Chairman moved that £2 be voted for the work of cutting down 1 trees on the school property. He said

that the Board could not legally make a grant for firewood. The motion was carried.
“There is too much spoon-feeding of some of our School Committees," said the chairman of the Education Board yesterday during a discussion in which the cost of cleaning the Havelock School was compared unfavorably with that recorded at Blind River. Mr Reader did not think that the Havelock Committee had been extravagant.
19th June 1912 School Committee Havelock: Messrs W. Pickering-(chairman), F. C. Couper, H. M. Header,. C. C. Harris, C. Aker, F, W. Pope, and W. H. Buckman (secretary).
21st June 1912 Our Havelock correspondent writes. Twelve householders were present at meeting held in the schoolroom on Monday night for the purpose of selecting a School Committee for the present year. The following were elected:—Messrs W. Pickering, W H. Buckman, P. Pope, senr., H. M. Reader, .Rev. Aker, Cowper, and C. O. Harris. The balance-sheet showed a debit balance of 2s 1d, and it .was explained that the capitation receipt was £7 short of the previous year. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr V. Trevithick for his prize of £2 donated for competition for the school children. After the householders' meeting the Committee met and appointed Mr Pickering chairman, and Mr Buckman secretary. It was decided, that the Territorials be 5 shillings per night for the use of the school for drill purposes. A grant of was received for trimming the trees.

9th July 1912 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. An application for exemption from school attendance for her daughter 13 years old, was received from a Havelock resident, who explained that the girl was urgently required for housework. The .Secretary reported that he had sent a reply explaining that the reasons advanced for exemption did not come under the provisions of the Act; but if the other children were sent to school regularly and the girl in question attended school as often as possible, he (the Secretary) could explain the circumstances to the Truant Officer The action of the Secretary was approved.

The Havelock Committee-forwarded an account for £3 10s for the cutting down of trees on the. school grounds. —Payment was authorised.

9th July 1912 ARBOR DAY. SCHOOLS TO BE ALLOWED A HALF-HOLIDAY

The question of granting a holiday to the school children on Arbor Day was discussed by the Education Board yesterday. Mr Penny moved that the Board recognise the purpose of the fixture by authorising a half-holiday. Mr Reader strongly opposed the indiscriminate planting of forest trees in school grounds. These big growths were a danger to life and limb; they over-crowded the playing areas, acid shut out the sun and air; and the necessity of cutting them down imposed expanse on the Board. An account of £3 10s had just been passed for the

clearance of trees enclosing the Havelock school. As far as afforestation was concerned, it was ridiculous to expect that it would be assisted by insignificant plantations on small sections. If some such scheme as the planting of Mr Fairhall's Woodbank Estate were undertaken something practical could be done……

12th July 1912 LIFE AT NIUE.

TRE ISLAND ;AND ITS PEOPLE
An interesting letter, extracts from which are given below, has been received by a local resident from Mr C W. Smith, formerly headmaster of the Havelock and Grovetown Schools: who is now in charge of the school at the island of Niue. Mr Smith says: "In climate we have, found the inland most exquisite, except in the hot season—December to March……

10th September 1912 The following resolution was received from the Havelock School Committee:—"That the time has arrived when the Havelock school should he converted into a district high school." The Committee asked the Board to have this wish carried into effect. The suggested institution would be a great boon to many parents who had children with proficiency certificates, but could not afford to send them away to the Marlborough High School or Nelson College. It was thought that Havelock could guarantee at least sixteen or more children, and that the school would be well supported by other parts of their district.

Mr Nees urged that the Board give the movement its full sympathy. Havelock was the centre of an extensive district, and it was anticipated that a district high school there would attract children from Canvastown, Mahakipawa, and other places. The Chairman referred to the movement sympathetically. The proposed institution would be likely to benefit rather than be to the detriment of the Marlborough school. It would excite the appetite for higher education, and be a feeder to the principal institution.
A resolution was passed providing for the 'necessary steps to be taken for the establishment of a district high school.
The Havelock Town Board asked that three or four gum trees on the school ground be removed, as the roots were detrimental to the road and path.—The School Committee wrote recommending that the request be complied with.—It was resolved to offer the trees to the Committee for use in its own school, or for sale.

20th September 1912 HAVELOCK.

PERSONAL
Mr Howard Reader, who was chosen for the position of master of the Carluke public school, is a son of Mr H. M. Reader, of Kaituna Valley, and is a native of the district. 'Mr Reader received his proficiency certificate from Miss Matthews at Havelock Suburban, and afterwards attended the Marlborough High School for three years. He was one of the first two probationers appointed, and served one year 'at the Havelock school, and gained his D pass. He then went to the Wellington Training College, where he gained a full D, besides holding a .certificate as a trained teacher. Since then he has been relieving at Seddon, and latterly. teaching at a college near Gisborne. *(Actually Guy Howard Reader)*
11th October 1912 Havelock Town Board meeting included A letter was received from the Education Board, stating that the trees in front of the school building, complained of as detrimental to the street, had been offered to the Havelock School Committee to be dealt with

as considered best. This was not considered satisfactory, and on the motion of Mr E. H. Smith, seconded by Mr Buckman, it was resolved that the Education Board be again written to on the matter.

15th October 1912 HAVELOCK. With regard to the proposal to establish a district High School, the Havelock Committee advised that it could not guarantee a roll number or 25 children with proficiency certificates (an average attendance of 20 being required by the Department); but it hoped to be able to do so after the examinations. An application for the connection of the teacher's residence with the acetylene gas service was discussed. It was pointed out that to grant the application would be to establish a precedent. Mr Nees moved, and Mr Storey seconded, that the request be granted. The motion was lost, and the) matter was deferred. With regard to the cutting down of gum trees, the matter was left in the hands of the chairman and Ward members, to report at next meeting, the committee reporting that its funds would not permit it to do the work

10th December 1912 HAVELOCK. The Committee asked for the means to install a septic tank in the interests of sanitation. There had been several cases of enteric fever at Havelock lately, and it was important that all possible' precautions should be taken. Ct was resolved that the Committee foe asked whether it would provide for up to £10. as the full cost of the work, and in the event of its doing so, the Department be asked to subsidise the work,

1913

1913	55	Havelock	Gifford	James R A	C2	Head Master	£	195.00
1913	55	Havelock	O'Connor	Theresa		Assistant Female	£	90.00
1913	55	Havelock	Reader	Theo		FPR1	£	20.00

4th January 1913 The Havelock Committee again communicated with the Board regarding the need for a septic tank for the school and residence. A tank would cost at least £20, and the Committee suggested that the Board carry out the work, and the Committee repay the Board by instalments of a year.—it was resolved to hold the matter over pending a visit to be paid to Havelock by the Sanitary Inspector.

11th February 1913 HAVELOCK. Mr Johnson, Health Inspector, reported that the proposed water and drainage scheme at this school would be done, only at a considerable expense. The report was received, and it was decided to send a copy to the committee. The Secretary stated that special money would not be available for this work.

15th April 1913 It was resolved that -the fence between the teacher's residence and the paddock at Havelock be. repaired.

18th April 1913 Inspectors Report included The following schools taught history with most effect: —-Havelock ……. (Gardening) Practical work and the science connected there-with appeared to best advantage at Grovetown, Canvastown, Marlboroughtown, Renwick, Havelock, Grassmere, and The Pines,…… Dairy Science: Practical work was undertaken at Rapaura, Canvastown, and Havelock. This was a new departure…….

10th May 1913 Havelock, W. H. Buckman (secretary), J. D. Gorrie, C. C. Harris, F. F. Cowper F. W. Pope. And C. Aker elected School Committee

13th May 1913 he Havelock Committee was given permission to devote the balance of money in the teacher's hands for free books to the formation of a school library.

A sum not to exceed £10 was granted for the erection of a, shelter shed under Mr Nees's supervision.
14th October 1913 n response to an inquiry from the Havelock School Committee, the Education Board at its meeting yesterday resolved that the school holiday in connection with, the provincial anniversary, which falls this year on a Saturday, be observed on the following Monday, November 3rd.
17th October 1913 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: The truant inspector (Mr E. Thomas) proceeded against. W. Voyce for failing to send his child to school. A fine of 5s with costs was inflicted. Another case was withdrawn.
9th December 1913 Five applications were received, for the position of assistant at the Blenheim School, and were ordered to be forwarded-to the committee for selection. A similar course was adopted with regard to six applications for an assistantship at Grovetown and two for an assistant position at Havelock Miss A. Hanron was granted leave of absence from the Havelock School as from the end of last month.—The secretary intimated that a relieving teacher had been supplied
9th December 1913 Mr Nees's motion that the architect prepare an estimate of the cost of the installation of a septic tank system and appliances at the Havelock school, and submit same at next meeting was carried. The mover stated that the Committee was prepared to devote the money annually expended in the removal of nightsoil towards the cost of the work.
20th December 1913 Our Havelock correspondent writes:—A full meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Thursday evening for the purpose of selecting an assistant teacher. Four applications wore considered, and it was resolved to recommend the appointment of Miss Frances Power, of Wellington. The Committee were not unanimous in the selection, and ultimately it was also decided to submit the name of Miss Stratford.

22nd December 1913 At the "break-up" of the Havelock school yesterday afternoon, opportunity was taken by the children to make a presentation of a silver cake basket to Mrs J. B. Reid, *(Miss Hanron)* their late teacher. Mr J. Gifford, headmaster, on behalf of the children, made the presentation, and referred to the good work and efficiency of their late teacher during the 4/2 years she had been with them. Mrs Reid suitably thanked the children for their gift. In behalf of the School Committee, Mr W. H. Buckman and the Rev. C. Aker also tendered their appreciation of the services of Mrs Reid.

Mr W. Pickering, chairman of the Committee, presented the proficiency and competency certificates to the children who had been successful at the repent examination, and on the call of Mr W. H. Buckman a vote of appreciation was accorded Mr Gifford for the success attained by the children at the examination. Afternoon tea brought the proceedings to a close.

1914

1914	53	Havelock	Barrowclough M A	Alfred E	A1	Head Master	£	205.00
1914	53	Havelock	O'Connor	Theresa		Assistant Female	£	90.00
1914	53	Havelock	Reader	Theo		FPR2	£	30.00

3rd January 1914 Professor Ernest Rutherford New Zealand's great scientist, has been knighted by the King. Professor Rutherford, it may be remembered;, received his public school education in Mar[borough, and in 1897 won a scholarship from tile Havelock school which took him to Nelson College. Since 1907' he has been Langworthy

Professor and Director of Physics Laboratories at the University of Manchester. He was awarded the Nobel's Prize for physics in 1908

13th January 1914 At the request of the Havelock Committee, it was decided to call for fresh applications, for the position of assistant teacher, Miss Power having declined appointment.

14th January 1914 The following school buildings in the Marlborough district have, as a whole or in part, been in existence for over thirty years:—Tua Marina, Havelock Suburban, Picton, Havelock,

17th March 1914 As Miss Dowling had been unable to take up the position of teacher for the Havelock School, it was decided to call for fresh applications.

16th Aril 1914 Mr J. R. Gifford, who is taking up land at Hillersden, resigned the position of head teacher at Havelock.

25th April 1914 A POPULAR MASTER. On Thursday afternoon the children and parents met at the local school for the purpose of bidding farewell to. the headmaster, Mr J. Gifford, who is leaving to take up farming at Hillersden.

Miss O'Connor, assistant mistress presented Mr Gifford with a handsome inkstand in behalf of the children, and .expressed the general regret at losing their headmaster, who during his term had shown great consideration and kindness to them all, in addition to which, the successful results of the school were to be attributed to his energies.

Mr W. H. Buckman, of the School Committee also. spoke, arid expressed the .regret of the committee at losing their able, master. Mr J D. Gorrie another member of the Committee spoke in similar terms, especially mentioning the discipline kept by Mr-Gifford' as a marked improvement

In reply, Mr Gifford thanked the children for their gift, and hoped that they, would work as well with their new master as they had done with him. He thought the; school would-rank with the best in the district. It had taken one of the first places in efficiency during the last two years and he hoped it would continue to do so.

Three cheers were then given for Mr and Mrs Gifford, and the proceedings were terminated.

1st May 1914 School Committee HAVELOCK. Messrs J. D. Gorrie (chairman), W. H. Buckman (secretary), W. Pickering, F. Pope F. C. Couper, C. Harris, and C. G. Rhimes

2nd May 1914 HAVELOCK.' The tender of H. Christian of £21 for the installation of a hot water service and a range at the headmaster's residence was accepted, the work to be completed to the satisfaction of Mr W. K. Matthews, of Havelock. The committee's request for the installation of a gas service at the headmaster's residence was not entertained, It being explained that the Board had not laid gas on to any teachers' residences. If he desired it, the headmaster was granted permission to lay the gas on to the residence at his own expense

12th May 1914 Mr A. E Barrowclough who has been appointed headmaster of the Havelock .School in succession -to Mr J. R. Gifford, resigned has been headmaster of Auroa School in the service of the Wanganui Education Board for sometime: He is a married man about 50 years of age, and has had fifteen years' experience as a teacher, two in Victoria and thirteen in primary schools in New Zealand

9th June 1914 SEPTIC TANKS. The architect (Mr E. Hylton) presented estimates of cost of the work of installing septic-tank systems for the Rapaura-and Grovetown schools. In view of the depletion of the Board's general fund by, among other things, the commitments, amounting to £380, for septic- tank systems at Blenheim, Havelock, and Renwicktown, it was

decided that further consideration of the requirements of the two schools referred to in the report be. held over till next financial year.

14th July 1914 HAVELOCK

The Committee drew attention to the undue overshadowing of the grounds by high trees.—lt. was resolved that the ward members arrange with, the School Committee for the cutting down and disposal of the trees.
11th August 1914 Recommendations made by Messrs Nees and Fulton with regard to the trees at Havelock and certain school requirements there were adopted. They considered that the trees should be allowed to remain.
11th September Havelock Town Board report included a letter was received from the Education Board notifying the Board that the suggested cutting down of the trees on the school section It had been reported on unfavorably. Mr Pickering spoke very strongly on the matter. He considered that the Education Board were treating the Town Board as a lot of children. It was as much incumbent on the Education Board to comply with the Board's request as for private individuals who have to do so, —Other members also ventilated their views. Finally it was decided that as this was the final meeting of the Board, the matter be left for the new Board to deal with
30th October 1914 HAVELOCK. v A request for 18 feet of hyloplate *(Blackboard)* for the school was granted.
It was decided to remove a stove from the Havelock School to the caretaker's cottage at Blenheim.
10th November 1914 The secretary was instructed to inform the Havelock Committee that the sum of £1 obtained for a stove sold by the committee and utilised for the work of trimming trees should be remitted to the Board. A motion that a grant of £2 be made for the trimming of the trees was lost on the following division: -Ayes: Messrs McCallum, Nees, Penny. Noes: Messrs Ferguson, Mackay, Fulton, Conolly, and the .chairman. After consideration of a letter from the Havelock Committee, it was resolved to adhere to the arrangement for the working of the Blenheim and Havelock districts conjointly by Mr Bird truant inspector.
5th December 1915 he Hon. Mr Allen passed through. Havelock on Thursday on his way from Nelson to Blenheim and Wellington. He remained in Havelock about an hour, but the visit had no political significance, as beyond a few words to the school children who were lined! up to meet him there was no speechmaking
15th December 1914 HAVELOCK. The Committee wrote forwarding the sum of £2 representing the sale of a tank not required at the School asking for a grant for the purpose of trimming the trees in the vicinity. It was decided to remit the sum of £2 to the Committee in compliance with their request

21st December 1914 FOR' THE BELGIAN FUND I An entertainment in the Town Hall, by the Havelock school children, in aid of the Belgian Fund, was organised by the head teacher (Mr Barraclough) and; his wife. It was held on Friday evening, and was a most decided success, both financially and otherwise. The proceeds amounted to a, little over £16. Mr and Mrs Barraclough are to be heartily congratulated on the outcome of their efforts, not only from a financial point of view, but from the way the children without exception acquitted themselves. The hall was well filled, and there was no hitch of any kind throughout the evening. The following programme was rendered

Part I.: Overture, Monica Dooley; song, "Welcome," little girls; action song, "A Soldier's Life,-juniors; recitation, It’s no Joke to be a Baby, infants; action song, "Rowing," juniors;

dialogue, "The Chicken," boys; scarf drill, girls; recitation, "The Twins," Forrest Marriott; song, "Sailors of the Fleet," Irish Jig, Monica and Maggie Dooley; recitation, "How Did You Die?" Arnold Pask; Inquest of Cock Robin, school. Part II.: Overture, Eileen Buncombe; play, "Dumbing," school; patriotic song, "The Union Jack," school.

1915

1915	62	Havelock	Barrowclough M A	Alfred E	A1	Head Master	£	215.00
1915	62	Havelock	O'Connor	Theresa		Assistant Female	£	110.00

Alfred E Barrowclough

T e Ara: Harold Eric Barrowclough was born in Masterton on 23 June 1894, the son of Hannah Sibthorpe Gault and her husband, Alfred Ernest Barrowclough, a civil engineer who later worked as a schoolteacher

Trove 1893 - MARRIAGE - Marriage of Alfred Ernest BARROWCLOUGH to Annie GAULT on 6 Sept 1893 at the Wesleyan Church in Armadale, Victoria, Australia. He is the brother of Marie Ledgard BARROWCLOUGH. He is also the father of Harold Eric BARROWCLOUGH of New Zealand.

1894/9015	Barrowclough	Harold Eric	Hannah Sibthorpe	Alfred Ernest
1895/18629	Barrowclough	Myles Edward	Hannah Libthorpe	Alfred Ernest
1899/3997	Barrowclough	Frederick Gault	Hannah Sibthorpe	Alfred Ernest
1901/6083	Barrowclough	Charles Byers	Hannah Sibthorpe	Alfred Ernest
1905/6295	Barrowclough	Elizabeth Annie	Hannah Sibthorpe	Alfred Ernest

1926/1875	Barrowclough	Alfred Ernest	63Y
1953/28554	Barrowclough	Hannah Sibthorpe	94Y

1896 Teacher of Eastern Bush and Feldwick in Southland Education Board with rolls of 19 and 15. 19 . 10.9 Kilometres or 6.2 Miles apart between Clifden and Ohai in North West Southland

1897 Still at both schools roll 25 and 12. *For some schools they worked as a part time school where the teacher taught one day at one school and one day at the next. In the Wairarapa this ,meant a six day working week , See Castlepoint Whakataki Schools @ Wairarapa School History*

29th October 1901 —A. E. Barrowclough, a4, M.A., B.Sc.E., was appointed headmaster of Bannockburn School on the 24th inst

17th May 1905 BARROWCLOUGH.— On the 12th May, **a$** Bannockburn. Central Otago, the wife of **A**. E. Barrowclough a daughter

29th November 1905 The following resignations were received **A. E. Barrowclough.** head teacher, Bannockburn: Central Otago

11th December 1908 Appointments. A. E. Barrowclough (Moutoa) Wanganui Education Board *Moutoa is on Shannon Foxton Road*

18th February 1909 A E Barrowclough appointed Head Master Patea Wanganui Education Board

5th February 1913 Auroa School Wanganui Mr A. E. Barrowclough returned on Friday from their trip to Australia, where he has been spending his vacation. School reopened on Monday. Miss Duffy has been transferred to the Waverley school. Her departure is much regretted, as during the short time she has resided in Auroa she has made herself very popular and .will be much missed, especially in musical circles. Miss Crawford will fill the vacancy. We seem to get our fair share of scholarships. Miss Jessie Dunn has been most successful in matriculating this year; also Master Harold Barrowclough has won **a** University scholarship, and intends to proceed shortly to the Wellington College. *Auroa is on Eltham Opunake Road*

14th November 1913 At the Wanganui Education Board's meeting on Wednesday **a** letter was received from Mr A. E Barrowclough declining the offer of position as head teacher at Kaponga

14th May 1914 On account of Mr A. E. Barrowclough, who is leaving the district— **A** quantity of household furniture and effects. At Auroa Stock sale

21st May 1914 Resigns from Auroa

31st May 1939 Te Marua Diamond Jubilee showing A. E. Barrowclough (1920-21)

Buried in Dunedin Cemetery Not Teaching at end of 1921 at Te Marua *(Te Marua is just North of upper Hutt)*

8th January 1915 Our Havelock correspondent writes: —The two eldest sons of Mr Barraclough, headmaster of the Havelock public school, both of whom had sent in applications for active service at the front, have received notice that they were wanted. The elder of the two, I understand, holds the position of sergeant in the Otago University corps, and is well up in drill, and both are thoroughly imbued with that true spirit of patriotism which .is so essential a factor to the making of a good soldier. The departure of two such promising young men for active service must be very trying to the parents, and Mr and Mrs Barraclough have the deepest sympathy as well.as the admiration, of the many friends they have made in this district during the time they have resided here in. what must be to them a sore trial, their spirit of true patriotism notwithstanding. Both the young men have the best wishes of the community as a whole.

9th February 1915 It was decided to connect the teacher's residence at Havelock with the septic tank system at the school on condition that the headmaster provided a certain portion of the cost.

27th March 1915 Mr W. C. Smith, a former schoolmaster at Havelock, is at present on a, visit to this district (states the Guardian). Mr Smith is accompanied by his wife and family, and is touring New Zealand in his own car, enjoying a five months' vacation from his labors at Niue, where he was sent by the Government some five years ago to establish education amongst the natives. Since his arrival in New Zealand he has. received notification of his appointment to the charge of a .school in Ngataugiha. Rarotonga, which is the largest of the three native schools recently established by the Government in the Cook Islands. Mr Smith, will be assisted in his new sphere of work by his two daughters as first and second assistants respectively.

16th April 1915 Town Board meeting included: The secretary drew the attention of the Board to the introduction of a septic tank into the school grounds for the use of the public schools,

which would mean that the supply of water used: would be much heavier than hitherto. It was resolved that the charge for water for the school and residence be 17s 6d per quarter
11th May 1915 The Sanitary Inspector (Mr J. .Johnston) reported that the .work of installing the septic tank at Havelock had been carried out in a. satisfactory manner
11th June 1915 Mr Buckman said that the overshadowing of the main road by large trees in the school ground had been a cause of complaint for some .years past, and he moved that the Education Board be written to requesting that they be cut down;
15th June 1915 Town Board, wrote stating that the charge for water for the Havelock School would be 18s per quarter, in view of the septic tank. It was decided to invite the Town Board to pay a contribution towards the cost of the septic tank system at the school.
The Havelock Town Board asked that the trees in the Havelock school ground be trimmed or removed.—It was decided that the Town Board be allowed to remove the trees at its own risk and expense.

16th July Havelock Town Board minutes included: Regarding the Board's objection to trees in the school grounds which overshadowed the road, the Education Board wrote authorising the Town Board to have the trees removed at its own risk and expense. Mr E. H. Smith said that this matter had cropped up regularly every winter, and evidently there was little satisfaction to be derived from the Education Board. There was no doubt that the shade from the trees •was detrimental to the road. He moved that the Board exercise its powers under the Local Bodies Act and serve the Education Board with a notice to remove the offending trees to the satisfaction of the Town Board. The motion was seconded by Mr Buckman, and carried.

14th September 1915 Havelock School gifts for soldiers Havelock: Socks, holdall, handkerchiefs, laces, soap, chocolate, stationery, pipes, tobacco, cigarettes

15th October 1915, Town Board The time-worn subject of the overshadowing trees in the school-grounds was again introduced by Mr. Smith. The members agreed: that some finality should be reached in connection with the matter, the Education Board having practically ignored the Board's protest. Mr Smith moved that the Education Board be notified, that the offending trees in the school grounds must be removed by the 31st December, otherwise the Town Board would carry out the]work and charge the cost to the Education Board.—Carried

9th November The Havelock Town Board was insisting that trees at the Havelock school be removed or trimmed within two months, or the work would be done ;md the cost charged to the Education Board. Mr Nees said that the Board, was liable, He moved that the School Committee be offered £3 to remove the trees, ;and the committee be allowed the wood for fuel. This was carried.

1916-1917

1917	81	Havelock	Barrowclough MA	Alfred E	A-38	Head	£235.00
1917	81	Havelock	O'Connor	Teresa M		Assistant	£126.00

10th February 1916 Due to a request made in the School Journal that the Havelock school children, during their Holidays, be encouraged to collect grass seed, a. parcel of about 18lbs. of excellent cocksfoot and white clover seed 'has been handed to the schoolmaster-. The proceeds are to go to the Patriotic Funds.

19th Aril 1916 School Committee Havelock.—James D. Gorrie (chairman), W. H. Buckman (secretary), J, B. Lovell, N. A. Mathieson, F. W. Pope

4th May 1916 At the School Committee meeting; on Monday the schoolmaster reported that the attendance was steadily increasing after the measles epidemic.

Mr C Hart (Canvastown) waited upon the committee and put before it a scheme to enable all schools of the district to join in a monster picnic- to be held at the break-up for the Christmas holidays, suggesting that sports and shooting be engaged in. and that other competitions be carried out so as to create an interest between the children of the different schools. The suggestion was favorably received, and Messrs J. B. Lovell and J. D. Gorrie were appointed to confer with the other delegates at Canvastown to make final arrangements

15th August 1916 A hockey team of boys and a rounders team of girls from the Canvastown school journeyed to Havelock on Saturday to play the Havelock school teams- Good games were witnessed in both contests. The hockey match was fast throughout, and resulted in a win for Canvastown by 3 goals to nil. J. Robinson (who scored the three goals), Cliff. Wratt, and. S. Hart were the pick of the winning team. Mr E. Smith capably filled the position of referee.
The rounders match was won by the Havelock girls, who beat their opponents by 17 rounders to nil. At the conclusion of the games the ladies of Havelock entertained the teams in a liberal manner at afternoon tea in the pavilion
5th September 1916 The final match of the Pelorus schools hockey competition was played at Canvastown on Saturday, when the Havelock team met the local schoolboys. .The latter were victorious by 12 goals to nil, the scorers being Healy .5), Wratt (2), Robinson (3), J. Hart and S. Hart. F. Scott was the pick of the players for Havelock. Canvastown have thus won the banner for the second year. A rounders match was also played by teams of girls from the two schools, the local, team beating their opponents by 16 rounders to 3. A. Alquist (8), M Rush (4), A. Tierney (3) and L. Wratt secured rounders for the winning side, and D. Lovell (2) and E. Barrowclough; scored for the Havelock team. After the games were over the teams adjourned to the Debating .Hall, where refreshments were provided. Special thanks are due to Mrs Geary; who kindly supplied lemonade, etc., for the players. As the rounders teams are now equal, the final match will be played at Havelock on September 16th
15th December 1916 The local school children have been j very busy lately collecting bottles for 1 the* Belgian Fund. Something approaching 2000 having already been stacked in the school ground ready for removal to Blenheim.
The result of the proficiency examination recently concluded reflects great credit on the master, Mr A. E. Barrowclough. All of the five candidates passed with credit. Master F. Marriott gaining the first place, with Master R. Boagey a close second. The other three candidates—Masters Leonard Cowling, Martin Elliott, and Frank Scott—were not far behind the leaders. The results are very gratifying in view of the fact that the standard required for a pass had been raised considerably this year.
13th March 1917 Mr. William Ward, who died recently at Ngawha, Bay of Islands, was one of the six teachers appointed in 1874 in London by Lord Lyttleton to proceed to Canterbury to reorganise the schools under the new Education Act. Of those six teachers, Mr. Hill, the recently retired Inspector of Schools in Hawkes Bay, is now the only survivor. The late Mr. Ward was in the first instance appointed to Waimate, South Canterbury,-and whilst there he

participated in the formation of the New Zealand Educational Institute, of which he was the first Canterbury delegate. He was well known in the teaching world for his ability and integrity, and his kindly disposition made him friends everywhere. He retired on superannuation twelve years ago, and has lived during the past few years at the' Bay of Islands. The deceased, who was born in London 76 years ago, had been a teacher for 50 years, and had never been absent from school during the whole of that time. The last school of which he was headmaster was the one at Havelock, Marlborough. His wife .died a year ago. He has left two sons (Mr. W. F. Ward, barrister, Wellington, and Mr. H. H. Ward, on the staff of the Napier Boys' High School), and a daughter (Mrs. McNamara, Ngawha, Bay of Islands).

27th April 1917 More than usual interest is being taken in the election of a school committee this year, and a satisfactory attendance- at the householders' meeting next Monday evening seems assured. The following have so far handed in their nominations: Messrs W. Blaylock. W. Cowling, F. C. Cowper, E. A. Dance, G. W. Douglas, R: J. Horton, Jas. Lovell, and P. J. O'Donoghue.

6th June 1917 The monthly meeting of the School Committee was held last evening, the following members being present: Messrs J. B. Lovell (in the chair), W: Blaylock, and E: A, Dance. The master's report showed an 'average attendance for the previous month of 78.0.

13th June 1917 Captain H. Barrowclough, who was recently awarded the Military Cross, = a son of Mr A. E. Barrowclough, headmaster of the Havelock school.

10th August 1917 At the monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee on Monday a letter was received from a resident complaining of the treatment of one of his children who has been punished for-failing to do his allotted task in helping to prepare the kindling wood for the school fires, the following resolution was passed by the committee: "That the work of fire-lighting and the cutting of kindling wood be carried on as heretofore, but should any parent or guardian send in writing their objection to above duties the named pupils shall be exempted."

29th October 1917 As the result of a complaint or improper practices amongst the children attending the school, the Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday evening to deal with the matter. A grossly indecent note, written by one of the boys, was produced. The master stated that lie had discovered the culprit, and had given him a thrashing and sent him home. The Committee endorsed the master's action, and decided that the suspension should hold good until advice was received from the Education Board. It was also decided to ask the Board's advice in regard to the conduct of a second boy, recently dealt with in Court. What was practically an indignation meeting of parents was held, and the School Committee's action in the matter was endorsed.

24th November 1917 Wellington Education Board and of Miss C. Foley for appointment of assistant at Havelock.

1918-1919

1919	76	Havelock	Barrowclough MA	Alfred E	A-36	Head	£325.00
1919	76	Havelock	O'Connor	Teresa M		Assistant	£170.00

19th January 1918 The following candidates attending Marlborough schools succeeded in gaining Junior National' Scholarships at the examination held in November last:— *(Included)* Forrest Marriott (Havelock), , Leonard William Cawling (Havelock), and 2 others

22nd February Wellington Education Board Spouting to be renewed at Havelock
8th March 1918 At a meeting of the School Committee on Monday night a letter was read from the Wellington Education Board granting a sum of £13 16s 6d for the purpose of carrying out necessary repairs and painting the school building, the work to be put in hand immediately. The headmaster's report showed an average of 84 on the roll. School books to the value of £3 9s 8d had been supplied to the children at cost price. The newly appointed assistant teacher (Miss C. Foley) is expected to prove a satisfactory addition to the staff.
9th April 1918 A mild outbreak of diphtheria is at present infecting the attendance at the Havelock school, but nothing in the nature of an epidemic is anticipated.
16th April 1918 It has been decided that the ceremony of unveiling the Roll of Honor (those who have at some time attended the Havelock, public school) will take place In the. schoolroom on the evening of Anzac Pay
7th May 1918 A hockey match between a boys' team from the public school and the girls' hockey club, played at Brownlee Park on Saturday, resulted iii a well-deserved win for the; boys by three goals to nil.
11th May 1918 There are still a few cases of diphtheria amongst the children in the township, and the school attendance is affected thereby. Fortunately the epidemic is in a mild form, and the succession of frosts now being experienced may have the effect' of stamping it out.
17th May 1918 Wellington Education Board grant was made to remove trees at Havelock, which are obstructing the light in the school and damaging the roadway.
29th May 1919 Mr J. Johnston, Health Inspector, is at present on a visit to Havelock in connection with the diphtheria outbreak which is prevalent amongst the children. The school has now been ordered to be closed until 11th June, instead of the 4th, ac previously decided upon. In the interval thy building is to be thoroughly disinfected, and as an additional protection , each child upon his or her return to school will be inspected by the Health Officer in accordance with instructions from the Health Department at Wellington
11th June 1918 Four "eases of diphtheria were notified in the Wairau Hospital Board's district) last/month. All occurred at Havelock. The Havelock .school, which has been closed for the last fortnight on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, was to be reopened to-day; and Mr J Johnston, the health officer, acting under special instructions, was to spray the children's throats With chloramine T.
17th June 1918 The school re-opened this week with a good attendance considering lent. As a precaution against the. amount of sickness still prevailing To prevent the spread of diphtheria, the children were well sprayed by the Health Inspector.
10th October 1918 Oh Saturday last, the girls of the Canvastown school met a team of girls from the Havelock school in a friendly game of rounders. Football teams from each school also met. The matches were played on the local playground. In each case the Canvastown team won. A pleasing feature of each game was the fine spirit shown by both sides. After the games, refreshments were; served in the local hall by a. committee of ladies.
19th October 1918 Wellington Education Board Works authorised in the Marlborough ward included installation of electric light at Havelock school residence
5th November 1918 The news of Turkey's unconditional surrender reached Havelock unofficially shortly after 9 a.in. on Friday morning, but excitement was too great to wait for official confirmation. There was soon a vigorous ringing of" school, church, and' fire bells, followed by the flying of flags from every vantage point. The boys of the

town, who are ever to the fore, soon formed an impromptu band, composed of a, few genuine instruments and many kerosene tins, etc., and though the latter were more in evidence than the former when the procession passed through- the town, the boys accomplished their object. ln making a noise, and roused many a cheer from the sidewalks.

12th November 1918 Arrangements are being made with the outside districts to centralise on Havelock for the celebration of Peace Day, and it is expected that 1000 school .children will take part in the proceedings.

18th November 1918 Havelock has now settled down to like normal conditions after the excitement of the armistice celebrations As pre-arranged, the news was announced by. a vigorous and lengthy peal on the fire bell-. Within a few minutes, all the shops were closed and flags were flying from almost every building, and a.- crowd soon collected at the Post Office to read the joyful news for themselves. It was .decided to hold the thanksgiving Service at 2 p.m.to enable country people to attend. At the appointed hour there was a large number at the Town Hall steps. The school children, all gaily dressed and carrying flags, were marched from the school, and roamed a very attractive feature. Mr W. H. Smith (chairman of the Town Board) presided and his opening remarks and the reading of the Prime Minister's message were received with cheers ,,,,,,

4th March 1919 PICNIC,

On Thursday afternoon last the boys of the Havelock school who had rendered assistance during the recent epidemic were treated to a picnic to Kenepuru Point (Pelorus Sound), by Mesdames Buckman and Williams, and the teacher (Mr A. E. Barrowclough) who organised the boys for this special work. After tea had been partaken of the boys were addressed by Mr Barrowclough. They were then presents by Mrs Buck-, loan (in the course of a neat little speech) with cards as a token of appreciation of their help in a time of need. Two- of the boys Master Spencer Cowper and Master Leslie Congdon—who had displayed an exceptional sense of duty throughout the epidemic, were deservedly singled out for special recognition, and were presented by the master with handsome medals, and by Mrs Buckman with suitably inscribed silk badges. All the hoys were also presented with a book each provided from a special fund. On .their return to the -wharf the boys gave three hearty cheers for the hosts, and all voted the outing a most enjoyable one.

19th April 1919 Havelock: Messrs J. B. Lovell {chairman), E. A. Dance (secretary), R. Horton, L. Guinness, and W. Blaylock School Committee

17thy March 1919 The local hockey season opened at Brownlee Park yesterday afternoon, when a, friendly match was played' between the Takoreke girls and the- Havelock Schoolboys. Although the latter appeared to have the best of the game, the result was a draw, neither side scoring. Mr R H. Smith, was referee. At the conclusion of play a sumptuous afternoon tea was served in the pavilion by the officer of the Takoreke Hockey Club to both players and spectators. A return match will be arranged shortly.

6th June 1919 It was stated at the School Committee meeting on Monday night that, although 56 per cent higher remuneration had been offered for the service of cleaning out the class rooms, not 1 single applicant had come forward. Further effort will be made to secure a suitable person to undertake this work, as the present method of employing the elder scholars is not desirable. The average attendance during the previous month was 75, out of a roll number Of 78

12th August 1919 At last week's meeting of the School Committee, the master's reply showed a slight decline in the roll number during the month of July. In the first three weeks the

number was 78, and the last week 75, while a number of wet days and sickness somewhat reduced the average attendance. It was decided to procure an enlarged photograph of the Peace tableaux by the school children to be hung in the class-room, the chairman (Mr J. Lovell) undertaking to collect sufficient funds to defray the cost.

12th November 1919 At the monthly meeting of the School Committee last week the master's report stated that the average attendance for the four weeks in October was as follows: 74.9, 77.7, 83.4, and 84.0. the roll number for the first, two weeks being 80, and the third and fourth weeks 90. The inspector was expected to arrive to examine scholars on or about the 19th inst. A memorandum from the Education Board was received re the. standardisation of school books from 1st January 1920. Accounts amounting to £2 14s were recommended for payment.

1920-1921

1921	56	Havelock	Walshe	Edward B	C	Head	£310.00
1921	56	Havelock	Connor	Theresa M	D	Assistant	£250.00

14th January 1920 Mr Reader's tender for putting a new floor down in the public school has been accepted. The .present floor has been down 35 years, and speaks well for the timber then used.

14th July 1920 Canvastown school boys engaged, at Havelock, the Havelock boys in a return football match. The spirit of the game was fine, although results lay all one way. Havelock, in a brilliant game, won by 21 to 3. The Canvastown boys intend to make a third attempt to secure a win. Next Saturday they will again meet Havelock on the Canvastown school ground.

14th August 1920 Mr Barrowclough, headmaster of the Havelock School, is leaving the district at an early date to take up a position in the North Island. A meeting was held in the schoolroom to arrange a suitable farewell to Mr and Mrs Barrowclough, whose departure will be a great loss to the district ;ns they have always taken a leading part in any movements for the benefit of the town

25th August 1920 VALEDICTORY. The head teacher of the Havelock school (Mr A E. Barrowclough) experienced a pleasant surprise on Thursday afternoon, the day before the closing of the school for a fortnight's holiday, when a number of the townspeople of both sexes, most of whom carried a. supply of good things for which Havelock is noted, visited the school, which, to the delight of the juveniles, was closed by the master somewhat earlier than the regulation time. The visitors filed inside, the chairman of the School Committee (Mr Jos. Novell) proceeded to read an address in which Mr Barrowclough's services in the cause of education were eulogised, and his merits as a citizen; nor was Mrs Barrowclough forgotten. Although not on the teaching staff she has devoted a lot of time to the training of the children for concerts, etc., and. for the improvement of the elder pupils has held Shakespearian evenings at regular intervals.- Having read the address, Mr Lovell placed it in an envelope and handed it to Mr Barraclough , who replied, expressing his appreciation of the thoughtfulness that had prompted those present. He explained his. reasons for leaving Havelock to get, to the North Island, where his family are settling, and his desire to get a location where he could be more readily in touch with them. Having concluded he sat down, but was reminded that he had missed a. material part of the contents of the envelope, which on opening he found to contain a substantial cheque as a -practical recognition of his qualities

as a teacher and a citizen. ..On leaving the building afternoon tea was dispensed in the school -grounds by a number of ladies, and a very pleasant gathering terminated.
18th February 1921 E B Walshe appointed. He lived and taught at Sole Charge Kakariki at the Tararua foothills between Eketahuna and Pahiatua in 1919. Passed his teachers examination in January 1917 at Christchurch Teachers College
28th May 1917 left for active war service from Wharanui School, He was born in Ireland and had been in NZ for two years when he was called up for service

1920/10919 Marion Lily	Paine	Edward Beresford	Walshe
1970/33895 Walshe	Edward Beresford		80Y
1981/43895 Walshe	Marian Lily	21/2/1895	85Y

1915	19	Mills	Walshe	Edward		Male
1919	21	Kakariki	Walshe	Edward B	D	Sole
1921	56	Havelock	Walshe	Edward B	C	Head
1923	64	Havelock	Walshe	Edward B	C-147	Head
1923	64	Havelock	Walshe	Marian L Mrs	C	Reliever

Mills was a community between Mirza and Kekerangu also known as Wharanui in the Marlborough Education Board district south of Ward on State Highway 1

1922-1923

1923	64	Havelock	Walshe	Edward B	C-147	Head	£325.00
1923	64	Havelock	Walshe	Marian L Mrs	C	Reliever	£203.00
1923	64	Havelock	Hilliard	Madeline		Reliever	£160.00

Post 1923

16th April 1924 E B Walshe resigns
11th December 1924 J A Coull resigns as assistant
22nd September 1925 Sir Ernest Rutherford, the eminent scientist, who, in his boyhood attended Havelock School, is to be amongst those invited to attend the silver jubilee celebrations in connection with Marlborough College to be held towards the end of next month. Sir Ernest will be in New Zealand at that ,time …….
28th October 1924 Sir Ernest Rutherford, the noted scientist, and Dr. E. Marsden, Assistant Director of Education, left Wellington by the Arahura for Picton today, en route to Nelson, the West Coast, and Christchurch. This evening Sir Ernest will receive a welcome at Blenheim, and will then go on to Havelock, where he will be the guest of old school friends. To-morrow morning he will speak to the children of the school at Havelock, which he attended many years ago. He will be accorded a civic reception at Nelson in the afternoon, and will deliver addresses at the Cawthron Institute and at Nelson College.
13th March 1928 Mr R D L Irwin second assistant Havelock
11th April 1928 The remodelling of the Havelock School is now completed, and the pupils re-entered the remodelled building to-day. The aspect has been improved by swinging round the building, and two large rooms have been converted into three of moderate size, and a corridor has been. constructed. Wellington Education Board Meeting

27th July 1929 Miss C Grosvenor Infant Mistress appointed
6th February 1930 The Hon. H Atmore Minister of Education visited Havelock. Yesterday the Minister left Canvas[town in time to. reach the Havelock School at 9 o'clock. He was met by Mr. E. P. Healy, M.P., Mr. Buncomb (chairman of the Havelock Town Board), and Mr. Higgins (chairman of the School Committee), and other members. A cordial welcome was extended, and after addressing the children and receiving a deputation, the Minister left for Okaramio
25th Miss M C Grooby assistant mistress
14th January 1931 May or May Not Be True.
High up on the walls of the senior classroom at the Havelock School a red handled pen is stuck, and tradition has it, according to the "Marlborough Express," that it was thrown there dart wise by Ernest Rutherford, who attended the school in the early "eighties," in a competition in the absence of the schoolmaster The tradition may or may not have a basis of truth, but the pen is there.
29th January 1929 We don't know where we are sowing the seed; we don't know where it will grow to, said Mr. D. McCallum (Marlborough) at yesterday's meeting of the Education Board in suggesting this as an educational body the board might fitly congratulate Sir Ernest Rutherford on his elevation to the peerage. He recalled. Sir Ernest's association with the Havelock School, saying that it should. stimulate ;the board members' interest in- small-schools, and mentioned the gratification with which Sir Ernest's.' decision take the title of Baron Rutherford of Nelson, New Zealand, had been received. Mr. McCallum's suggestion met with the approval of the meeting, and the board's congratulations will be conveyed to the distinguished scientist
1st December 1931 Mrs E E Wilson infant mistress Havelock

25th February 1932 DENTAL CLINICS
NO FURTHER GRANTS
In a letter which was received by the Wellington Education Board yesterday, the Minister of Education (the Hon. B. Masters) stated that he had suggested to the Minister of Health that in view of the financial position, and the fact that there was spare accommodation in school buildings at Blenheim and Rai Valley, new dental clinics should not be erected, the local contributions boing used for fitting up the spare rooms for dental work.
The Director of Education advised that the Department was unable to provide grants for the erection of new clinics at Havelock and Rai Valley. The board was asked to endeavour to arrange for temporary accommodation, as suggested by the Minister of Education.
5th December 1932 Mrs L H Blanchet, infant mistress, Havelock appointed
28th September 1935 Portrait of Lord Rutherford. A photographic reproduction of a copy of the portrait of Lord Rutherford, of Nelson, painted by the English artist Oswald Birley, R.A., to the order of the Royal Society, has been presented by Mr. S. P. Andrew to the Havelock primary school through the Picton branch oil the Navy League. Mr. Birley painted a copy of the portrait for Lord Bledisloe, which he presented to the New Zealand National Art Gallery, and it is from this copy that the photographic reproduction has been made. Lord Rutherford received his primary education at Havelock, where he won a scholarship that took him to Nelson College in 1886
11th November 1935 A swarm of bees on the wall close to the main door caused the children of the Havelock School (Marlborough) to spend the first hour of the afternoon one day last week working in the grounds, as the head teacher considered that a large number of children passing so near might annoy the bees and cause some of the children to be stung. The bees

had become quieter by two o'clock, and work wont on as usual. At the end of the afternoon the. swarm was still clustered thickly at the peak of the gable.

24th December 1935 OUTBREAK OF FIRE

HAVELOCK SCHOOL

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) BLENHEIM, This Day. Fire broke out at 8.30 this morning in the Havelock School,, where the famous scientist Lord Rutherford received his primary education. The brigade was quickly on the scene, and with many willing helpers suppressed the outbreak after about three-quarters of an hour. The damage was not extensive, being mainly confined to the ceiling and roof.

15th January 1936 Miss A Harrison Infant Mistress Havelock

30th June 1937 Miss M F Turner of the Board's relieving staff, assistant Havelock

15th February 1938 Miss B X Samuels Upper Hutt, assistant Havelock

31st May 1938 Mrs M N Barclay infant mistress Havelock from Forbury school Dunedin

19th October 1939 The Department has intimated that it considers the tenders received for the 'erection of dental clinics at Boulcott and Havelock too high.

Pelorus Guardian

Havelock

24th January 1890 Inspector Hodgson will examine the Havelock school on Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th, Mr. Reynolds, the head master, requests all parents to insist on the regular attendance of the children up to the date of examination.

The Havelock school was re-opened on Monday last, the summer vacation having been terminated, it must be a pleasing fact to the head master, Mr. Reynolds, to look back over his past year's labour to know that he has added another name (Claude Mills) to his list of successful competitors for the Marlborough scholarship, and retained a prestige that is not easily acquired. The School Committee intend to have a merit board to hang up in the school, on which all the names of those who successfully competed for scholarships will be painted, thus a record of the past will always be conspicuous as an incentive for the future diligence of the pupils, and a valuable memento utilised as a testimonial for the master.

24th January 1890 COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the School Committee was held in the school room on Monday evening. Present—Messrs. Clarke, Brown, Venimore, Parker, and W H Smith (in the chair). Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Mr. Reynolds' report was then read:

To the Chairman Havelock Schools Committee.

Dear Sir.—The school re-opened after the holidays with a fair muster (90) being present. I would suggest that, as during my tenure of office , three Havelock scholars have carried off the. scholarships their names should he suitably inscribed on a plate and he placed in a prominent position in the school. It will commemorate past achievements of merit, and urge others to struggle and have their names added, to the honor roll.

I trust parents will insist on the regular attendance of their children during the ensuing year. Much improvement would be found in the progress of many pupils if parents would more heartily co-operate with teachers in this most important matter.

The Inspector's annual examination of the school will be held on Friday and Saturday February 7 and 8—I am, etc. , Jacob H. Reynolds.

Havelock, Jan. 20, 1890.

Resolved—That Messrs. Smith, Venimore, and Reynolds be empowered to, get a plate suitably inscribed with the I names of the several scholars who have succeeded scholarships and other honours,
Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the ladies and others who acted as judges for the sewing prizes, also to those who took an interest in making the children's picnic a success.
Resolved— that Messrs Brownlee's account of 17s 6d be passed tor payment Carried,
7th February 1890 WATER SUPPLY.
TO THE EDITOR. Sm —There is nothing more, necessary for school premises than a good and sufficient water supply. I hear that the Havelock school well is quite dry, and that the solitary tank for the use of a family at the teacher's residence is empty. The water of the school well has never been first rate notwithstanding the large amount of money expended, in deepening, cementing, &c., from time to time. With the facilities for bringing a never ending supply of water from a beautiful creek, not far distant, I recommend the immediate attention of the authorities to this matter. Children must have water, especially those coming from a distance, and who bring their dinners to school. At present they have to go to the nearest neighbours for a supply. I am, &c., Water.
18th February 1890 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
A meeting of the School Committee was held last evening. Present—Messrs. C. H, Mills (in the chair), Smith, Brown, and Venimore. The previous minutes were read and confirmed.
Report read from Mr. Reynolds, head master.
Proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the Chairman write to the Education Board pointing out the necessity of providing at once a water supply, and suggesting the architect's opinion be obtained as to which would be the best plan to adopt; 1. To bring water from the creek in pipes. 2. To sink an artesian well starting in the bottom of the present well. 3. To purchase three iron tanks and have them placed in suitable position.
Resolved, The Chairman also write to the Board reminding them that no tenders have yet been called for painting the schoolmaster's residence and fence as they arranged at the meeting last December.
Resolved, That the Chairman writes to the Secretary of the Board asking why it is the salaries due to the teachers, viz—Miss Matthews for last month and Miss Piccard for the quarter ending December 31,1889, have not been forwarded.
Resolved, That Mr. Jones be appointed to audit the School Committee's accounts for the past year. Accounts passed for payment, Mr.. Hennessey, £3 5s.
The Committee adjourned to March 7.
28th February 1890 . It is pleasing to note that Miss M, J. Matthews, of Havelock school, has obtained a partial pass in Class D at the late teachers examination, and that Miss Laura Matthews, now of Renwick school, has passed Class E. Misses Pritchard and Williams also passed Class E and Frank B. Dobson secured a partial pass in the same class. These are the only ones who met with success
21st March 1890 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. C. H. Mills (in the chair), W. H. Smith, Parker, and Thomas Brown. The head master mentioned that the building required some attention, and the Chairman informed the committee that the Education Board had instructed their architect to report on the best means for providing a good supply of water. It was resolved that

some firewood be ordered for the school. Accounts passed for payment —Mr. Scott £l, and Messrs. Brownlee and Co. £14 0s 10d.

11th April 1911 Attention is directed to Mr. Reynolds' advertisement re night school. This presents a good opportunity for those who have been so unfortunate as not to be able to finish their education to do so. To those who are grown up we may say they cannot learn younger, and Mr. Reynolds would soon put them on the way for further advancement. We look upon night schools as a grand opportunity for anyone to increase their knowledge, and one which should not be neglected by both old and young.

22nd April 1890 meeting of the Havelock School Committee . was held last evening. Present: Messrs. Parker, Clarke, Smith, Brown, and C. H. Mills in the chair. A report was read from the headmaster, showing the school roll was 109, and the names of the successful scholarship-winners had not yet been put up in the school. Resolved, That a load of kindling wood, and a few loads of gravel be obtained for the school yard. . A sum pf £2 10s was voted, to pay the expense of writing names on the roll of honour. Messrs. Paul, Seymour, and Macey were nominated as members of the Education Board,

29th April 1890 As showing the confidence the Havelock people have in their School Committee it is worthy of note that the same Committee have been re-elected three consecutive years. It is also worth mentioning that at the meeting held last night the whole business was transacted in twelve minutes

29th April 1890 Annual Report. At the annual election of a School Committee for the Havelock district held last evening, the following report was read: Our term of office having now expired, we have much pleasure in submitting to you a statement for the past year's accounts, which have been duly audited.

The balance in hand at the commencement of the financial year was £1 12s 4d, and the receipts from all sources have been £40 14s 6d, making a total of £42 6s lOd, while the ordinary expenditure was £41 2s 2d, which leaves a small balance to credit of £1 4s Bd.

The school roll now comprises 50 boys and 60 girls, total 110, and we earnestly desire to urge on parents the necessity for enforcing regular attendance of their children. We have again to congratulate our school-master on one of his pupils winning the Marlborough scholarship, the successful competitor being Claude Mills, who scored the highest number of marks secured by any candidate in Nelson, and your Committee have authorised the names of all who have been successful to be placed on a honour-roll in the school.

Some more ornamental trees have been planted in the school grounds, and tenders accepted by the Education Board for painting the school-master's residence and the school fence, the premises will then be in very good repair.

A few more books have been added to the school library, but many others are now required, and we hope the incoming Committee may devise some means to raise funds for that purpose.

On the motion of Mr. Morrison, and seconded by Dr. Drury, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The election of a committee was then proceeded with, when the old committee were elected without opposition—namely, Messrs. C. H. Mills, W. H. Smith, Parker,

Venimore, Clarke, Brown, and Dorreen. Mr. Mills was elected chairman of the committee for the ensuing year

20th May 1890 The School Committee met last evening, there being a small attendance, owing to the inclemency of the weather, and little or no business of importance to transact. A report from the Schoolmaster was presented to the meeting, stating that there were 113 children on the roll, and the pump was now in good working order. The painting contract has not yet been commenced.

3rd June 1890 Havelock Honour Roll.

To perpetuate the meritorious work of the old boys of the Havelock school, and to act as an incentive to others, the Havelock School Committee have erected in the chief schoolroom An Honour Roll, on which are recorded the names and deeds of merit of past scholars. The idea originated with Mr. Reynolds; for in his school days at Effingham this plan was always adopted.

The Honour Roll reads as follows:

Marlborough Scholarship— Laura Matthews, December, 1884;
Marlborough Scholarship Ernest Rutherford; December, 1886;
Junior Civil Service Ernest Rutherford, January, 1887 ;
Junior Civil: Service - C. S. Matthews, January, 1888;
Marlborough Scholarship—Claude H, Mills, December, 1889;
Junior University Scholarship—Ernest Rutherford, January, 1890.

The work has been most artistically and neatly done by Mr. Venimore, and is quite an ornament to the school. We trust many more names of old Havelock boys may hereafter be added to the roll.

17th June 1890 Havelock School Committee.

The above Committee met last evening. Present‘ 'Messrs. L Venimore, Smith, Dorreen, Brown, and C. H. Mills in the chair. Report read from head-master, showing number on roll: boys 58, girls 64,' total 122. This is the largest roll since 1882

Mr. Reynolds suggested that the mid-winter vacation begin on June 30.

Resolved, That the holidays begin on June 30, to re-assemble on July 13.

The following accounts were passed: V, C. Venimore, £2 10s; Ai T. Card, 14s 3d; Brownlee & Co 13s 8d; H. M. Reader, 7s; Price, Is lOd.

27th June 1890 Educational.

The Havelock school breaks up to-day for the mid-winter holidays. The school will reassemble on Monday, Jul 15. Parents will materially assist the teachers by sending their children promptly and regularly. Irregularity in attendance is one of the evils insufficiently provided for in our present system.

We notice that the average attendance is highest in Otago, 85-7 per cent., and lowest in Taranaki, 72-4 per cent. In Marlborough it is 78-5 per cent.

Out of 48 teachers in Marlborough, 22 are certificated, one has not yet completed the required service, three have partially succeeded in obtaining their certificates, and 22 are uncertificated. The latter will ‘include several teachers in charge of small aided schools.

There are 42 pupils in the deaf and mute school at Sumner at a cost of £8,253 5s 8d per annum. Thirteen blind children from New Zealand are in the Asylums of Australia, 10 in Melbourne and 3 in Sydney.

In Marlborough in the Post Office Savings Bank for school children 7 new accounts were opened,' 107 remained open on 31st December, 1889, and the amount to the credit of these accounts was £76 2s 8d

22nd July 1890 The Havelock School Committee met last evening. Present: Messrs. .Brown, Dorreen, Venimore, H.L. N. Clarke (in the chair). " _ Owing to the absence of

the Chairman the minute book was not produced. The Schoolmaster's report read. Resolved, That the parents of the (children named in the Schoolmaster's report be notified that unless their children attend school regularly from this date, that they will be proceeded with according to law. Proposed by Mr. Venimore, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the acting chairman be approved to write to the parents report, the purport of the foregoing resolution. —Carried. The meeting adjourned

22nd August 1890 Mr. W. C.: Hodgson, Inspector of Schools, paid his farewell visit to. the Havelock school on Tuesday. Before the school was dismissed Mr. Reynolds, the head-master, wished Mr. Hodgson " Good-bye, and long life," in . the ; name of the teachers and scholars, and ;in the course of his remarks spoke of the happy relations that had always existed between himself and the inspector. He also appealed to the pupils to show to the new Inspector that the Havelock school is. worthy of its reputation. With 'three hearty cheers to Mr. Hodgson the proceedings ended.

It would seem that the late football match between Havelock and Mahakipawa has put a little life into the youths of the former place, as a meeting was held on Wednesday night, and a properly organised club formed, to be called the Havelock. Union F.C. Now that they have: gone into the matter in earnest we have no doubt they will give a very good account of themselves, on some future occasion.

The return; match with Mahakipawa will be played at Havelock in about two weeks' time . ' The Havelock' boys speak in high terms of the kind treatment they received, and we have no doubt they will do their best to be equally as hospitable

16th September 1890 It will be noticed in the Headmaster's report to the School Committee that books are required for the library. We would be glad to acknowledge any donations of books left at this office

A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held last evening, Present; Messrs. Clarke, Smith, Brown, Parker, and C, H. Mills in the chair. Minutes of previous „

meeting read and confirmed. Resolved, That the Truant Inspector be requested to take proceedings against those parents who allow their children to remain away from school. Proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the chairman write to the Education Board, requesting they will kindly authorise a gallery to be erected in the school for the infants, similar to the one now, in the Picton school, as the increased number of pupils genders it imperative to have more seating accommodation, also a new ball frame, and a different series of tablet lessons.— Carried.

Resolved, That five dozen slates and half-a-gross of pencil holders be procured for the school.

Resolved, That an extra honour roll be procured, containing the names of Miss J. Matthews, Certificate Examination Class E., and one for Miss Laura Matthews, Certificate Examination Class E, and placed in the schoolroom with the others.'— Carried. The suggestion made by the schoolmaster re increasing the school library was heartily approved of, and the Committee promised to solicit the parents of children attending school to give a suitable book for the purpose mentioned. . ,

Headmaster's Report

The school roll continued to increase and now numbers : Boys 59, girls 68 ; total, 127. The average attendance has also improved. The sitting accommodation in the lower school, for a long time crowded,, is now quite insufficient. I would suggest the erection of a gallery for the infants similar to that in the Picton school. It would economise space and leave plenty of desk room for the standard classes. A stock of

slates, say five dozen, is badly wanted in the lower school, likewise a new ball-frame; a new series of tablet lessons and pencil-holders.
R. Horton has not attended school during the past three months, and the attendance of T, Lovell is far from being satisfactory;
When the Honour Roll was authorised I omitted inadvertently the name of Miss J, Matthews, Teachers Certificate Examination, Class E., and likewise, of Miss L. Matthews, Teacher's Certificate Examination, Class E. If funds will permit I should like, to see the list complete to date.
A supply of books is required for the school library, I would suggest that the parents of children using the library and others be asked to give any suitable book they may have to increase the present stock. I feel sure many would gladly respond entailing as it would have no outlay.-
I should be glad for the direction of the. committee how to act where parents of pupils cannot afford to buy the necessary books.
Accounts were passed for H. Reader 7s, Price 8s 8d, and Linton 3s 6d.
The Committee then adjourned until Monday October 20,1890.
30th September 1890 The headmaster, Mr. J. H. Reynolds, wishes us to acknowledge the receipt of a number of books for the school library presented by Mesdames T. Brown, W. H. Smith, and Congdon.
21st October 1890 The Havelock School Committee met last evening, present: Messrs. Dorreen, Smith, Brown, Parker, Clark, and C. H. Mills (in the chair). Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report from the schoolmaster showed the attendance was the same as last month. A memo. was received from the Secretary of the Education Board asking to be furnished with the list of any books they had received from the Education Board, Mr. Reynolds said no books had been ordered. Accounts were duly passed from Brownlee & Co., 7s, A. T. Card, 12s 4d, Mr.. Hennessy, £3 5s, Mr. Venimore 17s.
28th November 1890 What is the Reason ?
TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —Can you inform me why our school has been closed to-day ? I have made enquiries outside and have been told that it was owing to the schoolmaster having been made Returning Officer in the election for a Maori member. If this is the case I am of opinion that both the School Committee and the person who appointed him to fill the post are deserving of censure, the former for granting him leave-of-absence, and the latter for appointing him to All the position to the detriment of the school Surely it is not necessary for a man to be in receipt of a regular salary to qualify him to act as Returning Officer. Perhaps, however, it is done on the principle, That to him who, hath it shall be given." I trust in the future when appointments of the kind are made they will not be allowed to clash with other duties, and that at all events someone other than a school-teacher will be appointed. I am, &c Schoolboy Havelock, December 27.
19th December 1890 Committee Meeting.
The Havelock School Committee met on Monday Evening December, }5,1890. Present Messrs. Mills (Chairman,) Clarke, Parker, Smith and] Venimore, The minutes of the previous meeting were read an d confirmed. The report from the Head Master was read, —Roll at present: Boys, 60; Girls, 61.
The average attendance has been good, but still there are a number who just barely make the attendance required. Some three or four do not quite come up to the Standard.

It was resolved that the Christmas holidays will commence on Monday, December 22. and school duties be resumed on Monday January 19, 1891. It was resolved that when the vacation ceases, if any children are absent from school without reasonable excuses, the parents will be summoned without further notice

3rd February 1891 The school roll at Havelock now numbers: boys, 65; girls, 57. Total, 132.

6th March 1891 Mr. Duthie, M.H.R., visited the Havelock school on Wednesday, and expressed to the Head-master, who at one time taught his eldest son, his admiration of the school and its surroundings. Mr. Duthie also paid a visit to the Blackball mill

20th March 1891 Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee was held on Monday evening. Present: Messrs.. W. H. Smith (in the chair), T. E. Parker, and V. C. Venimore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A report was read from the Headmaster stating that the attendance had not been satisfactory, and also that the school roll had somewhat diminished owing to departures from the district which now showed, boys 62, girls 63.

A circular was read from the Education Board, asking whether the school buildings, furniture, fences, &c, are likely to require any outlay during the year, also stating that the Board's building account was overdrawn, and for the Committee to include in their application only such works as were absolutely indispensable. Resolved, That the parents of all the children who have not made the necessary attendance required by "The Education Act," be proceeded against forthwith.

Resolved, That the Chairman write the Central Board, recommending them to reimburse Miss Picard the expenses incurred going to Blenheim for her annual examination in consideration of her small salary.

Resolved, That the necessary fuel for the school be procured. Resolved, That the Chairman write re the want of room in the school residence, there being only two bedrooms, and explain that an expenditure of not more than from £10 to £12 would remedy the evil.

Resolved, That the Easter holidays be from Thursday evening, 26th inst., till the Wednesday following, exclusive of the latter.

Mr. V. C. Venimore's account, amounting to £1 Is, was passed for payment. Next meeting of Committee to be held on April 20

21st April 1891 School Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the above was held last night. Resolved, That the Chairman cause summonses to be issued against the parents of the children who are not attending school. The nominations were Messrs.. C. H. Mills, M.H.R., H. L. N. Clarke, T. E. Parker, Thos, Brown, W. H. Smith, V. C. Venimore and Alex, Maule. All accounts were passed for payment.

5th May 1891 Whooping cough has reduced the average attendance at the Havelock school last week from 95 to 54

15th May 1891 Whooping cough is still very prevalent in Havelock, more than half of the pupils at the local school being laid up. We are told it is a curious but true coincidence that with the arrival of a new medico an epidemic presents itself. We also hear that measles is rampant in Nelson an epidemic 5 presents itself. We also hear that 5 measles is rampant in Nelson

22nd May 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Monday Evening. Present: Messrs.. C. H. Mills, M.H.R., (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Parker, Smith, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The

Headmaster's report was read. Owing to the prevailing epidemic, the average attendance had been reduced from 95 to 61 for the past month. Resolved that the Chairman write to the Inspector of Police asking him if he will authorise the Constable stationed here to act as Truant Inspector. Resolved. that a letter be written to the Town Board calling their attention to the gorse spreading from the public roads into the School grounds and requesting they will give it their early attention as the Committees are going to have the school grounds cleared once more. The following accounts were passed for payment: Brownlee and Co., 4/2 ;T. Brown, £1 16s.

24th July 1891 School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Monday night. Present: Messrs.. W. H. Smith (in the chair), Clarke, Venimore, Parker, Brown, and A. Maule. The Head-master's report was read, and letters from Secretary Education Board.

Resolved, That the books as per list furnished by the Head-master be procured from the Education Board. The following accounts were passed for payment: Brownlee & Co. 12/9, and amount due John Morrison be arranged by Chairman. Resolved, That the night of meeting be altered to the third Wednesday in the month instead of the third Monday.

21st August 1891 The meeting of the school committee to have been held on Wednesday lapsed for want of a quorum. The headmaster's report handed in gave the roll numbers, boys 60 and girls 50, total 110, and also stated the average attendance had been fairly good. The names of eight children were appended whose attendance had been unsatisfactory

1st September 1891 School Committee.

At a meeting of the Havelock School Committee on Thursday last it was resolved that the Chairman write to the Minister of Defence informing him of Constable Williams' refusal to act as truant inspector until properly appointed by the Inspector of Police. Resolved that this meeting adjourn till this Day week pending the receipt of a reply from Wellington re appointment of Constable Williams as truant inspector and that action against the parents of truants be held over until after such adjourned meeting.

11th September 1891 School Committee.

An adjourned meeting was held on Wednesday last. Present:—Messrs.. Clarke, Venimore, Parker, Maule, and W. H. Smith (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

A list of the names of those habitually absent was laid before the Committee by Mr. Reynolds, five in number. Resolved, that as no reply had been received from the Defence Minister, the member for the district be wired requesting him to enquire whether anything had been done re the appointment of Truant Inspector. Resolved, That the matter-stand over to the next regular night of meeting, That the Town Board be written, drawing their attention to the neglected state of that portion of Lawrence Street, between the Church and the School grounds, and. requesting that something be done to make it fit for traffic in bad weather, Also that the attention of the Board be drawn to the fact that the gorse at the foot of the same street, only partially cleared by them recently, is again encroaching on the School grounds, and suggesting that the Board take the necessary steps to have the same rooted out.

18th September 1891 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday last. Present: Messrs.. Clarke, Parker, Venimore, and W. H. Smith, in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Report read from Mr. Reynolds showing the attendance to have improved, and on the roll, boys 59, girls 49 ; total 108. Other matters, such as school-cleaning and Truant-Inspectorship, was discussed. The only account passed for payment was Brownlee & Co., £l/7/3, and the meeting adjourned to the 30th inst. to enable the Committee to consult Mr. C. H. Mills on matters of importance to bring before the Education Board at its next sitting.

2nd October 1891 School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening. Present: Messrs.. C H. Mills, M.H.R. (in the chair) Parker, Clarke, W, H. Smith, and Venimore. . Inspector Thomson wrote as follows in reply to a letter from the Chairman re truant inspector:- "In reply to your letter of the 29th ult., to the Defence Minister re the appointment of Constable Williams as Truant Inspector I have the honour to point out that there is no necessity for such an appointment as all constables are specially directed to render to School Committees all possible assistance in enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Education Act. . .. I beg to forward for the information of your committee a printed copy of the instructions on this head issued to Police

The following are the instructions referred to:-

The police will cautiously ascertain if on their beats, patrols, or sections there are any children over seven and under thirteen years of age not attending school, in contravention of the law; and if so, they will make a note of the facts taking the names parents or guardians, at the same K (where necessary) explaining to them the law relative to school attendance. In cases where the law is being so contravened reports are to be made so that the School Committee or Clerk thereto may issue notices as provided by the Act, Third Schedule. If after the service of these notices the contravention still continue, reports are again to, be made, so that the School Committee or clerk may institute proceedings. The police will serve both notices and summonses ; attend Court to prove cases, and render such assistance as they can to the compulsory clauses of the act Constable Williams sent me a report of children habitually absent. Resolved that summonses be issued against the parents of those children named in the Inspectors report.

16th October 1891 Chairman Havelock School Committee v. W. Cassabaum—For neglecting to send his child Bernard to school, the child being between the age of 7 and 13. Mr. Reynolds gave evidence to the effect that the child in question had not attended the number of days required by the Act. Fined 1/- and 7/- costs. Same v. Jabez Wells—For neglecting to send two children to school. The defendant pleaded that one of the children was over 14 years and the other was unable to attend owing to sickness. The case was adjourned till next court day for medical testimony

18th March 1892 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday evening. The head masters report was read. The number on the roll was 60 boys and 53 girls, and the attendance had been fair. The names of three boys were mentioned as being continually absent, and their parents had been notified. It was mentioned that arrangements had been made to hold a picnic on the 1st April. It was resolved to call for tenders for cleaning the school for the next twelve months. At the request of the children a holiday was granted on St. Patrick's Day. A. 0. Gregor's account for 17/6 was passed for payment.

At the meeting of the School Committee on Wednesday, Mr. Reynolds mentioned that a considerable sum had been subscribed towards the picnic and he had invited the ladies' to attend a meeting, which was held last night, to make final arrangements. We understand the picnic will be held in Mr. Twidle's paddock on the

island, and from the interest taken in the matter we believe it will be one of the most successful gatherings of the kind held in the district.
Tenders are invited by the Havelock School Committee from persons willing to act as caretaker to the school for twelve months.
The Havelock school children are evidently great admirers of St Patrick as they formed themselves into a deputation and waited on several members of the Committee to induce them to grant a holiday in honour of Ireland's patron saint. If the children did not learn their ordinary lessons yesterday they have been taught the value of deputations and united action for the holiday was granted
5th April 1892 For some weeks past the Havelock school children were looking; forward to the promised pic-nic which was to be held on Mr. Twidle's island on Friday last. The idea of giving the children, a treat originated first with the headmaster, Mr. Reynolds, and two or three of the boys went round with a subscription list. After a substantial sum had been got the kind services of the ladies were sought, and under their able management, with Mr. Webb as secretary, matters were soon arranged and cooking operations commenced in real earnest, tarts. and cakes of all! kinds being provided in abundances. We might here say that in the matters of cooking the ladies of this district; are not to be beaten by those in any other part of the colony, and we might, also say that nowhere else are the children better looked after than in this district. Early on Friday morning the children were up and: about and soon made their way to the place where they were to be entertained. Mr. W. Pickering kindly took a brake and trap load of provisions, while Messrs.. Brownlee and Co, and Mr. Hammond generously conveyed the ladies and little children in their trap and brake to the river, After the rather tedious work of ferrying them; across the river had been accomplished the selected spot under some willows was soon reached Then the ladies set to work to spread out the good things which provided, and the children showed their appreciation by doing full justice to the delicacies set before them. After the adults had partaken, various games were, indulged in by both old and young, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.
Messrs.. Hammond, Addison, and Hawkins, with the master, Mr. Reynolds, did Yeoman's service by the hearty way in which they inaugurated races for the boys and girls, and, if we were to judge by the happy faces of the children, were fully repaid for their trouble. After all had had a full measure of enjoyment tea was got ready, and at conclusion Mr. Reynolds called for three cheers for Mr. and Mr. Twidle for their kindness, which was lustily given, and a similar compliment was paid to the ladies who had provided the good things and to those boys who had collected the money for the treat. Mr. Venimore then came forward and said that the event more than usual importance, as it was the anniversary of their teacher's ten years residence amongst them, and he called for three hearty cheers for Mr. Reynolds and another for the assistant teacher, Miss Matthews.
The day was beautifully fine and one and all appeared to fully enjoy the day's outing, and the whole affair was a fitting commemoration of Mr. Reynolds's ten years mastership of the Havelock school. We must not omit to mention the very kind hospitality of Mr. and Mr. Twidle and family, as they not only granted the use of the paddock and extended a hearty welcome to all, but provided cream and milk in quantity besides supplying apples and nuts to be scrambled for by the children. Mr. H. Rutland also kindly treated the children to a scramble for apples. It would be impossible to mention all who so generously and willingly came forward to assist in giving the children a day's real enjoyment; suffice it to say that so liberal was the

supply of good things that sufficient were left to give the children a second tea on Saturday.

8th April 1892 Havelock.—Mr. Reynold's, head teacher at Havelock, forwarded an explanation of the reasons for a pupil! teacher's failing

22nd April 1892 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday evening. Present: Messrs.. . Clarke, Parker, Brown, and G. H. Mills, in the chair. Report from Headmaster showed School roll 115 and average attendance 98. It was resolved to refer the consideration of the appointment of a pupil-teacher to the new committee. The following nominations for the School Committee were received:—Messrs.. W. H. Smith, T. C. Parker, H. L. N. Clarke, V. 0. Venimore, and 0. H. Mills, Chairman. It was resolved that they prepare the annual report to present to the house-holders. After passing a few small accounts the Committee adjourned

20th May 1892 Havelock School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday. Present: Messrs.. C. H. Mills (in the chair), Clarice, Venimore, Brown, Parker, and Smith. Report of the head-master read. Resolved that another application be made to the Board for another room to the masters residence, and repairs to the outbuilding., Resolved that the Chairman write to Miss Piccard asking her, if the Board are agreeable, whether she would withdraw her resignation and continue in tile capacity of pupil teacher, as the committee are perfectly satisfied with her past services. A Circular on playground supervision was received from the Education Board and read.

In reply to a letter from Mr. H. M. Reader it was resolved, that the Committee do not deem it desirable to alter the school hours but will recommend the master, to make an allowance to children coming from a distance

14th June 1892 We see by the report of the Marlborough Education Board that Mr. A. P. Seymour has given notice of motion to increase Miss Matthews' salary as teacher at the Havelock school, and we unhesitatingly affirm that a more deserving case has never come before them, for during the whole of her career for the past nine years that young lady, from her pupil-teachership onwards, has always been most assiduous and untiring in her application to the work undertaken, while no time has been lost in personal study, as proved by her securing an E 3 certificate.

17th June 1892 School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Parker, Jones, Brown, Smith, Venimore, and C. H. Mills (in the chair). After the minutes had been read and confirmed it was resolved that the mid-winter vocation begin on June 24 to resume July 11. Mr. H. M. Reader waited on the Committee with a petition from householders re opening the school at 9 30 a.in. instead of 9 o'clock as at present. , After discussion it was unanimously resolved that in the opinion of the Committee, after due consideration of the petition presented by Mr. Reader, it is not advisable to alter the school hours which have been in vogue ever since the school was opened. The following accounts were passed for payment -.—Brownlee & Co., 1/6; T. Brown, 6/-; John Robinson £6 4/-.

26th July 1892 Mr. Reynolds would be glad to receive offers of trees, ornamental shrubs, &c., for the further beautifying pf the school and adjoining grounds on Arbor Day. The school children, under proper supervision, are prepared to assist in the work.

29th July 1892 Arbor Day.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening to discuss matters in connection with Arbor Day. Mr. W. Price was voted to the chair, who explained the object of the meeting, which was to make arrangements for planting

trees, &c., and he hoped everyone in the place would assist and be present on the day appointed, Mr. Erskine explained, what had led up to steps being taken, and read extracts from the circular sent from the Department of Agriculture. He said that liberal donations of trees bad been promised, and a fair sum of money subscribed. It had been proposed to plant trees from the gravel pit along the foreshore as far as the Church. Some of the oldest inhabitants would be asked to plant trees, besides the members of the Town Board. The Board would see that the trees were properly protected, and a meeting of that body would be held on Monday, when a programme would be arranged after it had been ascertained the number of trees, &c., that had been promised. Mr. Reynolds said that the School Committee was the only body which had ever done anything towards beautifying the town, and he would ask that on Arbor Day further planting be done on the school ground. And with this object he would like to have an assurance that trees would be given from those promised. After some farther remarks of a general character it was proposed,
That the action of the Town Board in making arrangements for tree-planting &c. on Arbor Day be endorsed. Carried unanimously.
A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.
19th August 1892 The annual examination of the Havelock School has been fixed for October 19th, or six weeks earlier than last year. As the time is so short parents are urged to insist on very regular attendance on the part of their children
A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday. Present; Messrs.. H. L. N. Clarke, T. Parker, R. Jones, and V. 0. Venimore (in the chair). Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Letter read from the Master, reporting on school attendance for the past two months. Account to V. 0. Venimore for repairing Venetian blinds 6/-, and freight on books from Blenheim passed for payment
9th September 1892 Twenty-two candidates at the Havelock school, on Wednesday, took up the freehand drawing papers in grade I, forwarded by the Art Department, Wellington. Members of the School Committee supervised the work.
23rd September 1892 The Havelock School Committee met on Wednesday. Present; Messrs.. W. H. Smith (in the chair), Brown, Clarke, Jones, and Venimore. Minutes previous meeting read and confirmed. Report from Head-Master read—Roll at present: Boys 60, girls 55; total 115. The average attendance has been bad owing to the wet weather and other causes.
25th October 1892 Elsewhere will be found the names of those who passed at the examination held at the Havelock School last week, and again the headmaster, Mr. J H Reynolds, and his assistants. Miss Matthews and Miss Piccard, are to be complimented on the result of their labours. Especially are they deserving of credit when it is considered it is only months ago since the last examination, and the winter has been an excessively wet one, causing irregularity of attendance
25th October 1892 Havelock School Examination
At the recent Inspector's examination held on October 19th and 20th The following passed their respective standards
Standard VII Fred Matthews and Mary Tee
Standard Vl.—-Leonard Reynolds Cecil Smith, William Smith, William R Wakelin
Standard V.—Alfred Jones, Hadfield Jones, Grace Wakelin, Harry Williams
Standard IV.-Cecelia Coppins, Ernest Jarvis, Ella Pickering Maude Simmonds, Mabel Simmonds, Edgar Smith, George Wells.

Standard III—Walter Bell, Fred. Fear, Robert Glover, George Glover, Herbert Hill, Francis Pope, Mary Pope, Nellie Pike, George Reynolds, Elizabeth Tee, Walter Wakelin, Hadfield Webb, Maude Wells
Standard II.—Rose Congdon. Ernest Carter, Cecil Farelly, Maggie Forrest, Edith Jarvis, Beatrice Jones, Maggie Pope, Charlotte Pickering, Horace Pickering, Stella Reader, Kate Reader, Isabel Bruce-Smith, May Webb. William Webb:
Standard I.—Caroline Blackbee, Jessie Glover, Edward Henessev, Jessie Hill, Jane Jonson, Elliot Jones, Winnie Nesbitt. Roy Price, Vida Simmonds May Twidle, Eunice Venimore, Fred Warner, Eli Wells.
Four were absent on dates of examination, three were excepted (not having made half time) and eleven failed.
Kaiuma. Aided School. Percy Passau, Albert Pickering Standard IV Daisy Passau. Standard II.—Ady Passau,
4th November 1892 The following from the Havelock School passed the first grade freehand held under the Technical School of Wellington Maude Blackbee, Alfred Jones, Fred Matthews (good), Leonard Reynolds, Mabel Simmonds, Hadfield Smith, Edgar Smith, James Twidle, May Twidle, and George Wells, Certificates will be issued in due course.
18th November 1892 Havelock School Committee.
A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening. Present: Messrs.. Brown, Clarke, Jones, Parker; Venimore, and C. H. Mills, M.H.R. (in the chair). Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.
Mr. Reynolds reported the School Roll to be boys 61, girls 55, total 116, and that the attendance had fallen off since the examination. Thai as Miss Piccard leaves after Christmas it would be necessary to recommend to the Education Board a successor, /and suggested to the Committee the' appointment of Miss Mary Tee. The account for books paid to Treasurer was £3 6s. ,
The School pump was reported to be out of order again, and several complaints had been made about the quality of the water. Resolved, That Mary Tee be recommended to the appointment of Pupil Teacher.
Resolved, That the Christmas holidays commence on Friday, the 17th of December and terminate on the 23rd January, 1893. Resolved, That Mr. Jones make the necessary repairs to pump. Resolved, That Mr. Jones be instructed to make a suitable folding step-ladder for cleaning the windows at a cost of 18s.
The meeting then terminated.
16th December 1892 The Havelock School breaks up at noon to-day for the Christmas holidays, when an interesting presentation will take place. . Four candidates put in an appearance for examination for the Tinline Percy Passau and A. Pickering., from Kaiuma School, and F. Matthews and L, Reynolds from the Havelock School.
20th December 1892 The Havelock School breaks up at noon today for the Christmas holidays, when an interesting presentation will take place. Four candidates put in an appearance for examination for the Tinline P Passau and A. Pickering., from Kaiuma School, and F. Matthews and L, Reynolds from the Havelock School.
The Havelock School broke up on Friday for the summer holidays. Before separating and interesting ceremony took place in the shape of a presentation to Miss Piccard, who is leaving the school. The present consisted of a handsome album which had been purchased by the children from Mr. V. C. Venimore, who kindly illuminated the recipient's name, with date, &c, in a most tasteful manner. The presentation was

made on behalf of the scholars by Mr. C. H. Mills, M.H.R. and Chairman of the School Committee, in a few appropriate remarks, to which Mr. Reynolds responded on behalf of Miss Piccard. Regret was expressed by Mr. Reynolds and others that the school was going to lose the services of so promising and painstaking a teacher whose place it would be difficult to fill. Mr. H. L. N. Clark said he had known Miss Piccard's grandfather forty years ago, who was one of the. first members of Parliament returned for the Nelson District, and thought how pleased he would have been to be present on that happy occasion. Mr. Mills then called for three cheers for Mr. Reynolds and his assistants, which were given in a hearty manner, Mr. Reynolds then asking for a similar compliment for the chairman and members of the School Committee.

20th December 1892 Those Goats.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, —I have on several occasions noticed two goats roaming in and about the school grounds, and are credibly informed that nearly all the trees, planted by the school children since Arbor Day, have been nibbled off and destroyed by them. Surely the Committee cannot be aware of what is going on, or, if aware, are very negligent in not insisting that the animals complained of have been kept under proper control or destroyed. I am, etc.,

Capricornus.

30th December 1892 Havelock School Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee was held on Wednesday. Present; Messrs... Venimore, Smith, Clark, Brown,; and C. H. Mills (in the chair.) The usual notice re extraordinary vacancy was received from the Secretary of the Education Board. Letters from Messrs.. J. Duncan and J. B. Green, signifying their consent to be nominated. Resolved, That Mr. John Duncan be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Marlborough Education Board/ Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education' Board, asking them to kindly provide two iron tanks to keep a water supply for the Havelock School, as the Committee find it impossible to get pure water from the well. The meeting then adjourned.

6th January 1893 A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held yesterday. Present: Messrs.. Venimore, Clarke, and C. H. Mills (in the chair). A letter was received, from the Secretary of the Education Board, notifying them that William Avery, John Duncan, and James Burns Green had been nominated for the vacant seat in the Education Board. Resolved, That this Committee desire to vote for John Duncan as the member to be elected.

13th January 1893 Havelock. The Committee asked that Miss Mary Tee be appointed pupil teacher. ' Agreed to.

The Chairman said there was water wanted for the Picton School, and if this were agreed to it would release two tanks which were in good condition, and could be sent to Havelock with the stand on which they were erected

20th January 1893 Havelock School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday. Present: Messrs.. Brown, Clarke, Parker, and W. H. Smith (in the chair).

Minutes previous meeting read and Confirmed. Resolved. That the Chairman write Mr. Seymour re sending tanks by Pet or Lily, trading to Blackball from Pictou.

Resolved, That the Chairman see Mr. Jones re steps.

Resolved, That the Chairmen gel leak stopped and spouting' cleaned when tanks are set up.

Resolved, That Mr. Geo, Pope's account for cleaning to 31st December, 1892, be passed for payment.

10th February 1893 The Minister of Education, before his departure for Blenheim, paid an official visit to the Havelock School, accompanied by the Chairman of the School Committee. After going over the building, for which he expressed great admiration, at the request of Mr. Mills the Minister addressed the whole school assembled in the head-master's class-room. In the course of his remarks Mr. Reeves reminded his hearers that for the future material progress was not to be obtained as in days of old by hard blows but by a steady application to their duties. He also spoke of those they had to compete with in the towns which possessed advantages country districts had not, but with a stronger bodily physique they should be able to tackle their studies with greater zest and less interruption, The Minister concluded by asking Mr. Reynolds to give a holiday in honour of the first official visit paid to the school by a Minister of Education. Mr. Reynolds readily acceded to the request, and in the course of a short speech trusted that the promised Bill to improve the attendance at school would be drastic in its provisions and be such that hereafter it would be impossible for negligent parents to deprive their children of the great boon of a free and thorough education. After three hearty cheers had been given for the Minister the interesting visit ended, and the children dispersed most favourably impressed with the head of our educational system.

24th February 1893 Two old Havelock school boys have passed the senior Civil Service examination—-namely, O, E. Matthews and Claude Mills. Miss M. J. Matthews passed in Class D at the recent examinations

21st March 1893 Owing to the continual illness of Mr. Reynolds, the School Committee have resolved to close the school for a week and shorten the winter holidays for that period.

21st April 1893 School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday. Present: Messrs.. Jones, Clark, Venimore, Brown, Parker, and C. H. Mills (in the Chair). j Report from Mr. Reynolds read. Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Truant Inspector be requested to give the statutory notice to Messrs.. Glover, Lovell, Farrelly, and Jabez Wells, re their children not attending school, and take the necessary proceedings against them. Resolved, That the fence, windows, and blinds be repaired, and a chair procured for the pupil teacher.—Carried,

Resolved, That the Education Board be asked to procure a suitable range and have it properly fixed in schoolmaster's dwelling.—Carried. Resolved, That the Chairman prepare the annual report to be presented to the householders meeting on Monday, the 24th inst. at 7 p.m.—Carried. ; The-Chairman notified that he had received nomination papers from Messrs.. W. H. Smith, T. Brown, Y, G. Venimore, H. L. N. Clark, W. Price, T. I). Parser, Jones. The following accounts were passed for payment: —Mr. Pope, 3/5; Brownlee & Co., 16/6. The Committee then adjourned until Monday, the 21st inst.

28th April 1893 Havelock School Committee.

A meeting of the above was held on Monday last. Present: Messrs.. Clarke, Jones, Parker. Venimore, Brown, and C. H. Mills (in the chair). Resolved that the report as read be presented to the householders meeting. Mr. Mills said he regretted that he would not be able to offer his services on the Committee again as his time was so fully occupied and lie was so much away from home, but he should always retain a warm interest in the welfare of the school.

Proposed by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Venimore that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Mills for acting as chairman to the Committee during the past ten years. The Auditor's fee of 10/6 was duly passed for payment. At the householders meeting the following persons were duly elected as members of the new Committee for the ensuing year: Messrs.. H. L. N. Clarke, V. C. Venimore, W. H. Smith, W. Price, T. E. Parker, T. Brown, R. Jones.

At a meeting of the new Committee Mr. Clarke was elected chairman

2nd May 1893 Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mr. Reynolds, of the Havelock school, in the loss they have sustained by the death of their infant daughter. Their bereavement has been made more severe by the serious illness of their only surviving daughter who has been a source of great anxiety for several weeks. The kindness received from all their friends in Havelock, especially the ladies who acted as nurses, has been a great consolation.

9th May 1893 It is said that troubles never come alone, and this appears to be true. Victor Reynolds, a son of Mr. J. H. Reynolds, had the misfortune to break his arm on Sunday by falling off a board leading to the bathing shed

12th May 1893 Another heavy blow has fallen on Mr. and Mr. Reynolds, of the Havelock School, in the loss they have sustained by the death of their only surviving daughter at the very interesting age of four years. Last Tuesday week it was our painful duty to announce the death of their infant daughter, in our last issue we recorded a serious accident to their son Victor, and it is with feelings of deep regret we now tell the sad news of the death of their little girl. It is seldom such a sad affliction falls to the lot of anyone in so short a time and heartfelt sympathy has been extended to the bereaved parents in their great sorrow

11th July 1893 SCHOOL LIBRARY. The headmaster of the Havelock school informs us that the School Library is badly in want of a supply of new books, and suggests that one of the winter entertainments should be given in aid, pointing out that many of the young generation have materially assisted in the past to make these entertainments successful. We commend the suggestion to the Committee of these enjoyable gatherings as a love of literature by the young should be encouraged in every way.

21st July 1893 SCHOOL COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Havelock School Committee wag held on Wednesday. The head master’s report was read showing the number on the roll-boys 57, girls 38, total 95

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. In reference to a letter which appeared in a previous issue, Mr. Reynolds, headmaster of the Havelock School writes as follows “ Nearly all the books belonging to the School library were purchased in December, 1886. They have been in constant circulation among the children ever since, and with few exceptions, fair wear and tear, will account for the present condition of the books, which can be inspected at the school at any time. A school library should contain books suitable for boys and girls only. A public library contains many that youthful minds would, for the present, do well not to read. The school library is opened twice a week from 12.30 to 1 p.m.and either the assistant or pupil teacher being in attendance with instructions to report any case where books are returned in a mutilated state. The library is also free

12th September 1893 MEASLES. In consequence of the prevalence of measles the Havelock school has been closed for a week at least. The headmaster is laid up from an attack of this epidemic himself, so it will be as well to consider the advisability of getting the examination put off for a time, as under the circumstances it would be very unfair to both scholars and teachers.

20th October 1893 Havelock School Committee.
A meeting of the above Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs.. Brown, Venimore, Jones, Price, and Clark (Chairman.) The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following is the head-master's report The school roll shows an increase of four, and now stands; Boys, 67; girls, 44; total, 101. The attendance now shows a great improvement, the measles epidemic being almost entirely extinguished. It will be necessary to apply to the Education Board for a grant for gravelling the playground, which has not received any attention for a long time, and in wet weather is in a bad state. It would be well to attend to the matter during the fine season. Mr. W. H. Smith's resignation as a member of the Committee was read and accepted.
Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board for a sum of £5 for gravelling the playground, as the finances of the Committee are unable to meet the requirement. The following account was passed for payment:—Mr. G. Pope, £3 ss.
3rd November 1893 The following is the result of the late drawing examination held under the auspices of the Technical School, Wellington, as regards the Havelock School:—-Freehand—Grace and Walter Wakelin. Scale-drawing—Edgar Smith, Hadfield Smith, Grace Wakelin (excellent), Alfred Jones, Leonard Reynolds, Harry Williams (good), and Alfred Congdon, Ernest Jarvis, Fred. Matthews, Percy Passau, and George Wells. Nineteen were examined in all.
24th November 1893 The Havelock School was examined last Monday and Tuesday, and is again to the front, as will be seen by the results. All credit is due to the head-master, Mr. Reynolds, and Miss Mathews for the success which has attended their labours during the year. The number on roll 101, presented in Standards 76, passed 67, failed 7, excepted 2. The following passed:—Standard VII, (good passes), Fred Matthews, Percy Passau, Leonard Reynolds, and William Smith. Standard VI, Alfred Jones (credit pass), Hadfield Smith, Grace Wakelin (credit pass), and H. Williams. Standard V, Alfred Congdon, Cecilia Coppins, Ernest Jarvis, Edgar Smith, and George Wells. Standard IV, George Glover, Herbert Hill, Robert Maule, Grace Mills, Frank Newman, Francis Pope, Mary Pope, George Reynolds, May Scott, Elizabeth Tee, Herbert Wakelin, and Walter Wakelin. Standard 111, Charles Berry, Rose Congdon, Cecil Farrelly, Robert Horton, Maggie Pope, Kate Reader, Stella Reader, Tasman Scott, Constance Wells and William Webb. Standard 11. Cecil Berry, Carrie Blackbee, Jessie Glover, Edward Jessie Hill, Elliot Jones, Winnie Nesbit, Florence Newcombe, Roy Price, Fred Warner, Eli Wells, May Twidle, and Eunice Venimore. Standard I, Maggie Brown, Hubert Congdon, Thomas Forrest, Rupert Farrelly, Elsie Gwillim, Jenny Henessey, Lucy Jarvis, Augusta Krieg, Charlotte Maule, Bertie Nesbit, Leonard Newman, Agnes Pope, Charles Pickering, Victor Reynolds, Flinders Scott, William Venimore, Alfred Williams, Fred Williams, and Gordon Webb
29th December 1893 During the year Sunday School work has been quietly taken up by Miss Douslin with most gratifying results,…… After the entertainment a number of very nice prizes, the gift t of Miss Douslin, were presented by Mr. Wakelin to the scholars attending the day school and Sunday school.
12th January 1894 Havelock—Miss Tee, pupil teacher, applied through the School Committee that her expenses in coming down to Blenheim for her examination be allowed by the Board. It was resolved to grant the usual amount allowed in such a case.

19th January 1894 We are pleased to hear that another of our Havelock boys has carried off the Marlborough scholarship. At the. examination held last week, P. G. Matthews secured the highest number of marks—namely, 689 out of a possible 850. There were six other candidates, but only one came near, the above—Ben Keys, of the Blenheim school, who secured 672 marks. It is all the more creditable to young Matthews, seeing that he got out of a sick bed and was conveyed to Blenheim when he really ought to have remained at home.

6th March 1894 Successful Scholastic Career.

Mr. Reynolds has shown us- a telegram he received on Saturday from an old Havelock schoolboy, Mr. Ernest Rutherford, informing him that he had just received a cable from England that he had passed his M.A. degree with double first-class honours. Mr. Ernest Rutherford, whom we heartily congratulate on his well merited success, began school life at Foxhill, Nelson, under Mr. Ladley, now headmaster of Grovetown, Blenheim. Mr. and Mr. Rutherford and family moved to Havelock in 1883, and in April of that year Ernest entered the roll of the Havelock school. In December 1886 he won the Marlborough Scholarship, and in January 1887 passed the Junior Civil Service examination. His career at the Nelson College was a brilliant one, there he remained until December 1889, when he won one of the Junior University Scholarships, and the following year joined the Canterbury College. In 1892 he won the Senior University Scholarship for mathematics, and in 1893 was enrolled as a Bachelor of Arts of the New Zealand University, and now he has crowned his scholastic career by taking the degree of Master of Arts with double first-class honours. We doubt whether any other New Zealander can show a like record. Havelock is proud of .hint, Nelson College is proud of him, Canterbury is proud of him, and New Zealand is proud of him- May his magnificent abilities be a source of great use to his younger and less able fellow students. Mr. Rutherford is only 22 years of age.

23rd March 1894 The Havelock School Committee at their meeting, on Monday evening, approved of a proposal of the Headmaster to hold an entertainment at an early date in aid of the Committee's funds. It is desired to finish the Honour Roll, and do other small works about the school, but the capitation received from the Education Board is only sufficient to pay the caretaker, providing wood, &c. It is proposed to have an entertainment to supplement the funds, the first part of which will be provided by the school children. All willing to help in this good cause are invited to meet in the Schoolroom on Wednesday next at 7.30 p.in.

23rd March 1894 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary meeting of this Committee was held on Monday evening last. Present—Messrs.. Clarke (chairman), Brown, Parker, Jones, and Venimore.

The head master's report (annexed) was read. Resolved, That the Committee approve of a proposal to hold an entertainment in aid of its funds at an early date for the purpose of completing the Honour Roll and other works.

Resolved, That the Education Board be requested to renew the fence in Lawrence-street (which is in a dilapidated state) to correspond with the fence facing Lucknow-street, and repairs to other fences, and that Mr. C. H. Mills be requested to represent the matter to the Board. Resolved, That Messrs.. Brown and Parker order the necessary firewood. After passing two small accounts the Committee adjourned.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT. To the Chairman of the Havelock School Committee, Sir,—With this report I complete ray twelfth year of service in the Havelock school. There has been during that time comparatively little variation in the roll number. When I took charge in 1832 it stood at 117 ; in 1890 it reached 129, and fell to 91 in

1893, and is now 108. There has not been the increase in population which in a period of twelve years one might reasonably expect. The great blot on our system is irregular attendance, the Act of last year appearing to be a dead letter. Once let the attendance be as regular as it is at an English public school, we, ag teachers, could accomplish in five years efficiently what now takes six even to touch the surface of. An alteration in our syllabus and a fresh mode of classification could accomplish but little if negligent and (selfish parents are permitted to hold the compulsory clauses of our Education Act in contempt. It will be necessary to approach the Education Board for a new fence to replace the dilapidated stock-yard fence which takes away from the picturesqueness of our school. There are ten additions to make to our Honour Ball. To provide for the cost of these tablets and other small works I would suggest that an entertainment be held at an early date in aid of the School Committee's funds. I will do my best to enlist the sympathy of those likely to assist. It will be necessary to order a supply of wood for the winter. —I am, &c, Jacob H. Reynolds.

30th March 1894 Valedictory.

Just before the close of the Havelock School on Wednesday afternoon a presentation was made to Masters William and Hadfield Smith who are leaving by the s.s. Doric next week for England to study engineering for five years at Glasgow. The valuable books presented were subscribed for by their old school-fellows and teachers. Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Havelock School Committee, presided, and, after suitable remarks had been made by Mr. Reynolds, presented the volumes. Master William Smith thanked the donors, and after three cheers had been given for the young voyagers, partings were exchanged. The books were obtained from Mr. Venimore who very neatly inscribed the names. On the previous Thursday one of the most enjoyable pic-nics it has been our good fortune to attend was held at Moitapu. The s.s. Elsie with a number of large boats conveyed about 130 children and adults to the selected spot, and after an attack had been made on the abundance of good things provided by Mr. W. H, Smith and Miss Brownlee, all present took part in various games and a very jolly time was spent. Before leaving Mr. Reynolds called for three cheers for those who had provided for their enjoyment and also for the two school-fellows who were about to leave them, which was heartily responded to by those present. Master W. Smith thanked them all for their kindness, and soon after a start was made for home.

These fortunate boys left yesterday, accompanied by their grandfather, Mr. Brownlee, en route for Lyttelton, at which place they take passage in the Doric for England. We feel sure two such promising boys will appreciate the opportunities offered them, and will be a credit to themselves and do honour to their native land.

6th April 1894 The Havelock School Committee wrote asking that certain fencing repairs be effected around the school, Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Mills, That the Committee be authorised to call for tenders for three chains of fencing with the best material, and send them in to the Board

27th April 1894 School Committee Election. A meeting of householders was held at the Havelock school-house on Monday last, about thirteen being present, when the following report was read :~ To the Householders of the Educational District of Havelock, Marlborough. Ladies and Gentlemen, — I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report and Balance-sheet, duly audited, of the Havelock School Committee for the past year. The Committee have met on twelve (12) occasions, with an average attendance of five members,

Mr. W. H. Smith, owing to pressure of business, resigned in October last, his seat not being filled up. It is satisfactory to know that the School passed a successful

examination, and that Frederick Matthews, in January last, won the Marlborough Scholarship, this being the fourth occasion that it has been acquired by the Havelock School in twelve years. The Committee have received from the Board, by way of capitation, £32 4s. 6d., and the expenditure, as the balance-sheet shows, has amounted to £2s 19s. 3d., leaving a balance of £3 5s 3d. With the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee, many small works have been left untouched, the aim of the Committee being to balance accounts. The Concert about to be held should assist the incoming Committee in adding to the Honour Roll, &c. ,

During the past year a good wholesome water supply has been obtained, and, with a grant of the playground partially gravelled. We urge upon our successors the urgent necessity for such measures being taken that will prevent indifferent parents from allowing their children to wander at large during school hours. I have to thank both the members of the Committee and Mr. Reynolds for the very harmonious way in which all our proceedings have been carried on. I remain, your obedient servant, H. L. N. Clarke, Chairman.

After the report and balance-sheet had been adopted the election of a Committee was proceeded with, which resulted in the following gentlemen being elected W. H. Smith 11, T. Newman 11, T, Brown 10, V. C. Venimore 9, H. L. N. Clarke 8, R. Jones 8, and H. M. Reader 8. The others proposed were Messrs.. T. Parker 7, W. Pickering 6, G. Congdon 6. On the new Committee meeting Mr. Smith was elected Chairman on the motion of Mr. Clarke.

4th May 1894 The entertainment given by the Havelock school children came off on Wednesday evening and was an unqualified success. The first part consisted of recitations, songs, and choruses by the children who had been excellently trained by Mr. W. H. Palmer, and under his directorship acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The following items were rendered “God save the Queen,” Company; song, “The Old Folks at Home,” Lizzie Morgan; recitation, “ The Little Pilgrim,” Rose Congdon; song, “ The very worst girl in the school,” Cecilia Coppins; recitation, “When I keep a **school,”** Maggie Brown; duet, “Higgledy Piggledy,” Eunice Venimore and May Webb; recitation, “The child’s first grief,” Kate Homan; song, “How my angel mother died,” Rose Congdon; recitation, “The two blacksmiths, Mary Pope; duet, “Is my darling true to me,” Eunice Venimore and Beatrice Jones, dialogue, “ The temperance girls,” Isabella Brownlee, Lizzie Morgan, Rose Congdon, Mary Pope, Flora Newcombe, and May Webb ; “ Auld Lang Syne,” Company ; pianoforte solo, Miss Coppins. Besides the above, the following took part in the choruses—Maggie Pope, Isabella Lovell, May Twidle, Jessie Glover, Constance Wells, and Carry Blackbee. The second part was taken up with the laughable comedy “ Should this meet the eye,” in which the following characters were represented : Mr. Louder (a gay young man), Hadfield Webb; Lionel Long (a lover) Leonard Reynolds; Skinflint (a miser), Herbert Wakelin; Teddy (a servant), Alfred Jones; Polly (the housemaid), Grace Wakelin; Maud (daughter of Skinflint), Isabella Brownlee; Bailiffs, George Reynolds and Tasman Scott. The get-up of the children was immense, and their acting was very good indeed. The total amount received was £6.

8th June 1894 The Havelock School Committee asked that a partition in the school be carried right up to the roof. It was decided that the Committee be asked to supply an estimate of the cost.

22nd June 1894 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs.. W. H. Smith (Chairman), Brown, Clarke, Jones, Newman,

Reader, and Venimore, The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report showed the number on the roll to be—Boys, 55 ; Girls, 45. A letter was received from the Education Board authorising the Committee to have the partition between the rooms heightened. —It was decided to call for tenders, and have the work completed at once. It was decided to close the School for the Mid-winter holidays from Friday, June 22 to Monday, July 9th. The Chairman read a circular from the Department of Agriculture, stating that the day fixed for Arbor Day this year was Aug. 1st and asking the Committee to bring the matter before the residents in this district— Received. Accounts amounting to 30/- were passed for payment, and the Committee then adjourned.

26th June 1894 Havelock School.— The successful tenderer for raising the partition at this School was Mr. R. Jones

20th July 1894 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting ;of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs.. Smith (Chairman), Brown, Jones, Newman, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read as follows:—"The School roll shows a decrease owing to further departures from the district, and now. stands— Boys, 55 ; Girls, 46; Total, 100. Wet weather has interfered with the average attendance. As the annual examination will be held early this year, I hope parents will strain a point to encourage regular attendance." A letter from the Head-master to the Inspector of Schools, suggesting the advisability of altering the date of the Scholarships examination to the week previous to Christmas, thereby giving both teachers and candidates the full benefit of the Mid-summer Holidays, was read and approved. Resolved, That as the wet weather has been the reason of Mr. Jones' work at the School being retarded, no fine should be inflicted, as he (the contractor) promised that the work would be completed on Saturday next. The following accounts were passed for payment:— Guardian, 7/3 ; Mr. G. Pope, £3 5/-. The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, August 15th.

17th August 1894 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present: Messrs.. W. H. Smith (Chairman), H. L N. Clarke, R. Jones, and V. 0. Venimore. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The master's report was read showing the School roll to be the same as at last month's sitting. The average attendance has not been so good as usual, owing to the recent wet weather The school examination is fixed for 6th October, and in reply to Mr. Reynolds' letter to the Education Board, the Inspector finds it is impossible to conform with the wishes of the Havelock Committee by altering the date of the Scholarship Examination, as arrangements are already made for January as previously. The amount of Mr. Jones' contract for work to school partition, £6/10/-, was received from the Education Board and passed for payment. It was resolved that Mr. Jones' offer to re-tape the Venetian blinds, (12) putting new cords, and setting them in good working order, for 5/each, be accepted. The meeting then adjourned.

21st September 1894 Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs.. W. H. Smith (Chairman), Clarke, Jones, Newman, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Reynold's report showed a low average attendance owing to the continued inclement weather. This was much to be regretted, as the annual examination is so near, and it was urged

that parents should lose no opportunity of enforcing the attendance of their children whenever practicable.
The Inspector's report was read, which was very satisfactory as to the efficiency of the teaching staff, and arrangements generally, at his last visitation.
The contractor for the school fence stated that the work was completed, and only required the Committee's approval for him to present his claim to the Board for payment. The meeting then adjourned till 17th October.
16th October 1894 School Examination. The Havelock School passed a very successful examination last week. New Standard classes will be formed next Monday, and regular attendance is necessary, especially when new work and rules are being explained. A list of those who passed in their respective Standards will be published in a future issue
19th October 1894 Our Schools.
We have to congratulate both Mr. Reynolds and Miss Douslin *(Canvastown)* on the successful result attained at the recent Examination of their respective Schools. With regard to the former we have been so used to good reports of the attainment of the Havelock juveniles that the result was not unexpected, nevertheless it reflects great credit on the teachers (Mr. Reynolds, Miss Matthews, and Miss Tee) for the painstaking care they have displayed in training the children in the relative Standards. With respect to the School at Canvastown, more than passing comment is due to Miss Honshu, she having taken over that School under very unfavourable circumstances, and, besides gaining an absolute pass in every Standard, has, by her attention to the duties involved, and the confidence reposed in her by the parents, doubled the attendance l at the school. We predict even greater results at the next examination by the passing of children in her care to the higher Standards
19th October 1894 The following scholars passed their respective standards at the examination of the Havelock school held last Friday
Class X.—Alfred Jones, Leonard Reynolds, and Grace Wakelin.
Standard VI Edgar Smith.
Standard V.—Herbert Hill, Grace Mills, Frank Newman, Francis Pope, Mary Pope, George Reynolds, May Scott, Isabel Smith, Elizabeth Tee, Herbert Wakelin, and Hadfield Webb.
Standard IV.—Cecil Farelly, Kate Reader, Robert Horton, Elizabeth Morgan, Stella Reader, Tasman Scott, May Webb, and William Webb.
Standard III. —Caroline Blackbee, Jessie Glover, Kate Homann, Jessie Hill, Elliot Jones, Beatrice Jones, Edith Jarvis, Winifred Nesbit, Florence Newcombe, Roy Price, Eunice Venimore, May Twidle, Eli Wells, Frederick Warner, and Isabel Bruce Smith.
Standard II.—Maggie Brown, Victor Reynolds, Hubert Congdon, Rupert Farelly, Elsie Gwillim, Jenny Henessey, Lucy Jarvis, Augusta Krieg, Charlotte Maule, Leonard Newman, Bertie Nesbitt, Charles Pickering, Agnes Pope, Flinders Scott, William Venimore, Gordon Webb, Frederick Williams, and Alfred Williams.
Standard I.— Lottie Hayden, Ruby Hill, Bella Lovell, Frank Reader, Conway Reynolds, Gertrude Warner, Charles Venimore, Jessie Pope, and Leonard Smith.
19th October 1894 Too ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs.. W. H. Smith V. G. Venimore, H. L. N, Clarke, R. Jones, T. Newman, and H. Ruder. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The head-master's report was read and adopted.
A letter was received from Miss Matthews asking leave of absence from 23rd inst. to 2nd pros., to enable her to attend an examination at Nelson was read.—Mr.

Reynolds placing no obstacle in the way of granting this leave, the Committee unanimously gave their sanction. Mr. Reader proposed, That as Thur.?-. day, 1st November, was recognised as a public holiday, the children be also granted the next day, in consideration of their diligence in working for the examination and successful passes. Carried.

Mr. Reynolds reported that Mr. Jones' contract for the repair o':',; Venetian blinds was complete.!, and. his account amounting to £1 w.is. ; passed for payment. Mr. Pope's account amounting So, £8/5/- was passed for payment. Mr. Brown's account for firewood: was passed for payment. Messrs.. Brownlee & Co.'s account, amounting to 8/5 completed the list of; demands for the present month and was passed for payment. The meeting then adjourned,

16th November 1894 Havelock. —Mr. Reynolds, Head Master, forwarded the names of A. M. Jones and L. H. Reynolds as nominated for the approaching scholarship examinations.

23rd November 1894 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held in the school-room on Wednesday evening. Present:—Messrs.. Brown, Newman, Clarke, Jones, and W. H. Smith (in the chair). The Head-master's report was read, showing the number on the roll to be, boys, 55 ; girls, 45 ; attendance fair. Resolved, That the school chimneys be swept and the closets cleaned during the holidays. . , Resolved, That the school be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 21st December, 1894, and reopen on Monday, 28th January, 1895. Resolved. That Mr. Louis Brinck's name be submitted to the Central Board as the person selected by the School Committee to act as Truant Inspector, providing he is willing to act, his remuneration to be the fines McMillan's account for firewood amounting to 16/- was passed for The Committee then adjourned.

14th December 1894 Mr. Reynolds, master, wrote asking that Miss Tee's expenses in coming to the pupil teachers' examinations in January be paid in advance. He also asked whether, as he believed had been done on former occasions, the expenses of scholarship candidates coming to Blenheim would be defrayed by the Board. The inspector was authorised to pay Miss Tee's expenses on her arrival. On the motion of Mr. Mills, it was resolved' to grant bare travelling expenses to scholarship candidates

21st December 1894 The public school has closed for the Christmas holidays. and Mr. J. H. Reynolds, the schoolmaster, has left for Christchurch, in the ketch Clematis, where we hope he will enjoy a well-earned holiday

18th January 1895 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday last. Present—Messrs. W. H. Smith (in the chair), V. C. Venimore, H. M. Reader, T. Newman, T. Brown, R. Jones, and H. L. N. Clarke. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved, That the Chairman write to the Inspector of Police requesting him to instruct Constable Williams to act in the capacity of Truant Inspector. Mrs. Pope's account amounting to £3/5/- was passed for payment, and the Chairman was authorised to pay Mr. Jones' account, amounting to £2/12/6, as soon as the work is completed. The meeting then adjourned

29th January 1895 Havelock School.— It is the intention of the Havelock School Committee to put the compulsory clauses of the School Attendance Act into force at once. There are a few flagrant cases of neglect on the part of parents in this district, and an interview with them at an early date, will remind them of their responsibilities and duties.

1st February 1895 Havelock School.
The School Committee met on Wednesday evening last, to consider the applications of three applicants for the position of Pupil Teacher, Miss M. Tee having resigned. There was a full attendance of numbers, Mr. W. H Smith occupying the chair.
The question arose as to the eligibility of Miss Ella Pickering, owing to her not having attended the School for about two years. The instructions from the Central Board, re nomination of Pupil Teachers, being conclusive, that preference shall be given to children attending the' School at which the Pupil Teacher is required, and the application must, be supported by the recommendation of the master.
The other two candidates Miss Grace Wakelin and Mister Alfred Jones, were impartially recommended by Mr Reynolds as equally qualified for the position, and, as Miss Ella Pickering also received a good recommendation from the Mistress of the Canvastown School it was decided to put the three applications to the ballot, with the following result:—Miss Ella Pickering,3; Miss Grace Wakelin, 2; Master Alfred Jones, 2. It was resolved, That the Chairman should send the voting papers and letters of recommendation to the Inspector, with the Committee's wish that, should Miss Pickering's nomination not be favourably received, the Committee should have the privilege of deciding by vote which of the other two candidates would be most eligible for the requirements of the Havelock School.
15th February 1895 Havelock.—The Committee forwarded the names of Ella Pickering, Grace Wakelin, and Alfred Jones as candidates for the pupil teachership recently opened; and asked the Board to make the selection, the merits being equal. The Board resolved that as Jones was the only eligible candidate (according to the regulations) he be appointed. The Committee's request for a school clock was granted.
22nd February 1985 Havelock School Committee.
The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present:—Messrs. Jones, Brown, Clarke, Venimore, Newman and Smith.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
The Inspector's report on the Havelock school was received and read. Letters were received from the Secretary of the Education Board covering £2 10/- for repairs to closets, and notifying the appointment of Alfred Jones as pupil teacher; The following were voted for as members of the Education Board: — Messrs. C. H. Mills, A. P. Seymour and the Hon. Col. Baillie.
The Head-master's report was received and read, showing the school roll to be as follows:—Boys, 51; girls, 44; total, 95.
Resolved, That the Chairman write to the Education Board asking that a sum be set apart as a remuneration for the person who may be appointed to act as Truant Inspector for Havelock and surrounding district, as has already been done in Blenheim. Resolved, That the procuring of firewood for the winter be left in the hands of the Chairman.
Resolved, That Chairman be authorised to pay Mr. Rankin 45/- in settlement of his account for cleaning the school closets and the one at the Head-master's residence.
The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday, the 20th March.
22nd March 1895 School Committee.
The ordinary monthly of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs. Clarke (in the chair), Brown, Newman, and Jones. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's thirteenth annual report was read, showing the school roll to be 96.

The Master was instructed to forward the Truant Inspector weekly the names of all those not complying with the provisions of the School Attendance Act. Mr. Brown was instructed to have some necessary gravelling done. The Chairman was asked to prepare the annual report for presentation to the householders. The Committee then adjourned.

26th April 1895 HAVELOCK. The annual meeting of householders for the election of a School Committee was held in the School-room on Monday evening last.

Mr. J. H. Reynolds was voted to the chair, and called upon Mr. W. H. Smith, Chairman of the retiring Committee, to read their report, which was as follows: " During the past year the Havelock School Committee met on 13 occasions, and, although their duties have been light, they have attended to and done their best to supply what has been required with the limited funds at their' command. The total receipts from all sources, amounted to £39 9/9. and expenditure £34 18/8, leaving a credit balance of £4 11/-. The School roll has shown little alteration, and now numbers 100, and, considering the large number of householders having no children of school age to send, the present attendance is not likely to be increased. During the past year the following works have been carried out—The partition in the School-room has been carried to the roof, the honour rolls completed, the School fence put up, closets and blinds repaired, and more gravelling done. A paid truant inspector has now been appointed, and the Head-master instructed, without fear or favour, to forward, weekly a list of those not complying with the Act. The annual examination passed off very satisfactorily, and the reports of the Inspector on the condition of the School continue to show that its status is good." The report and balance-sheet, as read, was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the retiring Committee.

There having been only seven nominations received for members of the Committee—Messrs. Clarke, Dee, Foston, Gwillim, Jones, Reader, and Venimore the Chairman declared those gentlemen duly elected. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting. The Committer held a meeting subsequently, when Mr. Clarke was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

17th May 1895 Havelock. —The Chairman of the householders' meeting at Havelock wrote questioning the eligibility of the Rev. 0. A. Boston, Wesleyan minister, for the membership of the Committee, as he was not a householder in the meaning of the Act.

24th May 1895 17th May 1895 Okaramio.—On the motion of Mr. Mills it was resolved to call for tenders for the clearing and fencing of the ground of the Okaramio. Miss Ingall, teacher, wrote asking that, if the old building be removed, she be supplied with a range and washing-shed.—Consideration of the removal of the old building was deferred till next meeting, pending the Inspector's visit to the place. The Board then adjourned.

14th June 1895 Havelock.—The Committee wrote asking for a blackboard and two fenders for the school and informing the Board that Mr. W. P. Simmonds had been elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee.—The requirements were granted. The Rev. G. Boston, whom the Board had decided as ineligible for a position on the Committee on the grounds that he was a boarder, wrote that he had taken legal advice and would take steps in the Supreme Court to establish his right—It was resolved to defer the matter till next meeting, Mr. Foston to be invited to attend and produce evidence of his alleged eligibility,

28th June 1895 Narrow Escape.

A very narrow escape from a serious fire took place in Havelock last evening. Messrs. Simmonds and Owen were passing the School when a very bright glare was

noticed inside; after watching for a moment they saw the building was on fire and the flames were running up the eastern wall. An entrance was at once effected, when it was seen that a number of maps, &c., which were standing in a corner near the fire-place, had by some means become ignited, and the fire had spread to the wall. An alarm was at once given, but the gentlemen named succeeded in putting the fire out before assistance arrived. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.

12th July 1895 Havelock—The Rev. Mr. Foston waited on the Board to support Ins position on the Havelock Committee. The question was argued at considerable length. The Board generally adhered to the opinion that Mr. Foston was ineligible, on the ground that he was a lodger and not a householder in the meaning of the Act. Mr. Foston produced the receipt for his payment of rent to Mr. Pope, of whose residence he occupied a portion, and contended that it was not necessary to reside in a separate building. The Havelock Committee wrote on the subject pointing out that apart from the fact that Mr. Foston was a “lodger," he had not fulfilled the condition for a three months’ residence as a householder. Resolved to refer the matter to a solicitor

12th July 1895 Havelock. — The Committee reported the recent fire which occurred in the school and destroyed a number of maps, etc.—Resolved to thank the gentlemen who put out the fire, and to approve the action of the Chairman in effecting repairs.

19th July 1895 School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present:—Messrs. Reader, Gwillim, Dee, Jones, and Clarke (in the Chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read from the Chairman of the School Committee re-election of Mr. Foston. From same re school fire, and replies from the Secretary of the Education Board approving of the action the of Chairman as regards repairs, and stating the Board had forwarded the requisites asked fir by the Committee. The Head-masters’ report was read showing no alteration in the school roll, but showing a poor average owing to colds, etc. prevalent in the district. As the school examination was fixed for 20th September he hoped an effort would be made to secure very regular attendance to that date. Owing to the sickness prevalent he had refrained from reporting absentees to the Truant Inspector. It was resolved, that an improvement be made in the tanks so as to provide better facility for drinking and draining purposes, at a cost to be approved by the Committee, It was resolved to procure two buckets for the school. Accounts amounting to £S 7/10 were passed for payment and the meeting adjourned.

2nd August 1895 ARBOR DAY.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —The School Committee are anxious to further beautify the school grounds by continuing the present plantation, which already is so much admired by all who visit this township. The school funds will not permit of any outlay for planting, but if there are any in town or country who have suitable shrubs and willing to contribute them to this good object I shall be most happy to receive them, so that Arbor Day will not be a dead letter in Havelock. If possible, contributors will oblige by sending in the trees and shrubs by Monday night, 5th August. I am, &c., H. L. N. Clarke, Chairman, School Committee.

16th August 1895 Havelock.—The architect’s report on the recent fire was read, and it was resolved to instruct the architect to remove all woodwork in connection with the fireplace, so as to avoid accident in the future. Mr. Rogers, solicitor, wrote endorsing the opinion of the Board that the Rev. 0. A. Foston was not a householder

and was ineligible as a member of the Havelock Committee. —The Board confirmed its opinion and appointed Mr. Simmonds to the vacancy on the Committee
23rd August 1895
6th September 1895 he following have been chosen to represent the Havelock School in the match to be played at Blenheim tomorrow;— H. Carter (captain), Reynolds (2), E. Carter, Passau, Fuller, Williams, Ragg, Jones, Scott, Newman, Smith, Fear, Jarvis, and Wakelin. The team leave by Pickering's coach at 8 a.m. to-morrow, and return the same night
20th September 1895 The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs. Gwillim, Reader, Venimore, and Clarke (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
The Schoolmaster's report was read showing the attendance to have improved during the last month, the average being boys fifty-five, girls forty-five. Proposed by Mr. H. Reader and seconded by Mr. Venimore that the children have a week's holiday after the examination.—Carried.
Mr. Reader gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he will propose that the hour of Committee meetings be 7-80 p.m.Proposed by Mr. Reader that it be recommended to the Master that the whole of one afternoon in the week be devoted to sewing.—Carried. After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned until October 16th.
24th September 1895 HAVELOCK. Mr. Smith, Inspector of Schools for Marlborough, held his annual examination of this School on Thursday and Friday last, when the following scholars passed their respective Standards.
Class X. —Leonard Reynolds.
Standard VI. Smith, Herbert Hill, Mary Pope, George Reynolds, Herbert Wakelin, Walter Wakelin, Hadfield Webb and Francis Pope.
Standard V.—Ernest Carter, Kate Reader, Stella Reader, May Webb and William Webb.
Standard IV.—Ethel Carter, Jessie Hill, Kate Homann, Edith Jarvis, Beatrice Jones, Elliot Jones, Winifred Nesbit, Florence Newcomb, Roy Price, Isabel Smith, Eunice Venimore, Fred Warner, Norman Wells and Margaret Pope. Standard 111. Fred Williams, Jenny Hennessey, Alfred Williams, Rupert Farrelly, Lucy Jarvis, Arthur Jackson, Augusta Krieg, William Venimore, Elsie Gwillim, Agnes Pope, Robert Nesbit, Gordon Webb, Margaret Brown, Charlotte Maule, Leonard Newman, Charles Pickering and Edward Hennessey. Standard 11. Gertrude Warner, Ruby Hill, Jessie Pope, Isabel Lovell, Frank Reader, Letty Hayden, Conway Reynolds, Charles Venimore, Robert Hoadley and Lewis Williams. Standard I.—Arthur Homann, Alma Scott, Sadie Newman, Charlotte Reader, Francis Pope and Leonard Jarvis. , •:
27th September 1895 Scholastic. —Parents are reminded that the new school year begins next Monday, when new classes will be formed. It is not generally understood by parents that when new ground is being broken regularity of attendance is more important than any other time of the school year.
19th November 1895 On Wednesday, (to-morrow), the Blenheim boys journey to Havelock to try conclusions with the Havelock school boys. Most of the teachers, of the Blenheim School are going to accompany the team. They expect to arrive here about 10 o'clock and will be regaled in the school with dinner and tea, provided by many kind parents and friends of the Havelock boys. They return after tea. The Havelock team will be H. Carter, (captain), Reynolds (2), Smith, Webb, Pope, Williams, Passau, Hill, W. Venimore and Jackson. Emergencies—Price, Warne
22nd November 1895 CRICKET.

BLENHEIM SCHOOL V. HAVELOCK SCHOOL. Wednesday was a red letter day in the history of the Havelock. It was only on Saturday afternoon that a visit to Havelock by the Blenheim school eleven and teachers was definitely known. Preparations for their' 1 hearty reception were at once taken in hand, and, thanks to the energy and hearty co-operation of the ladies of Havelock, a reception fit for a king awaited the visitors on their arrival soon after noon. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the tables were laden with delicacies innumerable. A long drive and anxious waiting had whetted the appetites of all those present, and, after a hearty repast, an adjournment was made to the convincing ground. Havelock winning the toss elected to field. The Blenheim boys were soon disposed of for 21 runs, and it was easy to see that it was to be a bowler's day. The Havelock team soon found this out to their cost, and, the wickets falling like nine-pins, the innings closed for 9. After a short interval the final struggle began, the bowling still keeping well on the wicket, and, with the exception of Bottrell ("who is a very promising all-round cricketer) and Millington, no stand was made, and the total 'only reached 28 runs. This left Havelock 40 to win. Horton and Bottrell bowling splendidly soon disposed of the reputed batsmen of the Havelock team, and it looked as if all was over. However, the unexpected often happens, the tail end making a plucky stand, and numbers creeping slowly up, the excitement of -young and old, present in large numbers, became intense. Dodd, who had replaced Horton with a good pitched ball, secured the last wicket, and Blenheim had won by 10 runs the best game played in Havelock for years, played: in good spirit, and the keen interest and mirthful " barrack " of the rising generation was too good to miss. After exchanging cheers their remained an hour before tiffin, and this was spent in an exploration of the "village," visited by many for the first time. At five o'clock tea was served, not only to cricketers, but to the whole school, and such a sudden disappearance of eatables, we have not seen for many a day. Shortly afterwards Mr. Sturrock rose and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, the teachers, and ladies for their hearty reception, and stated how thoroughly they had all enjoyed themselves, Mr. Reynolds, in reply, stated that the merit of the success of the gathering was due to the ladies alone, who always, with little ado, came so willingly forward to assist, arrange, and manage. After rounds of cheers, Mr. Sturrock invited the Havelock boys to Blenheim before the end of the season, an invitation which was accepted. The visitors left on their return journey soon after 6 p.m. All are to be congratulated on the success of the day's proceedings, and we hope to see many more re-unions of a like description. Messrs. Sturrock and Reynolds acted as umpires, and Masters Furness and Wakelin as scorers

A match was played at Canvastown on Saturday last, between the Havelock and Canvastown Schools, when the latter were victorious by eleven runs.

29th November 1895 Havelock School Committee.

The monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening, Present—Messrs.' Clarke (in the chair), Gwillim, Newman, Simmonds, Dee and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence was read, also the Inspector's report on his annual examination. The Chairman reported having received a tender for the work at the teacher's residence after the advertised time for closing, and asked for the Committee's ruling thereon.—Resolved that the tender be returned unopened. The Christmas vacation was fixed at five weeks, viz., from Dec. 20th to Jan. 27th. It was decided to alter the hour of meeting during the months October to March inclusive to 7.30. The following accounts were passed for

payment Mr. Pope, £8 5/-; Mr. Venimore, 6/10; Mr. Price, 1/10. The Committee then adjourned to December 18th.

20th December 1895 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday last. Present—Messrs. Clarke (in the chair,) Gwillim, Dee, Simmonds, Newman, and Reader. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was received from the Education Board, stating that Messrs. Matthew Bros' tender had been accepted for papering, &c., at the teacher's residence.

Mr. Henderson wrote asking for an explanation of the action taken with regard to the letting of the work, as the Committee decided at their last meeting that the tender which was accepted was informal.

After some of the members had expressed their opinion that the Board ought to be applied to for an explanation, it was decided to forward Mr. Henderson's letter on to the Board for their perusal and action.

Resolved to have the school tanks cleaned out during the holidays. The Master reported that the average attendance had diminished considerably during this week, and it was decided to close the school for the Mid-Summer vacation;

After paying accounts amounting to £1 6/-, the Committee adjourned.

17th January 1896 Havelock. The Committee forwarded a letter received by them from Mr. F. Henderson in reference to a matter over which soma unpleasantness had arisen. Mr. Henderson complained that his tender for a small job in connection with the Havelock school had been rejected in favour of an informal tender, a few shillings lower, put in by Messrs. Matthews Bros., several hours after the advertised time of closing. The Committee sent the tenders to the Board, refusing to receive that offered by Mr. Matthews, who then despatched his tender to the Board himself. The Chairman and several members said that when they considered Mr. Matthews' tender they were under the impression it had been forwarded by the Committee.—It was resolved to reply that Mr. Matthews' tender was accepted under a misunderstanding, and that if the Board had been in possession of all the circumstances of the case it would not have opened the informal tender

31st January 1896

Havelock. School Absentees.—We are informed that on and after Monday next the Master of tie Havelock school intends to hand the names of all absentees from school to the Truant Officer, whose duty it will then be to take action as the law provides.

14th February 1896 Havelock.—The master and Committee wrote recommending that Master Jones, pupil-teacher, be granted another term.—Agreed to

28th February 1896 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present-Messrs. Dee, Reader, Simmonds, Venimore, Gwillim, and Clarke (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read from the Education Board re pupil teacher. Resolved that Mr. C. B. Jarvis be auditor for the School, Committee's accounts. The Head-master's report was received and read as follows:—The school roll shows an increase of nine, and now stands; boys, 59; girls, 50 total, 109. The attendance has been far from good in some classes until this week, but not sufficiently irregular to bring the absentees within the penal clause of the Act. Irregular attendance is the curse of our educational system throughout New Zealand, and the amendments recently made in the Act seem to have been framed, perhaps not intentionally, to make it as difficult as possible >to impress on careless parents their parental duties. Two forms are

required in the school porch, which is used for the simultaneous work of the infant classes; those formerly in use, owing to age, are past repair. The playground will require gravelling before the winter sets in, and a supply of firewood obtained." ; Resolved that the Education Board be asked to vote a sum of £10 to gravel the playground, which is in a bad condition in wet weather. Resolved that two forms be procured from Mr. Jones at a cost of IS/-; Mr. Venimore brought forward the proposed water supply for Havelock. Proposed by Mr. Dee, and seconded by Mr. Venimore, that the Chairman write to the Education Board, asking whether they will consent to be rated for a water supply for the Havelock school and residence, as agreed by residents per petition enclosed. Resolved that Mr. Clarke enquire re firewood, and Messrs. Simmonds, Reader, and Gwillim gravel, and report. After passing accounts the Committee adjourned.

10th March 1896 BLENHEIM V. HAVELOCK SCHOOLS. The Havelock boys journeyed to Blenheim on Saturday last for the purpose of playing the return match with the Blenheim boys. The team was conveyed through in Mr. Hayward's four-horse coach, leaving here at 6 a.m., and returning shortly after 10 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing. The visitors were sumptuously entertained by the home players at lunch and tea in the school.

13th March 1896 Havelock.—The Committee asked for a vote of £10 to be enabled to gravel the play-ground. Granted. Also, if the Board would consent to be rated in connection with the proposed water supply at Havelock.—Consent given.

20th March 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening last, Mr. Clarke presiding, and all the members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from the Education Board confirming Mr. Jarvis' appointment as Auditor, and authorizing the expenditure of £10 for gravelling the School play-ground. Tenders for gravel were received as follows: —T. Foote, 4/- per yard (accepted); H. Rankin, 20 tons for £7. The Chairman reported that he had ordered four cords of firewood.—Approved. The Head-Master's report was read as follows:—The School roll shows a decrease, owing to departures from the district, and is now—Boys, 56; Girls, 45; Total, 101, The attendance has been fair Miss Matthews requests me to bring before you the necessity of having a cupboard to kept the sewing in; at present it is kept, most inconveniently, in the library cupboard. An inexpensive one would answer the purpose, and could be erected on the inner side of the infant gallery. With this report I complete' my fourteenth year of service in the Havelock School. Resolved, That a cupboard be erected at a cost not to exceed 15/-. A letter was received from Mr. R. Jones complaining of his boy having been ill-treated by the Master. After some discussion, it was resolved, That the complainant not being present, the Committee were not competent to deal with the matter; but that the Master be requested not to strike any child on the head in future, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Jones. It was resolved to ask Constable Egan to act as Truant Inspector, in place of Constable Williams, who has left the district. After passing accounts amounting to 15/6, the Committee adjourned till April 15th.

3rd April 1896 Long Service. —Mr. J. H. Reynolds has just completed his fourteenth year in charge of the Havelock School, and the number of good scholars who are indebted to him for their instruction, and the many winners of Scholarships during that period, must all be a lasting momento to his ability and skill as a teacher

17th April 1896 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs. Clarke (in the chair), Simmonds, Gwillim,

Reader, Newman, Dee and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read as follows “The school-roll is—boys, 55; girls, 45 ; total, 100. The average attendance has much improved, The absence of the pupil teacher, through illness, has not interfered with the work, Grace Mills, the eldest girl attending school, assisting Miss Matthews in the meantime.”
The following resolution was carried unanimously: —"This Committee desires to express its regret at the serious gun accident which happened to the pupil teacher, Alfred Morris Jones, on Saturday, the 4th instant, and express a hope that he will be enabled to resume his School duties when he has regained sufficient strength.” This being the last meeting of the present Committee, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman (Mr. Clarke) for his actions in the chair during their term of office.
17th April 1896 Havelock.—The head teacher wrote that, his pupil teacher having been incapacitated by a gun accident, he. had enlisted the services of some of the older pupils.—Approved. The Committee notified Constable Egan had been appointed Truant Inspector in place of Constable Williams.—The appointment was confirmed, the salary to be the same as in the past.
24th April 1896 The Census.—The Census of the town of Havelock shows as follows:—Males, 189; females, 176; total, 365. Houses occupied, 75; unoccupied (including shops, which are scheduled as unoccupied dwellings), 21. In 1896 the figures were:—Males, 149; females 138; total, 287—an increase in ten years of 78
The Election of School Committees.
1st May 1896 HAVELOCK. The annual meeting of householders was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last (Mr. C. H. Mills, M.H.R, in the chair), when there were about twelve present. The report and balance-sheet presented by the retiring Committee were read and adopted. , The report read as follows: —'* The total receipts for the year were £52 5/9, and disbursements £52 0/4, leaving a small balance of 5/5 in hand; there are also liabilities to the amount of £4 15/6, amount of accounts passed for payment since March 31st. The retiring Committee has met regularly, with an average attendance of six members. During the past year the Education Board has given special grants towards papering the teacher’s residence, and gravelling and improving the playground. During the coming year the school and residence, besides the fences, will require painting, and the spouting of the school considerable repairs. The annual Examination passed off creditably alike to teachers and scholars. Constable Egan has accepted the position of Truant Inspector, and to our successors we would urge that the important matter of regular attendance be most carefully attended to.” The Chairman announced having received nominations from Messrs. Dee, G. Gwillim, W. Pickering, Reader, W. P. Simmonds, and Venimore. The following additional nomination was received at the meeting—viz., Mr. H. L. N. Clarke. This making the number required- (seven) the Chairman declared the above-mentioned gentlemen duly elected as a Committee for the ensuing year. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. The Committee met immediately afterwards, when Mr. Venimore was unanimously elected Chairman. After transacting some routine business and passing accounts (5/xo) the Committee adjourned till May 20th.
26th May 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Clarke, Dee, Pickering and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master’s report was read, showing the number on the roll to be —Boys, 55; girls, 48; average attendance, fair. It was resolved that in consequence of the low state of the Committee’s funds, application be made to the Education

Board for a grant of £5 for firewood. After transacting some other unimportant business, and passing accounts amounting to £3 8/6, the Committee adjourned till June 17th

12th June 1896 Havelock.—The Committee wrote asking the Board to clear off its debit balance of £8 16s. It was resolved to reply that, after examining the abstract of the Committee's account last year, the Board could not comply with the request

19th June 1896 Havelock School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening; last. Present: —Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Reader, Pickering, Dee, Clarke, and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read, showing the number on the roll as 100, with an average attendance of 84. It was decided that the school close for the mid-winter vacation to-day (Friday), and re-open on Monday, 6th July. Resolved, that the Chairman write to the Education Board asking them to advantage £7 to liquidate the balance of the existing liabilities of the Committee after the present quarter's capitation has been received, as an advance against next quarter's capitation. After passing accounts amounting to 9/2 the Committee adjourned

14th August 1896 14th August 1896 Havelock—The Inspector stated that the average attendance of the school had fallen below the number (85) entitling it to a pupil teacher. — The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Committee to the fact. .

21st August 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Dee, Reader, Pickering, Simmonds and Clarke. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read as follows:—" The school roll shows no alteration, and is—boys 57, girls 43, and total 100. The average attendance, considering the wet weather, has been good. There is at present no prospect of an increased attendance. I believe all children of school age in the school district are on the roll. There are considerably over 20 inhabited houses in Havelock in which there are no children of school age residing. For some time we have not been entitled to a pupil teacher, nor can we expect to get an average of 85 with only 100 on the books. I would suggest that the Education Board be asked to allow the matter to stand over until Christmas." A letter was read from the Education Board pointing out that at present the school average was below the number sufficient for the employment of a pupil teacher. Resolved, That the Education Board be written to asking that the matter of dispensing with the pupil teacher be deferred until the end of the year, and that, in the meantime, the Committee will do their best to raise the average. A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Ensor, applying for use of school-room f >r drawing classes.—Left in the hand of the Chairman and Head-master. The Committee than adjourned.

15th September 1896 School Examination.

HAVELOCK.

Mr. Smith, Inspector of Schools for Marlborough, held his annual examination of this school on Thursday and Friday last, when the following scholars passed their respective standards (alphabetical order) Class X.—Herbert Hill, Frances Pope, George Reynolds, Leonard Reynolds, and Walter Wakelin. Standard VI, —Ernest Carter, Harry Carter, Kate Reader, Tasman Scott, and May Webb. Standard V'—Ethel Carter, Cecil Farrelly, Jessie HM, Kate Homann, Edith Jarvis, Beatrice Jones, Elliott Jones, Winifred Nesbitt, Florence Newcombe, Roy Price, Margaret Pope, Isabell Smith, Eunice Venimore, and Norman Wells.

IV.—Caroline Blackbee, Maggie, Brown, Rupert Farrelly, Jessie Glover, Elsie Gwillim, Edward Hennessey, Jenny Hennessey, August Krieg, Charlotte Maule, Bertie Nesbitt, Leonard Newman, Agnes Pope, Charles Pickering, Flinders Scott, Vida Simmonds, May Twidle, and William Venimore.
Standard III.—Ruby Hill, Robert Hoadley, Bella Lovell, Jessie Pope, Frank Reader, Conway Reynolds, Victor Reynolds, and Gertrude Warner.
Standard IL—Sadie Newman, Francis Pope, Lottie Reader, Alma Scott, Leonard Smith, Ethel Sowman, and Alice Simmonds.
Standard I. —Noel Dee, Cora Gregor, Cecelia Homann, Cyril Newman; Prank Nesbitt, Gooney Pickering D'Arcy Reader, and George Hayden.
18th September 1896 School Committee.
The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was ' held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Bee, Simmonds and Clarke. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read and approved. _ - The Head-master's report was read, showing the number on the roll to be 302, and a good average attendance for the past month. It was resolved to request the Edu—Nation Board to have the school, residence, fences, and outbuildings repaired and painted during the next Christmas holidays. After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned till October 21.
18th September 1896 Havelock.—The Committee wrote asking to be allowed to retain the services oi a pupil teacher till the end of the year, and saying that in the meantime the Committee would endeavour to improve the average attendance. — Letter received, and it was decided to taka no immediate action.
2nd October 1896 God Speed !—It is with pleasure we announce that Master Leonard H. Reynolds, the eldest son of our popular Mr. Jacob H. Reynolds, has received the appointment of cadet in the General Post Office, and leaves to-morrow per s.s. Wairoa to report himself at headquarters. "Len." carries a clean record from Havelock, and, whilst his ready smile and genial courtesy will be sorely missed amongst us, he is to be congratulated upon his start in life under such good auspices. As the eldest boy in the school he has made a favourite of himself with the younger lads by stopping all "bullying," and the boyish friendships he has made will, it is to be hoped, be lifelong—there are no friends like boyhood's friends. In football and cricket circles he will leave a gap, and we shall look for his name amongst the rising men of the junior teams of the Empire City clubs. The leading features of Havelock appear to be leaving us—last week "Davy," now" Len."—and the only consolation is that those who we mention will prove a credit to the district in which they have resided so long. Well, good bye, Len You are starting young; go straight; uphold the weak against the strong; stick to work and athletics, and when you get leave of absence don't forget to visit your boyhood friends in Havelock.
16th October 1896 Havelock.—The Committee wrote asking that the school-buildings and fences be painted, and the spouting be attended to; also, referring to the dilapidated condition of the closets. — It was resolved to instruct the Architect to call for tenders for the work, with a view of having it done during the Christmas holidays.
23rd October 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Dee, Pickering and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence was read, and approved. The Head-master's report was read, showing the number-on the roll to be 108 (boys, 61; girls, 45) He also recommended the appointment of a Truant Officer, and a few repairs. Resolved, That applications be invited, by next meeting, for the position of a Truant Officer, at

£4 a year. Resolved, That the repairs required be left in the hands of the Chairman. The Committee then adjourned till November 18th.

6th November 1896 Drawing :—The following in the higher classes of the Havelock School passed the drawing examination ‘held in September last in connection with Technical School of Wellington H. Carter, C. Farelly, H. Hill, A. Jones, E. Jones, R. Price, F. Pope, T. Scott, E. Venimore, W. Wakelin, and W. Webb.

13th November 1896 Havelock.—The Committee wrote explaining that in asking that the school buildings be painted they intended the term to embrace the master's residence.—-Resolved to instruct the architect to have the residence painted.

20th November 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee wail held on Wednesday evening last. Present—-Messrs. Venimore (in the chair) Clarke, Dee, Reader and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master’s report was read as follows:—The school roll shows an increase, and is now—boys, 64; girls, 47; total, 111. The average attendance is only fair. I would suggest that the Christmas vacation begin on December 18. I have to report three pupils (names given) as habitual absentees Resolved, That the holidays' commence on December 18th, and continue until January 25th. It was decided that notices be served on the parents of the pupils who have not made the necessary attendance, as per Head-master’s report. After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned till December 16th.

18th December 1896 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. Venimore (in the chair, Clarke, Dee and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The outward correspondence was read and approved. The Head-master's report was read, showing the number on the roll to be 109, and the average attendance poor. Resolved, that the matter of the disposal of books be held over till the next meeting. Accounts amounting to £1 5/- were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till Jan. 20 1897.

18th December 1896 Havelock.—The following tenders were received for the painting and other improvements of/ the Havelock School:—W. Price, Cullensville, £70. Matthews Bros £89 15s 6d; Iremonger £60 (accepted). There was one informal: tender of £62 10s.

18th December 1896 On the recommendation of the Havelock schoolmaster Mr. W. A. Duffy was appointed teacher. The Board then adjourned.

15th January 1897 Havelock School. — Owing to the average attendance at this School having fallen below the requisite number, the Education Board has notified that a pupil teacher will henceforward be unavailable

26th January 1897 Havelock School, — Owing to the painting of the School being unfinished, the Committee have decided to extend the Holidays till Monday next

29th January 1897 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present— Messrs. Clarke, Dee, Reader and Venimore (in the chair.) The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was received from the Education Board re the annual nomination of members.—Consents having been received from Messrs. Chaytor, Duncan and Phillpotts, it was resolved to nominate the two former.

The average attendance having fallen below the number requisite for the employment of a pupil teacher, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Miss May Webb as probationer. The Head-master having expressed a wish to be relieved of the duties in connection with the supply of school books, the Committee resolved to

take over the duty, and appointed Miss Webb to supervise their distribution, any profit arising there from to be paid to the probationer quarterly, as a bonus, for her trouble. Messrs. Dee and Venimore were appointed to take over the books in hand, on behalf of the Committee, and to arrange for payment therefor. The Chairman was authorised to have some necessary work attended to preparatory to the resumption of school duties. Accounts for £8 8/- were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till Feb. 17.

2nd February 1897 Accident.—On Sunday evening, Master Conway Reynolds, son of Mr. Reynolds, head-master of the Havelock school, met with rather a painful accident. It appears he was riding a child's tricycle when the machine collapsed, precipitating him to the ground, and a sharp point of the broken machine penetrated his back, inflicting an ugly wound. Dr. Hadley was at once summoned, and found it necessary to insert a stitch in the lad's back. We learn, on latest enquiry, that the sufferer is progressing very favourably

19th February 1897 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. H. L. N. Clarke, 0. Dee, H. Reader, W. P. Simmonds, W. Pickering, and V. 0. Venimore (Chairman^ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The master's report was read as follows:—Since last meeting there have been several additions to the school roll, but a still larger number of removals. It now stands—boys, 64; girls, 41; total, 105. Resolved, that books and requisites be supplied to the children any time when required during school hours. Resolved, that Messrs. Chaytor, Duncan, and Storey be voted for as members of the Education Board.

No candidates having offered themselves to fill the extraordinary vacancy through the resignation of Mr. T. L. Buick, the Havelock Committee could make no nomination. . Notices of motion tabled tor next meeting—-By Mr. W. Pickering, that the Chairman in -future act as Secretary to the Committee. By Mr. H. M. Header, that in future school opens at 9.30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., as hitherto, from 1st April till 81st August. Resolved, that the Secretary of the Education Board be written to calling attention to the latter part of a letter from the Chairman of the Committee of 25th uIt.; also that the account of Matthews Bros, be enclosed, asking the Board for payment,

26th March 1897 School Committee.

The adjourned meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening last, the 24th. inst. Present Messrs. Clarke, Dee, Pickering, Reader, Simmonds, and Venimore (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read from the Education Board, and Messrs. H. M. Reader, J. Storey, and H. F. Thompson. Proposed by Mr. Pickering, and seconded by Mr. Dee, that for the future the minutes of meetings be taken by the Chairman, and that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. Reynolds for past services to the Committee. —Carried. Resolved, that the Chairman, with Messrs. Dee and Simmonds, inspect the leaks in the porches, and call for tenders should the estimates exceed £3.

Mr. Reader's motion re the alteration of school hours was submitted to the meeting, and it was resolved, that school duties commence at 9.30 a.m. from the 1st of April until the 31st of August. Resolved, that Mr. C. B. Jarvis be appointed auditor. Resolved, that'? Mr. Reynolds disallows the children to play in the main road during school hours. It was proposed that tenders be called until the 81st of April for the

supply of dry firewood—either matai or manuka, in 2 foot. lengths—in quantities as may be required during the winter months.
The master's report was read, and shewed that 15 pupils had been admitted and 28 left during the quarter, and that the school roll is now boys 59, and girls 41, total 100. Average attendance fair. The VI. Standard now comprised 19 children. The report also stated that Mr. Reynolds, with this quarter, has completed 15 years' service in the Havelock school, and that it was his intention shortly to call a meeting of teachers in this part of Marlborough asking their cooperation to make a suitable celebration among the young of the Queen's Jubilee, and trusts to receive the support of the various Committees.
16th April 1897 Havelock.—The Committee was granted a clock.
30th April 1897 HAVELOCK.
The annual meeting of householders was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening last (Mr. J. H„ Reynolds in the chair), when there were about ten present. The report and balance-sheet presented by the retiring Committee were read and adopted. The report read as follows" Having completed our term of office, we have much pleasure in stating that our finances, as a Committee, are in a satisfactory state, having a small balance in hand and a fair stock of books and school requisites to transfer to our successors in office. We do not say this boastingly, but with gratification at knowing that during- the past year all claims have been met that existed at its commencement, and the only liability which the new Committee will find resting on the school is 30/- due to Mr. Reynolds for books and requisites supplied, and now on hand. It is a matter for congratulation that, through the liberality of the Education Board, we have had the school ground gravelled, many necessary repairs effected, and both' the school and master's residence painted. During the year, through a falling off in the attendance, consequent on so many people leaving, we are deprived of the services of a pupil teacher; but Miss Webb, acting as probationer, to some extent, fills the position. We take this opportunity of expressing our recognition of the fifteen years' service of Mr. Reynolds, and also of the good work done by Miss Matthews, who, as his first pupil who passed the sixth standard during Mr. Reynolds' regime, has occupied the position of pupil teacher and. mistress for nearly fourteen years, and, during which time, has gained the D Certificate, and proved herself an efficient teacher. As a general demonstration of rejoicing all over the British Empire will be made on the event of celebrating Her Majesty's unparalleled reign, we would suggest that our successors will advance some scheme that will make it a red-letter day amongst the children of the Havelock school, especially as it is a long time since teachers and the public gave themselves up to giving the youngsters a right good day of pleasure. The total receipts for the year were £42 4/11, and disbursements £38 8/1, leaving a small balance in baud; in addition to this accounts amounting to £3 16/10 have been passed for payment since 31st March."
The Chairman announced having received nominations from Messrs. C. Dee, W. Pickering, W. E. Simmonds, W. K, Matthews, G. K. Wakelin, and C. Mitchell. Seven members being required to make a full Committee, Messrs. H. M. Reader and V. Ci Venimore were nominated in the room, whereupon Mr. Dee withdrew his nomination, and the Chairman declared the remaining seven duly elected.
The Committee met immediately afterwards, when Mr. Venimore was re-elected Chairman.
Proposed by Mr. Reader and carried, that the time of meeting for the Committee shall be 7.30 p.m., instead of 7 as hitherto.

The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday, 19th May.

21st May 1897 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present:—Messrs. C. Mitchell, W. K, Matthews, W. E. Simmonds, and V. 0. Venimore (chairman). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The head-master's report was read as follows:—The school roll numbers: boys, 58; girls, 37; total, 95. The average attendance at the commencement of the month was bad, but for the last fortnight very fair. I shall be happy to co-operate in any way the Committee may think desirable that the children of Havelock may suitably celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Miss May Webb has been compelled to absent herself from school owing to illness at home.

Resolved, that the winter holidays commence on Friday, the 18th June, and terminate on Saturday, the 4th July.

Resolved, that in view of the Queen's Jubilee on the 22nd June, sports for the school children, and tea in the Town Hall be arranged under the auspices of the Committee, and that subscriptions for that purpose be collected from friends wishing the juveniles to have a good day's enjoyment.

It was further resolved, that the Committee meet at Mr. Venimore's on Friday next at 7.80 p.m.to arrange details for carrying out the above resolution.

The Committee then adjourned.

18th June 1897 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Mitchell, Simmonds and W. Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Education Board for permission to have certain work done to the school out-buildings. The account of Mr. Brown (£1 7/-) for the supply of firewood was passed for payment. —The Chairman was requested to interview Mr. Brown with reference to the supply of dry firewood in future. The Revs. Ensor and Foston (as a deputation from the Jubilee Demonstration Committee) waited on this Committee to arrange matters in connection with * the Demonstration. A full report of the decisions arrived at appears elsewhere.

20th August 1897 Havelock School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Matthews, Mitchell, Pickering and Reader. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, showing the number on the school roll to be —Boys, 56; Girls, 87. Attendance fair. It was decided to urge upon parents the necessity of children attending regularly, the annual examination being fixed for October 7th. The matter of straining the wire in the school fence was held over. There being a vacancy on the Committee, owing to Mr. Wakelin having left the district, Mr. C. Dee Was nominated and approved as a member. The accounts in connection with the Jubilee celebrations were presented, showing a balance in hand of 19/9. — After some discussion, it was decided to hold over the appropriation of such balance until a future meeting. After passing accounts for £5 5/6, the Committee adjourned till Wednesday September 15th.

17th September 1897 Havelock School.—Owing' to the inability to form a quorum, the monthly meeting of the School Committee lapsed. The school roll shows Boys, 56; Girls, 39; Total, 95. The attendance for the past month has been particularly good

17th September 1897 Havelock.—The Committee was authorised to expend a sum of money not exceeding £1 in clearing the gorse off the school ground, in accordance with the notification of the Town Board.
12th October 1897 Apology. —We must apologise to the parents of the children attending the Havelock school, for the absence of the result of the annual examination, on Thursday last, but, owing to the absence of the Head Master, we were unable to procure, the list. We hope to announce the result in our next issue.
15th October 1897 School Examination.
HAVELOCK. The following scholars passed in the respective Standards at the annual examination of the Havelock school, on Thursday, October 7th: Class X.—Ernest Carter, Standard Vl.—Roy Price, Stella Reader, and William Webb. Standard V.—Caroline Blackbee, Maggie Brown, Elsie Gwillim, Jenny Hennessey, Bertram Nesbit, Charlotte Maule, Flinders Scott, May Twidle, Frederick Warner, and William Venimore. Standard IV.—John Foote, Edward Hennessey, Lucy Jarvis, Conway Reynolds, Frank Reader, and Gertrude Warner. . Standard III.—Maggie Eden, Letitia Hayden, Elsie Jellyman, and Alice Simmonds. Standard ll.—Cora Gregor, Noel Dee, Arthur Homan, Frank Nesbit, Cecelia Homann, George Hayden, Leonard Jarvis, Constance Pickering, and Darcy Reader. Standard I.—Oliver Farrelly, Alfred Glover, Violet Pickering, Wilfred Warner, Darcy Reader, Frederick Wells, Violet Wells, James Pope, E. Simmonds, and L. Simmonds.
22nd October 1897 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock **School** Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Dee, Matthews, Mitchell, Pickering, Reader and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read, showing the school roll to be —Boys, 55; girls, 37. The report, referring to the result of the recent examination, pointed out that most of the scholars who failed had been very irregular in attendance. A complaint was received that a boy who had passed the Fourth Standard last year was again presented in the same Standard this year.—The Master having explained his action, the Committee decided to accept same, and the Secretary was instructed to convey same to the complainant.
The Chairman was authorised to take charge of the books and school requisites, and arrange for their distribution
21st December 1897 Prize Distribution.
On Friday last the scholars at the Havelock School were presented with the prizes gained by them during the past year. The prizes, which in the higher Standards consisted of handsomely-bound and well-selected books, had been purchased with the funds raised by the children's concert, supplemented with the surplus of the Queen's Jubilee demonstration subscriptions. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. E. Ensor, Mr. V. C. Venimore, Chairman of the School Committee, made the presentations, and, before proceeding with the pleasant duty that had devolved upon him, thanked those ladies, Mesdames Pickering and Webb, with their assistants, for the large amount of trouble they had gone to in creating the funds from which the larger number of those prizes now before him had been purchased. He thought it was highly creditable also to the children that they should, by their obedience and attention to the musical instruction imparted to them, have been able to attract the large audience that had visited their last concert, and, as it were, generated, independent of their own feelings, a sum of money that might be used to reward these scholars, that were considered the most worthy —such single-hearted trait of character spoke much more strongly than any, words he could 'use' as to the esprit de corps existing amongst the scholars, and their affection towards each other,

their school and teachers. The speaker having impressed upon those who had not this year gained prizes to refrain from being discouraged, but to work valiantly onward, presented the prizes, of which a list is appended. The Head Master, Mr. J. H. Reynolds, having requested permission to present the prize for regular attendance, took the opportunity of impressing upon parents the absolute necessity of insisting upon their children attending school with regularity. It was not the fault of the children that they were so constantly absent, and, whilst excuses must be made, in all fairness, for -children having long distances to come he felt that the-very irregular attendance should receive the attention of parents, who, the interests of the future prospects of-their children, should avail themselves of the educational facilities and advantages, without which the rising, generation would find themselves, severely handicapped in their passage through life

The list of prizes distributed was as follows

Standard VI, Geography, Roy Price Spelling, Stella Reader; Spelling, William Webb; Geography, Norman Wells.

Standard V. Drawing, Caroline Blackbee; Reading, Maggie Brown ; Reading, Jessie Glover, Elsie Gwillim ; Writing, Jenny Hennessy; Augusta ,Kreig Composition, Charles Pickering; Geography; Agnes Pope"; Drawing, Flinders Scott; Composition, May Twidle; Arithmetic, William Venimore; Arithmetic, Frederick Warner; Composition, Gordon Webb.

Standard IV. Geography, John Foote; Composition, Edward Hennessey; Reading, Lucy Jarvis; Spelling, Frank Reader.;; Arithmetic, Conway Reynolds; Spelling, Victor Reynolds; Writing, Charles Venimore ;, Composition, Gertrude Warner; Regular Attendance, Jessie Pope.

Standard 111. Geography, Letty Hayden; Writing, Lottie Reader; Geography, Francis Pope; Drawing, Leonard Smith; Arithmetic, Alice Simmonds; Writing, Ethel Sowman; Composition, Alma Scott; Reading, Marion Cavell.

Standard 11. Noel Dee, Homann, Cora Gregor; Arthur Homann, George Hayden: Leonard Jarvis, Constance Pickering, D'Arcy Reader.

Standard I. Alfred Glover, Violet Pickering, D'Arcy Reader, Ethel Simmonds, Louisa Simmonds, Violet Wells, Wilfred Warner, Fred Wells and James Pope; Besides the above,' Thirty six: prizes were distributed in the Preparatory classes

Cheers having been given by the children, tea was provided, and a most successful afternoon, that will long linger in the children's memory as a fitting conclusion to the Jubilee Year, was brought to a close amongst much goodwill.'

21st January 1898 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. C. Mitchell, W. K. Matthews, H. M. Reader, and V. 0. Venimore (in the chair). Resolved, that a commission of 8/9 be awarded to Master W. Venimore for his trouble in taking charge of the school books for two months. Resolved, that Mesdames Pickering and Webb and other ladies who assisted at the distribution of prizes by raising funds and supplying refreshments at the breaking up of the school for the Christmas vacation receive the Committee’s hearty vote of thanks.

18th February 1898 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present; Messrs. Dee, Matthews, Mitchell, Reader, Simmonds, and Venimore (in the chair). Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The master’s report was read, and shewed the number on the roll to be: Boys, 55; girls, 34; total, 89. Mr." Reynolds also expressed a wish that two more honour rolls be added to the present list—viz., Science Research Scholarship, Ernest Rutherford, December,

1896, and Junior Civil Service, F. G. Matthews, January, 1897. —Resolved, that the honour rolls as suggested by Mr. Reynolds will be too great a tax on the Committee's funds to continue. Resolved, that Mr. C. B. Jarvis be nominated as Auditor for the Board's approval. Resolved, that the following accounts be passed for payment: Messrs. Brownlee & Co., 6/10; Mr. V. C. Venimore, 4/4. The Committee then adjourned

18th March 1898 Havelock. — Mr. J. Reynolds wrote resigning his position as Head-Master of the Havelock School, and requested that the resignation take effect on June 30th. He asked that a bonus be granted to him in consideration of his long period of service, 16 years. He was leaving the teaching profession to engage in more profitable pursuits. He thanked the Board and Inspector for past favours.—It was resolved to accept the resignation, to date from August 1st

The Committee asked for two cords of firewood.—Granted.

22nd March 1898 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Thursday evening last. Present—Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Dee, Mitchell and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read, showing the number on the roll to be 90—boys 55, girls 35. A list of the names of children who have not complied with the compulsory clauses of the Act was appended. The report expressed the opinion that the latitude allowed by the Act, in permitting children to attend school only six half days in the week requires amending, and that the school age should be increased to from 7 to 14, instead of 7 to 13, as now; and it would be beneficial to them if Standard V should be the limit for leaving school, instead of Standard IV.—The report was read, and the remarks therein fully endorsed. Resolved that the Chairman write Mr. Chaytor, thanking him for his generous gift of medals to the children, which will be received as a memento of his long services in connection with the Marlborough Education Board, and the interest he has always taken in the Havelock school in voting for all propositions brought forward to its advantage. The Chairman of the Committee was instructed to present the medals, on their arrival to the children at the school. Tae Committee then adjourned.

19th April 1898 Mr. Reynolds, head master, wrote thanking the Board for their acknowledgment of his past services, and asking for a certificate of service.—Resolved that a certificate expressing satisfaction with his past services be forwarded to Mr. Reynolds.

22nd April 1898 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present—Messrs. Venimore (in the chair), Dee, Matthews, Mitchell, Pickering, and Header. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Head-master's report was read, shewing the number on roll to be—boys, 54; girls, 82; total, 86. The matter of honour rolls was again discussed at some length, and it was ultimately resolved that the Committee cannot entertain the suggestion of Mr. Reynolds, as it would be in contradiction to the resolution passed on Feb. 16 of this year. The outward correspondence was read and approved. A letter was received from the Education Board re mid-winter holidays. —Resolved that the midwinter holidays commence on Saturday, June 18th, and school duties be resumed on Monday, July 4th; and that the Board be written to expressing the Committee's strong recommendation that Mr. Reynold's successor be appointed from that date. Resolved that on and after May 2nd school opens at 9*Bo a.in. instead of 9 a.m., as at present. The matter of sundry small repairs were left to the in- coming Committee. After passing accounts for £4 2/-, the Committee adjourned.

29th April 1898 HAVELOCK. An unusually large meeting of house-holders congregated at the school-house on Monday evening last, for the purpose of electing a School committee for the forthcoming year. It having been generally rumoured that there was every probability of a lively meeting, no doubt accounted for the large number present, but, be it said, to the credit of everyone concerned, the meeting was carried through with that decorum which should signalise a gathering having such issues of importance as those that received the attention of those present on Monday evening. Mr. Venimore, Chairman of the outgoing Committee, having read the advertisement convening the meeting, vacated the chair, which, on the motion of Mr. W. H. Smith, was taken by Mr. A. Adams.

The annual report of the retiring Committee was then read by their Chairman, as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen, —Your Committee, in retiring from office, much regret having to record a considerable falling-off in the school attendance—so much so that the services of a pupil teacher are discontinued. The attendance last year (by the Master's report of April 21st.) shewed the number on the roll to be—boys 58, girls, 48, total 101; while the report at last meeting shewed boys 54, girls 32, total 86, or a loss in attendance for the year of fifteen. This is partly due to families leaving the district, children who have grown up and left school, and others who are very irregular in attendance. As the capitation allowance from the Board hinges on the school average, it is very important that parents make every effort in sending their children to school regularly, both as an encouragement to the teachers and the ultimate advantage to the scholars themselves.

As Mr. Reynolds is resigning his duties as Master of this school in June, the important task will devolve on the new Committee of nominating his successor for the Board's approval, a task that will involve great responsibility should there be many applicants for the position. It will be gratifying to you to know that, although the capitation allowance is less than formerly, through the decreased average, the Committee have so economised the funds at their disposal that, as the balance-sheet shews there is a real asset for the new Committee to work on of £4 8/10. The liabilities, as at the end of March, (£4 2/-) having been paid, making up a total at the last audit, to credit— Cash, £4 18/7; books on hand, for sale to scholars, £3 12/3; total, £8 10/10. In conclusion, your out-going Committee would point out that there are a few repairs required to the school blinds and locks, for which the funds in hand are sufficient to provide; and there will soon be a demand for fuel, which the next (June) quarter's capitation will provide. On this being adopted, the Chairman announced having received nominations from Messrs. Ashley, Dee, Gwillim, Matthews, Mitchell, Simmonds, Pickering, Reader, Smith, and Venimore, and invited further nominations I Sum. Hum.

forthcoming. Before the nominations were closed, Mr. Gwillim withdrew from the contest. Upon a ballot being taken, the votes recorded for each candidate were as follows: W. K. Matthews..33 W. E. Simmonds.. 32 W. Pickering 31 C. Mitchell 28 W. H. Smith .. .. 27 0. E. Dee 26 V. C. Venimore .. 24 H. M. Reader .. 23 E. F. Ashley .. 6 The Chairman thereupon declared the first-named seven gentlemen to be elected as the Havelock School Committee for the ensuing year. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The newly-elected Committee met immediately, when Mr. Venimore was unanimously chosen as Chairman for the third year in succession, several members of the old Committee bearing high testimony as to the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties.

13th May 1898. Havelock.—On the recommendation of the Committee, it was resolved to call for applications for appointment of Head Teacher, at a salary in accordance with the Board's regulations.— The teacher's request, with reference to the payment of a bonus to him, received at last meeting, was granted.

20th May 1898 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present: Messrs. Dee, Matthews, Mitchell, Pickering, Simmonds, Smith, and Venimore (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The master's report was read shewing the number on the roll to be: | boys, 51; girls, 31; total, 82; average, fair. The chairman shewed the available balance in hand to be £l/3/7. Resolved, that 2/6 per quarter be allowed the custodian of the books. Resolved, that the following repairs be attended to as funds are available:—Fireplace, blinds, locks, gate, and clocks; also new broom for the school. Resolved, that an emergency meeting be called as soon as applications for the position of master are received by the chairman. The following accounts were passed for payment:—T. Brown, 18/-; H. Rankin, 5/-.

24th May 1898 Master's Report.—The following report from the Head-master was read at the last meeting of the School Committee, and inadvertently omitted from the report published in our last issue:—" As this is my last report, I beg to tender to the members of the various Committees I have served under during the past sixteen years, and especially the Chairmen, for their uniform courtesy to me, and I feel sure the same will be extended to my successor. I shall ever take an interest in the progress and prosperity of my old school and of my pupils past and present.—Jacob H. Reynolds

17th June 1898 On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Reynolds was the recipient of a handsome leather writing-desk and a meerschaum pipe, the gifts of the pupils attending the Havelock School. Miss Matthews, the Mistress, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation on behalf of the scholars. Mr. Reynolds, in replying, thanked the children for their valuable presents, as they would remind him of many happy years spent in their midst. Sixteen years was a long spell to have control of the same school, and, on looking round, he could see many children whose parents he had educated. After all, the reputation of a school did not depend on the result of examinations, Inspectors' reports, opinions of Education Boards, School Committees, or parents, but on the well-doing and positions held by the scholars in the world after school life was over. He was glad to say that such was the reputation held by the Havelock School, for scattered now in many parts of the world were those who had. received this early
training here and were a credit to their parents, teachers and school. He desired to thank Miss Matthews for her unfailing loyalty, at all times, as pupil, pupil teacher, and Mistress —in fact, in a space of over sixteen years no cross words had ever been exchanged. Two things he desired to impress on all—x. The necessity for more regular attendance; 2. That greater moral support should be given to their teacher. For his successor, whom Mr. Reynolds jocularly styled " a mysterious person " at present, he asked their united sympathy and support. He urged all in life to do right, in honour of the school. In concluding an affectionate farewell, he wished all health, prosperity, and long life, and asked those present to claim his services if, in after life, he could assist them in any way. Cheers were given, at Mr. Reynolds' request, for Miss Matthews and his successor, and, at Miss Matthews' call, for their old domine.

17th June 1898 Havelock. The Committee wrote recommending that Mr. Alex. Penney, .Rakaia, be appointed as Master, in succession to Mr. Reynolds. About 20

Applications were received by the Committee.—The Board did not make the appointment, but a Committee of the Board, consisting of the local members, was appointed to confer with the School Committee, receive other recommendations, and make an appointment if an understanding is Arrived at.

1st July 1898 Mr. Ward, at present schoolmaster at Goldsborough, Westland, has been appointed to take charge of the Havelock school. He enters upon his duties as soon as possible

22nd July 1898 School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present: Messrs. Mitchell, Matthews, Dee, Smith, Pickering, and Venimore (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.' The outward 'correspondence was read and approved.

A report from Miss Matthews was read, shewing the average attendance for the quarter ending 17th June to be: Boys, ,39.87 ; girls, 25.52; total, Average weekly roll; Boys, 44 girls. 30 ; total, 74. During the quarter 4 pupils were admitted and 16 withdrawn- The number on the roll at the end of the quarter were Boys 44 girls, 31 total, 77. Miss McMahon took charge of the lower room. Three girls were admitted on the first day, making the number on the roll 78.

Letters and correspondence were read in reference to repairs and appointment of Mr. Ward, as successor to Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Pickering was authorised to take the school clocks to Blenheim for repairs. Accounts amounting to £5/16/4 being passed Sot payment, the meeting adjourned

5th August 1898 Arrival. —Mr. Ward, the newly-appointed head-master of the Havelock school, arrived with his family by the Nelson coach on Wednesday afternoon, and entered upon his new duties yesterday morning. The drive from Nelson was much enjoyed, the day being one of the brightest, and the first impressions of the new comers are decidedly favourable. In extending to Mr. Ward and his family a hearty welcome, we are merely voicing the expressions of one and all of the settlers of the district, from whom Mr. Ward may confidently anticipate receiving that assistance which is so material in successfully conducting the education of the children. It is to be sincerely desired that parents will insist upon the regular attendance of their children, that the continuous course of study may not be broken except under conditions of the utmost urgency; Appreciative

12th August 1898 Havelock.—The Committee reported the arrival of Mr. Wm. Ward, newly appointed teacher; spoke highly of Miss Matthews' management of the school since the departure of Mr. Reynolds; and recommended that her services be recognised in a substantial manner.—Letter received.

19th August 1898 School Committee.

The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present — Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Mitchell, Matthews, Dee, and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The outward correspondence was read and approved. The report of the Master was read as follows; —" I am pleased to report that the attendance of scholars is beginning to shew a tendency towards improvement. The average at present is 71." —The report also drew attention to several necessary repairs needed. The question of school attendance was discussed at some length, it being finally resolved that for the future the compulsory, clause of the Education Act will be enforced in this school district. Accounts amounting to 15/- were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned.

16th September 1898 The Committee forwarded a letter from Mr. Ward, teacher, asking for a refund of portion of expenses travelling from Westland to take up the position, which were, on account of the delay of steamers, very heavy, amounting to £32.—The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board had no authority to make such a payment.

23rd September 1898 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Simmonds, Dee, Mitchell, Matthews, and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from the Education Board expressing its inability to legally pay any portion of Mr. Ward's expenses incurred in his removal from Goldsborough to Havelock. The Master's report was read, showing the average attendance for the past month to be—Boys, 40*2; girls, 31*2; total, 71*4. Number on the roll—Boys, 46; girls, 34; total, 80. The highest attendance was— Boys, 45; girls, 31; total, 76. The Master reported that the annual examination would take place during next week, and it was resolved that after the examination the children have the remainder of the week as a holiday, and, on resuming work (on Monday, October 3rd.) duties commence at 9 a.in. The question of compulsory attendance was debated and it was resolved that, with a view of taking action, the Chairman apply to the Education Board for absentee notice forms. Accounts for £2 13/- were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till. October 19th.

HAVELOCK. At the annual examination of this school, held on Tuesday and Wednesday last, the following scholars passed their respective standards : Standard X. —Roy Price. Standard Vl.—Jenny Hennessey, and Elsie Gwillim. Standard V* — Charles Pickering, Agnes Pope, and Augusta Krieg. Standard XV. Robert Hoadley, Alice Simmonds, Charles Venimore, and Daisy Ward. Standard HI. Marion Cavell, Montague Adams, Lottie Reader, Ethel Sowman, Alma Scott, Francis Pope, D'Arcy Reader, and Leonard Smith. Standard ll.—Alfred Glover, James Pope, Wilfred Warner, D'Arcy Lee Reader, Frederick Wells, Violet Pickering, Violet Wells, Esther Simmonds, and Louisa Simmonds. Standard I. Thomas Brown, Harold Homann, Harold Pope, and Elsie Jarvis

21st October 1898 The ordinary monthly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday evening last. Present: Messrs. Dee, Mitchell, Matthews, Pickering, Simmonds, Smith, and Venimore (in the chair). Minuses of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The examination report was read shewing, in Standards 111, IV., V., VI., and X., 17 passed, 11 failed, and 8 were absent. The master's report was read shewing the average attendance for the past quarter to be : Boys, 88.80 ; girls, 28 80; total, 67.10. Week ending 7th October : Boys, 42 ; girls 80.8 ; total, 72.8. Last week : Boys, 36.2; girls, 27.8; total, 61. The falling off in attendance was attributed to sickness. An account for £3 5/- was passed for payment. Mr. Pickering gave notice of motion " That the matter of reducing the cost of school cleaning be discussed at the next monthly meeting."

18th November 1898 School Committee.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening last. Present:— Messrs. Dee, Mitchell, Pickering, Simmonds, Smith, and Venimore (in the chair). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The master's report was read, shewing the average attendance for the past month to be : Boys, 37 - 6 ; girls, 26-8 ; total, 63-14. The decrease in attendance being attributed chiefly to the measles epidemic.

A letter was received from Mr. Friberg, of the College Street School, Palmerston North, offering to give a lantern entertainment for the children on 7th January, 1898, half the proceeds to be devoted to prizes, picnic, or other object specially for the children.—Resolved that the Chairman write Mr. Friberg, thanking him, and accepting his kind offer; that any proceeds from the entertainment be devoted to giving the children a picnic and such games as the funds will allow; that the Chairman write to the Secretary of the Havelock Town Board asking him for the use of the Town Hall on 7th January, and the charge that will be made, considering the object in view. Resolved that Mr. Pickering's motion re reduction of expenses be held over until next meeting.

Resolved that the Christmas vacation commence on 23rd December, and school duties be resumed on Monday, 81st January, 1899. Resolved that the Chairman procure the .Education Law of New Zealand; also a drinking cup for the children.

23rd December 1898 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Simmonds, Mitchell, and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance to be — boys, 83*5 ; girls, 24'7; total, 58*2. Since the examination (Sept. 27), four children only have attended every time the school has opened; two have been absent only once; and sixteen have been absent from twenty to seventy one times. A letter was read from Mr. Friberg announcing that he would give the promised magic lantern entertainment on January 9th, 1899, half the proceeds to be devoted to a children's picnic. He enclosed tickets for sale at 1/- each, children half price. Resolved that the Chairman apply to the Board for printed absentee forms, and that the compulsory clauses of the Act be rigidly enforced. After passing accounts for £4/0/6, the Committee adjourned till January 18th, 1899.

17th February 1899 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present —Messrs. Venimore (Chairman) Dee, Matthews, Mitchell, and Simmonds.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing the attendance at the school for the past two weeks to be; — Boys, 38'B; girls, 25-2 ; total, 63-5. The report also directed attention to certain necessary repairs, and other requirements.

It was unanimously decided to nominate Mr. Thomas Carter to fill one of the vacancies on the Marlborough Education Board. The question of the locality of the school picnic, to be held on Wednesday next, was discussed at great length, a number of places being suggested.—It was finally decided to adjourn the question till the following evening, the Chairman, in the meantime, to make certain enquiries. Mr. Matthews was instructed to examine the school buildings, and see what repairs were necessary.

28th March 1899 Havelock. The Committee forwarded the resignation of Miss Matthews, assistant teacher of the Havelock school, and recommended the temporary appointment of Miss Ward, to allow time for calling for applications to fill the vacancy.—It was resolved that Miss Matthews' resignation be accepted with regret; that Miss Ward be appointed temporary assistant ; and that applications for the vacancy be invited in the usual manner, Miss Matthews to be permitted to leave at once.

31st March 1899 A very pleasing ceremony took place at the schoolhouse on Wednesday afternoon last, when Miss M. J. Matthews, who, during a number of years, has, as scholar and teacher, been connected with the school, was presented,

on behalf of the past and present scholars, with a handsome Russian leather dressing case, with silver-mounted fittings, and an address.
Mr. Venimore, Chairman of the School Committee, in making the presentation, expressed the great sorrow that was alike felt by parents and scholars at Miss Matthews' departure from amongst those with whom from childhood she had been associated—an association that had been of a most genial character throughout—and referred to the pleasure that all had felt at her past success in the profession she had adopted. Mr. Venimore, who as a member of the Committee of many years standing, bore high testimony to the recipient's long and valued services, and to the manner in which she had sustained her position as teacher, both with the utmost credit to herself and with many grateful memories to those scholars who had the benefit of her tuition.
" It is our pleasurable duty to communicate to you the general regret felt at losing your valued services in connection with the Havelock School. " You have held the position of Mistress for many years, with credit to yourself, and your success as a teacher has been marked by such kindness, firmness, and aptitude of imparting knowledge, as to gain you the love and esteem of your pupils, the respect and confidence of their parents, and the entire satisfaction of the several Committees with which you have been associated. " And, further, we may say you carry all the sincere wishes of your many friends, that you may enjoy a bright and happy future in your new home. " We subscribe ourselves, Yours, truly, Members of Havelock School Committee." Miss Matthews, in a feeling manner, thanked all for the handsome recognition of her services, expressing regret at leaving Havelock and the children who had become so dear to her, but she hoped some day to be amongst them again. She thanked Mr. Ward, the head master, for the unfailing kindness and assistance extended to her, and they might all be sure Havelock and its school would forever grasp the warmest corner of her affections. Mr. Ward having borne high testimony to Miss Matthews' value as a teacher and comrade in scholastic work, three cheers were most heartily given by the scholars for their late teacher's future happiness and success, a half-holiday being granted by the Committee that the pupils might have the opportunity of wishing her God speed in a less ceremonious manner. Miss Matthews left for her new home, Waihakeke, (Wairarapa) on Tuesday afternoon.
14th April 1899 Havelock. The only application received for assistant teacher at this school was ordered to be forwarded to the Committee, and that if they approved of the same, that the appointment be made.
21st April 1899 School Committee.
The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present Messrs. Venimore (Chairman), Dee, Mitchell, Pickering, and Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, showing the average attendance to be Boys, 36-6 ;' Girls, 26-9 ; Total, 63 f 6. Omitting wet days, the result would be—Boys, 88 ; girls, 28 ; total, 66. The number on the roll is—Boys, 44 ; girls, 34 ; total, 78. Mr. W. H. Smith (as Treasurer of money for presentation to Miss Matthews) stated that the total amount collected was £8 11/-; cost of present, £3 1/6; leaving a balance of 9/6, which had been forwarded to Miss Matthews. A communication was received from the Education Board, notifying that Miss Ward was the only eligible applicant for the position oi assistant that this being the last meeting of the present Committee, the permanent appointment he left to the incoming Committee. The matter of irregular attendance was brought up, several members expressing their wish to see the

compulsory clauses of the Act rigidly enforced. After passing accounts amounting to £5 2/-, the Committee adjourned.

28th April 1899 HAVELOCK. A very sparse number attended the annual meeting of shareholders, for the purpose of electing a School Committee, on Monday evening. Mr. Ward was voted to-the chair, and, haying explained the object of the meeting, called upon the Chairman of the outgoing Committee to read the annual report, which was done as follows :

Ladies and Gentlemen, —Your Committee having completed their term of office, and submitted the past year's balance-sheet for your approval, have still one more duty to perform—namely, that of giving an account of their stewardship. When your Committee took office they had the very responsible task of nominating a master to succeed Mr. Reynolds—not an easy matter amongst 24 applicants—resulting in the appointment of Mr. Ward, a selection we feel sure will be of great advantage to the Havelock school in raising it to that standard of excellence it once occupied. We have to regret the loss of Miss Matthews, who so long and worthily occupied the position of mistress; but, while doing so, must congratulate you on our having been able to carry on the school work by the temporary appointment of Miss Ward. It will remain with our successors to confirm that lady's appointment, or ask the Board to again advertise, in which latter case the risk of nominating an unknown person would be a serious matter for consideration. The school's finances, as shown by the last audit, will amount to an asset of £4 15/8 after all existing liabilities are provided for, with a fair stock of firewood for the commencement of the cold weather. Extreme carefulness will be necessary for our successors to be able to make the reduced amount now received from the Board in the way of capitation as sufficient to meet the responsibilities of school maintenance , so that the calls on the Board for necessary repairs will be greater than in former years. Your retiring Committee would urge on their successors to have certain portions of the school and furniture renewed owing to the ravages of the worm, which will, if not taken in time, devastate the whole building. There are also other matters of repair which, if represented to the Board, will, no doubt, receive prompt attention. It was resolved that the report and balance-sheet, as read, be adopted; and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the outgoing Committee. The Chairman announced having received nominations for election on the new Committee from Messrs. V. C. Venimore, C. Mitchell, W. Pickering, W. P. Simmonds, C. E. Dee, H. M. Reader, G. M. Mathieson, C. Tee, and C. B. Jarvis. The two latter gentlemen withdrew their names, and the Chairman thereupon declared the first-named seven duly elected. A vote of thanks to the - Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The newly-elected Committee met immediately, when Mr. Mitchell was chosen as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Reader tabled a notice of motion for next meeting, "That during the winter months the school hours be from 9*30 a.in. to 4'30 p.in."

As a good deal of business needs attention, it was resolved to hold a special meeting on Wednesday evening next.

5th May 1899 A special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Dee, Pickering, Reader, Simmonds, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Resolved that the application for school mistress be referred back to the Education Board, asking them to invite fresh applications. Upon the question of altering the school hours being introduced, a somewhat lengthy discussion took place. It being the general opinion that the matter was one for the householders to

decide, it was ultimately resolved that the Secretary call a meeting of householders to consider the matter. The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday, 17th inst.

5th May 1899 Havelock. —A letter was received from four members of the School Committee saying that they did not agree with the resolution passed by the Committee that the question of the appointment of Miss Ward as teacher be referred to the Board.—As the communication came from the majority of the Committee, it was decided to refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration.

School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Dee, Pickering, Reader, Simmonds, and Venimore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, showing that although the number on the roll had increased, the average attendance had fallen off, due to the wet weather early in the month. The question of altering the school hours had been submitted to the householders, and a large majority were in favour of no alteration being made.—The hours were left as at present—9 a.in. to 3 p.in.

Mr. D'Arcy Chaytor requested the Committee to support his nomination to fill an extraordinary vacancy on the Marlborough Education Board.—The request was granted. The question of the appointment of an assistant teacher, referred back from the Education Board, caused a somewhat lengthy and heated discussion.—Eventually, it was decided (on the easting vote of the Chairman) to again refer the matter to the Board. The meeting then adjourned.

23rd June 1899 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Dee, Mathieson, Pickering, and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Education Board forwarded the names of two candidates nominated for the vacancy on that Board.—Resolved that this Committee records its vote for Mr. Chaytor.

The Chairman was authorised to procure two buckets to be kept on the school premises, for use in case of fire.

Attention having been directed to several necessary repairs, it was resolved to request the Board's architect to inspect the school premises, and report thereon. The Chairman reported that the mid-winter vacation commenced on Friday, June 16th, and school duties would be resumed on Monday, July 3rd.

After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned till Wednesday, July 19th.

21st July 1899 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (in the chair), Dee, Mathieson, Pickering, Reader, Simmonds, and Venimore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Education Board notified the inability of their architect to come to Havelock and report on the state of the school buildings, &c., and asking the Committee to obtain a report of the work required, together with the estimated cost.—Resolved that Mr. Venimore be empowered to supply report and estimate, as requested.

Some members of the Committee reported having received complaints as to the insufficiency of books leapt on hand for the scholars' requirements. — Resolved that the Master be asked to see to the supply, and report at once when running short.

The Master's report was also read, and attached was a list of irregular attendants. — The Committee were of opinion that it was quite time action was taken to enforce the

compulsory clauses of the Act. In one case the Chairman was instructed to enquire, and take action if necessary. It was resolved to invite tenders for cleaning the school, &c., such tenders to be considered at the September meeting. The Committee then adjourned.

22nd September 1899 School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present— Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Reader, Dee, and Venimore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Head-master's report was read, shewing the average attendance to have been poor, and enclosing a list of irregular attendants. The list notified that two of Mr. J. Wells' children had not attended once throughout the month.

The Chairman reported having written Mr. Wells, on a former occasion, but his letter was unheeded,— Resolved, Mr. Wells be notified that unless the children attend more regularly during the next fortnight, immediate action will be taken to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Act.

A letter was received from Mr. A. S. McAllister offering (with a view to encouraging poultry-fancying) to give two prizes for essays on " Poultry ; " competitors to have their names on the Havelock School roll.—Resolved to thank Mr. McAllister for his kind offer, and hand the matter to the Master. The tender of Mrs. Lovell for cleaning, &c., at the school (£l4 per year) was accepted, duties to commence on October

26th September 1899 Havelock School. Duties will recommence at this School this morning. As the dictation lesson given in the late Examination was taken from a book not in use in the School, and, in Standard 111., the children had not sufficient time allowed to write all they knew on the subject, the Master intends, with the consent of the School Committee, to promote those children who failed in spelling and geography, on the following conditions; —(a) That, in future, they regularly prepare the home lessons set them; () That their parents send them regularly to school.

26th September 1899 HAVELOCK. The annual examination of the Havelock School was held on Friday and Saturday last, when the following scholars passed their respective Standards: — Class X.—Elsie Gwillim. Standard Vl.—Eunice Venimore, and William Venimore. Standard V.—Robert Hoadley, and Alice Simmonds. Standard IV. Marion Cavell, Montague Adams, and Alma Scott, and D'Arcy H. Reader. Standard 111. Violet Pickering, Violet Wells, Esther Simmonds, .Noel Dee, and Louisa Simmonds. Standard 11. Thomas Brown, Harold Homan. Harold Pope, Elsie

Jarvis, Maud Adams, and Orlando Pickering. Standard I.—Ernest Brown, Wilfred Pope, Stanley Pickering, Douglas Pickering, Stanley Reader, Robert Warner, Eric Reader, Bruce Smith, Albert Simmonds, Mabel Walker, Jessie Wells, Beatrice Cavell, Elizabeth Orsman, and Evelyn Scott.

13th October 1899 Havelock.—The .Committee wrote asking that £2 be granted to meet the cost of repairing the school verandah.—Request granted.

1st December 1899 The adjourned monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (in the chair), Venimore, Reader, and Dee. • , The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The School-master's report was read showing the average attendance to be —Girls, 27 - 7; boys, 38'2; total, 65 - 9. Number on roll—Girls, 84; boys, 47; total, 81. It was resolved that the school close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 15th, and re-open on Monday, January 22nd, 1900. The Inspector's report on the last examination was read. Resolved, That the Committee

express their regret that the examination was such a bad pass; also, some attention ought to be paid to drill and music, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Head-master. Attention was called to the children being allowed in the school during the dinner hour.—Resolved, to request the Master to put a stop thereto. Accounts were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till Wednesday, Dec. 20th

19th January 1900 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present: Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Dee, Pickering, Simmonds, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from Messrs. McCallum and Duncan, offering themselves for re-election on the Marlborough Education Board.—Resolved, that this Committee nominate the two gentlemen named. The question of the annual school picnic was mentioned. Some of the members of the Committee stated that the Sunday schools were also contemplating annual treats. —Resolved, that the Chairman write to the officers of the Wesleyan and St. Peter's Sunday schools, asking if it was possible for all to amalgamate and give a general field day for the children. The Chairman produced a statement as to the Committee's financial position, which was considered satisfactory. The Committee then adjourned.

23rd March 1900 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present—Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Dee, Pickering, Simmonds, and Venimore. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master’s report was read, shewing the number on the roll to be 77, and the average attendance 60-7., The report enclosed a list of irregular attendants.—It was suggested that the Chairman at once take action, but, in view of this being the last meeting of the present Committee, no definite action was taken. In reply to a question, the Chairman said he had received no intimation of there being an extraordinary vacancy on the Education Board. The Chairman produced a rough statement shewing that the financial position of the outgoing Committee was very satisfactory, there being a small credit balance and a good stock of books.

27th April 1900 ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

HAVELOCK. . The annual meeting of householders was held in the School-room, Havelock, on Monday evening last.

Mr. A. T. Cavell was voted to the chair, and there was a fair attendance of householders. The following report was submitted by the Chairman of the outgoing Committee:—

Ladies and Gentlemen, —Your Committee, in retiring from office, have much pleasure in stating that their finances, as a Committee, are in a satisfactory state, having a good balance in hand to transfer to their successors. The balance-sheet shows there is a real asset for the new Committee to work on of £1 18/4, besides books on hand for sale to scholars, £8 1/11, -making a total of £5 0/3 — this after paying all liabilities to 31st March, 1900. The attendance by the master’s report, dated 19th April, 1899, shewed; Boys, 86 ; girls, 26 total, 62. The number on roll being Boys, 44; girls, 34 ; total, 78. The master’s report for the past year, dated 21st March, 1900, shewed the attendance to be: Boys, 37; girls, 28; total, 60, Number on roll: boys, 45; girls, 32; total, 77. The Committee has much pleasure in stating the attendance has not fallen off within the last year. In conclusion, the Committee wishes to bring before the parents that it is very important they should make every effort to send their children to school regularly, both as an encouragement to the teachers and to the ultimate advantage of the scholars themselves. The Committee also wishes to point out to the incoming Committee that there are sundry repairs required to the school (piping and windows), also the fence at the master’s

residence, and that there will soon be a demand for fuel, for which there are sufficient funds in hand.—C Mitchell, Chairman.
The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, a vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Committee.
The following gentlemen were elected to act as the Committee for the ensuing year : Messrs. W. P. Simmonds, C. Mitchell, A. C. Gregor, W. H. Orsman, W. Pickering, A. T. Cavell, and W. E, Simmonds. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, Mr. C. Mitchell was reelected Chairman, Mr. Gregor being appointed Secretary.
18th May 1900 Committee.
The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday. Present Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Cavell, Gregor, Orsman, Pickering, and Simmonds The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing a considerable falling-off in the average attendance last month, due to the very wet weather. —The Chairman was instructed to interview the Master, procure a list of absentees, and (where necessary) take immediate action. The sub Committee appointed at last meeting presented their report, recommending several small repairs.— Adopted. The Chairman reported that he had seen the trees cut, as authorised, and that there was now 8ft. clear under; the trees.—Action endorsed.
The. Committee unanimously decided to take no notice whatever of any complaints, unless placed before them in writing.
The Havelock Musical and Dramatic Society were granted use of the school for meetings. After passing accounts the Committee adjourned.
22nd June 1900 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present: Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Orsman, Simmonds, Pickering and Gregor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance to be—boys 39, girls 23, total 62. Mr. Cavell notified that owing to pressure of private business, he was reluctantly compelled to resign his seat on the Committee.—-The resignation was accepted with regret. The Chairman was instructed to at once take proceedings against a parent for the non-attendance of his children. A circular was received from the Agricultural Department re the observance of Arbor Day, on July 18.— It was resolved, to leave the matter in the hands of the Master. The Dramatic Society was granted use of the school to hold its meetings. The Secretary was instructed to apply to the Education Board for a grant of £2, cost of trimming the trees and repair to out-buildings. It -was resolved to join with the Town Board in the peace demonstration. .The Committee then adjourned till Wednesday, July 15th
10th July 1900 School Committee.— At a special meeting of the School Committee, held on Wednesday evening last, it was decided to purchase ten dozen of the Transvaal War commemoration medals, for distribution amongst the scholars. In reply to a programme of suggested standard holidays, proposed by the Marlborough Education Board, that the mid-summer holidays should commence on the last Monday before Christmas Day and continue for eight weeks, the Committee decided to advise the Board that it deemed six weeks at mid-summer, together with two weeks at mid-winter, would be more advisable. In regard to cookery classes, it was thought sufficient inducement would not be obtained for this class of instruction, four pupils only having given in their names to the Committee
13th July 1900 Havelock.—A sum of £5/10 was granted for tree planting on the school grounds

17th July 1900 Arbor Day. —To-morrow (Wednesday) July 18th., will be recognised in Havelock as Arbor Day, by granting the school children a holiday. There will be, otherwise, no public demonstration.

20th July 1900 Havelock School Committee v. Jabez Wells.—Complaint under Section 3, Part 1., of the School Attendance Act, 1894, for non-attendance of two children, Wilfred and Arnold Wells, at the Havelock school. Mr. Ward, head-master of the school, produced the roll of attendance in support of the complaint. Defendant, in explanation, stated that. one of the children had only recently passed the minimum age of compulsory school attendance (seven years), and that both were very delicate. He had sent word by another child attending the school giving explanation of the children's absence, but it was a very expensive matter to have the children medically examined and to obtain certificates for the School Committee.

3rd July 1900 The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present— Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Orsman, Simmonds (2), Pickering, and Gregor. The minutes of the previous meeting , were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance for the past month to have been 55'5, number on roll 80. The Chairman was instructed to have the School tanks cleaned out, and also effect several necessary repairs. It was decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. W. H. Buckman to fill the present vacancy on the Committee. The Chairman was empowered to procure 100 Peace Commemoration medals, for distribution amongst the children. The Committee thou adjourned till Wednesday, Sept. 19th.

14th September 1900 Havelock.—The Committee wrote asking that, on account of the low percentage of passes obtained at last examination, the Inspector make a searching examination of all standards on the occasion of the next examination. The Inspector explained the effect of the new Government regulations, which came into force last year. These established the principle of examination by teachers. The Inspector was instructed to accede to the request of the Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held' on Wednesday evening' last. Present—Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Orsman, Pickering, and W. P. Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, showing the average attendance for the past month to have - been—boys, 30 ; girls, 20 ; total, 65. Present at examination- — boys, 48; . girls, 28; total. 71. Of those present at examination there was no less a number than 14 who have been absent over 100 times during the past year. In addition to these, a considerable number have been irregular in attendance. The Mistress was granted one week's leave of absence during next month. Resolved to call the Master's attention to the state of the outbuildings. Accounts for £6 5/6 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned

The annual examination of the Havelock school was held on Tuesday and Wednesday last, when the fallowing scholars passed their respective Standards : . Standard Vl.—Maggie Brown. Standard V.—Marion Cavell, Jessie Pope, D'Arcy Reader, Alma Scott, and Charles Venimore. Standard IV. Noel Dee, Violet Pickering, Louisa Simmonds, Esther Simmonds, and Violet Wells. Standard 111. Thomas Brown, Alfred Glover, Cora Gregor, Cecilia Homan, Harold Pope, Constance Pickering, Wilfred Warner, and Harold Homan. Standard ll.—Ernest Brown, Beatrice Cavell, Newey Mitchell, Elizabeth Orsman, Orlando Pickering, Stanley Pickering, Douglas Pickering, Stanley Reader, Eric Reader, Albert Simmonds, Evelyn Scott, and Robert Warner. Standard L—Wilfred Pope, Bruce Smith, Ralph Adams, Morton Burke, Mabel Guy, William Homan, Annie Orsman, Vernon Pope, Howard Reader,

Edward Pope, Winifred Warner. Preparatory.—Willie Brown lee, Wilfred Wells, Charles Glover, William Glover, Robert Brownlee, Mary Egan, Hilda Kassabaum, Grace Pope, Lily Wells, Balfour Pickering, William Boyd, George Brown, Arthur Congdon, Thomas Egan, Arthur Cavell, Norman Simmonds, Eila Mitchell, Ruby Boyd, Annie Wells, Cissie Wells, Millicent Kassabaum, Chadburn Wells, Arnold Wells, Harold Dee, Willie Guy, Bertie Guy, Clifford Kassabaum, Gladys Pickering, Violet Fuller, Gwennie Mitchell, Eileen Crosby, and Clarence Pickering

.16th November 1900 Cullensville. —The Commissioners appointed by the Board to investigate the charges brought against the teacher by the Committee of the Cullensville School presented their report, which completely exonerated the teacher. The report was adopted, and it was resolved that copies be forwarded to the teacher and the Committee. A small account from the Committee was referred back, the work not having been authorised.

23rd November 1900 School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present— Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Simmonds (2), and Orsman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance for the past month to have been—Boys, 405; girls, 28-3 ; total, 68'8. Taking into account the wet weather, the average attendance has been fairly good. A few necessary repairs to the school building and fittings were pointed out.

The Chairman was instructed to interview the Master, concerning the paddock.

It was resolved that the Christmas vacation extend over six weeks, commencing on Friday, December 14th, Mr. Pickering was appointed to represent this Committee on the Marlborough School Committees' Association.

After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned.

21st December 1900 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), W. E. Simmonds, Orsman, Buckman, Duggan, and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Town Board wrote offering to present the school with a flag, if the Committee would erect a flag-staff,—The Chairman was instructed to reply, accepting the kind offer.

The Chairman was instructed to write the Master, asking him to furnish a report of the school attendance for each Committee meeting.

Messrs. Mitchell and Simmonds were appointed to report on the repairs required to the school; also, to get an estimate for clearing the paddock adjoining the master's residence of gorse, briars, &c. Accounts for £1 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned.

22nd March 1901 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Mitchell (Chairman), Simmonds (2), Duggan, W. Pickering, and Orsman. The minutes of the previous meeting wore read and confirmed. The Master's report was read as follows :—The average attendance for the past month is as follows:—Boys, 40-8 ; girls, 28-5 ; total, 68-8. On the roll there are—Boys, 45; girls, 38 ; total, 88. On the whole the attendance of the children at **school** may be considered fairly good. [Appended to the report was a list of irregular attendants. A sub-Committee was appointed to examine the clearing work recently done, and, if satisfied, pass same. The Education Board notified the appointment of Mr. C. B. Jarvis as auditor of the Board's accounts.

Accounts for £4 16/2 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned till April 17.

19th April 1901 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. W. H. Orsman (Chairman), W. P. Simmonds, Buckman, and Duggan, The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, The Master's report for the past month was read shewing the average attendance to have been—Girls, 25-4 ; boys, 37 ; number on roll, girls, 34 ; boys, 43. The report drew the Committee's attention to the necessity of at once ordering a supply of firewood for the winter. The Committee then adjourned until Monday evening next, at 7 p.in.

26th April 1901 HAVELOCK. A good number of householders attended at the school on Monday evening last for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Cavell was voted to the chair, and, after a short address, called upon the Chairman of the outgoing Committee to read the report, which was as follows

"I beg to submit, for your approval, the annual balance-sheet, duly audited, and to point out that on this occasion the statement shews a debit balance of £8 13/2, but the book account, compiled by your Headmaster, shews a credit balance of £2 3/-, and the value of saleable books on hand £4 5/-; thus the assets exceed the liabilities by £2 14/10. "The average attendances for the quarters have been as follows :—62, 63, 64, 68, shewing an improvement. " The new Committee will have to procure a stock of fuel for the coming winter." On the motion of Mr. H. M. Reader, the report was adopted. Upon nominations being invited, the following were the only ones received : Messrs. Buckman, Cavell, Duggan, Orsman, W. Pickering, H. M. Reader, and W. P. Simmonds. Seven being the number required, the Chairman declared these gentlemen duly elected.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr. Cavell was chosen as Chairman, and Mr. Buckman as Secretary.

17th May 1901 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening last. Present— Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Duggan, Orsman, Pickering, and W. P. Simmonds.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Kassabaum, regarding the irregular attendance of his son.

It was resolved that Mr. Henderson be employed to repair the **school** desks, &c. The mid-winter vacation was fixed at two weeks—June the 14th to July 1st. Accounts for £2 11/6 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned.

21st June 1901 School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present— Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Duggan, Orsman, Pickering, and Reader. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided to take advantage of the holidays and have the school tanks and spouting cleaned. It was resolved to instruct the Master to procure slates with other school material. Mr. Pickering was appointed to represent this Committee on the School Committees' Association. In reply to a communication from the School Committees' Association, it was resolved that this Committee does not approve of school-masters acting as editors of newspapers. It was resolved to apply to the Education Board for a grant of £2 10/- for procuring and fixing the flag-pole.-Mr. A. H. Scott was instructed to clean and paint the flag-pole. The Secretary was instructed to

write the Town Board, protesting against filth being deposited close to the school. The Committee then adjourned

12th July 1901 The application of the Havelock Committee for a flagstaff was refused. The ordinary monthly meeting of ' the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Reader, Buckman, Simmonds, Reader, Orsman, and Pickering. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Pickering reported having attended a meeting of the Committees' Association, at which the most important business transacted was the selection of three candidates for the forthcoming Education Board election. The Education Board notified that they could not grant the Committee's application for the supply of a flagpole.—Mr. Reader thereupon offered to supply the Committee with a pole.— Resolved, to accept Mr. Reader's offer, with thanks. The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance to be: — For the past quarter—Boys, 36*12; girls, 27'54 f total, 03-66. For the past month—Boys, 34-3; girls, 27*2 ; 'total, 61-5. Number on roll—Boys, 44; girls, 36; total, 80. Messrs. Cavell and Simmonds were appointed visiting officers for the ensuing month. Resolved, that the medals be presented to the children on Wednesday afternoon next at three o'clock. Accounts for £4 10/6 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned.

23rd July 1901 Memorial Tablet.—With commendable thought, the " old boys " of the Havelock State school have subscribed for the purpose of placing in the class-room a memorial tablet to their school-fellow, Corporal C. W. Smith, who died from dysentery at Mafeking. A request to the School Committee, for permission to erect the tablet, was readily granted, the feeling that has prompted the "old boys" being recognised as an expression most worthily earned by their old comrade in school and playground.

23rd July 1901 TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —I should like to see the names ; of all those who received their early education at the Havelock school, and took part in the South African was placed on record in the school-room; likewise a special tablet to the memory of the genial Cecil Smith, who sacrificed his life for the sake of his country. I am too far away to take the initiative, but I shall be glad to give my humble mite foe such a purpose. I feel sure that the Havelock school-boys will eagerly take the matter up. Yours, &c, Jacob H. Reynolds. Wellington, 19th July, 1901

23rd August 1901 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Orsman, Pickering, and W. P. Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master’s report was read, shewing the number on the roll to be 77; working average—Boys, 37.6; girls, 28.9; total; 66.5. On six occasions the attendance fell below half the roll number, on account of bad weather. The present attendance is below half the roll number, attributable to the prevailing epidemic. - The Inspector notified that he would hold his annual examination of the school on September 18th. A letter was received from Mr. C. A. Coppins, on behalf of the “ old boys, 0 asking permission to place a tablet in the school, in memory of their late esteemed school fellow, Cecil W. Smith, who left New Zealand with the Fifth Contingent, and died of dysentery at ‘Mafeking.—The request was acceded to with pleasure; the size and placing of the tablet to be approved by the Chairman. Resolved that application be made to the Education Board for a grant in connection with special expenses incurred in maintaining the school and grounds in good order. It was decided to hold the, next regular meeting on September 25th, to avoid clashing with examination day. After passing accounts, the Committee adjourned.

20th September 1901 At the annual examination of this **school,** held on Wednesday last, the following scholars passed their respective Standards: — Standard VI.—Montague Adams, D'Arcy Reader, Charles Venimore and Marion Cavell. Standard V. Noel Dee, Louisa Simmonds, Esther Simmonds, Violet Wells, Violet Pickering, Alma Scott, Jessie Pope and Albert Levien. Standard IV. Wilfred Warner, Alfred Glover, Harold Homann, John Levien, Cora Gregor and Elsie Jarvis. Standard 111. Ernest Brown, Robert Warner, Stanley Reader, Eric Reader, Orlando Pickering, Stanley Pickering, Douglas Pickering, Victor Levien, Albert Simmonds, Beatrice Cavell, Elizabeth Orsman, Evelyn Scott and Jessie Wells. Standard II.—William Homann, Ralph Adams, Edward Pope, Howard Reader, Annie Orsman and Winifred Warner. Standard I.—William Glover, Cissy Wells, Charles Glover, George Brown, Arthur Congdon, Thomas Egan, Norman Simmonds, William Boyd, Lily Wells, Arthur Cavell, Balfour Pickering, Annie Wells, Mary Egan, Grace Pope and Ruby Boyd. Preparatory.—Harold Dee, Chadburn Wells, Whitney Warner, James Boyd, Gladys Pickering, Lily Levien, Jessie Homann, Jessie Orsman, Amy Egan and Kate Pickering.

27th September 1901 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Orsman, Buckman, Pickering, and Simmonds. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report and the examination papers were received. A letter was received from Miss Ward, asking for leave of absence.— Granted; the Secretary to request the Education Board to provide a temporary relieving teacher. (A letter was received from Mr. T. H. Scott, re his daughter, Alma.—Resolved that Mr. Scott be written to, informing him that his daughter, Alma, was presented for the Sixth Standard, and failed in spelling, geography, and arithmetic. The Committee regret the failure, but would draw attention to the fact that her attendance was the worst in her class —having missed 120 times. Under the new regulations,, when a scholar fails in the Standard for which they are presented, the last Standard passed must be stated on the pass sheets. The Committee then adjourned.

22nd November 1901 School Committee.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Simmonds, and Warner. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing signs of improvement. Six new names have been added to the roll, which now stands—Boys, 44; girls, 87 ; total, 81. The month's average is—Boys, 33-3 ; girls, 24-4 ; total, 57-7. The examinations in connection with the University of New Zealand concluded the previous day, and Miss Ward is now on her way home, and will soon be able to resume her duties.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Board that Mr. W. Warner had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. D. Duggan. The Education Board forwarded an amended list of subjects for instruction. Resolved to suggest to the Board that the school holidays be five weeks in summer and three weeks in winter. It was decided to employ Mr. F. Henderson to carry out some necessary repairs at the school. The meeting then adjourned

17th January 1902 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present —Messrs. Cavell Chairman), Warner, Pickering, Simmonds, Buckman, and Orsman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read, shewing the average attendance for the past month to be—Boys, 34.3 ; girls, 29.9; total, 61.2. The working average is—Boys, 36-55 ; girls, 31.66 ; total,

68.22; the number on the roll is -Boys, 46; girls, 37 ; total, 83. The Inspector's report on the last examination was read, as follows

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed	Notes
6	6	6	3	1 sound, 2 weak
5	6	6	6	2 strong. 3 sound. 1 weak
4	7	6	2	1 strong 1 sound
3	15	14	14	7 strong 2 strong 5 weak
2	6	6	6	All Strong
1	16	16	16	All Strong
Primers	18			

The Committee considered the passes in the upper classes unsatisfactory, but held over further discussion till next meeting.
A letter was received from the School Committee's Association. Held over. Mr. Coppins, on behalf of the old boys, waited on the Committee, re, a suitable position in which to erect a memorial tablet to the late Corpl. C. W. Smith. —The matter was satisfactorily arranged.
It was resolved that school duties be resumed on Monday, 27th inst. Accounts for £4 5/7 were passed for payment, and the Committee adjourned
21st February 1902 The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening. Present Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Reader, and Simmonds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Master's report was read shewing the average attendance for the last month to be—Boys, 33.8 ; Girls, 28.0 ; total, 62.4. On the roll—Boys, 43 ; girls, 34 ; total, 77.
It was resolved that some necessary repairs to the desks be carried out at once. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Farnell, senr., informing him that the Committee consider the large quantity of scrub, &c\, on the section adjoining the school is a source of great danger to the school building?. E-j Solved that the Secretary prepare a statement of needed repairs, and apply to the Education Board for a grant. The Committee then adjourned.
14th March 1902 The Havelock Committee forwarded a statement of its finances showing a debit balance of £7 8s, and asked for a special grant. —It was resolved to reply that the Board is unable to comply with the request.
23rd May 1902 The late Gunner Cecil W. Smith.
A sad, though interesting, ceremony was conducted at the Havelock School on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial tablet of the late Cecil W. Smith, who died at Mafeking. On the arrival of the party at the school Mr. Ward, the head master, addressed the pupils, informing them of the object of the gathering. The tablet, he said, had been placed in the school to remind them, and the scholars who came after them, of a solemn event that had taken place. A scholar of the school went away to the war, was taken ill and died, and his schoolmates thought it a desirable thing to erect the tablet in memory of him He must have been a sterling worthy boy to deserve this token of the respect and esteem of his schoolfellows. Those present then joined in singing the hymn, " 0 God, our help in ages past." The Rev. Mr. Howell said this ought to be a very solemn occasion for the boys in the school. This young man, to whose memory the tablet was erected, was born in Havelock and received his schooling here. As time went on, he grew to early manhood and went to South

Africa with the Fifth Contingent. He had endeavoured to do his duty. It was said when the First Contingent went from New Zealand that most of the men considered they were just going on a picnic excursion, but subsequent events proved that the work to be done was dangerous and arduous, and every man who went risked hi 3 life. This young fellow must have had the approbation of those who had been at school with him, and although he had lost his life through fever he had behaved just as nobly as though he had died upon the field of battle. He (Mr. Howell) urged upon the children the need to do their duty to their parents; they also had their duty to their God, to whom they would have to give an account of their actions on earth. Cecil Smith's relations had the sincere sympathy of all who knew them. At the Rev. Mr. Howell's request Mrs. Mules unveiled the tablet, and the proceedings terminated with the reverend gentleman pronouncing the Doxology. The tablet, which is of marble, is placed over the door leading to the Sixth Standard room, and bears the following inscription :—" In memory of Gunner C. W. Smith, Fifth N.Z. Contingent, who died of dysentery at Mafeking, 19th January, 1901> aged 23, Erected by his schoolfellows."

13th June 1902 The flag-pole presented by Nees and McLean to the Havelock School has been entrusted to Mr. Alf. Scott to trim and paint, and is now about read" for erecting. The flag will be attached, and the pole erected, in readiness for Coronation Day.

20th June 1902 School Committee.—A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening, there being present— Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Simmonds, W. Pickering, Warner, and Pope. A letter was received from the Education Board, stating that it is the intention of the Government to present a souvenir card to every child attending the school, and the Committee decided that the cards will be presented to the children assembled at the school at 9.30 a.in. on Coronation Day.—The Committee discussed the question of extending the mid-winter holidays, and resolved that as the Coronation takes place in the middle of our winter it is undesirable that the holidays be extended beyond the three weeks.

1st August 1902 School Committee.—A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present—Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), F. Pope, W. P. Simmonds, and Buckman (Secretary). The headmaster's report showed that the average attendance for the month was : Boys 3617, girls 27 61; total, 63 78; on the roll—boys 45, girls 32 ; total 77. —It was resolved that Friday, 8th August, be a school holiday, in honour of the Coronation.—The Chairman said he had arranged with Mr. Venimore to supply schoolbooks, etc., at published prices.—Resolved that the Coronation Souvenir Cards presented by the Government be handed to the children on the morning of Coronation Day at 9.30

12th August 1902 Proceedings commenced on the arrival, at the Havelock school, of the Canvastown children, who were brought down as far as Blackball in trucks kindly lent by Brownlee and Co. These children marched from Blackball to Havelock, and on the journey were met by Mr. Ward (headmaster of the Havelock School) and a number of local children. The two contingents were formed into lines in the Havelock School grounds, and each child received a souvenir card, a small flag, and a ribbon of the National colours. Mr. Cavell (Chairman of the local School Committee) then addressed a few words to the children, who saluted the Union Jack flying proudly on the School flag-pole, and sang a verse of the National Anthem. A move was then made to the vicinity of the Town Hall, where the procession was formed for the march to the Cottage Hospital site, Mr. T. H. Scott, in full regalia, and carrying the Marshall's baton, led the way, and was followed by about 150 children; then came several members of the Town Board,* the Foresters (carrying their very hand: some

banner), and the general public. Owing to the heavy rain on Friday night the main street, as far as Pickering's, was in a dreadfully muddy condition, but once on the Blackball Road the walk became a pleasure, and the children enlivened the journey by hearty choruses from patriotic songs. The gentle slope leading to the Hospital site was quickly negotiated by the cavalcade, and, when the summit was reached, on all sides were heard expressions of admiration of the magnificent view and of the healthy locality. It is truly an ideal spot for a resting-place for the sick : the east view takes in the whole expanse of the bay, while to the north-west is plainly visible the picturesque. Pelorus Valley, with the pretty river winding through it and flashing back the sunlight like a silver braid. Havelock is indeed fortunate in getting such a site, and we trust it will be the aim of everyone to make our Hospital worthy of its noble position.

The Revs. Howell and Foston conducted the Form and Order of Service drawn up as Thanksgiving on the occasion of the Coronation of the King. The service, was very impressive, though simple, and the people joined heartily in the singing; Mr. Foston gave a short address, in which he compared Havelock of today with what the locality probably was 50 years ago, and claimed that the wonderful change had been brought about by the earnest efforts of the early missionaries. . The civilisation of savage races was greatly owing to the beneficent rule of English Monarchs, and our King needed our prayers, humble though they may be, because he was placed in a high and responsible position,, and because we wished God to -take him under His protection, At the conclusion of the service, Mr. Price (Chairman of the Town Hoard), addressed the gathering, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many people there.

19th August 1902 Havelock School. —Following is Inspector Smith's interim report on the local school, which he inspected on July: —Organisation—The only possible ; methods and quality of instruction Satisfactory; order and discipline-Good; manners and general behaviour of pupils Very good ; cleanliness of rooms, materials, etc.— Very good. This must be regarded as a very 'satisfactory report, and we congratulate Mr. and Miss Ward

30th September 1902 Havelock School.

The annual examination of the Havelock school took place on Friday last. The following is the list of "passes":—

Standard VII.—Mai ion Cavell.

Standard Vl.—Alma Scott, Jessie Pope, Louisa Simmonds, Violet Pickering.

Standard V.—Elsie Jarvis. Standard IV.—Harold Homann, John Levien, Stanley Pickering, Stanley Reader, Eric Header, Ernest Brown, Robert Warner, Victor Levien, Albert Simmonds, Beatrice -Cavell, Elizabeth Orsman, Evelyn Scott.

Standard III—A VWilliam Homann, Ralph Adams, Edward Pope, Howard .Reader, Annie Orsman, Winifred Warner.

Standard ll.—Leslie Fairbairn, Bruce Smith, William Glover, Charles Glover, Arthur Congdon, William Boyd, George Brown, Arthur Cavell, Balfour Pickering, Lily Wells, Grace Pope, Ruby Boyd, Annie Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Violet Aldridge, Frances Duggan

Standard I.—Arnold Wells, Cluny Gregor, Whitney Warner, Clarence Pickering, Jessie Homann, Lily Levien, Jessie Orsman, Isabel Matthews, Ellen Aldridge,

3rd October 1902 Tuesday, 30th September. (Before Dr. McArthur, S.M.) Havelock School Committee v. J. Wells, for neglecting to send his son Arnold Wells to school during the week ended 1st August. Mr. Cavell, Chairman of the School Committee, appeared to prosecute, and handed in the attendance-roll of the school, which

showed that the boy had been very irregular in his attendance at school for some months. Mr. Wells pleaded that the boy had been unwell and that the weather had been too bad to allow of his being sent to school, but the Magistrate pointed out that the school register showed that children younger than Arnold, and who lived at a greater distance from the school than he did, had regularly attended. And if the boy was too ill to go to school, the proper course to adopt was to inform the Committee and ask for exemption. As this was the second prosecution of Mr. Wells for similar neglect, the Magistrate fined him 2s, without costs.

Judgment by default, with 14s costs, was given in the case of James Fulton against Robert Robertson, claim for £S 83

3rd October 1902 Havelock School Committee.

Wednesday, 1st October.

Present: Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Simmonds, Warner, W. Pickering, H. M. Reader, arid Buckman (Secretary). An apology for absence was received from Mr. F. W. Pope. The Master's report showed there were 75 children on the roll, and that the average attendance was 67*5. The Inspector's Report was discussed at considerable length. Mr. C. Homann wrote asking why his son Harold had apparently passed the Fourth Standard again this year.— The Headmaster explained that the boy had only made a partial pass last year and that he (the Master) endeavoured to prepare him for Standard V. this year, which Standard he might have passed had his attendance been satisfactory.—After examining the case the Committee decided to send Mr. Homann a copy of Mr. Ward's explanation, and to express their opinion that the Master had acted in accordance with the Act. The question of prizes was discussed, and it was decided that prizes be given after next examination, and that arrangements for a prize fund be made. Mr. T. Price's offer to drill the children once a week was accepted with thanks. The Chairman intimated that he was suggesting to the Board that in districts which did not admit of pupil teachers being employed in the ordinary way pupils having passed Standard VII. should be allowed to act as honorary pupil teachers, and that such service should count as pupil teacher service. He pointed out that in districts such as this, where the provision is made for pupil teachers, the opportunity is afforded for retaining promising pupils, with the result, that the Department is limited to certain districts for the production of younger teachers, while on the other hand pupils wishing to qualify for the teaching profession are prevented from doing so because they happen to reside in districts which do not offer Any opportunity. In pursuance of this suggestion he had offered the services of his daughter, Marion Cavell.—The Committee unanimously approved 6f the suggestion and accepted Mr. Cavell'S offer

17th October 1902 HAVELOCK The, Chairman of the Committee wrote with reference to the appointment of an honorary pupil teacher.—It was resolved that Mr. Cavell's application on behalf of his daughter be granted provided' that the. necessary arrangements can be made for examination by the Department a copy of Mr. Cavell's letter be forwarded to the Department with a request for expression of' opinion on the question of 'the annual examination of such honorary pupil teachers

19th December 1902 Havelock School Committee. —At a meeting of the Committee, held on Wednesday evening, there were present Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Buckman, Warner, Simmonds. F. Pope, and W. Pickering,— It was resolved to apply to the Education Department for funds to repair and paint the School buildings, etc.—Agreed that the holidays should commence on 19th December, and that the School re-open on 26th January.—The following resolution was also passed: —"That the Committee have for a long time been dissatisfied with the results of the School;

as the last examination shows no improvement and compares most unfavorably with the Canvastown and Havelock Suburban Schools, the Committee request the Board to compare the results of the Canvastown and Havelock Schools for the last four years, and act accordingly."

23rd December 1902 Havelock School. The local school broke up on Friday last, and during the next six weeks distracted mothers and philosophic fathers will endeavour to confine the exuberance of their offspring's to rational channels. We offer a suggestion, gratis: Form a concentration camp down at Moitapu, with Major Fortescue as Officer in Charge. There would be ample scope for the boys, and—well, the Major could fix up wire entanglements around his fruit trees.

6th January 1903 Havelock School.

EXAMINATION REPORT. Following is the official report of Inspector Smith's examination of the School, which took place on 26th September

Pass Subjects,

Standard VII.—Number presented for examination, 1; passed, 1; strong.

Standard VI. —Presented, 5; passed, 4 ; 1 strong, 1 fair, 2 weak.

Standard V.—Presented, 1; passed, 1; strong.

Standardly.—Presented 14: passed,, 11; 7 strong, 3 fair, 1 weak.

Standard lll.—Presented, 7; passed, 5; 4 strong, 1 fair.

Standard ll.—Presented, 16; passed, 14 ; 11 strong, 3 fair.

Standard I.—Presented, 11; passed, 8 -, 4 strung, 4 fair.

Class Subjects. Geography.—Fair. Drawing.—Fair. Grammar.—Moderate. History.—Moderate. Elementary Science, object lessons, etc.—Fair.

Additional Subjects

Needlework.—Satisfactory. Drill and Exercises.—Satisfactory.

The instruction in standard VII is reported as being " good," and that of the Preparatory Class as " fair."

23rd January 1903 Havelock School Committee.

At a meeting of the committee held on Wednesday evening there were present Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), W. Pickering, W. P. Simmonds, F. Pope, W. Warner, H. M. Reader, and W. Buckman (Secretary). The examination report was received and discussed. Correspondence to the Education Board, supporting the Committee's resolution re results of the school, were read and approved. With reference to the Committee's application to have a scholar at the Havelock School appointed an "honorary" pupil teacher,- the Education Board forwarded the reply sent by the Education Department, which is as follows" I am directed by the Minister to say that he has no power under the Education Act or the Public School Teachers' Salaries Act to recognise any service in a public school except that of duly appointed and salaried teachers or pupil teachers." (Signed) G. Hogben.

Commenting on this reply, the Secretary to the Education Board stated that if the parents of such a scholar, the headmaster, and the Committee agree, there can be no objection to such person acting as a pupil teacher, provided that his or her name is not included in the staff and that no salary is expected from the Board. With a view to ascertaining the opinion of parents regarding the School, it was decided to circulate a list asking each parent to signify satisfaction or dissatisfaction. An account for 17s, for fencing, was passed, and the Committee adjourned

24th February 1903 HAVELOCK SCHOOL TROUBLE.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—I wonder you have not taken a hand in the above affair, but perhaps you, like a few more of us, have been so disgusted by the pitiful exhibition the School Committee have given that you wisely refrained from interfering—

probably being a believer in the axiom that “one cannot touch pitch and remain undefiled.” I have no desire to be personal, but merely condemn the Committee as the Committee, and give it as my opinion that they have acted in a very questionable way to encompass the ruin (for that is practically what their resolution amounts to) of an estimable gentleman and an able teacher. Why was not the precious list which the parental were asked to sign left at the school, the post office, or the Guardian office, instead of being hawked round from house to house by a person who had a direct personal interest in obtaining, signatures unfavourable to the Master ? Why were not all householders, who are the people who elect the Committee, asked to sign the list ? Do the Committee take it upon themselves to presume that the householders’ interest in the school ceases when their children leave school ? I know one parent (I enclose his name) who has three children attending school, and who says that he would never have adversely signed the list if he had not been pressed to do so, as he is perfectly satisfied with the progress his children are making at school ; and no doubt there are many others who were similarly asked to sign. If the Education Board act as they ought to in this matter, they will altogether ignore the presumptuous resolution of the Committee, as the Board’s Inspector, as an expert, is the best judge of a teacher’s capabilities, and in questions of this kind lie is the proper person from whom the Board should accept an opinion.

Though the Committee may not know it, there is considerable indignation in Havelock over the shabby way the master is being treated, and it is safe to say that had he personally taken a list round to parents and householders very few outside the Committee would have signed “ Dissatisfied.”

20th February 1903 School Committee.

The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Wednesday evening, when there were present Messrs. Cavell(chairman), F. Pope, Bookman, Simmonds, W. Pickering, W. Warner, and H. M. Reader. The Headmaster’s report showed the average attendance to have been, boys 83-5, girls 21-2, total 54-7. Number on roll, boys 42, girls 29, total 71. The Education Board forwarded a cheque for f l 7s 6d voted for repair of damage by a fallen tree in the School ground. It was decided to adopt the same position as last year in regard to the Inspector auditing the Committee’s expenditure, it being thought that as the work occupied very little time and the Committee’s funds being limited, the expenditure of 10s 6d for auditing fee should be avoided. Constable Price reported the reasons given by parents for absence of scholars. In commenting upon the requirements of the Act the feeling expressed by members of the Committee indicated their impression that for country schools the clauses in regard to nonattendance were over-stringent, and their enforcement in regard to medical certificates would, in cases, create undue hardship. It was thought that as the police now reported upon the list of absentees as supplied by the master, that the Committee should use its discretion in taking action, and that each case should be treated at each meeting upon its merits. The indifference shown by parents in permitting children to be absent from the district during the school term was' censured, and it was decided to accept as satisfactory those explanations given by parents for the month’s absences as now submitted through Constable Price. A vote of thanks was afforded the latter for the manner in which he was performing the duties imposed upon him. It was reported that the circular issued to parents of children attending the school asking for an expression of satisfaction, or otherwise, as to the results of the school, had manifested 27 parents (representing 60 children) expressing, dissatisfaction; one (representing one. child) satisfied; two (representing six children) declined to !

express; one (representing four children), away from , district. In individual expressions of dissatisfaction it was remarked that the expressions did not extend to the lady assistant. The Education Board forwarded for • the Committee's consideration and report, the replies sent to the Board by the master in regard to the complaints of the Committee. The replies were considered at length and comparisons made with figures compiled 5 from the Inspector's report, and it was resolved that the Committee did not consider the head teacher's explanation satisfactory, and unanimously recommended that his services at the Have lock school be dispensed with, and that a new teacher be obtained as early as possible. A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Messrs. Buckman and Simmonds was appointed to draw up the report asked for by the Education Board, and to present such for adoption at a special meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday 4th March,. The Committee passed accounts for payment, and adjourned.

13th February 1903 HAVELOCK. The Headmaster forwarded a statement in reply to the representations of the Committee as to the examination results, and further correspondence was received from the Committee, including the result of a reference to the parents.—It was resolved to forward the Headmaster's statement to the Committee for perusal.

20th March 1903 The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, there being, present Messrs. Cavell (Chairman), Simmonds, Pope, H. M. Reader, W. Pickering, and Buckman (Secretary). In reply to the School Committees' Association, the Committee decided v to advocate six weeks' holiday per annum.—* The Committee approved of the suggested aided school at Brooklyn Bay.—On the motion of Mr. Reader, seconded .by Mr. Pickering, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cavell for the way in which he had carried out the duties of Chairman of ; the Committee.—Mr. Cavell having resigned, Mr. Reader was appointed Chairman

13th March 1903 Education Board. —At the Board's meeting on Monday correspondence was received from the Havelock Committee with reference to the Headmaster, and it was decided to deal with the matter at the next meeting.

24th April 1903 HAVELOCK. The Havelock Committee asked that the school be connected with the water system being brought |n to It was resolved to his position. Unless there was a certainty that he would be compensated by the superannuation scheme in favour of teachers he would prefer to take his stand on his results.—No communication being forthcoming from the Committee, the Board took no action.

The establishment of an aided school at Brooklyn Bay (the Havelock School Committee approving), and the appointment of Miss Hutcheson as the teacher was sanctioned.

24th April 1903 THE PELORUS GUARDIAN, AND MINERS' ADVOCATE FRIDAY, 24th APRIL, 1903. The Havelock School.

The decision of the Marlborough Education Board not to take any action regarding the complaint of unfitness preferred against the Headmaster of the Havelock School by the local Committee, will give entire satisfaction to everyone who has a knowledge however superficial, of school work, and who has a desire for fair play. The original cause of the agitation against the Headmaster is ancient history, and is too paltry and mean a subject for us to waste time over. We prefer to believe that the members of the Committee were actuated by the belief they were acting in the interests of the children attending the School, but now that the subject is removed from the subjudice phase we have no hesitation in asserting that the tactics adopted to oust an honourable and painstaking gentleman were very far short of what were

expected from a body of men who are individually a credit to the town. Once the ball was set rolling, methods were adopted that were altogether unconstitutional and quite apart from the proper functions of a School Committee, in order that a " case " might .be made- for transmission to the scholastic tribunal of the Province. Failing legitimate means, the very questionable proceeding was adopted of throwing the onus upon the parents of children attending the School, and a petition having been prepared by the Chairman and carried around by him and by other members of the Committee, the parents naturally came to the conclusion that it was better policy on their part to risk the displeasure of one individual than to bring down upon their heads the wrath of the several members of the Committee, so they signed the petitions to the effect that they were dissatisfied with the manner in which the School was being conducted. Various inconsistencies on the part of parents who signed afterwards cropped up such as parents signing whose children were not being taught in the Headmaster's room, said parents expressing themselves as quite satisfied with the teaching and discipline in the lower standards—but the Committee wanted signatures, and so the highways and byways were searched till the list was complete. But we have it on the best authority that this proceeding proved one of the weakest parts in the Committee's case, for the Board recognised that they could not stultify themselves by endorsing such a very dangerous precedent. We sympathise with the Headmaster upon the unenviable position in which he has been placed by the action of the Committee, and congratulate him upon the dignified stand' he has made and upon the vindication of his abilities as a teacher as evidenced by the decision of the Board, The tendency of many School Committees runs in the direction of overstepping their functions, Interference with the teaching staff does not, come within the scope of their duties, as defined by law, unless a member of the staff is guilty of some very grave offence. In the case under notice we have reason for believing that the Headmaster was frequently harassed by dictatorial interference. The Education Board should lose no; opportunity of defining the duties of! Chairmen and members of Committees, so that trouble of a similar nature may be avoided in the future.

1st May 1903 The result of the School Committee election on Monday night proved conclusively how futile and useless were our attempts to give the public a conception of the true inwardness of the agitation against the Headmaster. At the outset "f the meeting the Chairman of the Committee gave the keynote to the position when he said, in effect, that if the householders did not vote for the old Committee they (the householders) stultified themselves, seeing that they had got the Committee into their present dilemma by signing that historical petition. There was therefore only one course open for them to take, and if the two outsiders had studied the promptings of reason they would have immediately withdrawn their nominations, However, the election seems to be entirely satisfactory to the majority of the householders," and it is poor logic to cavil at a result because it is unsatisfactory to the minority, especially when the majority are bound together by a common tie such as existed in the case under notice. Referring to our article on the subject, published last Friday, we have been accused of “stabbing an absent man in the dark." Such utter nonsense and wilful misrepresentation was never known before. Matter published in a newspaper cannot by the wildest stretch of imagination be called a "stab in the dark," for an editor has to abide by what appears in his paper; it is published in cold print and scattered broadcast, and is a much more manly and straightforward method of expressing one's views than by covert whispers and malevolent innuendos to the " man on the street." At the same time, we readily admit

that there are the usual two sides to every question, and if by advocating the view that we have deemed (and still believe) to be the correct one we have ruffled a few of those who advocate the other side, why do not these latter take the honourable and usual course of ventilating their grievances through our columns? That is the practice. in other communities—why are less courteous customs allowed to exist here?, We are at all times glad to afford the public free expression of opinion in the Guardian, and we hope that those gentlemen who have fault to find with our reasoning will accept our offer and discuss the matter in the constitutional way.

1st May 1903 School Committee Elections.

HAVELOCK. Probably never in the history of Havelock, was there so much interest taken in the local election-of a School Committee as was shown on. Monday night, the Schoolroom being packed with householders and non-voters

Mr. Adams was appointed Chairman, and called upon Mr. H. M. Reader (Chairman of the outgoing Committee) to read the annual report and balance sheet. Prior to doing so, Mr. 'Reader made a few remarks, saying 'the meeting that night was a very important one, inasmuch as the parents who had signed the petition against the Headmaster either had to affirm their action or repudiate it; if they did the latter, it meant that they were of the opinion that the Committee were wrong in sending out the petition for signature, but if they were still dissatisfied with the conduct of the School they would return the old Committee. Mr. Reader then-read the following report:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before vacating office, the outgoing committee wished, in accordance with the usual custom., to briefly outline their work for the past year.

As you are all aware, the most important action taken was that dealing with the . management of the school, dissatisfaction has been marked for a considerable time. Although the Committee; were entirely unanimous,. it was deemed advisable, considering that the last examination report was only to hand shortly before the Committee's term of office expired, to ascertain the feeling of the parents, and with this object a list was submitted to each parent asking them to intimate satisfaction or dissatisfaction. The result was that the parents were practically unanimous in their dissatisfaction. -Your late Chairman took a good deal of trouble to analyse the position of the school for the last four years and the tables compiled by him were, .after being approved by the Committee, submitted to the Board. And the question is still undecided and is a question of great, importance to the future education of the children: Towards the end of the term the Chairman;' Mr. Cavell, tendered his resignation on leaving the district, and Mr. H. M. Reader was elected Chairman for the remainder of the term.

The Committee have found the funds at their disposal extremely meagre, but have managed to maintain a small credit balance of 19s 5d.

The school requires repainting,- and sundry repairs are necessary; the tall trees shading, the school require lopping, and it is, highly desirable that the present tank system be done away with and the water supply utilised. These works, however, are out of reach, as well as out of the province of the Committee. The Committee have already approached the Board re the water, and it will be a matter for the new Committee to urge these necessary works on the Board.—I am, etc. -H. M. Reader* ; Chairman. ;

On the motion of Messrs. Taylor and W. H. Smith the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman then called., for nominations for the new Committee, and the following gentlemen consented to stand: Messrs. F. Pope, W. Warner, P. Simmonds, H. M,,

Reader, James Brownlee, V. C. Venimore, W Buckman, W. Pickering, and T. D. Taylor.

Before the election was commenced, - Mr. Ward (Headmaster) asked permission to make a personal defence in reply to . the charges that had been made against the results obtained in the School. He said that never before. in his 29 years' experience as a teacher in New Zealand had he been called upon to defend himself regarding his. school work, before ,and therefore he felt diffident on the present occasion. In the course of a lengthy, able, and eloquent address Mr. Ward scored point after point, and by the aid of official figures (taken from the Inspector's reports) he proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Havelock School, instead of being one of the worst in Marlborough, actually occupied fourth place in a long list, being, only one point behind Canvastown (which.is admitted to be one of the best schools in the Province). Mr. Ward also proved conclusively that many of the failures registered during the last two examinations were solely due to bad attendance on the part of the children ; Regarding the absurd charge that he had "cooked" the ages of the pupils, in order to make it appear that their average ages were lower than for other . schools of similar or higher grade, Mr. Ward stated that the ages he quoted, had been taken from the admission roll and any errors that had occurred were proved to be due to the parents not handing in the correct ages of their children. Referring to the petition that had been taken round to parents Mr. Ward said that many of the parents who signed it expressed satisfaction with the mistress, who taught their children, but they were dissatisfied with the master, who did not teach them. Where was the logic in such a proceeding (Applause), The petition was signed by many men who had taken his hand in friendship, who had frequently had intercourse with him, but who in this dreadful manner had stabbed him in the back, (Applause), - Another point he (the speaker) wished; to draw the attention of the public was this: After the School Committee had sent their damaging report' to the Education Board, they decided to send the petition round for signatures of dissatisfaction. Now, if a man were being tried for murder, and several of the jurymen went round to the public with a petition asking them to signify that the man was guilty, and then presented that petition to the Judge as proving that 'the public thought him guilty, and asked the Judge to sentence the man to death, would that be in accord with the spirit of British justice? (Cries of "No 1"). Certainly not; but that was exactly what the Committee had done. It was a deliberate attempt to bias the minds of members of the Board. Mr. Ward .concluded his remarks by explaining, by means of a series of figures tabulated on blackboards, the comparison, from various points of view, between the Havelock School and several other Marlborough schools of similar or higher grade, proving that his school occupied a very high place. Following is a condensed statement of the tables quoted by Mr. Ward : At the last examination of the Havelock School there were 73 names on the roll; of this number 56 children were presented in Standards and 17 were in the preparatory classes. The percentage in Standard classes for the colony was 73-22; for Marlborough Province, 71.8; for Havelock School, 76.7.

Of the 56 names on the Examination Schedules 55 wore present and 45 passed. The percentage of passes calculated on the roll number was—for the colony 55.6; for Marlborough, 60; for Havelock School, 61.6.

Of the children in Standards, 33 were below the average age for the colony, and 12 only up to or over the average age in their respective classes.

In Standards, 3,4, 5,6, and 7, the classes taught solely by the master, the passes were 85.1 per cent, of the number examined. In the Province of Marlborough there

are eight schools of the same grade or of a higher grade than the Havelock School;. as compared with these schools for the year 1902 Havelock takes the 4th place in the percentage of passes, and 2nd place in the percentage of strong passes.
When compared with the same schools for the year 1901, Havelock takes 3rd place in the percentage of passes, and 3rd place in the percentage of .strong passes. "When it is considered that five years ago when the present master took charge of the School its condition was one of the worst in the district, the master is to be congratulated upon the very high state of efficiency to which, as he was able to show on Monday night, the School has been brought. None of the Committee or householders present refuting the Headmaster's statements, the ballot was proceeded with, and resulted as follows, All the members of the old committee were returned, with the addition, of Mr. James Brownlee, who completed the "ticket" as arranged by the Reform .Party,
James Brownlee .. 43
F. Pope 48
V. Simmonds 42
W. Warner 41
W. Buckman. .. 40
W. Pickering 39
H.M; Reader 87
V; C. Venimore .. 11
T.D; Taylor 8
The new Committee met immediately after the election, and appointed Mr. Reader Chairman. After having decided to hold a special meeting on Monday evening, 4th May, the Committee adjourned, Statements having been made that the high percentage of passes as exhibited by the Headmaster on Monday night was due to the inclusion of the lower department of the School with the upper in making the calculation we deem it necessary to refute those statements. The percentage o'" passes in Standards 111. to VII, taught by the Headmaster alone, was 85.1, and for the whole School .(including infants), the percentage was 61-4.

26th May 1903 The Havelock School.
Following is a summary of the tabulated statement forwarded by the local School Committee to the Education Board, with reference to the Committee's allegations, that the School was not making any progress. As will be seen, the local School records for four years, as compared with those of Canvastown School for the same period, have been taken as a basis for calculation; at the same time it is well to explain that the Headmaster claims (and in this we believe he is supported by the Education Board) that he cannot be held responsible for the examination results for the first two years of his headmastership. We make this explanation because the figures w 6 recently published, showing Mr. Ward's statement of results, dealt only with the last two examinations. In the first place, the Committee for 1902-8 claim that the dissatisfaction was not of a recent origin, and added the following footnote to a letter sent to the Education Board on 2nd January, 1903"A reference to the last Committee's outgoing report will show that the Committee at that time was not at all-satisfied.*' .. "The first table dealing with the subject is one showing the results of the Canvastown and Havelock Schools compared for a period of four years—--1899-1902—as under All Standards. —Canvastown: Roll number 294, presented 209, passed 190, failed 19; the percentage of failures being 4*75. Havelock: Roll number 800, presented 202, passed 166, failed 86; percentage of 9. Standard Vl—

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8th May 1903 Havelock School Committee.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, the members being * present except Simmonds, The Chairman Mr Reader explained that the meeting had been specially called to decide what steps must now be taken regarding the Headmaster, and he called upon members to express their opinions. After a brief discussion, during which it appeared evident that that members considered they could not do more than they had all ready done,

The Chairman read the following resolution which he had drawn up for presentation to the Education Board:— " The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the Board should deal with this important Question of the Headmaster of the Havelock School by acceding to the request of the Committee—indicated by the late Committee and confirmed by the householders in electing the old Committee by a very large majority in asking the Board to fully consider the important question the Committee particularly wish to refer you to a letter from the late Committee, dated ; 22nd January, 1903, together with tables comparing the Havelock and Canvastown Schools for a period of four years; also to letters and a series of tables sent to the Board on 18th March, 1903." The resolution was considered satisfactory and the

Secretory was instructed to forward it to the Board, who will meet on Monday. It was resolved to ascertain the cost of getting the water laid on to the School and to the Headmaster's house. The Headmaster is to be asked to furnish weekly reports of the Worst cases of non-attendance, and the Committee expressed their intention of taking stringent measures to prevent the frequent absences. The Committee also decided to hold their meetings on the first Monday in each month.

15th May 1903 HAVELOCK.

A resolution was received from the School Committee repeating the request with regard to the headmastership.

A communication was received from the Headmaster in which he analysed the examination results with the object of showing that they were of a satisfactory character in view of the circumstances relating to the recent appeal case, the Board resolved not to take any steps in the matter

26th May 1903 Following is a summary of the tabulated statement forwarded by the local School Committee to the Education Board, with reference to the Committee's allegations, that the School was not making any progress. As will be seen, the local School records for four years, as compared with those of Canvastown School for the same period, have been taken as a basis for calculation; at the same time it is well to explain that the Headmaster claims (and in this we believe he is supported by the Education Board) that he cannot be held responsible for the examination results for the first two years of his headmastership. We make this explanation because the figures w 6 recently published, showing Mr. Ward's statement of results, dealt only with the last two examinations. .. In the first place, the Committee for 1902-3 claim that the dissatisfaction was not of a recent origin, and added the following footnote to a letter sent to the Education Board on 2nd January, 1903. A reference to the last Committee's outgoing report will show that the Committee at that time was not at all satisfied. The first table dealing with the subject is one showing the results of the Canvastown and Havelock Schools compared for a period of four years—--1899-1902—as under All Standards. —Canvastown: Roll number 294, presented 209, passed 190, failed 19; the percentage of failures being 4.75. Havelock: Roll number 800, presented 202, passed 166, failed 86; percentage of 9. Standard YL—Canvastown: Presented 88, passed 80, failed 8; percentage of •75.: Havelock: Presented 16, passed 10, failed 6; percentage of I.5. The next table shows the Inspector's report on Class and additional subjects, namely Canvastown: 1899, satisfactory; 1900, ditto; 1901, ditto; 1902 good. Havelock: 1899, fair; 1900, fair; 1901, moderate; 1902, fair. Additional subjects.—Canvastown; 1899, satisfactory; 1900, fair; 1901, satisfactory; 1902, good. Havelock: 1899, inferior; 1900, fair; 1901, moderate; 1902, satisfactory. Standards passed for four years: — Standard I.—Havelock 47, Canvastown 27; Standard ll.—Havelock 87, Canvastown 80; Standard 111. Havelock 83, Canvastown 35; Standard IV.—Havelock 28, Canvastown 29; Standard V.—Havelock 15, :Canvastown 82; Standard VI.-Havelock 10, Canvastown 30 ; Standard VII.— Havelock 2, Canvastown 17. Preparatory passes (four years).—Havelock, 91, Canvastown, 54.

Comparative table—Havelock and Canvastown. (Excellent 5 marks, good 4, satisfactory 3, fair 2, moderate I, inferior Q), Havelock: 1899—Class subjects fair, additional inferior, discipline satisfactory, manners satisfactory; total 8; 1900—Class subjects fair, additional fair, discipline fair, manners fair; total 8; 1901— Class subjects moderate, additional moderate, discipline fair, manners fair; total 6; 1902—Class subjects moderate, additional satisfactory, discipline fair, manners good; total 10; grand total for four years, 32 marks. Canvastown: 1899 - Class subjects

satisfactory, additional satisfactory, discipline good, manners good, total 14; 1900—Class subjects satisfactory, additional fair, discipline good; manners good; total 13; : 1901—Class subjects satisfactory, additional satisfactory, discipline good; manners good ; total of 1902 Class subjects good, additional satisfactory, discipline excellent, manners excellent ; total 17; grand total 58. ; Discipline only,—In 1900 the only Schools below ((satisfactory ” were Grovetown and Havelock; in 1901 the only **school** in that position was Havelock ; and in 1902 Havelock was again the only **School** below that standard. Havelock Sixth Standard.—l901 Six pupils in Standard 6 failed in arithmetic, four failed in’ geography and four failed in spelling- 1902: Five pupils in Class.—Three got nil for spelling, two failed discreditably in arithmetic, and none made more than 60 per cent, in geography, Note. The Sixth Standard is the only Standard awarded distinct marks, and a comparison of the actual marks awarded at Havelock and at Canvastown shows the Havelock **School** to be a very long way behind

5th June 1903 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee was held on Monday night, those present being Messrs.; H M. Reader (Chairman), F. Pope, W. Warner, W. Buckman (Secretary).The Inspector's report for 1st April was received, as. Follows roll number 67 present 40; organisation, satisfactory ; tables, suitable; methods and quality of instruction, good in some respects; order and discipline, fair ; supervision in recess, Sufficient'; manners and general behaviour of the pupils, good; state of buildings, etc., in fair order; cleanliness of rooms, apparatus, etc., satisfactory. Note by Inspector: Measles very prevalent, affecting the attendance, which is not quite 60 per cent. This, if long continued, must seriously interfere with the progress of the whole School;

The question of getting the Water laid on to the School and the Headmaster’s house .was left to the Chairman and the Secretary. It was resolved to support and endorse the resolutions adopted by the Education Board with reference to the late appeal case in Blenheim. It was also decided that the midwinter holidays extend over three weeks, and that. the School breaks up on 1 19th June and re opens on 18th July.

19th June 1903 Havelock School.— ln consequence of the fact that many of the children attending the local School have been absent on account of measles, vaccination, and other causes, the Committee have decided to rescind their resolution that there shall be three weeks’ holidays for mid-winter, and have notified the Headmaster that there will be only one week’s holiday and that (he School will close to-day and re-open on Monday, 29th June.

10th July 1903 Havelock School Committee.—At their meeting on Monday evening the following Committeemen were present: -Messrs. H. M. Reader (Chairman), Buckman (Secretary) Pope, Warner, Simmonds, and Pickering. During the reading of the minutes Mr. Simmonds complained of the action of the Chairman and other members in "going back" on a resolution of the Committee that there should be three weeks' holidays at midwinter, whereas there was only one week given. The Chairman said the change was made for_ very good reasons—owing to sickness of children and to bad weather the attendance had been bad, and it was not desirable to have an extended holiday so close to the annual examination ; also, a majority of the Board and the Headmaster were in favour of only one week being given. Messrs. Warner and Pickering also protested.-The Chairman said it was time the Committee decided to fall in with the Headmaster's suggestions at times, as this constant quibbling did no good.-It was resolved th.it there should not be a school holiday on Arbor Day .-On the motion of Messrs. Simmonds and Reader it was decided that there be two weeks' holidays after the annual examination and five weeks' holidays

at Christmas. -Reference was made to the intermittent attendance at school of many children, and it was resolved that the Headmaster should insist upon the parent forwarding to him the reason for their children's non-attendance

23th September 1903 School Examinations.

HAVELOCK. Inspector Smith examined this School on Wednesday, and hag declared the fallowing passes in the various Standards. The result is very gratifying, for out of a total of 45 children presented only three failed (all in Standard III.). This gives a percentage of 93*6, and accentuates our contention that under Mr. Ward's supervision the Havelock School is in the front rank of successful Marlborough Schools. Standard VI —Violet Wells.

Standard V.—Joseph Levien, Stanley Pickering, Stanley Reader, Eric Reader, Ernest Brown, Robert Warner, Victor Levien, Albert Simmonds, Elizabeth Orsman, Evelyn Scott. Standard IV.—Roy Hale, William Homann, Ralph Adams, Howard Reader, Orlando Pickering, Douglas Pickering, Annie Orsman, Winifred Warner. Standard III.—Edward Pope, Arthur Congdon, George Brown, Balfour Pickering, Violet Aldridge, Annie Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Grace Pope, Frances Duggan, Ruby Boyd. Standard II.—Charles Glover, Whitney Warner, Clunie Gregor, Norman Simmonds, Jessie Homann, Lily Levien, Jessie Orsman, Isabella Matthews, Ellen Aldridge. Standard I.—Charles Reader, Clarence Pickering, Kate Pickering, Theo. Reader.

9th October 1903 Havelock School Committee.—At the monthly meeting on Monday Messrs. H. M. Reader (Chairman), Buckman (Secretary), W. Warner, F. Pope, and W. Pickering were present.—The Inspector's report was read, and members expressed the opinion that the results of the examination were very satisfactory.—The Headmaster's report contained some interesting figures relating to school attendance (published elsewhere). —It was resolved to support the Blenheim Borough School Committee in their suggestion to the School Committees' Association that future appointments of teachers shall be for twelve months only.—The Committee decided to apply for the certificates to which the children who passed standards last year are entitled.—Capitation amounting to £6 was received from the Department, accounts amounting to 16s were passed for payment, and the Board adjourned.

6th November 1903 Havelock School Committee.

Wednesday, 4th November. Present Messrs. H. M. Reader (Chairman), W. Pickering, W, Warner, F. Pope, J. Brownlee, and W. Buckman (Secretary). Resolved to apply to the Education Board for a grant of £2 for the purchase of six dozen wands, for drilling purposes. The Education Board notified that the painting of the School would be deferred until it was ascertained how certain experiments now being conducted in connection with painting the Board's schools succeeded. The Headmaster's report showed that there was an increase of five children in the number on the roll. At the request of the Committee, Mr. Reader withdrew his resignation as Chairman, and will continue to act in that capacity. Mr. Ward (Headmaster) attended the meeting and explained that he and Miss Ward contemplated training the t children for an entertainment in the , form. of a Kinderspiel (children's games), the proceeds of which would * be devoted to the purchase of prizes for the children. Mr. Ward lucidly explained what was intended in the way of awarding the prizes, and said that while he was hopeful of giving every child a prize, he felt that special prizes should be given for regular attendance. It was hoped, he said, to realise £6 from the entertainment, and with judicious apportionment this amount would provide a prize for every child. The idea was to

present prizes on the evening of the concert. Mr. Pickering suggested that special prizes should be given for reading, writing, spelling, geography, etc. The Chairman thought that giving prizes for attendance was not quite a fair proposal, for children, say, at Blackball and Kaituna, could not compete in attendance with town children. After discussing the matter, it was resolved that the Committee agree to Mr. Ward's proposal, and to assist in arranging it. Also, Mr. Ward was authorised to order £6 worth of books of his own selection. On the suggestion of Mr. Pickering, it was resolved that the presentation of prizes take place at 2 p.m.on Friday, 18th December, and that the entertainment be held in the Town Hall on the same evening. The Chairman and Secretary waited on the Town Board, and asked for a grant in aid of the prize fund, or for the free use of the Town Hall for the entertainment. —The Town Board Chairman said they could not give a grant, and would consider the question of letting the Hall free. [Afterwards, the Board decided to reduce the usual charge to five shillings

15th December 1903 "Breaking-up" of School. This period, which is the lode-star of a schoolchild's existence, will commence on Friday next. At 2 o'clock Mr. H. M. Reader (Chairman of the School Committee) will distribute the books that have been obtained, each child in the School getting one. The distribution will take place in the School,

School Entertainment.— Continuous rehearsals have resulted in the children engaged in the " Kinderspiel" becoming almost perfect, and to those who patronise the conceit on Friday evening we can promise a unique treat. Mr. and Miss Ward have not spared any trouble to have every detail satisfactory, so we hope the public will show their appreciation by attending in large numbers,

22nd December 1903 Havelock School.

PRESENTATION OF BOOKS. It is some years since were distributed at the local School, and the interest shown by the children on Friday fast, when every child received a handsome book, should be an incentive to the Committee to make it an annual practice. Mr. Ward (Headmaster) had selected seventy-two really good books, and endeavoured as far as possible to suit the taste of each recipient—a very difficult task, but one creditably performed, judging by the expressions of satisfaction we have since heard. Mr. H. M. Reader (Chairman of the School Committee) presented the prizes, and prior to doing so expressed his satisfaction, and that of the Committee, at the kindly and capable efforts of Me and Miss Ward in training the children for the concert to be held that evening. The prizes were entirely due to the efforts of the Master and Mistress. . The Chairman then called for three cheers for Mr. and Miss Ward, and these were heartily given. Mr. Ward briefly responded, and the presentation of the books followed. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Mr. Reader referred to the fact that there was a much larger number of children in the Sixth Standard this year than bad been the case for some time, and expressed the hope that some of them would next year qualify, by the acquisition of Scholarships, to have their names added to the long list of "honour tablets" at present decorating the schoolroom walls.

At the instigation of Me Ward, the boys gave three rousing cheers for the Chairman of the School Committee.

THE CONCERT.

In the evening, the Town Hall was packed to the doors by an enthusiastic, good-humored audience, visitors being present from all parts of the district and from the Sounds; and it is safe to say that a more satisfied audience never left the Town Hall at the close of a performance. Every item was enthusiastically applauded, and the

applause was not misplaced in any single instance—which is saying a great deal for the all-round excellence of the programme. Part 1, was opened by a delightful item by Mrs. Foston (violin), Miss B. Smith (piano), and Mr. Sheahan (flute), and was followed by the pretty duet “ I know a bank,” charmingly given by Mr. and Miss Ward. Rev. H. Howell gave “ Dicky Jones,” and Miss Venimore contributed “ Just after the / battle.” Mr. Stansfield was in better voice than we have ever heard him, and gave a spirited interpretation of a sea song: “ When winds o’er the sea blow a gale.” Miss Briggs has a sweet voice, and gave a sympathetic rendition of “ He never cares to wander from his own fireside.” This item brought the first part to a close, and the audience eagerly awaited the rising of the curtain for the children’s performance. We give below a list of those taking part in this. The various items were accompanied by an orchestra consisting of Mrs. Foston (violin), Miss Price (piano), Mr. Sheahan (flute), and Mr. Webb (cornet), and their well-timed and delightful music assisted materially in the effective singing, skipping and choruses of the children. The central figure in the play was Miss Ward, who, carried a pretty banner inscribed with the legend: “ All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy **; her singing and acting were superb, and her thorough control of the children excited the admiration of everyone. It would take too much space to describe the details of the “ Kinder* spiel,” and it will suffice to say that it
is a “play ” that appeals to both, old and young; the choruses were f immensely attractive, the skipping and swinging scenes very pretty, and the drilling by both boys and girls was marvellously good. The boys looked Splendid in their smart uniforms, and the added glory of carrying teal gum made them swagger in real military style. The costumes of the principal children were true to the best traditions of the historic characters represented* and “ Old Mother Hubbard ” seemed as though she had just stepped from Grimm’s famous book. “ Humpty Dumpty’s ” generously padded figure created great amusement, and little ' Annie Smith—a wee dot—gained repeated applause for her expert skipping. 1 With such an interesting theme, we could go on for a column or more, but space forbids, and we will con* elude by expressing the opinion—which is shared by all who saw the play—that it was one of the most successful of its kind ever given in the district Mention must be made of the great , r assistance given by the ladies who helped in the choruses. To Min Ward special thanks are due for her ;/ untiring endeavours in training the children; and to Mr. Ward's business capacity are due the very successful auxiliary preparations. >
We understand that the total receipts were £9; the expenses were * about £2; and after buying hooks for A some children who have recently left the School a balance of about 10s ’will remain as the nucleus of a prize fund -, for next year. Mr. and Miss Ward desire to return, thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly assisted them in producing the late performance of the Kinderspiel and so materially contributed in making it a success.
Following is a list of the adults and children engaged in the performance:—;*'! Principals.—" Sister Ann," Miss Ward ; ‘ "Mistress Mary," Miss A. Orsman; Humpty Dumpty," Master B. Pickering; v " Jack and Jill,” Master N. Simmonds and Miss N. Aldridge; "Mother Hubbard,*' Miss Mills; " Little Boy Blue," Master S., Buckman; " Little Jack Horner," Master * H. Reader; "Little Red Riding Hood;'! ! 'S Miss V. Aldridge; " Little 80-Peep,' * Miss E. Orsman. Skippers.—Misses Annie Wells, Cissie Wells, Kate Pickering, Annie Smith, Frances Duggan, Winnie Warner. Chorus. — Misses Wilson, Mills, Venimore, Davis, M. Walker, Jarvis, Scott, Wells, Warner, Pope, Boyd, Homann, Orsman, Matthews, Theo. Reader, Aldridge. Sheahan. Soldiers.—Masters Eric Reader (captain), S. Pickering, S. Reader* A. Simmonds, W

Homann, R. Adams, D.' Pickering, A. Congdon, G. Brown. . U r Orchestra.—Mrs. Foston (violin), Miss Price (piano), Mr. Sheahan (flute), Mr. Webb (cornet). Stage Managers.—Messrs. Ward and Stansfield.

5th February 1904 Havelock School Committee.—At the monthly meeting of the Committee, held on Monday evening, there were present Messrs. H. M. Reader (Chairman), W. Pickering, W. Warner, F. Pope, and J. Brownlee. The Education Board notified that pass Certificates had been forwarded for issue to successful children.—Miss Ward wrote notifying that she intended applying to the next meeting of the Education Board for twelve months' leave of absence from school duties, as she wished to attend the lectures at Victoria College for the instruction of teachers, and also the Classes at the Technical school; she therefore asked if the Committee would support her application. The Committee decided to agree to the request and to ask the Board to appoint in Miss Ward's place a competent teacher.— The Secretary to the Town Board wrote demanding 103 on account of water rates for the School and the Master's residence, and it was resolved to inform him that the account must be sent to the Education Board.—The Master's report showed that the average attendance for the month at the School was; boys 39 69, girls 23 23 : number on the roll: boys 45, girls 26; present attendance: boys 35 3, girls 22-2.—-The Master reported that Dr. Bartlett had offered to vaccinate any children in the School whose parents desired it to be done, and the matter was left for Mr. Ward to arrange,—After deciding that there should be no school on Wednesday (the day of the School picnic), the Committee adjourned. School Picnic.—Perfect weather, complete arrangements, and comfortable vessels in which to travel, combined to make the picnic to Moetapu, on Wednesday, one of the most successful and enjoyable ever experienced in Havelock. There were between seventy and eighty passengers on the Pelorus, Mr. George Smith's large oil launch Reikura was packed, and Mr. W. H. Smith's whaleboat Anatoria was laden to the gunwale, so that there were over 150 people assembled on the beautiful beach at Moetapu when lunch was announced. The afternoon was pleasantly spent by the children in foot racing, swimming, and games, and by the, elders in assisting at these functions and in roaming around the picturesque foreshore of Moetapu Bay. It is truly a glorious place for a children's picnic. Embarkation was accomplished without mishap, and prior to starting for home Mr. Ward, Headmaster of the Havelock School, called for three cheers for Captain Smith, for his kindness in providing, altogether at his own expense, the two launches so that the children and their parents could enjoy a day's outing. The hearty response to this call showed that everyone appreciated Mr. Smith's kindness. The wharf was reached about 9 o'clock, when additional cheers were given for the Captain. Prominent among those who assisted to make the picnic a success were Messrs. Buckman, H. M. Reader, Orsman, Ward, John Wilson, and Alf. Scott, while (hanks are due to Mr. W. H. Smith for the use of his boat in which to embark the passengers

4th March 1904 Kinderspiel.—As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the Havelock public are to be treated to a reproduction of the Kinderspiel, or children's play entitled " Old Friends with New Faces." As a second copy of this charming work cannot be procured in the colony, we may safely predict that no future opportunity is likely to arise of witnessing its performance, and the friends of the Havelock School children should not miss the opportunity of seeing the play on this the last occasion of its performance.

18th March 1904 Miss Palmer has been appointed I temporary teacher at the Havelock School during Miss Ward's absence

8th April 1904 Miss Farmar, who succeeds Miss Ward as Mistress at the Havelock School, commenced her duties on Tuesday last

15th April 1904 The sum of £2 was voted to the Havelock Committee to make provision for expenses incurred by the expenditure of a cheque which was by mistake sent from the Board's office to Havelock instead of Havelock Suburban, and which the Board recovered by way of a stoppage of capitation. The Havelock Committee were authorised to repair the school spouting.

26th April 1904 School Committee Election.

The annual election of the local School Committee took place last evening. Very little interest was taken in the proceedings, a report of which is crowded out of this issue. The old Committee were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting Mr. Pickering was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Buckman was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer

29th April 1904 HAVELOCK. At the annual meeting of householders on Monday night there were only four householders (in addition to the seven members of the Committee) present. Mr. V. C. Venimore was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

In the absence of the Secretary (Mr. Buckman), Mr. Reader read the annual report and balance sheet; the latter showed a balance in hand of £2 1s 11d. The report was as follows: “Ladies and Gentlemen. —Before retiring from duties, the Havelock School Committee beg to furnish the following report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March, 1904: We commenced the year with a credit of 19s 5d, and now have a balance in hand of £2 11s 11d; also, a cheque for £2, voted since the 31st March, and a liability of 10s, which will leave cash to the amount of £3 11s 11d to commence the new year. During the year two Kinderspiel entertainments were given by Mr. and Miss Ward and the School children; the first was very successful, and the proceeds—amounting to over £6 —were spent in buying books for all the children attending the School. On 26th January a monster picnic was held at Moetapu, the parents and children being treated to a free trip by Mr. G. Smith. About 200 children, parents and friends were present. A most enjoyable day was spent by all, and on returning to Havelock three hearty cheers were given for Captain Smith. During March last Miss Ward applied for, and was granted, twelve months' leave of absence, to enable her to attend classes at Victoria College. The Committee have been fortunate in securing Miss Farmar, a certificated teacher, to take Miss Ward’s place. Six dozen wands have been purchased, and Miss Farmar has commenced to drill the girls, but the Headmaster has not yet commenced, although the Committee have been expecting the boys should be drilled. The Committee regret to say that although the last examination was somewhat better than the preceding one, the feeling among the Committee is that the Headmaster has not the control over the boys that he should have. It is also to be regretted that no effort has been made during Mr. Ward’s term of mastership to present any candidates for any of the Scholarships that have been open to them. The Education Board have given instructions for the piping on the School to be repaired at their expense, which will be for the new Committee to see to. The Householders are asked to pass a resolution asking the Government to bring forward a Teachers’ Superannuation scheme, to provide a fund for aged and infirm teachers. Your Committee approve the scheme, and, in the interest of the children now attending the Havelock School, whose whole chance in life may depend on their teacher, regret they must express themselves that a younger and more vigorous teacher is urgently required to manage the School. Read and confirmed by the Committee. H. M. Reader, Chairman." Referring to the question of supporting a Superannuation scheme for aged teachers, Mr.

Reader said something of the kind was needed. He had received a communication from the New Zealand Educational Institute on this subject, and that body had suggested that the householders pass the following resolution : That the householders of Havelock School District, in meeting assembled, consider that in the best interests of education, and as an act of justice to the rising generation, the establishment of a fund for the Superannuation of aged and infirm teachers is an urgent necessity, and that the Government be respectfully requested to introduce, without delay, the legislation necessary to give effect to a scheme established on a sound financial basis.'' Mr. W. H. Smith moved, and Mr. Matthews seconded, that the resolution, as read, be adopted by the meeting. — Carried.

Mr. Reader said the Committee had received the following resolution, on the subject of Scholarships: The Board is very disappointed to find that no candidates were sent up in December for the High School Scholarships from the Blenheim Boys', Picton and Havelock Schools, and that the Committee of these schools be asked to obtain explanations or reasons. That the Committees be informed that the Board will not allow pupils attending these schools to be deprived of their right to compete for Scholarships by the whim or incompetence of any teacher.' 1 He (Mr. Reader) had passed the letter on to Mr. Ward, Headmaster, and that gentleman had 'supplied the following explanation:— " Sir, —In reply to the question from the Marlborough Education Board, desiring to be informed why no candidates for Board's Scholarships were sent from the Havelock School last year, I beg to state that one eligible candidate was in attendance at this School, and would probably have been sent up to compete at the examination had her parents been anxious that she should do so. Her father expressed himself as unwilling to allow his child to go so far as Blenheim unattended, and to go to the expense that would be entailed upon him by the journey and by her temporary residence there. Even in the event of her succeeding, he was not prepared to meet the outlay that would become necessary, in addition to the Scholarship grant, to provide board and lodging during her attendance at the High School. I would respectfully suggest that, in future, Havelock be made an examination centre for all schools in its vicinity, with, of course, proper safeguards for the genuineness of the work done by candidates. A proposal of this kind was, 1 believe, made some years ago by the Havelock School Committee, but has not, in recent years at least, been acted upon. I am sure, if this proposal were carried out; the number of candidates from this district would be much larger. I have, I believe, a suitable candidate tor next year.—Your obedient servant, Wm, Ward." It was resolved that further particulars be obtained from Mr. Ward before the matter was dealt with. The election of the Committee was then proceeded with, but only the old members were nominated. Mr. Smith and Mr. Reader referred j to the lack of interest displayed by the, householders, the latter gentleman remarking that the small attendance was not complimentary to the Committee or the School,

Mr. Pickering was subsequently elected Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Reader, last year's Chairman, declining to again accept the position. The meeting then adjourned.

6th May 1904 Havelock School Committee.

Present Messrs. W. Pickering (Chairman), W. Warner, H. M. Reader, P. Pope and James Brownlee. The Headmaster's report showed that the attendance daring the month of April had been greatly affected by the prevalence of whooping cough amongst the young children. Resolved that copies be sent to the. Education Board of the annual report of the late Committee, and of the Headmaster's reply to the Board's letter asking why no children from the Havelock School had been prepared

for the Board's scholarships. The Committee asked Mr. Ward why he did not drill the boys with the wands provided for that purpose, and be stated that he had no objection whatever to devoting a certain time to drill, but he had always made a point of getting in as much time as possible for the ordinary school work.—Mr. Reader said that drilling with wands was general in many of the Marlborough Schools, and he thought it would be good exercise on cold winter mornings.—it was resolved that the Headmaster be requested to drill the % boys with wands every day for five or ten minutes. The Committee then adjourned.

13th May 1904 HAVELOCK. The Havelock Committee forwarded the report of a special meeting at which a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion that the Headmaster had lost control of the children, and asking the Board to give the teacher three months' notice of dismissal. The Committee also forwarded an explanation from the Headmaster as to the dearth of scholarship candidates, which is regarded as unsatisfactory. It was resolved that the teacher be asked to furnish the name of the pupil to whom he alluded in his letter with respect to scholarship candidates.

17th June 1904 HAVELOCK. The Havelock Committee wrote asking that something be done re the Headmastership, and a lengthy letter was received from the teacher. — The matter was held over till next meeting.

4th October 1904 School Examinations.

HAVELOCK. The following children passed their several standards at the examination last week; — Standard VII.—Violet Wells. Standard VI.—Elizabeth Orsman, Stanley Reader, Robert Warner, Erie Reader. Standard V.—Howard Reader, Ralph Adams, Roy Hale, William Homann, Annie Orsman, Orlando Pickering, Winifred Warner. Standard IV.—Violet Aldridge, Ruby Boyd, Annie Wells, Arthur Congdon, Edward Pope, Grace Pope. Standard III.—Norman Simmonds, Ellen Aldridge, Clunie Gregor, Alexander Haines, Isabel Matthews, Jessie Orsman, Whitney Warner, William Glover, Charles Glover, Jessie Homann, Roy Twidle. Standard H. —Clarence Pickering, Catherine Pickering, Charles Reader, Theo Reader.

Standard I.—Florence Aldridge', Stuart Buckman, George Congdon, Violet Fuller, Margaret Haines, Wilfred Mears, Annie Smith,

At the School Committee meeting last night Mr. Ward (Headmaster) submitted a tabulated statement showing how many times certain children had been absent from School during the year. We understand the Inspector was greatly surprised when informed of the frequent absences of the children. Following are Mr. Ward's figures:—The number in Standards is 52, and of this total 12 children were absent less than 60 times, 18 were absent between 50 and 100 times, and 22 were absent over 100 times

7th October 1904 Havelock School Committee.

Monday, 3rd October.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee there were present Messrs. W. Pickering (Chairman), F. Pope, H. M. Reader, James Brownlee, Warner, Aldridge, and Buckman (bon. Secretary).

A letter was received from the Education Board, notifying that in future the only instrument of corporal punishment in Marlborough Schools would be a strap 80 inches long by 1 inch wide.

Mr. Ward (Headmaster) submitted a report (published in our last issue) relative to the recent examination.

Referring to the examination, Mr. Reader said the Committee ought to protest against the way the children were kept in school on the day of .the examination; he thought the Inspector should have had more consideration for the children. There was, he said, always a deal of excitement among children on examination day—soma children were very nervous, because they looked upon the annual examination as a very important event (as it indeed was) —and if they were kept at their lessons a long time after the usual hour they became languid and tired out. He understood that at the Havelock School the children were detained till half-past five—two and a half hours beyond the usual time—and when some of them got home they were “fagged out." He moved that the Committee protest to the Education Board against a recurrence of such a thing. If the Inspector could not complete the examination in one ordinary day, let him take two days—he had the whole year to do it in. The Chairman strongly supported the motion, considering it very unfair to keep the children in so long as was the case at Havelock. He believed there would have been more passes in the School if the children had not been overworked.

Other members expressed dissatisfaction at the children being kept so late, and quoted instances in which the Inspector had kept the children of adjacent schools as late as seven o’clock.

The motion was seconded by the Chairman, and carried.

14th October 1904 The Havelock School Committee wrote protesting against the keeping in of children after school hours for examination by the Inspector. —The Inspector made an explanation in which he said that the overtime did not extend past six o'clock, and was quite unavoidable. It was resolved to inform the Committee that the Inspector's attention had been drawn to their letter.

23rd December 1904 PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. The local School on Wednesday closed its year's operations, and the fact was marked by the presentation of prizes to successful scholars. An interesting feature of the gathering was the attendance of a great number of parents, who showed lively sympathy in the proceedings. Mr. Ward, Headmaster, addressed a few words to the audience, explaining that this year the prizes had been awarded for merit, and not on the system that obtained last year, when every child received a prize. The prizes were awarded on the Inspector's 'marks, which in every case agreed with his (Mr. Ward's). Some disappointment would, he knew, be felt at this, but it was thought that this system was an incentive to the children.

Mr. Pickering, Chairman of the School Committee, also spoke, urging the children to greater efforts. They should not, he said, be cast down if they did not get a prize, but should work with a determination to get to the top. He also pointed out the necessity for regular and punctual attendance and for implicit obedience to the teachers. Mr. Pickering ex pressed the thanks of the Committee to Mr. Ward and Miss Farmar, especially in connection with the working-up of the “Kinderspiel." He then called upon Rev. Mr. Stace to present the prizes. Rev. Mr. Stace made an appeal to the children, exhorting them to not only try and pass the Standards, but when they had passed to take every opportunity of still further improving themselves. The rev. gentleman then handed prizes to the following scholars:—

Standard Vl.—Girls: Highest marks and attendance, Elizabeth Orsman; good marks, Evelyn Scott. Boys: Highest marks, Robert Warner; good marks, Stanley Reader and Eric Reader; highest attendance, Stanley Pickering. Standard V.—Girls: Highest marks and attendance, Annie Orsman; good marks, Winifred Warner. Boys: Highest marks, Howard Reader; good marks, Ralph Adams. Standard IV.—Girls: Highest marks, Violet Aldridge; good marks, Annie Wells. Boys: Highest attendance, Balfour

Pickering. Standard III.—Girls: Highest marks, Isabel Matthews; highest attendance, Ellen Aldridge; good attendance, Jessie Orsman. Boys: Highest attendance, Norman, Simmonds; good attendance, Clunie Gregor and Whitty Warner. Standard ll.—Highest marks in spelling, Kati Pickering; arithmetic, Clarence Pickering. Standard I.—Spelling and arithmetic, Stuart Buckman; reading and spelling, Annie "Smith; spelling and arithmetic, G. Congdon. Class III.—Reading, Leslie Walker; arithmetic, Cyril Jarvis; reading, G. Jarvis.

Class ll.—Reading and writing, Mervyn Scott; reading, Irene Congdon; spelling, R. Haines. Class I.—Reading, Willie Orsman; general improvement, Eric Buckman; spelling, Nellie Smith. At the conclusion of the ceremony, several ladies supplied visitors with afternoon tea provided by the parents of scholars. Hearty cheers were given by - the: children for their teachers, for Rev. Mr. Stace, and for the Chairman of the School Committee.

SCHOOL CONCERT. Though the weather looked very threatening, it did not prevent an attendance at the "Kinderspiel" that packed the Town Hall to the doors. And everyone agreed that they had their money's worth. The result of the " Kinderspiels" given by the children last year and on Wednesday evening demonstrates clearly that there is a great deal of talent in local children and that it has been cleverly brought out by the skill and patience of Miss Farmar and Mr. Ward, the teachers.

The programme was opened by the Misses Scott, who played an overture, and other contributors to the first part were Misses Farmar and Venimore and Messrs. Stansfield and T. Price. The children gave two very pretty “action " songs entitled "Shoemaker John" and " Dollies," the audience being delighted with both.

The second portion of the programme was wholly devoted to the “Kinderspiel"—" Playmates," —and from beginning to end the interest and amusement of the audience was maintained. The effects of thorough tuition and drilling were very evident, and it must have been pleasurable to the teachers to see how readily and cleverly the children responded. ' We cannot single out individuals who excelled, for all made praiseworthy efforts to make his or her part perfect, the result being very gratifying. Following were the characters of the play :—Mother Goose (the oldest resident in the City of Havelock), Violet Aldridge; Aunt Sally, Mabel Walker; Flora Macdonald, Annie Wells ; Annie Laurie, Ellen Aldridge; Maggie Lauder Annie Orsman; Jack Goose, (son of Mother Goose), Stuart Buckman; Farmer Jack (afterwards Jack the Giant-killer), Whitney Warner; Dick Whittington (afterwards Lord Mayor of London), Norman Simmonds; Cowboy Jack (afterwards Jack o* the Bean-stalk), Arthur Congdon;

Simple Simon (sometimes taken for a flat, but turning out rather sharp), Howard Reader. A feature of the children's performance was the detachment of Highlanders, gorgeously arrayed in kilt and sporran and other paraphernalia of the warlike Scot. • They gave a unique representation of a Scotch reel " as she is danced in the Highlands," and they roused responsive " Hochs! " from a few Scotties at the back of the Hall.

1st January 1905 Miss Ward, late Assistant-Mistress at the Havelock School, and who obtained 12 months' leave of absence in March last, has taken over from Miss Sheppard the Brougham Hill Girls' School, Wellington, and has therefore resigned her position under the Marlborough Education Board

17th February 1905 The resignation of Miss E. Ward as mistress of the Havelock School was received from Wellington, and was accepted. —The Committee recommended that: Miss Farmar’s temporary appointment to relieving duties be continued,—The appointment was made for one year, "

28th April 1905 Havelock School Committee.
The annual meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday evening, the members present being Messrs. W. Pickering (Chairman), James Brownlee, F. Pope, sen., W. Warner, W. Buckman. A circular was received from the New Zealand Educational Institute, with reference to the establishment of a superannuation scheme for aged and infirm teachers. It was explained that the scheme provided that a fund be inaugurated by contributions from teachers', salaries, and would not necessitate the allocation of monies by the Government. The Institute asked that the following resolution be passed by the householders: — " That the householders of the Havelock School District consider that in the best interests of education, and as an act of justice to the rising generation, the establishment of a fund for the superannuation of aged and infirm teachers is an urgent necessity, and respectfully ask that the Government will, without delay, introduce the legislation necessary to give effect to a scheme established on a sound financial basis." The School account for the year showed a credit balance of £4 19s 7d.
MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL. The Chairman said, from reports that had reached him it appeared that the School was in a very unsatisfactory condition. Mr. Ward seemed to have lost control of the boys—inside and outside. He thought that Mr. Ward was an estimable man and citizen, but as a Master he did not seem to have proper command over the children. He therefore moved that, the Education Board be asked to remove Mr. Ward and appoint another teacher. Mr. Ward had probably been a good teacher, but he had passed his prime. Mr. Buckman said he quite agreed with the Chairman. He considered Mr. Ward a thorough gentleman, but he had reached an age when he was not able to control the children. He thought the Board should appoint a more energetic teacher. Mr. Warner said that over 12 months ago the Committee got wands to drill the children with for ten minutes every morning, but he (Mr. Warner) believed that Mr. Ward only drilled them once a week. He had heard reports of unruly behaviour in the School, and he thought that it was time there was a change of masters. Mr. Pope concurred in the remarks. He said they ought to give and take in these matters of reports as to the behaviour of children, but if half were true a change should be made. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Buckman, and carried unanimously. Mr. Ward asked that he be furnished with a copy of the report, so that he might send a letter of explanation to the Board. His personal character was at stake and he wanted an opportunity to defend himself. He admitted that cases of unruly conduct did occur occasionally, but that was common in all schools. He believed that the tone of the School was affected by the conversation some of the children heard at home; the children of members of the School Committee were the worst-behaved in the School. He would demand an inquiry, and to have witnesses and evidence of the charges properly made. The Chairman said that such behaviour as was suggested did not take place in other Schools,' As for Mr. Ward's slur on members of the Committee, personally he repudiated it, for he never allowed his children to hear any conversation re the School; nor did they ever talk at home about School matters. Mr. Ward said that if the Committee had in the past treated the Master with more consideration, there would never have been any talk about incompetence. The Chairman said he had no personal animus against Mr. Ward, but acted for the benefit of the children. Mr. Ward retorted that he could quote instances to prove that it was personal spite against himself. The Chairman: That is a falsehood. I challenge you to prove such a statement. The position speaks for itself: Children were being taken away from the

School almost every week, and sent to other Schools. It was cruel to the children, and he thought it was the duty of the Committee to protest.
householders' meeting. Only two householders were present at the meeting, and Mr. V. 0. Venimore was asked to preside. Mr. Pickering then read the following report : "Your Committee, in retiring from office, have much pleasure in stating that the finances are in a very satisfactory condition, there being a credit balance of £4 19s 5d, .. During the year, Miss Ward resigned her position as Assistant-Mistress; Miss Farmar was appointed to the vacancy and has given every satisfaction. The Committee regret to state that they are not satisfied with the management of the Boys' School. The Headmaster seems to have lost all control of the boys, both in School and outside. The new Committee are urged to try their utmost to get a change of Master. Owing to the unsatisfactory state of the School several children have been sent to outside schools—Canvastown and Havelock Suburban—and unless there is a change of Master several other children will soon follow. In conclusion, we would urge the new Committee to ask the Education Board to make a change." The report and balance sheet were adopted. The proposition from the Teachers' Institute was then considered, and, on
the motion of Mr. Pickering, seconded by Mr. Buckman, was carried. Mr. Ward's opinion on this question was asked by Mr. Venimore, and he stated that he expected the measure to pass during the coming Session of Parliament. If the Bill passed, he intended resigning, so the Committee need not be in such a hurry to see the last of him. If he resigned before the Bill passed he would not be entitled to derive any benefits from the superannuation scheme, so he would fight "tooth and nail" to prevent the Committee ousting him from his present position. He had been teaching in this colony for over 30 years, and for some years past he had been looking forward to such a measure as the one now proposed. Mr. Pickering said that two years ago, when the Committee wanted Mr. Ward to resign, he pleaded that the superannuation scheme was coming into force and that he would resign when the Bill passed. But the Bill had not passed, and might not pass for another two or three years. The Committee had considered Mr. Ward for the past five years, and must now consider the children attending the School.
NEW COMMITTEE. The following gentlemen appointed members of Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. W. Pickering, F. Pope, sen., J. Brownlee, W. Buckman, R. J. Paul. These were the only members appointed, Messrs. Venimore and Taylor declining nomination. The new Committee then met and appointed Mr. Brownlee as Chairman. Mr. Buckman was reappointed Secretary and Treasurer
5th May 1905 Havelock School Committee. The monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, those present being Messrs. James Brownlee (Chairman), Paul, F. Pope, W. Pickering, and Buckman (Secretary). The Master's report for the month of April showed that the average attendance had been 58-90, out of a roll-number of 76. He explained that an infectious complaint (chicken-pox) had affected the attendance, Messrs. A. Brown and R. Stansfield were nominated for the two vacancies on the Committee. Mr. Paul asked whether a Visiting Committee were ever appointed, and on being informed that it had not been the custom, said that such a Committee should be appointed. He said that it was no use the Committee going by hearsay as to what was happening at the School; if they did not see for themselves how could they ascertain the condition of the School ? He proposed that Mr. Buckman and himself be the Visiting Committee for May; seconded by Mr. Pope, and carried. Reference was made to the Master's report, in which he mentioned the

names of certain children who had been absent from School for more than half the school-days in April, and it was decided to send notices to the parents of children who were not regular in attending. It was reported that the contractor for the outbuildings had not yet commenced work, and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that the work must be done as J soon as possible.

12th May 1905 12th May 1905 A communication from the Havelock Committee in regard to the Headmaster was deferred till next meeting.

9th June 1905 Havelock **School** Committee. —At Monday's meeting of the Committee there were present Messrs. J. Brownlee (Chairman), F. Pope, A. Brown, W. Buckman, and R. Paul.—A circular from the Education Board notified that a meeting of Teachers would shortly be held in Blenheim, and the Committee were requested to close the **School** for a week to enable the Teachers to attend the meeting; this was agreed to.—The Visiting Committee reported that they had visited the **School** on three occasions during the month; they suggested that the ventilators lie attended to and that swings be erected for the girls ; consideration of the latter suggestion was held over.—The Inspector's interim report was received and discussed. The following remarks were attached to the report:—" The Headmaster's discipline is not strong yet is hardly to be classed as weak ; a weak disciplinarian generally has ill-tempered pupils, and there was no sign of such. The neatness of desks and room also suggests fair control, though there was defect of neatness in some of the exercise writing. The instruction sometimes seemed to require more sheeting home. The Headmaster appears to be a man of considerable ability. The defect seemed to be rather in organisation than in discipline, for the class immediately under instruction was generally interested and attentive. The lower division is in capable hands; discipline there is good, The children in both divisions were neat and pleasing in appearance."

13th June 1905 Havelock School.— We have been asked to publish the following. At the last School Committee meeting Mr. Paul drew the attention of the Master to the way in which the Visiting Committee were received at the School, pointing out that the children should rise and salute. Also that the Master should drill the children more and should use the wands,

16th June 1905 SCHOLASTIC ANOMALIES.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—Your last two issues have furnished me with material for deep thought. On Friday last I read that the Inspector of Schools had reported that the Headmaster of the Havelock School' "appeared to be a man of considerable ability." On Tuesday I read that a member of the Committee had issued instructions to the Headmaster as to the way he should conduct the School. It seems to me, Sir that the Education Board have got the wrong man as Inspector. The Committeeman in question also " appears to be a man of considerable ability " he knows a lot about subjects other
than teaching School, so he has the " pull "of the present Inspector. The only subject upon which his knowledge teems deficient is that it is no part of a School Committee's duty to dictate to a Master as to how a School ought to be conducted. That is a function usually reserved to themselves by Education Boards. But then, Sir, all great men are ignorant upon some points.—I am, etc., Sark.

14th July 1905 At the Board meeting on Monday last the Headmaster of the Havelock School wrote notifying that when the superannuation proposals were disposed of he would resign.—

14th July 1905 Sergeant-Major Mason notified that he had instructed the Police at Havelock to assist in the suppression of truancy.—

11th August 1905 Tenders.—The Havelock School Committee invite tenders, closing with Mr. Buckman on Wednesday next, for cutting down several blue gums in the School playground. Particulars can be obtained from Mr. Buckman

29 August 1905 School Cadet Corps.

AN ATHLETIC AND A MILITARY DEMONSTRATION. AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME. A preliminary meeting was held at the Havelock Schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon to decide as to what form the proposed demonstration by School Cadets and other Schoolchildren should take. There were present Revs- A. Stace and W. Scott, Messrs. Ward, Cartwright (Okaramio), Taylor, and King. Mr. Ward occupied the chair, After discussing the proposal, it was resolved that a demonstration be held on the Havelock Recreation Ground on or about Wednesday, 20th December; that in order to carry out the details an Association be formed, entitled "The North Marlborough Schools Amateur Athletic Association ''; that subscription-lists be circulated for the purpose of collecting prizes for children's sports; and that the surplus (if any) from the demonstration be used solely for purchase of uniforms for Cadets. The officials of the Association were appointed, as follow :—President, Inspector Strachan; vice-Presidents, Hon. C. H. Mills, Messrs. W. H. Smith, John Wilson J. Duncan, and W. B. Parker; Committee, Rev. A, Stace, Messrs. Ward, Cartwright, Hill, Williamson, Taylor, King, Mesdames Thorpe, Fisk, Misses Matthews, Farrar, Hill, Healy, and Williams, and the Chairman and Secretary of each **School** Committee north of the Wairau; Hon. Secretary, Rev. W. Scott; Hon. Treasurer, Rev, A. Stace. The programme is a very attractive one, and comprises ten running events for boys of ages ranging from seven years to fifteen years; in addition, there will be prizes for long jump, high jump, hop, step, and jump, putting the shot, tossing the caber, throwing the cricket ball, Siamese race, hurdle race, sack race, obstacle race, potato race, tug-of-war. For the girls, there are four skipping races, four running races, and prizes for throwing the tennis ball, for potato race and for Siamese race. ' The Cadets will go through military 1 evolutions, physical drill, dumb-bell drill wand-drill, Indian-club drill, and probably a picked squad will give an exhibition of the bayonet exercise. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the Schoolroom on Saturday 23rd September. In the meantime, the Secretary will forward to the Schools in the district particulars of the proposed demonstration, as outlined above.

8th September 1905 Havelock School.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION. Following is a list of the scholars who passed the examination conducted on Wednesday and Thursday by Inspector Strachan. We congratulate Mr. Ward (Headmaster) and Miss Farmar (Mistress) on the excellent results of the examination. Standard I.—Gladys Reader, Leslie Walker, Cyril Jarvis, Irene Congdon, George Jarvis, Esther Hunter, David Henderson, Leslie Taylor, Bertie Pickering, Standard 11. George Congdon, Annie Smith, Stuart Buckman, Wilfred Meats, Leonard Hall, Kathleen Paul, Ada Twidle, Agnes Hunter, Violet Fuller, Margaret Haines. Standard III.—Roy Twidle, Jessie Homann, William Paul, Theo. Reader, Charles Reader, Kate Pickering, William Boyd, Clarence Pickering. Standard IV.—Lilian Wells, Jessie Orsman, Balfour Pickering, Whitty Warner, Isabel Matthews, Elizabeth Hunter, Elizabeth Wells. Standard V.—Grace Pope, Arthur Congdon, Annie Wells, Ruby Boyd, Edward Pope, Kathleen Hunter. Standard VI. (Certificates granted by the Inspector).— Annie Orsman (proficiency), Stanley Pickering (proficiency), Evelyn Scott (competency), There four failures in the School.

6th October 1905 Havelock School Committee. —At the monthly meeting on Monday, there were present Messrs. J. Brownlee (Chairman), F. Pope, A. Brown, R. Paul, and W. Buckman. The Master's report showed that the average attendance for the preceding month was as follows Boys 34.89, girls 25.38 ; on the Roll: boys 45, girls 30. Capitation allowance amounting to £5 14s 5d was received. Messrs. Paul and Stansfield were appointed a Visiting Committee for the month. On the proposition of Mr. Paul, it was decided that tenders be called for the erection of two swings in the School ground. Resolved that the local Constable be asked (through Sergeant-Major Mason) to act as Truant Officer.

20th October 1905 Trafalgar Day. At the Havelock School to-day the children will be addressed by Rev. Mr. Stace with reference to the glories of Nelson and Trafalgar, and after saluting the flag they will be put through drill evolutions. Otherwise, the anniversary will not be specially observed in Havelock.

19th December 1905 School Concert.

A packed house greeted the lifting of the curtain at the Town Hall on Friday evening, when the children attending the local School (assisted by several ex-pupils) gave their annual concert in aid of the prize-fund. And the performance deserved the full house and the generous applause that showed the appreciation of the audience. The children showed* an aptitude in drill, in singing, and in acting; that was as surprising as it was pleasing, and when it is remembered that the whole of their training was undertaken by Miss Farmar and Mr. Ward acknowledgment must be made of the splendid results of their labours. On Friday, night everything went with a swing; the children were full of the confidence bora of thorough training, and individually and collectively did credit to their teachers and to themselves. The most striking items on the programme were the fan song, the pole drill, and the flower march, all by the girls. These were remarkably graceful exhibitions, as well as physically educative. Other items in the first part of the programme were the overture by the Misses Scott, a song, prettily sung by Miss Walker, a song by Master Stewart Buckman, and a song and chorus by the " Awkward Squad "; this latter was a really good I display of buffoonery by the boys. The comedietta " Silverlocks and the Three Bears " occupied the second portion of the programme, and was a very creditable representation of amateur acting. The principal characters were:—" Silverlocks," Miss Annie Wells ; " Queen of the Fairies," Miss Mabel Walker; "Daddy Bear," Master 0. Pickering; "Mammie Bear," Master W. Boyd ; " Cubby," Master B. Pickering. Miss Wells and Miss Walker "were really splendid in their parts, singing and acting with confidence.

Miss Farmar and Miss Pickering played the accompaniments to the various songs and choruses, and Mr. Ward acted as stage director and Chairman of the concert. Mention must be made of the admirable system of reserved chairs; Mrs. Perry controlled - this, and the result was that there was no confusion —everyone who had reserved a seat secured it without delay. The gross takings amounted to £9 Is.

2nd December 1905 A facetious correspondent asks some very pertinent questions as to where the members of the Havelock School Committee were on the occasion of the prize-giving on Tuesday. We value our liberty and cur personal appearance too highly to print the letter, but believe that only one member of the august body was present at the ceremony and that the Chairman's absence was altogether unavoidable

22nd December 1905 Havelock School.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES,

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman (Mr. James Brownlee) of the local School Committee, the Rev. Mr. (Stace presented the prizes to the successful scholars at the Havelock School on Tuesday. There was a good gathering of parents, and almost every child on the roll was present. The Headmaster (Mr. W. Ward) briefly addressed the children and explained that the prizes were awarded on the basis of the Inspector's marks at the last examination. Prior to handing out the prizes, Rev. Mr. Stace spoke a few earnest; words to the children. He urged those who had won prizes not to be satisfied with their achievement, but to per | severe and always aim higher. To those who had not won prizes he said "Do not be disappointed-be of good cheer." They should take it as a spur to greater efforts next year, and if they had the proper amount of determination and diligence they would find that at the next prize-giving their names would be on the list. The prizes, which were a really good lot of books, were then handed to the winners, and afterwards the visitors were regaled with very welcome afternoon tea, provided by several ladies The very successful gathering _ was concluded with a verse of the National Anthem.
PRIZE LIST. Standard Vl.—Boys-Stanley Pickering (Certificate of Proficiency), Ralph Adams ; Girls—Evelyn Scott (Certificate of competency), Annie Orsman (Certificate of competency), Winifred Warner. Standard V.—Arthur Congdon, Edward Pope; Girls—Annie Wells. Standard IV.—Boys—Balfour Pickering, Whitley Warner; Girls—Jessie Orsman, Lillian Wells, Isabel Matthews. Standard III.—Boys-Charles Reader; Girls—Jessie Homan, Katie Pickering, Theo Reader. Standard ll.—Annie Smith, George Congdon, Stuart Buckman. Standard I.—Leslie Walker, George Jarvis, Gladys Reader; Reading—Irene Congdon. Preparatory III.—Roy Mears, Willie Orsman. Preparatory ll.—Thomas Scott, Frank Henderson, Lea Twidle; Spelling-Trevor Taylor, Preparatory I.—Redvers Pope. Special prizes presented by Mr. Stansfield for the most popular boy and girl in the school, awarded by popular vote.-Evelyn Scott and Ralph Adams.
5th January 1906 Personal. —Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Ward left Havelock for Wellington. Mr. Ward has for over seven years been Headmaster of the Havelock School, but will probably in February resign the position. He will, however, return to Havelock, and will continue the School until the appointment of his successor.—
9th January 1906 Havelock School.—In connection with the resignation of Mr. Ward, Headmaster of the Havelock School, and the appointment of his successor, it is hoped that the local School Committee will insist upon having the selection left with them. The amended Education Act provides (in effect) "that if there are more than four candidates for any appointment in a School the School Committee shall select two of them and the Education Board make the final selection. But if there are less than four candidates the Committee select the one they want appointed "and the Board shall appoint the teacher so selected."
12th January 1906 Havelock School.— The tender of Messrs. Gregor and Henderson, at £8 10 shillings, for re-painting the inside of the Havelock School, has been accepted by the School Committee.
19th January 1906 Miss Farmar, Mistress of the Havelock School, who has been spending her holidays at Altimarlock, returned to Havelock yesterday
23rd January 1906 TO THE EDITOB. Sir,— In the Blenheim papers of Saturday last the name of Monica Neumann, of Havelock Suburban, appears as second on the list of Marlborough passes. If I am not mistaken, this is the fourth year in succession in which scholars from the Havelock Suburban School have distinguished themselves and reflected credit on their teacher, Miss Matthews, in the same way. An inspection

of the Rolls of Honour in the Havelock School shows that there has been no addition , thereto since Mr. J. H. Reynold's time, although numerous enough then. This strikes me as rather remarkable, and is not at all creditable.
Can it be that, like Rip Van Winkle, the Schoolchildren have been taking a long sleep, or must we look elsewhere for the fault ?—I am, etc., Puzzled.
9th February 1906 Havelock School Committee.— At the monthly meeting on Monday the members present were Messrs. Brownlee (Chairman), Pope, Paul, Pickering, and Grant. The Secretary (Mr. Buckman) wrote apologising for non-attendance, on account of illness. Mr. Stansfield's resignation as a member of the Committee was accepted and Mr. C. King was appointed to the vacancy. It was decided that the Secretary write to the Education Board for an additional grant of £3 for cleaning the School (the total cost of which, and extras, was £g). Mr. Pope's account of £\ 10s for erecting swings, and Mr. Henderson's account for cleaning the School, were passed for payment, Mr. Pickering suggested that the Education Board be written to regarding the appointment of a Master for the School; he considered the Board were not treating the Committee at all fairly in the matter, and that they should at once call for applications for the position. The Board should give Mr. Ward three months' notice. Mr. Paul contended that the Board should ask Mr. Ward to at once send in his resignation ; he did not wish to be unfair or to hurt Mr. Ward's feelings, but the Board knew that Mr. Ward intended to leave the School as soon as he could and they should take steps to get a new Master. The Chairman agreed that the Board were not treating the Committee fairly, and that they should do something in the matter. Mr. Ward was present, and explained that he had, so far as he was able, complied with the provisions of the Superannuation Act. It was necessary for teachers to contribute to the fund, by way of a deduction being made from their salaries, but though the Act came into force on 1st January no deduction had been made from his salary; so that his participation in the fund had not yet been officially recognised. He did not wish, by resigning, to prejudice his claim. If there were any attempts to " kick '' him out the Committee would find that it would result in his being here much longer than would otherwise be the case; he had his rights, as well as the Committee, and he was able to fight for < them Only one contribution to the fund was necessary on his part, and when that (was deducted he intended to resign. On the suggestion of Mr. Grant, Mr. Ward's statement was accepted, and it was decided to \ let the matter stand over until next meeting. ' Messrs. King and Paul were appointed a t Visiting Committee for the ensuing month. '
16th February 1906 Havelock—Mr. Ward, the teacher, who is anxious to contribute to the Superannuation Fund prior to his retirement, wrote asking for information as to modus operandi, —Letter to be forwarded to the Department. The Committee were granted £3 for repairs, The Committee also wrote in reference to the change of teacher, urging the Board to effect a transfer, as many children were leaving the School.—The Board's Committee recommended that the resignation be asked for at once, such action not to prejudice his chance of joining the Fund.— Agreed to.
9th March 1906 Havelock School Committee.
Monday, 5th March. Present: Messrs. James Brownlee (Chairman),. F. Pope, W. Pickering, 0. King, and Buckman (Secretary). The Headmaster wrote that since the last meeting of the Committee be had paid two instalments towards the Superannuation Fund, which was an official acknowledgment of his claim on the Fund. The result of the ballot for members of the Board set up to decide the claims of teachers would be made known on 21st March, and payments on account of the Fund would be payable on 1st April, Soon after that date he (Mr. Ward) hoped to

place his resignation in the hands of the School Committee. Mr. Pickering moved that a copy of Mr. Ward's letter be sent to the Education Board, with the request that they do something definite at once in the direction of getting a new Master. Mr. Grant said that the Board had already given Mr. Ward notice, and they could not do anything further. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Pope, and carried. The Master's report showed that the average attendance was 60, and the roll-number 63, The Secretary reported that the capitation for the past quarter (inclusive of a grant for repairs, etc., to the School) was £7 9s 8d.

16th March 1906 Havelock: The Committee complained that Mr. Ward had not resigned,. and of the waste of time in the matter.—On the recommendation of the Executive it was resolved that Mr. Ward be given three months' leave of absence from 1st April, subject to his resignation being received to take effect on 30th June

20th March 1906 Havelock School. Elsewhere the Marlborough Education Board advertise for applications for the position of Head Teacher for the Havelock School, at a salary £195 per annum.

30th March 1906 SCHOOL MATTERS.

TO THE EDITOR. ; ' , Sm,-—Will you kindly allow, me a small space in your valuable paper in which to relief to a matter recently brought under my notice, I have been given to understand that a canvass is being made in connection with the. appointment of a Headmaster for the Havelock School, Such canvass, I understand, is being, made by members of a religious body. Now, Sir, X trust the members of the School Committee will show their good sense, and when the proper time arrives select the most. competent and experienced Teacher ' possible, quite irrespective of creed or - denomination.— I am, etc., Parent,;

3rd April 1906 Miss Farmar is now in charge of the Havelock School, Miss Hilliard, from Okaramio, acting as Assistant Mistress

13th April 1906 Havelock; Miss Mary Farmar resigned her position as Assistant Mistress at Havelock, She intended retiring altogether from school work. — Resignation accepted. The School Committee asked for certain small repairs, and requested to be supplied with the names of the applicants for the position of Master. —Authority for repairs was given. Several applications were received for the position of Headmaster. The applications were ordered to be forwarded to the Havelock Committee, the Inspector to advise.

13th April 1906 Miss Farmar, who has for over three years been Mistress of the local School, has sent to the Education Board her resignation, and has asked to be relieved of duty as soon as possible after the end of April, In a letter (o the Committee Miss Farmar expressed her, great' regret at severing her connection with the School, and the Committee were also much concerned at losing the services of so capable a teacher

24th April 1906 Havelock School.— We are advised by a wire from Blenheim that the Education Board had not, up to a late hour yesterday, decided upon the appointment of a Headmaster for the Havelock School.

School Concert,— A very attractive programme has been arranged for the concert in the Town Hall on 3rd May, the items being supplied by children from the Havelock School and by several adult performers. The proceeds of the concert will be given towards the fund for the purchase of uniforms for the Schools About are needed to complete the purchase money, and the teachers of the Okaramio, Havelock, and Canvastown Schools have arranged to each get up a concert in the hope of raising £5. The Okaramio concert was very successful, and there is every reason to hope the Havelock entertainment will be likewise

27th April 1906 Havelock School.—The position of Headmaster. of the Havelock School has been given to Mr. Robert Irwin, who is at present Headmaster of the Lyell (Nelson District) School. Mr. Irwin is a. married man, 33 age, has had 19 years' experience as a teacher, and holds a D 3 j certificate

27th April 1906 HAVELOCK. Sixty householders attended the; annual meeting at the Havelock School on Monday evening, and great interest was taken in the election of a new Committee. Mr. W. Price was appointed Chairman. The outgoing Committee's report and balance sheet (the Latter showing a credit of £4 12s) were adopted.

Ten nominations were received for the seven seats on the Committee, and the voting resulted in the old Committee (the first seven) being returned by a big-majority. Following are the numbers:

W. Buckman .. 56
C. King.' 54 .
D. Grant 58
J. Brownlee.. .. 61
F. Pope 47
W .Pickering .. 47
T. D .Taylor .. 42
H. Reader 15
F. Scott- ,~. .. 15 |
W. B. Scott 9

Messrs. Adams and E. H. Smith were scrutineers. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee Mr. J. Brownlee was reelected Chairman and Mr. Buckman Secretary,

8th May 1906 School Concert.

The night fixed for the concert in aid of the Cadet uniform fund proved to be wet and cold, but there was, in spite of this,' a very good attendance, and as a result about will be added to the fund. The feature of the entertainment was, of course, the items by the children, and these gained the hearty applause of the audience. The drilling of the boys was particularly good, and the singing of both boys and girls gave evidence of the careful training they had received from Miss Farmar. At the conclusion of the concert Mr. J. Brownlee (Chairman), called for a hearty vote of thanks for Miss Farmar, and this was enthusiastically respond to.

Following was the programme Part I.—Overture, Misses Scott; Chorus, Handkerchief Song, Children; Song, " Pretty little Dark Blue Eyes," S. Buckram; Chorus, Swing' Song, Girls; Song, "In the hush o£ the twilight," Mrs. Stace; Song, u The Bandolero," Mr. Stansfield; Reading, "A Love Tragedy," Rev. W. B. Scott. Part ll.—Overture, Misses Scott; Song, "A Summer Shower," Miss M, Walker; Chorus and March, "The Bold Gendarmes," Boys; Song, " Robin Adair," Annie Wells; Chorus, " Sailor Boys," Boys; Song, " When I was a Boy at School," Arthur Congdon; Fairy Chorus, song and dance, Girls.

8th May 1906 Havelock School

At a meeting of the School Committee last evening three applications were received for the position of Mistress, and Miss Blanch Stone was appointed. Miss Stone has had South African experience, and is at present Mistress of the North Bank School.

11th May 1906 Havelock School Committee.-At the last monthly meeting all the members of the Committee were present, The Mistress reported that the average attendance for the month had been 54 out of a roll-number of 66, and the Committee intend taking action to compel parents to send their children to School, It was resolved to write to the Board of Education, asking whether Mr. Irwin had accepted

the position of Headmaster of the School, and, if so, when he would commence the duties. Reference was made $s to the great danger of limbs being blown from the gum trees in front of the School, and it was decided to ask the Board for a grant to pay for cutting the seven large trees; it was pointed out that not only were the trees a source of danger but they caused the playground and the School to be dark and cold in winter and the leaves falling from them blocked up the spouting round the building.
18th May 1906 Havelock—The Committee reported that Mr. Irwin had been appointed Head Teacher and that Miss Blanche P. Stone had been appointed Mistress.—Authority was given to remove gum trees, which were making too much shade
8th June 1906 Havelock School Committee. -At the last meeting of the Committee the members present were Messrs. Brownlee (Chairman), Taylor, Buckman, and Pickering. The Teacher's report showed that the number on the Roll was 65, and the average attendance during May was 54— namely, boys 37, girls 17; this is a big falling-off, and the Committee decided to hold a special meeting to consider the question of enforcing attendance. With reference to the blue gum trees shading the School ground, the Education Board, in reply, gave authority for cutting down the trees, but stated the work must be done at the expense of the Committee. Mr. Pickering was deputed to interview the Board's Secretary on the matter, and to point out that the Committee had no funds at all for such work. It was resolved that the midwinter holidays extend over a week, from 25th June, the School to reassemble on 2nd July. Messrs. Taylor and Pickering were appointed Visiting Committee for the month
22nd June 1906 Havelock School.— The attendance at. the School is now 68, out of a roll-number of 73, and very good progress is being made in both departments. The School will "break-up" this afternoon for the winter holidays
26th June 1906 Continuation Classes for Havelock. —it is the intention of the Headmaster of the Havelock School to establish immediately Continuation Classes for boys and girls who have left School. The classes will be held in connection with the Government Manual and Technical Association, and admission will be free. The objects of the classes will he to give the pupils a higher moral education, strengthen the reverence due to authority, and to afford them a surer standing ground for the struggle of life. Mr. Irwin takes a lively interest in the senior pupils, and would like to become acquainted with all those who can attend these classes. The subjects to be taken up are many and varied, and a meeting will be held in the School to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, at 8 p.in., to arrange preliminaries, It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance, and that the young people of the town will fully embrace this welcome opportunity of furthering their education.
29th June 1906 Miss Farmar, who for the past two years has been Assistant Teacher at the local School, but who has resigned her position, left yesterday for Blenheim. Miss Farmar will be greatly missed in Havelock, for she has identified herself with every social movement since her arrival.
Miss Stone, who was appointed to succeed Miss Farmar as Assistant Teacher at the Havelock School, is unfortunately too unwell to commence her duties on Monday next. The local Committee have applied to the Board to send a relieving Teacher till Miss Stone is able to take up the work
3rd July 1906 The Havelock School.— At the School Committee's meeting last night a report was received from Inspector Strachan, embodying the result of his interim inspection of the School on 14th June. Among other items in the report were the following :—Method and quality of the instruction in general or in detail; Both

Teachers are earnest and enthusiastic workers ; Order and discipline and tone of the School: very good; Manners and general behaviour of the pupils: satisfactory: a woodshed is required and skirting-boards need re-painting.

13th July 1909 Havelock. —The Committee asked for a special grant for wood-shed, skirting boards, etc., estimated to cost £l4 Is.—The Inspector's report favoured the work.— Authority was given for the work. A second application for £3O 2s for repairs to Teacher's residence was adjourned. A letter from the Teacher, direct to the Board, was referred back to the writer It was stated that all letters of an ordinary nature should come through the local Committee. In a further letter Mr. Irwin claimed a week's salary not allowed him at the commencement of his duties.—The salary was granted.

Havelock School.— The felling of two of the large blue gum trees at the front of the school ground has resulted in making the interior of the school much brighter and warmer and in transforming the playground from a bleak, to a sunny resort for the children

27th July 1906 The beginning of a long article On Saturday afternoon last a number of the senior pupils of the Havelock School, accompanied by the Headmaster, made an excursion into the bush for the purpose of studying Nature. Each carried a well-filled hamper and also a note-book and pencil for the purpose of making notes. The route taken was the path leading up the hill past the reservoir. As an incentive to keep " eyes open " a reward of sixpence was offered to the pupil making the most discoveries, and all were on the *qui vive*. The following birds were noted: Fan-tail, tomtit, silver-eye, quail, and bush-hawk. The song of the Tui and the blackbird could be distinctly heard, but these two birds managed to evade perception, except when flying in the distance. The trees and shrubs noted included ; Manuka

10th August 1906 Havelock School Committee, —At the monthly meeting of the Committee there were present Messrs. Brownlee (Chairman), Buckman, Pickering, Taylor, Grant, and King. The Master reported that the roll number now totalled 76, and that the average attendance during July was over 90 per cent, of the number on the roll. He asked that two weeks' holiday be granted after the examination and five weeks at Christmas; it was resolved to agree to the request. The Education Board notified that 14 had been granted to the Committee for the erection of a woodshed and for minor repairs and painting at the School. Three tenders were received for building the shed, and two for the combined shed, repairs, and painting, Mr. Reade's tender (£8 10s) was accepted for the shed, and Mr. Henderson's (£6) for the repairs, etc., conditional on the tenderers being able to complete the work by 22nd August. Miss Stone, the Assistant-teacher, wrote stating that she was slowly recovering from her recent illness and hoped to be able to take up her duties about the middle of August. It was resolved, in view of the annual examination to be held on 30th August, to suggest to Miss Stone that she commence her duties at the conclusion of the holidays following the examination. Messrs. Buckman and Grant were appointed the Visiting Committee for August. Various minor matters were dealt with, and the Committee adjourned.

10th August 1906 THE HAVELOCK SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,— As one who takes a keen interest in the welfare of the rising generation may I, through the columns of your paper, enquire how long it is since the Teacher who has been appointed to take up the position as Assistant-teacher in the Havelock School (so well and satisfactorily filled by Miss Farmer, previously), was notified that her application was accepted ? It is scarcely fair to the children, who will have to pass their annual examination shortly, that their teaching should be left to a

comparatively young and inexperienced teacher; and that certainly it is decidedly unfair to the Headmaster, who is making strenuous efforts to repair past neglect, that a portion of the time he can so ill spare has to be devoted to the Lower Divisions, I know nothing of the Teacher who has been appointed, and who may be, and probably is, capable enough, but I assert without fear of contradiction that it is quite time she took up her duties if she intends to fill the position. If, as lam told, ill-health is the cause of the delay, then it augurs badly for the future welfare of the School, for physical, as well as mental, vigour is absolutely necessary in a Teacher if the best results are to be obtained.—I am, etc., A Parent. [We refer our correspondent to a local in this issue giving a resume of the School Committee meeting.— Ed. P.G.

4th September 1906 Mr. D. A. Strachan, Inspector of Schools for Marlborough, recently commenced his annual examination of the Schools in the Education District. Following are results to hand: — HAVELOCK SCHOOL. The following passed:— Standard VII.—3. Pickering, A. Orsman.

Standard VI.—R. Adams, M. Rae, R. Boyd. Standard V. —I. Matthews, C. Gregor.

Standard IV.—R. Twidle, T. Reader, C. Reader.

Standard III—G. Congdon, C. Irwin, L. Haul, A. Hunter, S. Gay, W. Mears, A. Smith, S. Buckman, A. Twidle, B. Mills. Standard II.—L. Walker, L. Taylor, B. Pickering, C. Jarvis, G. Jarvis, G. Reader, I. Congdon, E. Hunter, D. Henderson. Standard L—W. Orsman, L. Irwin, M. Scott, R. Mears, E. Buckman. The above names are not in order of merit

11th September 1906 Reade's tender, at £l9, was accepted for repairs, etc. , at the Havelock Headmaster's residence;

11th September 1906 Inspector's Reports. Havelock : Satisfactory; discipline good

18th September 1906 R*e-opening of ;,School.—The Public School, Havelock, re-opened yesterday, under the able management of Mr. Irwin, assisted by Miss Stone, a newcomer to* this country, who was for three years a student in the Cape Town Training College for Teachers. She holds the Cape of Good Hope certificates, first grade in the usual subjects, together with the same pass in extra subjects—namely, drawing, music, and needlework. Miss Stone has also passed first class in the D examination, New Zealand

5th October 1906 School Cadets.— The Havelock School Cadets journeyed to Canvastown yesterday for practice at the butts there, in order to qualify for capitation.

16th October 1906 The School Garden.— The thoroughness of the gardening instruction imparted by the Headmaster of the Havelock School to his boy pupils is proved by the appearance of the vegetable garden prepared by the boys. Last week several bunches of well-grown radish were taken from the garden, and various other varieties will shortly be ready for the table. The girls' flower garden also showing signs of the attention paid to it

4th December 1906 SCHOOL CONCERT.

" A sound mind in a sound body " is the modern educationalist's ideal, as it was of the Greeks, and in the

application of this rule lies the secret of successful instruction. If the reasoning faculties are dulled with physical pain, or other organs of the body lethargic through illness, it is impossible that good educative results can be obtained. And so it is that efforts that combine physical and intellectual education, and at the same time make the acquisition of health, strength, and mental superiority a distinct pleasure, should not only be applauded, but should be actually encouraged by the State. Of such a character was the entertainment given on' Friday evening by the pupils of the

Havelock School, The programme was contributed to by several ladies and gentlemen whose efforts were keenly appreciated by the large audience, but the children quite capably carried out a very interesting list of items. Several of those were difficult and intricate, but not once during the evening did any noticeable lapse occur—which reflects alike upon the capability and intelligence of the children and upon the patience and skill of the instructors —Mr. Irwin and Miss Stone. With a programmer of thirty-three items it is impossible for us to deal in detail, but it will not be out of place to mention a few that were specially attractive. The word building by some little mites of boys and girls was clever—education, agility, and keenness were necessary to ensure the perfect assemblage of the necessary letters. The physical drill items by the girls and the action songs were also given with a vim and unity that showed the children were getting as much enjoyment out of their efforts as were the audience, who applauded tumultuously. The club drill by Miss Katie Pickering was really good for so young a girl, and the audience insisted upon, a repetition of the graceful performance. Misses Madge Rae and A. Wells were loudly encored for a very clever parody on " I don't want to play in your yard "; both girls sang and acted splendidly. The " Hen Convention " was excellent, as also was the swinging chorus "Polly wolly Doodle." Of the items contributed by adults Mrs. Irwin's singing of " My Heather Hills " was very . much appreciated, and Miss Franklin very pleasantly sang " Sing me to sleep." The Glee Party (Mrs. Irwin, Misses Stone, Hunter and Powell, and Messrs. Irwin and Ching) sang spiritedly, and Miss Hunter and Mr. Irwin made a great " hit " with the old comic duet " Money Matters," Taken altogether, the concert was most successful, though there were rather too many items from the point of view of the time taken to complete them; there was, however, not a dull moment, and the items were got through in quick succession. At the conclusion of the concert Mr. Brownlee, Chairman of the School Committee, asked for a vote of thanks for Mr. Irwin and those who had helped at the entertainment; this was vigorously responded to. Mr. Irwin expressed his thanks, and paid a tribute to the help given by Miss Stone (Mistress) and other ladies who had so conscientiously attended the practices. The proceedings concluded with a verse of the National Anthem. Following is the programme

Piano duet. Misses Hunter and Stone; recitation, infant division; action songs, schoolchildren ; recitation, Irene Congdon ; cornet solo, Mr. E. H. Smith ; comic duet, Miss Hunter - and Mr. Irwin; wand drill, senior girls; recitation, W. Warner and glee, glee party ; recitation and song, family ; senior girls; song, schoolchildren; recitation, Leslie Walker; song and chorus, Mr. Irwin, and children; recitation, Madge Rae ; living picture, Miss Powell and Mr. D, Wells ; piano duet, Misses Hunter and Stone ; action songs, schoolchildren; recitation, infant division; physical drill, cadets ; song, schoolchildren ; recitation, Gladys Reader; glee, glee party: song and chorus, Arthur Congdon ; recitation, Mervyn Scott; humorous duet, M. Rae and A. Wells ; club drill, Katie Pickering ; song, Cyril Irwin ; recitation, schoolchildren ; song, Mrs. Irwin ; song, schoolchildren ; recitation, pupils; living picture, Misses Stone, Hunter, Powell, and Franklin ; song Miss Franklin

11th December 1906 NATURE STUDY.

(Contributed.) The pupils of the Havelock School, accompanied by the Headmaster, on Saturday afternoon made another Nature study excursion to the Reserve. The day was very warm, and on arrival the children sat down under the spreading branches of a tall kowhai tree to enquire deeper into the secrets that are revealed to the observant eye. Overhead the fantails played amongst the lofty branches, whilst the Tui, the blackbird, and the thrush warbled their songs in the neighbouring trees;

the undergrowth w .s festooned with the snow-white flowers of the convolvulus, ……The children enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, and the browsing cattle paused to watch them in their play. After partaking of a hearty meal, which included new potatoes from the School garden, they wended their way home much pleased with their enjoyable outing,

14th December 1906 Havelock.—The question of power to grant an extra week's holiday at Christmas for the teacher was placed before the Board.—It was decided that the Board's resolution (that there be four weeks' holiday at Christmas and two weeks' holiday during the rest of the year) be adhered to. — Mr. Scott said Mr. Irwin had put in a great deal of extra time during the year. Mr. Irwin was studying for the C certificate.—Mr. Reader was strongly opposed to the granting of the extra week. He did not believe in children being sweated day and night in order to allow a teacher to get a little extra holiday at Christmas. He had one child at the school, and five weeks were quite enough for her.

1st January 1907 The start of a long article on claim and counterclaim at the Havelock School Committee HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on F rid ay evening, when there were present Messrs. J. Brownlee (Chairman), Grant, Pope, Taylor, Kim;', and Buckman(Secretary). Rev. W. H, Scott was present by invitation and Mr. H. M. Reader also attended.

The Chairman said the meeting had been called at the request of Mr. Reader, who considered the Committee had not treated him fairly in connection with a certain resolution recently passed, (The resolution had reference to Mr. Reader's remarks at the last meeting of the Education Hoard to the effect that (he Headmaster of the Havelock School " sweated " the pupils in order to obtain an extra week's holiday at Christmas. The Committee protested against the remarks and resolved to send a formal protest to the Board, at the same time expressing their appreciation of Mr. Irwin's services). Personally (continued the Chairman) he did not think Mr. Reeder had been harshly dealt with, because the Committee did not agree with that gentleman that the Master "sweated" the children.

The extra leave was to allow Mr. Irwin to sit examinations at Timaru

18th January 1907 HAVELOCK MATTER. The Havelock Committee wrote protesting against a remark of Mr. Reader that the teacher (Mr. Irwin) had "sweated" the children in order to get away to the Exhibition. The Committee had passed a vote of appreciation of Mr. Irwin's services, Mr. Reader said he did not think he used the word "sweated," although his words were in that direction. He put the whole matter down to a little editorial venom. He would not go back on his word, and he still contended that it was wrong of a teacher to work children night and day, and then ask for an extra holiday. To work five hours a day, and walk four or five miles to school, was quite sufficient, It was no use trying to cram a quart into a pint bottle, He was on good terms with the Committee and with Mr. Irwin, The Chairman said it was a small matter, and he did not think Mr. Reader used the word "sweated." However, the Board might very well pass a vote of appreciation of Mr. Irwin's services, too. The incident here ended,

5th February 1907 Havelock School—The local School re-opened yesterday morning, the attendance being 68; the roll-number is 75. Both teachers and pupils seem to have benefited greatly by their holiday, and have set to work in earnest. The prizes won last year will be distributed at the School on Friday next, at 230 p.m. Parents and friends are cordially invited to be present.

12th February 1907 HAVELOCK SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of awards to pupils of the Havelock School took place at the School on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a good number of parents and friends of the scholars. Prior to the distribution several action songs were sung by the children, Miss Walker contributed a very pretty song, Misses Wells and Rae gave a duet, and Miss Rene Congdon and Master Leslie Walker gave recitations. Rev. Mr. Stace then handed the books to the children, after delivering a brief address having for its moral the advantages of always doing one's best; he also urged upon the children, the prime necessity of regular and constant attendance at school. The Headmaster (Mr. Irwin) thanked the parents for their attendance that afternoon, and also for having sent their children to school so regularly. He mentioned that the average since the school re-commenced was 97 per cent, of the roll-number, A verse of the National Anthem concluded these proceedings, and the visitors were then regaled with after-noon-tea. Hearty cheers were given for Rev. Mr. Stace and for the ladies who provided the afternoon-tea. Following is a list of those to whom books were given Standard VII,—A. Orsman , S. Pickering 2. Standard VI.—R. Adams x, M. Rae 2, A. Congdon 3, R. Boyd 4, W, Warner 5, A. Wells G, D. Rees 7. Standard V.—C, Gregor 1, I, Matthews 2, B. Pickering 3, W. Warner 4, W. Glover <5, F. Rees 6. Standard IV.—C. Reader , Roy Twidle 2, T. Reader 3, K. Pickering 4, C. Reader 5, W. Boyd 6, E, Rees 7. Standard 111. —G. Congdon and A, Smith (equal) 1, S. Buckman and C. Irwin (equal) 2, A. Hunter 3, L. Haul 4, S. Gay 5, A. Twidle 6, W. Hears 7, V, Fuller 8. Standard II.—L. Walker, G. Reader, I. Congdon F„ Hunter, L. Taylor, D. Henderson, G. Jarvis, C. Jarvis, B. Pickering, J. Boyd. Standard L—E. Buckman, W. Orsman, L. Irwin, M. Scott. R. Hears, B. Boyd, N. Smith. Preparatory HI.—I. Hennessey, F, Henderson, D. Gregor, A, Jarvis, L. Twidle, T, Taylor, J. Brownlee, T. Scott, C. King. Preparatory II.—A, Gay, C. Pask, W. Brownlee, N. Hears. K. Brownlee, R. Pope, M, Orsman, M. King. Preparatory I.—V. King, F, Scott, W. Moore, A, Hears, E. Twidle, R. Moore, E. Irwin, W. Pike, C. Congdon, G. Buckman. Gardening—Girls: Madge Rae 1, A, Orsman 2; boys : L. Walker .x.

8th March 1907 School Committee. —Messrs. Brownlee, Pickering, Pope, Taylor, and Buckman were present at the last meeting of the local School Committee. The Master's report showed that the number on the roll was 82, and that the average attendance was 78, It was remarked that this was the best attendance record for about eight years. A letter was received from the Canvastown School Committee, asking for the co-operation of the Havelock Committee in an application to the Education Board for the appointment of a Truant Officer, The letter pointed out that such an official could act for the whole district, and would not be susceptible to local influences. The Havelock Committee agreed to accord their hearty support to the proposal. Mr. Grant having left the district there was a vacancy on the Committee, and Mr. J. Corrie was appointed.

9th April 1907 Continuation Classes, —The continuation classes conducted by the Headmaster of the Havelock School last year will be resumed on Wednesday evening, at 7 p.in, It is hoped that all who can will embrace the opportunity of advancing their education, and that a real live interest in the classes will be shown by the youths of the town. Mr. Irwin is eager and anxious to help all those who desire to improve "the golden hours."

12th April 1907 Havelock School Garden. —At the back end of last winter Mr. D. A. Strachan, Inspector of Marlborough Schools, offered a prize of £1 to the school whose garden, tended solely by the pupils, produced the greatest weight of vegetables on a plot 30 foot. by 10 foot, Mr. Irwin, Headmaster of the Havelock School, has been notified by Mr. Strachan that the Havelock School garden had won

the prize, the weight of the vegetables grown there being 4 9 lb. The amount of the prize was forwarded, and will be utilised in purchasing seeds for next season.
26th April 1907 Apathy of Parents.—The fact that only twelve householders attended the annual election of the local School Committee {six of them being members of the old Committee) does not indicate that parents take a great deal of interest in school matters. It is not encouraging to the Committee or to the Headmaster to find that parents are not anxious to know how the School is progressing. Surely nothing else is considered more important than the proper education of the children?
26th April 1907 HAVELOCK. Only twelve persons attended the annual meeting of householders, six of these being members of the old Committee. Mr. Ching was appointed Chairman, and called upon the Secretary (Mr. Buckman) of the outgoing Committee to read the report and balance sheet for the past year. The balance sheet was as follows : Receipts—Balance in hand M 12s 9d, capitation £20 9s 8d, grant for Master's house 17d 6d, grant for felling trees £7, grant for woodshed, painting school, and repairs £ls 10s, sale of two tanks £8; total £51 9s 11d. Expenditure—Cleaning school and outbuildings £l6, firewood £8 8s, repairs to buildings, etc. £4 15s 6d, school necessaries 6s, expenditure of grants £23 7s 6d, sundry accounts 17s 5d, load of gravel 7s 6d, balance £2 18s; total £51 9s 11d.
The report referred to the changes that had occurred in the teaching staff during the year by the resignation of Mr. Ward and Miss Farmar and the appointment of Mr. Irwin and Miss Stone. It was added that "during the year the Committee have made several improvements to the school grounds, notably by cutting down some of the gum trees, erecting a woodhouse, and by effecting various repairs." Stress was laid on the fact that the number on the School Roll had increased from 64 to 84 during the year, and that Mr. Irwin had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the Committee and parents. Finally, the report urged upon parents the necessity of keeping the children at school, both as an encouragement to the teachers and for the advantage of the scholars themselves. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The Chairman then called for nominations for seats on the Committee. Nine being made a ballot became necessary, and it resulted as follows:—F. Pope, sen. 11, T. D. Taylor 11, W. Buckman 11, J. Gorrie 11, J. Brownlee 10, A. Ching 8, W. Pickering 7, A. Pask 3, G. Pope 2. The first seven were declared elected. Messrs. Irwin and King acted aa scrutineers. The new Committee subsequently met, and, on the motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Pickering, Mr. Buckman was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Brownlee was appointed Secretary, in place of Mr. Buckman. Votes of thanks were accorded to the outgoing Chairman (Mr. Brownlee) and Secretary. It was resolved that in future the Committee will meet at 7 p.in
7th May 1907 At last night’s meeting of the local School Committee the resignation of the Headmaster was received and accepted with regret. Mu Irwin asked to be relieved within a month
17th May 1907. Mr. Reader was deputed to confer with the Havelock School Committee to endeavour to secure the retention of Mr. Irwin’s services until the commencement of the mid-winter holidays, A request for a refund of £2 for a bath-fitted at the master's residence and £1 for window-blinds was referred to the Committee. Mr. G. Smith was appointed Truant Officer for the district (Havelock, Canvastown, Mahakipawa, etc. ;), at a salary of £5 per annum and the amount of fines inflicted.
31st May 1907 The Havelock School, —Mr. Irwin will be leaving Havelock towards the end of next week, and the School will probably close for the winter holidays for a

fortnight after his departure. A relieving teacher will be appointed to assist Miss Stone till a new Headmaster is selected. We learn that already a good number of applications have been received for the Headmastership.

31st May 1907 There was a large assemblage at Mr. Frank Pope's residence on Wednesday evening, the occasion being marked by two presentations to Mr. Irwin, Headmaster of the local School. Rev. Mr. Richards, on behalf of the Methodist Congregation, presented to Mr. Irwin a pair of gold sleeve-links, and to Mrs. Irwin a silver shoe horn and silver button-hook. Mr. Richards referred to the assistance given by Mr. Irwin, especially in taking the services on occasions when the Minister was absent. In replying, Mr. Irwin said he had no fault to find with Havelock or the people here; his sole reason for leaving was his ambition to improve himself in his profession. A second presentation made to Mr. Irwin was from the members of his continuation class, in recognition of benefits received from the class. The presentation was a silver-mounted wallet, and Mr. Irwin suitably responded. A choice supper was handed round, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. During the evening songs were contributed by Mesdames Irwin, Ching, and Thoms, and by Rev. Mr. Richards and Mr. Irwin.

4th June 1907 School Committee. —At last night's meeting of the Havelock School Committee it was decided to close the School on Wednesday afternoon (5th), and to re-open it on 17th June, on account of Mr. Irwin leaving for Riwaka on Thursday. The Board are to be asked to appoint a relieving teacher; Mr. George Smith was appointed Truant Officer for the Western Ward.

14th June 1907 Havelock It was reported that Mr. Irwin had left before the expiry of his months' notice.—it was resolved that all Committees should see that no departure is allowed before the expiry of the one month's notice. School registers were granted. Mr. Field was mentioned as an emergency teacher, Several applications for the teachership were forwarded to the Committee.

18th June 1907 Mr. Field, who has for about 12 months been Relieving Teacher at the Spring Creek School, has been appointed to the charge of the local school pending the arrival of the newly-appointed Headmaster. Mr. Field will take charge to-day

25th June 1907 Mr. J. S. Webb, First Assistant Master at the Pahiatua -State School, has been selected as Headmaster of the Havelock School. Mr. Webb is a married man, 84 years of age, holds a Dl certificate, and has had 17 years' experience as a teacher. He is a nephew of Mrs. V. Venimore, and a brother of Mr. Webb, who has gone to New South Wales to row for the championship of the world

12th July 1907 At a special meeting, last evening, of the local School Committee, Mr. W, C. Smith, Headmaster of the Dromore (North Canterbury) School, was appointed Headmaster of the Havelock School. Mr. Smith is 35 years of age and holds a C3 certificate.

12th July 1907 The Havelock Committee wrote stating that they had heard that Mr. Webb, who was appointed head teacher for the Havelock School, was not coming. They supposed the Board had heard from him. Had the Board done anything, or wired to Mr. Smith, the second choice ? The Chairman reported that Mr. Webb, after appointment, had wired as follows from Pahiatua:—" Appointment here permanent. Cannot you insure same?" Mr. Webb was plainly told that the tenure was renewable yearly; but he was apparently not satisfied, and wired again declining to accept the position. The Committee had written for report re Mr. Smith. In this connection Rev. Mr. Scott had written a letter, which he had seen, in which Mr. Scott claimed that Mr. Webb's action bore out his contentions in the Board some time ago. Mr. Scott had

stated that a man could not be expected _ to sacrifice a certainty for an uncertainty. Mr. Scott had unwittingly put Ms finger on the crucial point. They did not _ want teachers in this district who considered they held certainties. Mr. Field, the relieving teacher, wrote stating that he could not remain after the end of the month.

19th July 1907 Mr. W. 0. Smith, of Dromore, North Canterbury, has accepted the position of Headmaster of the Havelock School, and will take up his duties on Monday, 19th August

30th July 1907 Havelock **School.—** Mr. Field, who has been acting as Headmaster of the local **school** since Mr. Irwin's departure, will leave on Wednesday, and Miss Wilson, of Blenheim, will assist Miss Stone until the arrival of Mr. Smith, the new Headmaster.

13th August 1907 In his interim-inspection report on the Havelock **School** Mr. Strachan has the following:—" I was very favourably impressed with Miss Stone's abilities as a teacher; she shows good control and versatility in presentment of her subject. The order and discipline in the lower room were very good

16th August 1907 Havelock.—it was decided that windows be placed in the northern wall of the school, provided the Committee make specifications.

17th August 1907 Mr. W. G. Smith, the new Headmaster of the Havelock School, arrived by the Manaroa on Friday, accompanied by his family

30th August 1907 THE SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

NO "PASSES" TO RECORD. Many inquiries having been made at this office as to the names of those children who had "passed" the annual examination at the Havelock School we applied to Mr. W. C. Smith, Headmaster, for particulars. Following is that gentleman's courteous reply, from which it will be seen that "the old order change the—that promotions at the end of the school year take the place of Standard ' passes."….

6th September 1907 School Concert.—The suggestion to purchase a musical instrument for the Havelock School is supported by the Committee, and the Headmaster has practically decided to arrange an entertainment by schoolchildren, the net proceeds to be placed in the fund now being raised. A good organ will cost about £25, but it is hoped sufficient money will be raised (added to the Board's subsidy) to allow of a piano being purchased

24th September 1907 Dominion Day.— The local school will close at noon on Thursday, in honour of Dominion Day. At 11 the pupils will be marshalled in the school grounds and will salute the flag. The Headmaster will give a short appropriate address, arid probably one or two other addresses will be given.—As announced in an advert, on the opposite page, the business in the town 'will be closed all day.'

18th October 1907 Havelock.—Mr. Reade, contractor for twelve school-desks, asked where to send them.—Mr. Storey reported having inspected the desks, He mentioned that Canvastown and Rimu Gully required desks.—The Secretary was instructed to send payment, and notify that the desks would soon be sent for. It was also decided to supply a new clock for the school.

22nd October 1907 Musical Instrument for the School. —Subscriptions are being solicited for the purchase of a piano for the local school, and we will be glad to acknowledge any contributions. Donations have been promised by Messrs. H. M. Reader, W. Brownlee, C. Smith, "Subscriber," F. J. Scott, C. B. Jarvis, J. Gorrie, T. D. Taylor, W. P. Simmonds, W. Hunter, and W. Buckman

22nd November 1907 Standard VI. Examination.—Yesterday Inspector Strachan conducted an examination of Standard VI. pupils at the Havelock School Five pupils were presented and the result was as follows; —Proficiency certificates: Lilian Smith

(excellent),' Clunie Gregor, Arthur Congdon ; competency certificates : Isabelle Matthews, Jessie Orsman. The
promotion examination for other Standards will be conducted very shortly by the Headmaster,
3rd December 1907 Havelock School Committee.
At the School Committee meeting last night the Caretaker's resignation was received, to take effect from the end of the year, and it was decided to invite applications for the position. It was resolved that a 60-guinea piano be purchased in Wellington, on terms outlined in agent's letter: the piano to arrive tins week.
The Herd master suggested that the annual concert be held on December 20, and this was agreed to. The School will break up on the 20th, the holidays extending over six weeks. A very favourable report on the work of the Sixth Standard, as shown in the recent examination, was received from the Inspector.
10th December 1907 The School Piano.—The piano purchased for the use of the local school arrived on Saturday. The instrument, which was listed at 60 guineas, was bought for 50 guineas, and it is hoped that with the assistance of the pound-for-pound subsidy given by the Education Board the money will be raised during the next two years.
10th December 1907 CADETS AT THE BUTTS. The . Canvastown, Havelock, - and— Okaramio detachments of School Cadets fired for the Chaytor Prizes on the Havelock Rifle Club's range on Friday. Passing showers interfered somewhat with the shooting. The conditions were 100 yards (standing), 150 (kneeling), and 200 (lying), 7 shots at each range. The Government system of scoring was used—namely, four for bullsf.ye, throe for inner, and two for outer. The possible was therefore 84. Williams, of Canvastown, topped the score, putting on the fine total of 71……
13th December 1907 The School Piano.— There seems to exist an impression that the recently - formed Musical Society have, or are seeking to have, a certain amount of interest or control over the piano lately purchased for the Havelock school. As a matter of fact the Society have never made any reference to the piano further than to suggest that they would be pleased to help pay for the instrument. Fun her. the Society have offered (0 pay the School Committee 2s per evening for the use of the piano one evening each week.
School Concert.— Very great interest is being taken in the concert to be given in the Town Hall on Friday next, 20th inst. The tickets are being eagerly bought, and unless very prompt application is now made they will all be gone, A few of the principal features of the programme are given in an advt. on the opposite page. We have been asked to reiterate that the concert (die proceeds from which are to be contributed to the School piano fund) is intended to be really a children's variety entertainment—from the rising of the curtain on the first tableau to the final chorus each item will be performed entirely by schoolchildren.
13th December 1907 Havelock.—The Committee were voted £ls 15s for repairs and painting, Mr. Reade's tender for windows being accepted.
20th December 1907 With the progress of our town and district there is being felt more and more the need for Secondary Education, and a proposal has boon made that the Town School should be converted into a District High School. This would involve the appointment of a special assistant teacher and the maintaining of an average attendance in the Secondary Department of not less than twelve.
20th December 1920 HAVELOCK SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS. Promoted to Standard IL—David Gregor, Frank Henderson, Vera Hewitson , Albert Jarvis Trevor Taylor, Lea Twidle, Thomas Scott, Nellie Smith, James Brownlee (arithmetic Standard 1.). Promoted to Standard 111.—Eric Buckman, Willie Orsman, Mervyn Scott. Promoted to Standard IV.—Irene Congdon, Mabel Hewitson, Esther Hunter, Gladys Header, Leslie Taylor, Leslie Walker, Violet Fuller (arithmetic Standard III.), David Henderson (arithmetic Standard III.). Promoted to Standard V.—Stuart Buckman, George Congdon, Leonard Haul, Katie Pickering, Annie Smith, Clarence Pickering (arithmetic Standard IV.), Ada Twidle (arithmetic Standard IV.). Promoted to Standard VI.—Whittle Warner, Theo. Header (arithmetic Standard Y.), Balfour Pickering (arithmetic Standard V.), Charles Header (arithmetic Standard V.). Standard pupils not mentioned in above lists remain in their present classes for at least the first period of next year. Results of the central examination for Standard VI were published a few weeks ago. '

24th December 1907 SCHOOL CONCERT.

All anxiety is now at rest regarding the payment of the first 4 instalment due on the School piano, for the receipts at the concert on Friday evening, added, to the Board's subsidy, will provide almost half the total cost of the instrument. As at almost all School entertainments the result of the teachers' training of the pupils was most apparent among the girls, whose revolutions in the "Dance of the Lilies" and the tambourine drill proved their appreciation pf the poetry of motion and their' responsiveness to expert tuition. The club-swinging, too, was confined to girls, and it is quite safe to say that such an eminently clever exhibition of this art has never before been seen in this district. The military drill by the School Cadets was fair, but there was not enough variety in it. Some very promising talent was evident amongst the junior boys and girls, who gave one or two stirring choruses. Taken altogether the performance was very creditable alike to the teachers and the children, and the large audience seemed to heartily appreciate every item. ,

During the evening Mr. W. C. Smith, Headmaster of the School, stated that the proceeds of the concert were to be given towards the purchase of the piano recently obtained for the School. (The piano had been brought to the Hall, and was much admired by those competent to judge). Mr. Buckman (Chairman of the School Committee), in thanking the audience for their attendance, mentioned that there was a subscription list at the GUARDIAN office, and donations to the piano fund would be thankfully acknowledged. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Stone on the way they had trained the children, and referred to the fact that a Havelock girl (Miss Lilian Smith) had tied with another girl, 18 months older, for one of the M.H.E. medals. The proficiency of the School had increased greatly since Mr. Smith had taken charge. Mr. Smith suitably acknowledged the appreciatory remarks made. Miss Stone, as accompanists to almost every item on the programme, had a most difficult task, but she proved quite equal to it. The aggregate takings amounted to £l2, but the expenses amount to about £4.

Following is a summary of the programme:

Song, "Killarney," senior girls; chorus# junior boys; " The girls at Miss Milligan's School," Rene Smith and senior girls; "March of the Men of Havelock," senior boys; " Give the Little Boys a chance," junior boys; Scotch recitation, Lilian Smith; tambourine drill, senior and junior girls; illustrated dialogue, B. Pickering and L. Haul; Highland reel, Esther Hunter and Katie Pickering; glee, junior boys and girls; character song, " The little Jap," Irene Congdon and tambourine accompaniment by 1 senior girls (this was one of the best items on the programme); pianoforte solo,

Irene Smith; song, Miss Theo. Reader; exhibition of club-swinging by Misses Irene Smith, Lilian Smith, Annie Smith, Esther Hunter, Mabel Hewitson, and Jessie Orsman; character song, “The little sailor boy,” Katie Pickering: sailor’s hornpipe, Katie Pickering; military drill, school cadets, under S. Pickering; dance of the lilies, senior girls; song, "Dolly Grey,” S. Buckman: “song, ‘‘The vacant chair,” Theo. Reader, A. Congdon, and Company; song; “Please give me a penny,” Miss Lilian Smith (during the progress of this item the audience threw a shower of pennies upon the stage, a total of about 13s being collected); original sketch, “ Justice,” A. Congdon and S. Pickering; school holiday song and chorus, the Company. “God save the King.’’

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17th January 1908 Havelock,—The Committee reported having provisionally allowed the Havelock Musical Society the use of the school for practice.—The Committee’s action was confirmed, provided the school is insured.

6th March 1908 Havelock School Committee.—Members present at the monthly meeting were Messrs. Buckman (Chairman), Ching, Taylor, Pope, and Brownlee (Secretary). The Headmaster’s report showed that the number on the school roll was 64, and the average attendance 60. In order to mark the winning by Miss Lilian Smith of an Education Board medal (equivalent to the M.P. medals) it was resolved that a “merit board” be placed in the school; and with regard to an ex-pupil (Mr. D’Arcy Reader), who recently achieved an honourable place in an examination in connection with practical telegraphy, the Committee decided to inquire as to the practice followed in previous years regarding successes other than in school work. In compliance with the Education Board’s request, it was agreed that the school be closed from 13th to 16th April, inclusive, in order that the teachers may attend the winter class of instruction in Blenheim. Messrs. Taylor and Ching were appointed a Visiting Committee, and various minor matters having been dealt with the Committee adjourned

17th April 1908 Havelock.—Miss Macalister, now of Canvastown, was appointed assistant teacher in place of Miss Stone, resigned.

17th April 1908 Havelock.—Mr. Smith, the headmaster, asked that Mrs. Smith be appointed assistant mistress temporarily to succeed Miss Stone.—The Board resolved to reply that they do not favour husband and wife teaching together.

28th April 1908 HAVELOCK SCHOOL

At the annual meeting of householders held last evening the following were elected as Committee foe the ensuing year: Messrs. W. H. Buckman, J. Brownlee, F. W. Pope, W. Pickering, J. D, Gorrie, E. A. Pask, and G. Pope. The Committee then met and appointed Mr. Pickering as Chairman, and Mr. Brownlee as Secretary.

15th May 1908 Havelock.—The Committee drew attention to sanitary improvements required.—Agreed to grant £2.—A request for a ladder declined.

2nd June 1908 Presentation. —At the Havelock School on Friday afternoon Miss Stone (who yesterday commenced her duties as Mistress of the Havelock Suburban School) was presented by the senior girls with a beautiful silver-mounted hair-brush.

The presentation was made by the eldest girl in the school (Miss Elsie Pask), who read the following address to Miss Stone:—" We, the elder girls of the Havelock School, desire to present to you, on your departure from our school, this small token of our goodwill, and, at the same time, to wish you every success, prosperity, and happiness in the future." Short eulogistic speeches were made by the Headmaster (Mr. W. C. Smith), the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr. W. Pickering), and Mr. Buckman, and Miss Stone very feelingly responded. Three hearty cheers for Miss Stone were given by the pupils, and the proceedings concluded.

17th July 1908 Night School.—Next week continuation classes will commence in the local School on Monday and Thursday evenings, the subjects selected being English, commercial arithmetic, and book-keeping. These classes are open to anyone over the age of 13, the fee being 5s per term of ten weeks for one subject, and 2s 6d for each additional subject.

25th August 1908 Rounder Match,— The annual examination of Havelock School was completed on Friday morning, and in the afternoon the children assembled in Brownlee Park for a rounder match, girls v. boys. The girls played two innings and the boy's one, the utmost energy and enthusiasm being shown on each side, but the boys proved victorious by 87 points to 76. Mabel Hewetson, 19, and Clunie Gregor, 31, were the highest scorers for their respective sides. At the conclusion the children were given afternoon tea by Mesdames Smith and Williams. Our girls are now anxious to try conclusions with any other school that has a rounder team, while the boys are looking forward to the football matches with Carluke and Canvastown.

8th September 1908 HAVELOCK SCHOOL.

"AMONG THE BEST IN THE PROVINCE." Following is Mr. Strachan's report on the result of his examination of the Havelock School. Its contents make very gratifying reading, because it is a long time since the school has obtained such a splendid report. We heartily congratulate Mr. Smith, the Headmaster, upon the results he has secured after only a year's control of the school; and it is satisfactory to note, also, that Miss McAllister is maintaining in the junior division the high standard set by her predecessor, Miss Stone.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS.

Reading.—Good. Composition.—Satisfactory;

Standard V. good to very good. Analysis still betrays some weakness.

Writing.—Satisfactory.

Spelling.—Good; Standards VII., II, and 1., excellent; Standards VI and III good to excellent; Standard V. moderate.

Recitation.—Good. Arithmetic—Satisfactory; Standards VI. and 11. excellent; Standards VII and III, good to excellent; Standards V. and IV inferior.

Drawing.—Excellent. Singing.—Good to excellent.

Physical Instruction.—Good to excellent. Breathing exercises, very good.

Geography.—Satisfactory; Standard 11., excellent: Standard VII., good.

History.—Fair; Standard 111, good.

Moral Instruction and Health. A good tone prevails.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS. Nature Study and Elementary Science and Handwork.—Brushwork in general, good. Nature study and design are correlated. Modelling in plasticine, good. The garden is used as a laboratory for experiment. Note books show satisfactory progress. Geography.—Good, Standard VII. Needlework.—Good to very good (no cutting out). Also in Standard VII.—Book-keeping, a very good beginning; Latin, satisfactory progress; Algebra, satisfactory. Instruction of Class P.—Good. Order, Discipline, and Tone of the School—Excellent. Efficiency of the

School, etc.—Satisfactory to good. /This school is rapidly taking its place among the best in the province; the progress is especially noticeable in composition, spelling, and arithmetic. The junior division continues to show effective instruction.

22nd September 1908 Dominion Day.— On Saturday next the local schoolchildren will assemble at 11 a.in., and the cadets will be on parade. After the usual patriotic speeches the dominion medals will be presented to the children, and the ceremony of saluting the flag will be performed. In the afternoon a rounder match will be played on Brownlee Park between teams representing the local school and the Linkwater school. Parents and others interested are invited to be present and assist in entertaining the children.

22nd December 1908 SCHOOL CONCERT.

There was a very fair attendance at the annual concert on Friday hat in connection with the breaking-up of the Havelock School, and some interesting items were rendered. The children acquitted themselves very creditably, though lack of training was observable here and there. The Headmaster (Mr. Smith) explained that in the rush of the examination training had to be limited to a few days. The most attractive portions of the children's programme were: the'{Popgun Brigade," given by a' number of sturdy little lads armed with dangerous-looking pop guns, who sang a pleasing ditty; an item by some big ?«Babies "in nighties, pulling industriously at soothing bottles; some quaint nursery rhymes; and a simple' little song given very sweetly by Miss Irene Congdon. Misses Katie Pickering and Theo Reader gave a pretty duet, and Mr. Quartly secured an encore for two humorous recitations. The item that brought down the house was given by Mr. Follower and Miss V. Powell, who appeared in a farce entitled "The Bashful Lover." Many of the male members of the audience appreciated to the full the difficulties of the lover's predicament. Mr. Fellowes also, gave a very good exhibition of ventriloquism. Praise is due to He and Mrs. Smith and Miss McAllister for the result attained at such short notice, and Miss Lilian Smith should be included for her capable accompaniments.

22nd January 1909 A Successful Scholar. —Information has reached Havelock that Miss Irene Smith, of Havelock, passed with credit the recent special examination for Junior Free Places, which qualifies her for a free place at the High **School** or a College for two years. It is satisfactory to know that the pupils of the local **school** can hold their own with the best from other places

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2nd February 1909 Miss Stone, Mistress of the Suburban School, returned on Saturday after a month's holiday spent in Wellington. Miss McAllister was unfortunately too ill to resume her duties at the local school yesterday, and Mr. Howard Reader is temporarily taking the lower divisions.

2nd February 1909 Havelock School.—On the reassembling of school after the summer vacation the proficiency and competency certificates gained by Standard VI. pupils last year were presented by the Headmaster, also a good attendance certificate of the first class to Eric Buckman, who had not missed a single half-day during last year. To this pupil was presented also a silver medal suitably inscribed, given by a gentleman in Blenheim who admires good attendance, but who wishes to remain anonymous. Annie Smith and Isabel Matthews were awarded the

Headmaster's prizes for gaining over 1000 commended marks during the school year. The school re-opened with an attendance of 53 out of a roll-number of 58.

12th February 1909 H. Reader was appointed a probationer at the Havelock School.

12th March 1909 Miss Ita McAlister was granted two months' leave of absence from Havelock, owing to illness, the February salary to be paid.

The Havelock Committee forwarded tenders for painting work J. Hall, £27 10s for school and house, and £32 10s including fence; A. Reade, Miss McAllister, assistant at the Havelock School, who has been absent through ill-; F. Henderson, £48 is. Mr. Hall's tender of 10s was accepted.—Mr. Reader reported that the fences were in fair order, but the gates needed replacing.—The sum of £6 was granted to put the gates in order and repair the picket fence.

9th April 1909 Miss McAllister, assistant at the Havelock School, who has been absent through ill-health since the beginning of the school year, has been appointed to the Marlborough town School

30th April 1909 HAVELOCK. Only fifteen householder's, including one lady, took sufficient interest in the local school committee election to attend the annual meeting on Monday night. The outgoing committee's report referred to the fact that two scholarships had been won by the school and congratulated the headmaster, Mr. W. C. Smith, thereon. The balance sheet showed a credit of £7 8s lOd. Eleven candidates offered themselves for the seven vacancies, and the result of the ballot was the election of Messrs. F. Pope, W. Buckman, J. Gorrie, J. Brownlee, W. Pickering, C. King, and G. Pope. At the subsequent meeting of the new committee Mr. W. Pickering was reelected chairman.

11th May 1909 Yesterday the Education Board appointed Miss Hanron, of Nelson, to be assistant at the Havelock School, in place of Miss McAllister, who resigned

Mr. P. McLaughlin, Kekerangu, wrote informing the Board that Miss Hutchinson had arrived from Havelock, and wished to start teaching school there on Monday, 10th May. The Chairman suggested that Mr. McLaughlin be advised to take Miss Hutchinson for a month on trial.—Agreed to.

28th May 1909 Rounder Match. —The third rounder match between the Havelock and Linkwater schools will take place in Brownlee Park to-morrow. Each team will consist of sixteen girls and boys, and as each school has one win to its credit this match is likely to prove most exciting. So that the children may get home early, play will begin at II a.in., with an adjournment for lunch. Parents and others interested are invited to help in the entertainment of the children.

29th June 1909 School Sports.— The Havelock schoolchildren bad a decisive win in the rounder match, on Saturday morning, against the Havelock Suburban representatives, the scores being; Havelock 150, Suburban 75. Miss Neumann was in charge of the visitors, who were entertained at lunch in the Havelock Schoolroom. But the local boys met their Waterloo in the afternoon, when they played a football match against a team from the Canvastown School, who were brought down by Mr. Hill, Headmaster. Some vigorous play was shown on both sides, but the visitors bad a much better knowledge of the rules of the game and showed evidence of practice. The result was a win for Canvastown by 15 points to nil. Mr. Tom Murray was a capable referee. After the match both teams proceeded to the school, where afternoon tea had been provided by several kindly souls. Mr. W. C. Smith, Headmaster of the local school, and Mrs. Smith were thanked for their hospitality, and a hope was expressed that a return match would shortly be arranged.

13th August 1909 The Havelock School Committee wrote asking that certain repairs to the teacher's residence be effected .-Granted.
13th August 1909 In reply to the Board's query re some tanks that were sold by the Havelock Committee, the latter are to be asked to state their authority for selling and what they had done with the money
10th December 1909 School Concert.—In reply to "A Parent," who asks whether the pupils attending the local school are to give the usual entertainment at breaking-up time, we have to state that so far as we are aware nothing of the kind is contemplated. This is a matter for regret, as either a prize-giving ceremony or a school concert forms a suitable wind-up to the school year.
17th December 1909 The Havelock Committee's application for permission to erect a miniature rifle range was referred to the Town Board.
21st December 1909 The school concert having been deferred to February on account of the Inspector's central examination being held at the end of the year, the distribution of certificates and teachers' prizes took place on Friday, "breaking up" day, instead of on the re-opening of school as was done last year. During the morning the scholars were photographed, and in the afternoon parents and friends gathered in the main room, which had been decorated with tree ferns, lycopodium, and flowers. The headmaster read the promotion list, based on the previous week's annual examination, and announced that the following had won attendance certificates First class, Eric Buckman; second class, Thomas Scott, Mavis Orsman, Nellie Smith, Gordon Buckman, and Athol Taylor. Mrs. Smith then presented the prizes as per list:—Headmaster's prizes for highest marks during the year—Standard VI. Annie Smith; Standard V., Gladys Reader; Standard IV., William Orsman; Standard 111., Thomas Scott, Miss Hanron's prizes in Lower Division for highest marks in examinations;—Standard 11., Gordon Buckman; Standard 1., Athol Taylor; Prep. 111., Frank Scott; Prep. 11., Arnold Pask; .Prep. 1., Mona Burgin. Progress Prizes— Standard VI., presented by Mrs. Smith, Francis Bryant; Standard V., presented by Mrs. Williams, Leslie Walker; most earnest worker in Standard IV., presented by Mr. G, H. Reader, Eric Burgin; most earnest worker in Standard 111., presented by Mrs. Williams, Vera Hewetson. Certificates won in the Inspector's Standard VI. examination of the previous day were presented by the Headmaster ; Proficiency certificates: Charles Reader, 13 years 11 months; Theodore Reader, 13 years 3 months; Albert Mills, 13 years 8 months; I Francis Bryant, 12 years 8 months; Annie Smith, 12 years 8 months. Competency Certificate: Stuart Buckman—this pupil - was only half a mark short of the requirements for proficiency. A Competency Certificate was gained also by George Congdon, of the local Post Office —a former pupil who was present for examination. The recipients of certificates and prizes .were enthusiastically applauded by their schoolmates, who had another opportunity of giving vent to their exuberant spirits in singing the vacation Song "Farewell to study and to books." After cheers for the teachers had been called for by Mr. W. H. Buckman, and heartily given, there came a pleasing little surprise when Charles Reader came to the front and made a neat speech expressive of the elder pupils' appreciation of the headmaster's efforts in preparing them for examination, Mr. Smith made a suitable acknowledgment, referring to the pupils behaviour and obedience, and called for three cheers for Charlie Reader, the Dux, of the School, who had gained highest marks in the proficiency examination. Afternoon tea followed, and the children had a good time for a couple of hours with the games dear to childhood and the time honoured scrambles. The teachers wish

us to thank the parents and friends who contributed such liberal supplies of provisions lollies, and fruit; also to Mrs. Williams for the gift of two prizes.

14th January 1910 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. The Grovetown School Committee advised the Board that Mr. W. C. Smith, of Havelock, had been selected as head teacher for the Grovetown School. The chairman moved that Mr. Smith be appointed. Mr. Conolly seconded the motion. Mr. Smith said that this was the first appointment since the Board had been brought to see their duty and he wished to know if the appointment was legal. The Chairman said that the Board had communicated with the Committee, and had recommended Mr. W. 0. Smith's appointment. Mr. Smith remarked that, that being so, the ground was cut from under his feet. The motion was carried, Mr. Smith dissenting. Mr. Reader moved, and Mr. Parker seconded, that Mr. Smith take up his duties at the termination of the school holidays, and that Mr. Thompson relieve at Havelock until a permanent appointment had been made.—Carried.

Mr. Parker moved that applications be called for the position of head teacher for the Havelock school, Mr. Reader seconded the motion, which was carried

14th January 1910 RIFLE RANGE, The headmaster of the Havelock school advised the Board that it had been decided to abandon the site previously selected for a miniature rifle range, and another in Reservoir Valley, on the properly known as " The Old Mississippi," about a quarter of a mile from the school, had been substituted. — Agreed to.—

1st February 1910 Mr. Thompson, the relieving master of the local school, commenced his duties yesterday, about 35 pupils being present

18th February 1910 Mr. H. Oldham from Spring Creek to Havelock, and that Miss Monica Neumann be appointed probationer at Havelock; also, that Mr. G. H. Reader be re-appointed probationer at Havelock it unsuccessful in his examination for his " D " certificate. It was decided to forward the names of the whole of the applicants for the position of head teacher.

18th February 1910 Me J. R. Gifford has been appointed headmaster of the Havelock School. Mr. Gifford is a single man, at present master of the Burnett's Face School, and lately assistant at the Blenheim Borough School

Mr. H. Reader has been notified that he has been successful in his effort to pass the examination for a partial "D" certificate, and will shortly proceed to the Training College in Wellington.

22nd February 1910 Miss Monica Neumann has been appointed probationer at the Havelock School.

15th March 1910 Tenders close on Saturday next for the work of cleaning the Havelock School for the ensuing twelve months. Particulars at Girlins' and Co.'s store or from Mr. James Brownlee

29th April 1910 HAVELOCK. Very little interest was shown locally in the election of a school committee, only about a dozen householders being present. The old committee Messrs. W. Pickering, W. Buckman, J. Brownlee, F. Pope, G. Pope, and A. Scott—were the only persons nominated, and were declared elected. Subsequently Mr. Pickering was re-elected chairman and Mr. Brownlee secretary. The annual report expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the school had been carried on during the year, and parents were urged to send their children to school regularly. The balance sheet showed that the committee were £5 5s in credit.

17th June 1910 in accordance with a recommendation of the Havelock School Committee, the Board appointed Mr. A. Pask truant officer for Havelock,

Canvastown, Carluke, Rai Falls, Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio, and Linkwater school districts for a period of one year, at £10

15th July 1910 Havelock School Committee. — At a special meeting of the committee on Monday night Mr. J. Brownlee resigned the position of secretary after holding the office for eight years. The chairman (Mr. W. Pickering; and members thanked Mr. Brownlee for his services as a member of the committee and expressed regret at his- departure. Mr. Buckman was appointed secretary, and Mr. Taylor was elected to the vacancy on the committee.

2nd August 1910 SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH. A team of youngsters from the Carluke School visited Havelock on Saturday to try conclusions with the local School fifteen, and were defeated by 12 points to 8. The game was controlled by Mr. J. Campbell, who had no end of a task to convince some of the boys that he at least knew the difference between the goal-posts and the line umpires. It was a strenuous game at times, but several of the lads showed a rare turn of speed and not a little agility in dodging. For Havelock, Leslie Walker kicked a goal from the field and also scored a try, and Eric Buckman scored two tries. These were the beat individual players on the ground. Roy Mears scored two tries for Carluke, and played a pretty game; Pope kicked a goal from the second try. Others from the bush village who played well were "Kruger'' Simpson, Mears, jun., and Pope. Alter the match the boys were entertained at the school by several ladies.

9th September 1910 School Concert.—At this week's meeting of the local School Committee Mr. J. Gorrie referred to the debt on the school piano—about £ls and suggested that some steps should be taken to pay off the amount. He moved that at the next meeting the committee ask the headmaster to arrange a concert with a view of getting funds to liquidate the debt. This was seconded by the chairman, and carried.

27th September 1910 Dominion Day.—The closing of the local public school, the shutting up of the Post Office at 10 a.in., and a couple of flags fluttering in the languid air, were the only visible signs yesterday that the people are grateful for the high-sounding title conferred upon their country.

7th October 1910 School Committee. —Members present at the monthly meeting were Messrs. Pickering (chairman), Buckman, J, Gorrie, F, Pope, and Taylor. The master's report showed that the attendance was 61'5, the number on the roll being 72. He also reported that the miniature rifle range was completed, and seemed to be satisfactorily done. Mr. Gorrie moved, in accordance with previous notice, that steps be taken to arrange a concert so as to get funds to pay off the debt (about £18,) on the school piano. This was seconded by the chairman. The headmaster (Mr. Gifford) suggested that a social Jae held instead of a concert, as the latter would interfere with the school work to too great an extent. Mr. Taylor thought it was unfair for the present master to have to shoulder the debt incurred at the instance of a previous master, who should have had it paid before he left the school; he thought that a programme with three or four items by the children could be arranged. The master agreed to this, and the matter was left in his hands, the committee agreeing to give whatever assistance they could in getting adult performers. It was decided to close the school at noon on Carnival. Day. Mr. Gorrie referred to the risk of damage to windows by the boys being allowed to play hockey in the school ground, and the

master replied that he had warned them that they would probably have to pay for windows they broke. This concluded the business.

28th October 1910 Postponed.—Owing to the very heavy rain on Wednesday the Takoreke Tennis Club's court was quite unfit for play yesterday, so the official opening had to be abandoned. The function; will now take place to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m. For the same reason the opening of the miniature rifle range erected for the boys of the local school has been postponed for a few days.

9th December 1910 School Committee.—At the monthly meeting the headmaster reported that the attendance was 59.1, being 88 per cent, of the number on the roll. In view of the master being away from Havelock during the holidays, it was arranged that the committee take charge of the rifle range, rifle, and ammunition, so that the boys can have as much practice as possible. Matters in connection with the school concert were reported to be progressing, and details were arranged. It was decided that the school break up on 16th inst., and re-assemble on 30th January.

20th December 1910 SCHOOL CONCERT.

A crowded house, representing cash receipts totaling nearly £l4, welcomed the performers at the concert in the Town Hall on Friday evening, and, taken altogether, the entertainment can be said to have been a successful one. Of course, the chief attraction for the parents—and they comprised the bulk of the audience—was the dancing, singing, and drilling of the children; and though they were not disposed to be too critical there was no need for reservation: the items mentioned were extremely well given. This was especially noticeable in the opening marching song and chorus—“ Britannia, the Pride of the Ocean,” in which Miss Kate Pickering, as "Britannia,” led her battalions of soldiers and soldieresses through an amazing number of intricate and very pretty evolutions; and while thus capably led the children never once faltered or made a mistake. The ‘‘Cradle Song” was a very effective item, and the chorus and posturing in the “Four Curly headed Coons” was excellent. Very good also was the “Jockey Dance,” a tuneful and very well executed contribution. Though the children are deserving of every praise for having so creditably acted their parts their tutors, should not be overlooked. The whole work of training the children fell upon Miss Hanron and Miss Neumann, and the accuracy and effectiveness of the children’s display are tributes to the unwearying and capable efforts of the ladies mentioned. The other items on the programme were very .well received. The two contributions by the local orchestra were fairly good, but seemed to be ill-balanced. Miss Walker’s song was spoilt by weak enunciation. Miss Wells made the best use of her fine voice in “Love me, and the World is Mine,” and Mr. Dave Wells was warmly welcomed when he came forward to sing. Mr. Lucas sang very effectively “The Admiral’s Broom,” and was vigorously encored. Mr. Finlayson was not happy in his choice of a recitation—it was far too long and tragic—but he is evidently capable of better work, Mr. Diamanti, as a retailer of humourous stories, jumped right into the sympathies of the audience, and he justified his reputation as a raconteur by some very witty “yarns,” told in such a droll manner that the audience keenly appreciated them. This gentleman’s contribution to the programme was partly spoilt by the blundering order given to one of the doorkeepers to turn down the lights when Mr. Diamanti was in the middle of a story; the interruption thus caused was ill-timed and discourteous, The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by a most effective tableau and song: “The Gipsy’s Warning,” the characters being taken by Mrs. O’Grady (the gipsy), Miss Evelyn Scott, and Mr. Finlayson. Mrs. O’Grady was most successful in her character, her singing being very good; while the display of coloured lights on the darkened stage

heightened the dramatic effect of the scene. Miss Lizzie Orsman proved to be a particularly good accompanists through? out the evening, Following is the full programme:— Song, Miss Walker; patriotic song, “Three cheers for the red, white, and bine,” schoolchildren; pianoforte duet (splendidly played), by the little O’Sullivan sisters (Mary and Trissie); cradle song, “ Sleep, baby, sleep,” by six schoolgirls ; storiettes, Mr. Truant ; gipsy song, three boys and three girls, appropriately dressed ; song, Mr. D. Wells; song, “ Curly-headed Coons,” schoolchildren; recitation, Mr. Finlayson; song, “The Mighty Captain,” by seventeen boy - soldiers ; song, Miss Wells; jockey dance, by six girls; song, Mr. Lucas; storiettes, Mr. Diamanti; song and tableau, “ The Gipsy’s Warning,” as above.

10th January 1911 Miniature Rifle Range.— Members of the Havelock School Committee have arranged for all boys of 8 years of age and over who attend the school to have rifle ' practice ’ at the : miniature range during the holidays, and the first “shoot” -will take place this (Tuesday}' evening, at 5;30. It is hoped that there will be a good muster, for it is intended to have a 'competition for a trophy later on.

School Committee. — At the monthly meeting of the local School. Committee Mr. Bower was appointed to vacancy created by Mr. A. Scott’s retirement. In ' the absence of a statement of accounts of the recent concert from the headmaster, nothing could be done regarding the payment of the amount owing on the school piano. Arrangements were made for schoolboys to have rifle practice at the miniature range.'

20th January 1911 Miniature Rifle Range. —Boy pupils of the local school of 8 years of age and over are requested to attend at the range on Tuesday evening, at 5.30, for practice.

27th January 1911 Havelock School. —The local school will re-open on Monday next. It is expected that the attendance will be less than that recorded at the close of the school year, on account of a number of girls and boys leaving for other schools or obtaining employment.

27th January 1911 The Havelock School was re-opened on Monday last, the summer vacation having then terminated. It must be a pleasing fact to the headmaster, Mr. Reynolds, to look back over his past year’s labour to' know that he has added another name (Claude Mills) to his list of successful competitors for the Marlborough Scholarship, and retained a prestige that is not easily acquired. The School Committee intend to have a merit board to hang up in the school, on which all the names of those who successfully competed for scholarships will be painted. Thus a record of the past will always be conspicuous as an incentive for the future diligence of the pupils, and a valuable memento inscribed as a testimonial for the master

17th March 1911 A letter was received from the Havelock School Committee asking for a "subsidy on the amount raised locally for the school piano. It was decided to grant a subsidy of £1 for every £1 raised.

28th April 1911 School Holidays. —In view of the prevalence of various complaints amongst schoolchildren the local School Committee have decided to close the school for the week commencing on Monday next

23rd May 1911 SCHOOLBOYS’ MATCH. A match between the Havelock schoolboys and boys from the Carluke School was played at Canvastown on Saturday. Though the Havelock boys played up pluckily they were outclassed by their bigger

opponents, who won by 14 points to nil. Lack of practice was the real cause of Havelock's failure

23rd June Part of a long article on Coronation celebrations included At noon the pupils of the local school attended in the schoolroom and were presented with medals by Mr. W. Pickering, chairman of the committee, who made a brief speech suitable to the occasion.- Mr. Buckman, a memo her of the committee, also spoke a few words. Then the children saluted the flag, and the cadets, looking smart in their neat uniforms, marched to the front of the Town Hall in charge of Mr. Gifford, headmaster. The Town Hall front was prettily decorated with ferns, and a line of flags flattered across the street lo the Post Office Hotel.
Then a procession was formed, headed by the Havelock Bind,

14th July 1911 An application was received from the Havelock School Committee for. a grant for painting the school fence. The chairman said he was by- no means in favour of making grants for this purpose, and he was opposed to the application. Mr. Penny thought it would be a good thing to have the fence painted. Mr. White was very ranch in favour of the application. He thought it economical to paint the fences.
Mr. Fulton said that he did not agree with ' the other speakers, as he thought painting fences was false economy. Mr. Ferguson considered that paint preserved the wood, but he was not in' favour of the erection of wooden fences. Mr. Storey thought that wire fences should be erected. It was decided that the Havelock committee be instructed to repair the fence, but that no paint would be paid for by the Board
18th July 1911 MRS CAROLINE SEVERNE. Profound sorrow was felt in the district when it became known that a very old and much esteemed identity had passed away in the person of Mrs. Severne. The late Mrs. Severne, whose maiden name was Caroline Bingham Yelverton, was a descendant of the Yelvertons of Brougham, in Norfolk, and of Barry Yelverton, well-known in Irish history. She was cousin to the late Lord Avonmore, and aunt of the present Viscount. She was born in the Isle of Man, and after being educated in France became the second wife of Mr. Francis Severne, solicitor, of Derby, England. After her marriage she resided for some years in Ireland and in 1864 accompanied her husband to Nelson, Mr. Severne taught school, at Takaka and Riwaka, and in 1874 came as schoolmaster to Havelock. Almost immediately after their arrival in Havelock Mrs. Severne's eldest son, Frederick, a most promising youth, died of consumption. On 14th July, 1901, her second son, Herbert, was drowned at Taradale, Kenepuru, and exactly ten years later she died herself. For several years after her husband's death Mrs. Severne continued to reside in Havelock, but about two years ago she went back to Nelson. Mrs. Severne leaves five daughters to mourn her loss—namely, Mrs. Monro, of Bankhouse; Mrs. Charles Pickering, of Havelock; Mrs. James Hughes, of Pelorus Valley; Mrs. Grant, of Wellington; Miss Augustine Severne, of Nelson; and Miss Florence Severne, who is at present in England. Mrs. Severne was' a woman well educated and widely read and of broad and tolerant opinions. Her kindness was known to all the older generation and with her passes another of the links in the chain of the pioneers. The funeral took place in Nelson on Sunday.
15th September 1911 The Havelock Committee were granted £3 for replacing some piles at the school.

6th October 1911 HAVELOCK SCHOOL.
At the monthly meeting of the local School Committee those present were Messrs. Pickering (chairman), (is. Pope, and W. Buckman, and Revs. Pain and Parker. -
The headmaster's report showed that the number on the roll was 63 and the average attendance 48.8, the discrepancy being due to sickness amongst the pupils. The Education Board advised that a sum of £3 10s had been voted for work at the school, and the secretary reported that Mr. Henderson was attending to it. It was resolved to again apply to the Board for a number of up-to-date desks. Mr. W. Trevithick wrote offering prizes of 10s, 6s, and 4s for the three best essays on "The Advantages of Education," and suggested that the competition be confined to pupils in Standards V. and VI., that the essays be done at home, that they contain about 300 words, and that they be judged by Inspector Strachan.—The offer was accepted with thanks, but it was decided that the essays be written in school, without the aid of notes.
The Inspector's report was read as follows:
f Beading; Upper Division, satisfactory to good, Lower Division, fair; I should like to see a library formed at this school. Composition: Satisfactory; oral grammar requires watching* Writing; Good; general writing neat. Spelling: Satisfactory; Standard VI, good to excellent. Recitation: Upper Division, satisfactory; Lower Division, moderate. Arithmetic: Satisfactory; on the whole, I was pleased with this subject in both divisions. Drawing; Standards I to VI, good; P classes in both divisions moderate. Singing: Good to excellent; the words are also well chosen. Physical instruction: The free gymnastics and breathing exercises are vigorously practised. Military drill: A limited: course. Cadet-shooting is _ practised. Geography: Standard 11, fair; Upper Division, satisfactory; Standard IV, good; more sketch-mapping may be practised with advantage. History; Fair to satisfactory—much improved. Moral instruction and health: There is a good tone. Nature study and elementary science: Gardening is practised; the scientific aspects ma/ be elaborated; this subject should not be undervalued. Handwork: Plasticine and carton work in the Lower Division is good. Needlework: Fair to satisfactory. Instruction of Class P; Apart from drawing, the work was satisfactory, and, in some subjects, good; but the ages tend to be high. Order, discipline, and tone: Very good. Efficiency of the school: Satisfactory.
The probationer is carefully taught and appears to make good progress in her studies and in class management. There was no comment on the report.
19th October 1911 Guardian Editor Havelock School,—We have received two letters condemnatory of the standard of efficiency of the. local school, as disclosed by the Inspector's report, but as the writers names are not for publication we must, in fairness to the headmaster, decline to publish them. In any case, parents should first report to the committee

17th November 1911 The Havelock School Committee asked the Board to put new desks in the infant room as soon as possible, and also made application for a couple of heaters ; before the winter came on.
Mr. Ferguson suggested that the large trees at the school be cut down. These made the place damp. Mr. Strachan; Judging by the price charged to cut down the last trees it would pay to put in the heaters. On Mr. Storey's motion the application for the heaters was agreed to; the desks to be supplied as soon as convenient.

19th December 1911 Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., Inspector of School for Marlborough, conducted the annual Standard VI. examinations daring last week, and has kindly supplied the following information; -

Havelock

Proficiency Certificates —Irene Congdon, William Orsman, Eric Buckman, Leslie Walker (earlier in the year).

29th December 1911 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. Following are the three essays which v Mr. Strachan, the, Inspector of Schools has, adjudged to be entitled to the prizes offered by Mr. Trevithick for the best essays on "The Advantages of Education," composed in school hours, and under the supervision of the headmaster. The competition was open to pupils in Standards V. and VI. and nine children submitted essays. The prizes were 10s, 6s, and 4s

The essays are published in Papers Past by Vera Hewitson aged 13 Standard 5, Trevor Taylor aged 12 Standard V and F Henderson aged 12 ½ Standard V

26th April 1912 HAVELOCK MEETING LAPSES The meeting of householders called for last Monday evening for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the ensuing year lapsed for want of a quorum. There was practically no interest shown in the matter, only three or four of the old committee putting in an appearance. Pending instructions from the Marlborough Education Board it is not known at present whether another meeting will be called

5th July 1912 INSPECTOR'S REPORT At a meeting of the Havelock School committee held last Monday evening the following report from Inspector Strachan was submitted : Number on roll, 66 ; average attendance for 1911,51.6; number present at time of inspection 59 ; the degree of discretion displayed in the grouping of classes, and the organization in other respects, satisfactory ; marking and keeping of registers, satisfactory ; regularity of attendance, 410 half-days in 1911— 86.7 per cent—moderate; suitability of schemes of work in detail, satisfactory. Each division appeared to be making good progress ; the lower division was in good hands on the day of inspection; order and discipline, excellent; manners and general behaviour of the pupils, very good ; the accommodation at school, ample ; cleanliness and tidiness, satisfactory. In connection with the dairy work a trestle table and shelf are required. Attention was drawn to some broken window panes. The Inspector expressed himself as much pleased with the appearance of the gardens. Miss Hanron assistant teacher is at present absent on leave, Mrs. H. Fisher relieving.

9th July 1912 Removal of trees. —A couple of unattractive looking trees have just been felled and cut up in the Havelock school grounds by the sanction of the school committee. The work was expeditiously done by Mr. A. Hewetson, and the value of the wood obtained is said to more than cover the cost of removal.

12th July 1912 ATTENDANCE An application for exemption from school attendance for her daughter, 13 years old, was received from a Havelock resident, who explained that the girl was urgently required for housework. The Secretary reported that he had sent a reply explaining that the reasons advanced for exemption did not come under the provisions of the Act; but if the other children were sent to school regularly and the girl in question attended school as often as possible, he (the Secretary) could explain the circumstances to the Truant Officer. The action of the Secretary was approved

9th August 1912 The usual monthly meeting of the school committee took place on Monday last. There was a full attendance, and Mr. W. Pickering occupied the chair. The supplementary report from the inspector (Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A.) was read and a resolution passed that it was very satisfactory, the report, having reached. a higher division of efficiency than for four years past. The following is a summary; reading, satisfactory; .composition, essay good, grammar satisfactory to good; writing, good in' upper division, fair in lower division'; spelling, good in each division; recitation, good in each division; arithmetic, upper division, satisfactory, good in S. 6, lower division, good/ S.I very good.; drawing, upper division very good, lower division good. In the upper division good progress has been made with solid geometry; physical instruction, upper division good, lower division satisfactory; geography, satisfactory, S. 6, good, mapping satisfactory; history, satisfactory; moral instruction and health, the tone is excellent. Good work is done. in the gardens. Science is correlated with gardening and the science underlying dairy work has also begun and satisfactory; hand work, satisfactory to good; needlework, good. Standard II is still above the average age—otherwise satisfactory.' General efficiency of the school is good. This average result is very satisfactory.

16th August 1912 Pelorus Road Board Mr. Pickering draw attention to the condition of the road and footpath leading to the schoolhouse through the presence of roots from trees in the school ground, and moved that the owner of the properly and the Education Board be written to and asked to remove the gum trees

13th September 1912 The Havelock Town Board asked that three or four gum trees on the school ground the removed, as the roots were detrimental to the road and path. — The School Committee wrote recommending that the request be complied with.—It was resolved to offer the trees to the Committee for use in its own school or for sale

13th September 1912 TO BE, ESTABLISHED IN HAVELOCK At the monthly meeting of the - Marlborough Education Soared; held at Blenheim on 'Monday (reports, the “Express the following resolution was received from the Havelock ' School Committee That the time < has arrived when the Havelock school should be converted into a district high School.” The committee asked the Board to have this wish carried into effect. The suggested institution would be a great boon to many parents who had children with proficiency certificates, but could not afford to send them away to the Marlborough High School or Nelson College. It was thought that Havelock could guarantee at least sixteen or more children and that the school would be well, supported by other parts of their district. Mr. Nees urged that the Board give the movement its full sympathy, Havelock was the, centre of an extensive district, and it was anticipated that a' district High school! there would attract children from Canvastown, Mahakipawa, and other places. - The chairman referred to the movement sympathetically. The proposed, institution would be likely to benefit rather than be to' the detriment of the Marlborough school. . It would 'excite the appetite for higher education, and as a feeder to the principal institution. A resolution was passed providing for the necessary steps to be taken for the establishment of a district high school.

11th October 1912 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday. Present; Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), J. Gifford, F. Pope, 0. C.

Harris, Rev. Aker, F. C. - Cowper, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Buckman. The schoolmaster's report Showed that the number on the roll for the quarter ended 30th September was 67 and the average attendance 57.54. In reference to the proposed High School for Havelock a letter from the Minister for Education was' read, in which was stated that before a High School could be established the number on the roll must not be less than 25, in order that an average attendance of 20 could be maintained. v A letter was read from Mr. Reader, who stated that after making duo enquiry he found* that no support was likely to come from Carluke at present. There were no children there holding proficiency certificates, Mr. Reeks (Havelock Suburban) wrote to the effect that 4 pupils might be expected from that district, and two from Okaramio. The local schoolmaster said he could not say definitely how many would be available, or how many would desire to attend a High School until after the examination in December. Probably, there would not be more than half-a-dozen. It was decided that as the minimum number required to establish a High School was larger than expected, the matter be deferred until after the December examinations, when more definite information as to the number of pupils available could he obtained. It was decided that the Education Board be asked to light the' schoolmaster's residence with acetylene gas, and that an estimate of the cost of installing same be forwarded to the Board. It was also resolved that an estimate to' effect certain, necessary repairs to roof of the house and one of the fences be also forwarded to the Board:

11th October 1912 Havelock Town Board A letter from the Education Board was read stating that the trees in the school grounds, to which complaints had been directed, had been offered to the school committee for firewood. Mr. Pickering, as representing the school committee, said that they were of opinion that it was a matter between the Havelock Town Board and the Education Board, and had passed a resolution to that effect at the last meeting. It was resolved that the Education Board be again written to on the subject

18th October 1912 With regard to the proposal to establish a district High School, the Havelock Committee advised that it could not guarantee a roll number of 25 children with proficiency certificates (an average attendance of 20) being required by the Department; but it hoped to do so after the examinations. An application, for the connection of the teacher's residence with the acetylene gas service was discussed. It was pointed out that to grant the. application would be to establish a precedent. Mr. Nees moved, and Mr. Storey seconded, that the request be granted. The motion was lost, and the matter was deferred. ' With regard to the cutting down of gum trees, the matter was left in the hands of the chairman and Ward members to report at next meeting, the committee reporting that its funds would not permit it to do the work

8th November 1912 At the unusual monthly meeting of. the Havelock School Committee there was a full attendance; Mr. W. Pickering occupied the chair. The secretary of the Marlborough Education Board wrote to the effect that the matter of projecting roots from the trees in the school grounds had been left in the hands of the chairman and the representative of the Western district to deal with. A favourable reply was received from the Board in reference to repairs to master's residence. The master reported that there had been one case of mumps and one of scarlet fever

during the month and the usual precautionary measures had been taken. The number on the roll at present was 64.

15th November 1912 The Committee‘ forwarded an estimate of the cost of repairing the teacher’s , residence' and the fencing.— The sum of £3 was granted for the residence, and the Ward member was asked to look into the general condition of the school property

6th December 1912 At the monthly meeting of the Havelock School committee on Monday, it was decided on the motion of Rev Aker, that the Marlborough Education Board be approached with a view of installing a septic tank system on the school grounds, also to point out to the Board the favourable conditions prevailing for carrying out |he proposal.

13th December 1912 The Committee asked for the means to install a septic tank in the interests of sanitation. There had been several cases of enteric, fever at Havelock lately, and it was important that all possible precautions should be taken. It was resolved the Committee be asked whether it would provide £ for £ up to £10, as the full cost of the work, and in the event of its doing so, the Department be asked to subsidise the work on a £ for £ basis

13th December 1912 The following is the result of yesterday’s Proficiency Examination of the Sixth Standards pupils in Havelock Schools. HAVELOCK. George Congdon, proficiency; Francis Henderson, proficiency, excellent ; Vera Hewetson, proficiency, good; Dolly Lust, proficiency; Mavis Orsman, proficiency; Thomas Scott, proficiency, good ; Edith Watson, proficiency, good

17th January 1913 HAVELOCK COMMITTEE. The Havelock Committee again communicated with the Board regarding the need for a septic tank for the school and residence. A tank would cost at least £20, and the Committee suggested that the Board carry out the work, and the Committee repay the Board by instalments of £2 a year.—It was resolved to hold the matter over pending a visit to be paid to Havelock by the Sanitary Inspector

7th February 1913 The school committee met on Monday evening. Present W. Pickering (in the chair), J. Gifford, H. M. Header, C.C. Harris, F. C. Cowper, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Buckman. Mr. Gifford reported that school had re-opened with an attendance of 57, out of a full roll of 64. Notification was received from the Marlborough Education Board that Miss Theo. Reader has been attached to the teaching staff of the Havelock School as first probationer for a period of two years. The secretary reported that Mrs. Knight having left the district, the work of cleaning the school was now being undertaken by Mrs. Tetley, Approved. Mr. Reader brought up the question of physical drill. He did not wish to make a complaint, but as this was most important to children, he would ask the schoolmaster if it was carried out regularly. Mr. Gifford replied to the effect that, with the exception of the very hot days, outside physical drill and breathing exercises are regularly carried out.

14th February 1913 HAVELOCK Mr. Johnson, Health Inspector reported that the proposed water and drainage scheme at this, school would be done only at a considerable expense. The report was received, and it was decided to send a copy to the committee. The secretary staled that special money would not be available for this work

7th March 1913 The monthly meeting of the Havelock school committee took place on Monday evening. Present; Messrs. W; Pickering (in the chair) J: Gifford, Rev. Aker. F. Pope, F. Cowper, and the secretary (Mr. W. H. Packman). The secretary reported that he had seen Mr. Reade in reference to carrying out the repairs to the master's residence, and also Mr. Nees in regard to the new bit of fencing. The master's report showed that the average attendance for the month had been 56.8, the full number on the roll being 62.

SANITARY MATTERS. A communication was received from the Marlborough Education Board in reference to the local committee's proposal to install a septic tank system in connection with the school. Inspector Johnston's estimate of the cost of such a service for the school and master's residence was given at about £100. The committee were of opinion that the Inspector's estimate was too high, and it was resolved after some discussion, that Mr. A. Reade be asked to furnish an estimate for the work, to be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

2nd May 1913 The householders meeting hold in the schoolroom on Monday evening for the purpose of electing a school committee for the ensuing year, was poorly attended. Mr. W. Pickering was voted to the chair. The secretary road Die balance-sheet which showed a credit balance of £2 0s 7d on the year's working. In addition to the above amount in hand, there is an item of £4 odd unexpended from a grant of £6 for free books. Mr. Gifford proposed that, as this money would not now lie required for the purpose for which it was voted, the Education Board be asked to allow the amount to be expended on library books for the school. This was agreed to.

Rev Aker said, in regard to the supply of school books, it ought to be more generally known that parents are to supply the whole of the books to their children, and that more publicity should be given to the fact that the system of free books has been discontinued.

The following committee was elected for the forthcoming year Messrs. W. Pickering, J. D. Gorrie, W. fi. Buckman, F. 0. Cowper, F. Pope, senr. C. Harris and the Rev. Mr. Aker.

Mr. W. Pickering was elected chairman, and Mr. W. H .Buckman secretary. Mr. Pickering returned thanks for the confidence they had shown in him by reelecting him to the chair, and trusted that they would work as amicably together as had been the case in the past, he also referred to the good work done by their secretary, Mr. Buckman, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at seeing him re-elected to that position.

A resolution was passed approving of the work done by the teaching staff daring the past year. The reports submitted had been very satisfactory, and the records of the school had been better, than for some years past.

Mr. Gilford on behalf of the stuff and himself thanked the meeting for their words of appreciation and stated that the work of teaching is made much easier for them to know that their work is appreciated by the committee.

The schoolmaster reported on two eases of ringworm amongst the children, but that all necessary precautions had been taken. Also that the heaters installed last year were very satisfactory and economical in use.

Mrs. Tetley was appointed as school cleaner for the ensuing year, subject to the work being done to the satisfaction of the teacher.

The secretary reported that the work of repairing the fence at the master's residence had been authorised, to be earned out to the approval of the member for the district.

A week's vacation commences on May 5th

6th June 1913 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), W. H. Buckman, F. Pope, J. Gifford, C. C. Harris, J. Gorrie, Rev. Aker and F. C. Cowper. The master reported that the average attendance for the month had been 55.1 and the roll number 64. Mr. Gifford also reported that a satisfactory job bad been made of the fence repairs at his residence. The secretary reported that permission had been granted by the Education Board to build a wood-abed at the master's residence, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the member for the district and the cost not to exceed £10. It was resolved to advertise for tenders immediately. A letter was read from Messrs. E. H. Penny and Co. Blenheim, offering to supply a number of approved books for the proposed school library, at a reduced rate. As the committee had a small sum in baud for books, the matter was. left in the, hands of Mr. Gifford to inspect.

The matter of conveying children to the warship on the 10th inst. was discussed, but owing to the distance and time of the year, it was considered inadvisable to enter into any definite arrangements.

8th July 1913 Hockey Last Saturday the Havelock schoolboys met a team from the Carluke school at Canvastown and defeated them by 7 goals to nil. Goals were secured by F. Henderson (4), E. Buckman (2), 0. Congdon (I). Mr. 0. Pickering refereed

11th July 1913 meeting of the above committee was held on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), F. Pope, J. Gorrie, Rev. Aker, J. Gifford, F. Gowper and the secretary (Mr. W. H. Buckman).

The secretary reported that Mr. W. J. Haseler had been the successful tenderer for the erection of a wood-seed at the master's residence, the. price being £9 2s 6d.

The master reported the number on the roll for the previous month as 62, and the average attendance 51.3.

The chairman read a letter from Mr. J. S. Storey announcing that he had consented to stand as representative on the Board for the Western Ward.

A letter from the Minister of Affairs was read asking that all public bodies arrange for the proper observance of Arbor Day in the way of tree-planting.

After some discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Gorrie, that the Town Board be approached and asked to consider the planting of trees in Brownlee Park on Arbor Day. The secretary was instructed to interview the Board on the matter.

15th JULY 1913 Arbor Day, —We understand that no arrangements have been made locally in the way of tree-planting to commemorate Arbor Day to-morrow. It has not been found convenient to carry out the school committee's proposal re planting trees by the children in Brownlee Park, but the children, however, are to be given a holiday

5th September 1913 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), J. Gorrie F. Pope, Rev. Aker, C. C. Harris, P. Cowper and J. Gifford. The schoolmaster reported that the average attendance for the previous month had been 54.5, and the number on the roll h 4. A few had been absent as the result of whooping cough being prevalent in the district. The Inspector's report submitted was very satisfactory. Mr. Gorrie asked for information as to what was the correct procedure in regard to children suffering from whooping cough. He understood that a number of children attending school had the malady in a more or less severe form.

Mr. Gifford (master) said that whooping cough was now so general in the district that it was considered an epidemic. He probably had 20 children in one room and several in the other suffering from it. It was usual to exclude the first few cases, hut once it becomes so prevalent nothing can be done in that way. Several members spoke of the infectious nature of whooping cough, but it was generally admitted that where children are not kept at home and allowed to run about the streets it was better that they should be at school, Mr. Gifford stated that at school it was sometimes difficult to distinguish between an ordinary cough and the whooping variety, the convincing symptoms of the latter being usually shown at night. Generally speaking it was better to leave it to the discretion of the parents whether their children are well enough to attend school.

10th October 1913 The usual monthly meeting of the above committee was held on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair). Rev. Aker, j. Gorrie, F. Pope, C. C. Harris, F. Cowper and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Buckman. Accounts amounting to £4 5s were passed for payment. Mr. A. Reade's account for general repairs to the master's residence was recommended for payment.

CAPITATION Mr. J. Gorrie drew the Board's attention to the low capitation received by Marlborough school committees, as shown by a recently published list. He considered it was too low for any school committee to carry on the work of the year. He thought perhaps as the amount of capitation paid by the Marlborough Education Board was said to be the lowest in New Zealand, it might be possible to have it increased.
The chairman said that he had noticed in one case up north where a school committee had found the amount of capitation too low, it had been successful in getting it raised. He suggested that one of the committee attend the next School Committees Association meeting in Blenheim where this question could be discussed. After some further discussion Mr. Gorrie moved l that a letter be sent to the Committees' Association, pointing out that the capitation in Marlborough is the lowest in New Zealand, and owing to the committee finding great difficulty in carrying out the work that an effort be made to have it raised.—Carried. COMMITTEES' POWERS Rev. Aker referred to the limited powers of school committees as exemplified by the recent decision of an Auckland Judge, who upheld the action of the Education Board in forwarding one name only to a school committee when the appointment of a teacher had to be made. He understood the committee in question had the right to appeal, but it seemed that they were going back to the old order of things. It looked as though the power of selecting the teachers had been taken out of| the committees' hands entirely. He did not think that was right as, in a sense, the committees were more directly representative by the people than the Boards. Mr. Gorrie said that Mr. Aker had touched on an important matter. Although, as far as his knowledge went, the Havelock school has always been treated fairly in regard to the appointment of its teachers, they should look ahead and prepare for what might happen in the future. In his opinion school committees should have a little more power than they legally have at present.
On the motion of Mr. Aker it was resolved that the attention of the Committees' Association be drawn to the decision given by the Auckland Judge affecting the powers of school committees, and protesting against the principle involved.

5th December 1913 The monthly meeting of the school committee was held last Monday evening. Present; Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), W. H. Buckman (secretary), P. Pope, C. C. Harris, Rev. Aker, F. C. Cowper, and J. Gifford. An account for 9s 6d was passed for payment. The schoolmaster's report showed that the average attendance for the month was 60.7, and the number on the roll 68. It was decided that taps in the school ground be repaired.
It was resolved that the school close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 19th December.
This being the last meeting of the present year Mr. Gifford said he would like to express his thanks and appreciation for the ready manner in which the committee had performed their duties throughout the year, and also for the courteous way in which they had carried out many of his suggestions.
12th December 1913 Miss A. Hanron was granted leave of absence from the Havelock School as from the end of last month. _ The secretary intimated that a relieving teacher had been supplied.
19th December 1913 At a special meeting of the Havelock School Committee held last evening, Miss Francis Catherine Power, at present in Wellington Training College was selected from the four applications received, as the best qualified to fill the position of pupil teacher now vacant at the school. Miss Power's name will be forwarded to the Marlborough Education Board with a recommendation from the committee that she be appointed.
23rd December 1913 PRESENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OP HONOURS. A very pleasing and enjoyable little function took place at the public school on Friday afternoon on the occasion of the "break-up" for the summer vacation. '1 he children had expressed a wish to entertain their late teacher, Mrs. J.B. Reid (nee Miss Hanron) and present her with a token of their regard It was essentially a children's day and the permission of the master to use the school having been obtained, they carried out the arrangements with a regard to organisation that would have done credit to many of their elders. They made arrangements with their parents for an ample supply of refreshments, and very thoughtfully sent a motor car to convey their guest from her residence to the school. Members of the school committee and a fair number of parents and others were also present. The schoolmaster (Mr. J. Gifford), on behalf of the children presented Mrs. Reid with a handsome cake-dish. In making the presentation Mr. Gifford referred to the high place Mrs. Reid had held in the regard of the children during the period of nearly five years in which she had been assistant teacher. She had proved herself a capable and efficient teacher and was well liked by the children. He called upon the children to give three cheers for Mrs. Reid, which were given very heartily. Mrs. Reid, in acknowledging, thanked the children for the good feeling and kindness shown her that day and during her years amongst them. She heartily thanked them for the present, which she would keep as a token to look back upon with pleasure and happiness. Rev. Aker and Mr. W, H. Buckman. on behalf of the school committee and parents, also expressed appreciation of Mrs. Reid's work during her term as teacher in the school, Mr. Aker also gave the boys some good advice in the proper use of their holidays. The chairman of the school committee, Mr. Pickering, then presented the certificates of proficiency won in the examination held about two months ago, the successful ones being: Nellie Smith. Rita Tetley, Gordon Buckman. and Lee Twidle. The following

also gained certificates of competency: Ivy Donald, Doris Donald, and Hugh Farnell. “

16th January 1914 At the request of the Havelock Committee, it was decided to call for fresh applications for the position of .assistant teacher, Miss Power having declined appointment

6th February 1914 Miss O’Connor (Blenheim) has been appointed assistant teacher (temporally) at the Havelock school, pending the appointment of a permanent teacher.

24th February 1914 Miss N. A. Dowling, having the highest qualifications amongst the four applications received, has been selected for the position of assistant teacher at the Havelock school. Miss Dowling, who has had eight years teaching experience under the Wanganui Education Board, was well recommended.

6th March 1914 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee took place on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. W. Pickering (chairman), -P. Pope, C. C. Harris, J. Gorrie, Rev Aker, F. Cowper, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Buckman. The schoolmaster, Mr. J. Gifford, was also present, and reported that the average attendance tor the previous month ' was 53, and the number on the roll 51. During the month Mr. Johnston, sanitary inspector, had visited the school for the purpose of£ making an estimate for a septic tank system, and this improvement would probably soon he installed. The chairman mentioned that Mr. Johnston had also visited the hospital for the same purpose.

Mr. Gifford reported that the stove at „his residence was defective, and it was resolved, on the motion of the chairman that application be made to the Board for a new stove, and also the installation of a hot service. No word had yet been received of the appointment of a permanent assistant.

13th March 1914 In Honour of Premier’s Visit. — Shortly after 9 o’clock yesterday morning, the Prime Minister, accompanied by members of the school committee, paid a visit to the public school and gave the scholars a short address. The children were then dismissed for the day in commemoration of Mr. Massey’s visit to Havelock.

20th March 1914 As Miss Dowling had been unable to take up the position of teacher for the Havelock School, it. was decided to call for fresh applications

The kitchen range and appliances asked for by the Havelock Committee was granted

10th April 1914 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the school committee was held on Monday. Present: Messrs. W, Pickering (in the chair) F. Pope, J. Gorrie, C. Harris, W.’H. Buckram, F. Cowper and J. Gifford.

The report showed that the number on the roll for the previous month was SG, and the average attendance 52.7.

Mr. Gorrie drew attention to the renewed agitation for a drainage system for Havelock, and that perhaps it would be better for the Education Board to wait developments rather than install a separate septic tank system. Mr. Gifford drew attention to the nearness of the coming Easter holidays and the usual first week of the winter vacation. After some consideration it was resolved that the two be' taken

together and that the school be closed from Thursday 9th and re-open on Monday 20th. The schoolmaster (Mr. Gifford) said as this would probably be the last meeting that he could attend, he wished to thank the chairman and members of the committee for the courteous manner in which they had always met and assisted him in carrying out the various matters in connection with the school work. The chairman on behalf of the committee expressed regret at Mr. Gifford's early departure, and hoped he would be as successful in his new walk of life as he had been as a schoolmaster. Other members of the committee also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Gifford's services to the school and wished him every success in his new venture.

21st April 1914 THE HEAD TEACHERSHIP. A special meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Friday evening to select a successor to Mr. J. Gifford, the present master, who is about to leave the district, and also to select an assistant. Four applications for the position of head teacher were received by the Education Board, and were as follow: Messrs. A. E, Barrowclough, J. S. Marsden, G. H. Reader, and Miss A. G. O'Brian. The committee, after careful consideration were unanimous in selecting Mr. Barrowclough, whose qualifications were the highest, and the inspectors' reports of his work, covering a long period were all excellent. As the Blenheim Board strongly recommended his appointment there is no doubt the selection of the committee will be confirmed. There were only two applications for the position of assistant —from Miss T. O'Connor (who is at present holding the position temporally) and Miss M. Kelleher. As no written applications had been forwarded from either of these applicants, it was decided that the Education Board be written to pointing out that as no written information was to hand regarding the applicants the appointment be left to the discretion of the Board. It was also resolved to draw the Board's attention to the fact that Miss O'Connor's work in the school was very satisfactory to both master and children.

21st April 1914 Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, Mr. J. R. Gifford's probable successor as head teacher at the Havelock public school, is at present occupying a similar position, at Auroa, in the Wanganui Education District. Mr. Barrowclough is an elderly man with a family of five, and is desirous of getting into the North Marlborough district for health reasons. *(Aged about 51 years old)*

24th April 1914 In the presence of several members of the school committee and a small circle of friends, a very pleasing little ceremony took place at the local public school yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. R. Gifford, the schoolmaster, was presented with a silver inkstand from the pupils. Miss O'Connor, who made the presentation, asked Mr. Gifford to accept the gift from the pupils as a token of the esteem in which he was held 1 by them, and wishing Mrs. Gifford and himself every success in the future. Messrs. W. H. Buckman and J. Gorrie spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Gifford's work as a teacher and added their regrets at his departure. Mr. Gifford suitably responded, and trusted the school would -still maintain the good position it has held in the past in regard to inspectors' reports.

1st May 1914 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. As usual very little interest was evinced by parents in the annual meeting of householders held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. Only three in addition to the standing committee put in an appearance, and there being just the required number nominated for the new committee, no balloting was necessary. The secretary read the balance-sheet which showed a cash balance

in hand of £3 9s lOd. The chairman (Mr. W. Pickering) expressed his satisfaction on the fact that the new committee would have a good balance in hand to start the year with.
Nothing of a debatable character was introduced and the proceedings closed with the election of the new committee, who are as follow: Messrs. J. D. Gorrie (chairman), F. Pope, W. Pickering, 0. Harris, and W. H. Beckman (secretary and treasurer), F. C. Cowper and 0. G. Rhimes.
The retiring chairman, Mr. W. Pickering, thanked the members for their cooperation and courtesy during his many years of office
1st May 1914 Mrs. Franklin, Blenheim, is at present in charge of the Havelock Public School, pending the arrival of the permanent teacher, Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, who is expected to arrive in about three weeks' time
15th May 1914 Miss T. M. O'Connor has been selected by the school committee to fill the position of assistant teacher at the Havelock school
26th May 1914 Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, the newly appointed master of the Havelock Public School, arrives in Havelock today

5th June 1914 The monthly meeting pf the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. J. D. Gorrie,' in the chair, W. Pickering, C. 0. Harris, F. Pope, C. G. Rhimes. F. C. dowser, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Buckman. The master, Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, was also in attendance.
The chairman, on behalf of the committee, extended to Mr. Barrowclough and family a hearty welcome to Havelock, and congratulated him on his appointment.
Mr. Barrowclough, in responding, said that both his wife and he liked Havelock, and that he would do his best for the school and the welfare of the children.
- The present cleaner and caretaker of the school was reappointed for the current year. The secretary reported that the hot water service and the new stove had been put into the master's residence, and both were satisfactory, A shortage of firewood was reported and it was resolved that Mr. Brown be asked for a supply at once. It was resolved that wire netting be 1 placed at ton of ventilators to prevent the ingress of birds in the school building.
The master asked for information concerning certain records and papers of the school which he had not yet been able to find. It was resolved that the secretary write to Mr. Gifford, the former master, on the matter.

7th July 1914 On Saturday afternoon a team of boys from Havelock School proceeded to Mahakipawa, in Mr. Pickering's drag, to try conclusions with the Linkwater School hockey team. On arrival the Havelock boys, who were all light, found that their, opponents had some heavy weights in the field. Both sides played a good game, the honours falling to Linkwater, who scored one goal in the first half, and two more in the second, to Havelock's nil. A feature of the afternoon was the friendly spirit prevailing, and the generous way in which Linkwater applauded any clever strokes made by Havelock boys. After the game the team was most hospitably entertained at the school, the Mistress, assisted by local ladies, having made provision on a very liberal scale. The boys having done full justice to the good things set before them, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to their entertainers, and lusty cheers were given. The trip home was enlivened by choruses in spite of their defeat the boys had a very enjoyable outing. A return match will be played at an

early date on the Havelock ground, and the local team hope then to recover their lost laurels. The Linkwater team was captained by B. Coleman, and Havelock by G. Congdon

10th July 1914 The monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Monday, the following being present: Messrs. J. D. Corrie. (in the chair), W. Pickering, F. Pope, F. Cowper .and the master, Mr. A E. Barrowclough. The Master's report showed that the average attendance for the quarter was 49.4 and the average on the roll 55.4. The present attendance was 52.4 and roll 55.
The recent examination in the junior room showed the progress to be very satisfactory in the primers, fair to satisfactory in standard I, and good in standard II. In the senior room he found a good deal of weakness in English and arithmetic. He drew attention to the lack of washing basins, towels, and drinking vessels for the use of children. He drew the committee's attention to Arbor Day, on 'the 15th inst., in regard to which he had received no communication about observing it as a holiday. , It was resolved that as nothing in the way of tree-planting was likely to be carried out this year no holiday be observed on Arbor Day.
The chairmen complimented the master on the clear report and on his method in providing the children with papers which enabled the parents to know the points gained in an examination; Mr. Pope was accorded a vote of thanks for having put the two school clocks in, running order. . It was decided that the secretary Write to the Education Board asking that washing basins, towels and drinking cups be supplied for the use of the children. A letter was read from Mrs. F. Henderson drawing the committee's attention to the fact that the shade of the school ground trees kept her house as well as the road opposite in a continual state of dampness, and asked if they (the trees) could not be removed. Mr. Pickering considered that the proper course for Mrs. Henderson to take would be to refer the matter to the Town Board. It was resolved that Mrs. Henderson be informed to that effect. A few small accounts were passed for payment.
10th July 1914 Havelock Town Board Mr. Pickering drew the Board's attention to a complaint that had been lodged with the school committee in regard to the bad effect the shade of the school trees have on that portion of the road, opposite Messrs. Matthews and Henderson's residences. He proposed that the Education Board be written to asking that the offending trees be removed. Mr. E. H. Smith seconded and the motion was carried
14th August 1914 Recommendations made by Messrs. Nees and Fulton with regard to the trees at Havelock and certain school requirements there were adopted. They considered that the trees should be allowed to remain

11th September 1914 A meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. There were present: Messrs. J. D. Gorrie (in the chair), W.-Pickering, C. Harris, F. Pope. F. Cowper and the secretary Mr. W. H. Buckman. The schoolmaster was also in attendance.
The master's report showed that the attendance for the month had 53.1 with a roll number of 67. Miss O'Connor was absent through sickness and expected to resume her duties on the 14th inst., and Miss T. Reader had returned from her six month's leave.

Mr. Barrowclough stated it was suggested that a school concert be held towards the end of the year in aid of the war fund. A circular was read from the Education Department to masters of schoo!s asking for the establishment of a children's fund towards the ambulance equipment. It is expressly desired that donations to this fund should come from the children themselves and not the parents the idea being for the children to make some little sacrifice. It was pointed out that if every child attending school throughout the Dominion gives threepence their contribution to the fund would be £2000

The suggested concert and also the children's ambulance fund were both approved of by the committee.

9th October 1914 The monthly meeting, of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday evening. Present: Messrs. J. Gorrie (in the chair), B. Pope, F. Cowper, C. Harris, C. G. Rhimes .'and W, H. Buckman. The schoolmaster, Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, was also in attendance. A letter from the Education Board was read asking the Board to nominate a suitable truant officer tor Havelock and surrounding districts. It was unanimously decided that Mr. G. Smith be asked to act as truant officer. . The master reported that the average., attendance for the quarter ended 30th September, was 53.5, and for the previous month 58.1. The attendance in the senior room averaged 95 per cent, and in the junior room 90 per cent. Present roll number was 61. Inspector Sturrock had visited the school during the month, staying only ,a few minutes./His next visit would be made on or about the 13th December. Several windows were broken and the pipe of one of the heaters had become blocked. The amount collected by the children for the Ambulance Fund amounted to £1 5s 2d—an average of nearly 6d a child. .

Mrs. Barrowclough and Miss O'Connor were busy preparing the children for the concert at the end of the year. The committee decided to replace the broken windows, and the master was requested to further warn the children against throwing stones

16th October 1914 A request for 18 feet of hyloplate *(Blackboard)* for the school was granted. It was decided to remove a stove from the Havelock School to the caretaker's cottage at Blenheim

13th November 1914 HAVELOCK The secretary was instructed to inform the Havelock Committee that the sum of £1 obtained for a stove sold by the committee and utilised for the work of trimming trees should be remitted to the Board A motion that a grant of £2 be made for the trimming of the trees was lost on the following division Ayes: Messrs. McCallum. Nees, Penny. Noes; Messrs. Ferguson, Mackay, Fulton, Conolly .and the chairman. After consideration of a letter from the Havelock Committee, it was resolved to adhere to the arrangement for the working of the Blenheim and Havelock districts conjointly by Mr. Bird, truant inspector

4th December 1914 Hon. J. Allen, Minister of Finance and Education, passed through Havelock yesterday, en route from Nelson to Wellington, via Blenheim and Picton. He was accompanied by Mr. F. Matthews (private secretary), who is an old Havelock boy. Mr. Allen was met by a large number of citizens, amongst whom were several very old identities, and was very cordially received. In honour of the visit the school children, under Mr. Barrowclough's charge, were marched down to the Town Hall steps where the Minister briefly addressed them. ' Mr. Barrowclough took the

opportunity of thanking Mr. Allen for the influence be had exercised in raising the ‘status of the school teachers. At the n quest of the Minister the children were granted the rest of the afternoon as a holiday.

22nd December 1914 A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS After a lapse of some years a school concert, which might with advantage to the scholars be made an annual event, was given in the Town Hair on Friday evening. The programme was a lengthy one, all the items being given entirely by the children attending the Havelock school. On the whole the little folk acquitted themselves remarkably well, and their preparation. must have entailed a considerable amount of work and care upon their instructress, Mrs. Barrowclough, who, singlehanded, took upon herself the task of carrying out the detail work. At the conclusion of the concert Mr. and Mrs. Barrowclough were highly complimented by many of the audience on the manner in which the children bad carried out their parts. The programme was a varied one and the various items pleasingly presented. As the proceeds are to go towards swelling the relief funds of the British and Belgian, poor, it was fitting that there should be a patriotic touch throughout the concert and a display of appropriate flags. It is gratifying to record 'the liberal support accorded by the public, the hall being well filled by an appreciative audience, and be net result is expected to exceed £15. Amongst the elder children the Misses Monica and Maggie Dooley, Iris Rouse, and Elsie Barrowclough, and Masters Forrest Marriott, Arnold Pask, Cyril Orsman, Frank Scott and Cecil Congdon were deserving of special mention. The “ Irish Jig,” by the sisters Dooley provided quite a “ star ” item, and they were the recipients of several bouquets and had to respond to 1 an undeniable encore. The recitation, “ It’s no joke to be a baby,” by six tiny little girls, was also a pleasing and popular item, Miss Nellie Cowper, as the leading little lady, coming in for rounds of applause, and also had a couple of bouquets thrown at her feet. The following is the full programme: , Overtures, Monica Dooley; Song, “Welcome,” Little Girls; action song, “A Soldier’s Life,” Juniors; recitation, “It’s no Joke to be a Baby,” Infants; action song, “ Rowing,” Juniors; dialogue, “The Chicken.” Boys; Scarf drill, Girls; recitation, “The Twins,” Forrest Marriott; song, “ Sailors of the Fleet,” Boys; Irish Jig, Monica and Maggie Dooley ; recitation, ‘‘How Did you Die?” Arnold Pask; Inquest on Cock Robin, School. Part 2. Overture, Eileen Buncombe; play, “Dumbing” School; Patriotic Song, “The Union Jack,” School. 4 In the ticket-selling competition in connection with the concert, Master Cecil Congdon won the first prize (copy of Longfellow’s poems, presented by Mr. C. G. while Arnold Pask came a good second. Mr. Barrowclough desires to acknowledge additional contributions from Miss Powell and the Misses Beard, the Pelorus Guardian, and the Town Board, the latter contributing the full hire of the ball to the fund.

8th January 1915 Havelock Public School.— At a meeting of the Havelock School Committee held on Monday evening the chairman (Mr. J. D. Gorrie) made reference to the marked success of the recent school concert. The result showed that both Mr. and Mrs. Barrowclough took a live interest in the welfare of the children. The committee endorsed the chairman’s remarks, and Mr. Barrowclough expressed his gratification of the committee’s approval of what had been done, and stated that both his wife and himself felt fully repaid for the : trouble they had taken by the success of

the entertainment. The net result of the concert was 15 11s 6d, and this amount has been duly forwarded to the Belgian Relief Fund

15th February 1915 meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held on Monday. There were present; Messrs. W. Pickering (in the chair), F. Pope, C. C. Harris, F. C. Cowper, W. H. Buckman (Secretary) and the schoolmaster (Mr. A. E. Barrowclough). An apology was received from Mr. J. D. Gorrie. The secretary reported that the committee would now receive the higher rate of capitation., The Marlborough Education Board were calling for tenders for the installation of the septic tank system for schools *in four different districts, one of which was Havelock. The local sanitary conditions at the school would, therefore, soon be improved. The master reported that the school opened on Monday with an attendance of 59 out. of a roll number of 63. The committee expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the work of clearing the trees from the school ground had been carried out by Mr. Barrowclough, junr., and at the amount of firewood resulting therefrom. One or two small accounts were passed for payment and the meeting closed.

26th March 1915 Mr. W. C. Smith, a former schoolmaster at Havelock, is at present on a visit to this district. Mr. Smith is accompanied by his wife and family, and is touring New Zealand in his own Ford car enjoying a five months' vacation from his labours at Niue, where he was sent by the Government some five years ago to establish education amongst the natives. Since his arrival in New Zealand he has received notification of his appointment to the charge of a school in Ngataugiha, Rarotonga, which is the largest of the' three native schools recently established by the Government .in the Cook Islands. Mr. Smith will be assisted in his new sphere of work by his two daughters as first and second assistant respectively. During their stay in Havelock Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buckman

16th April 1915 Havelock Town Board Attention was drawn to the increased amount of water that will be used at the school and residence after the septic tank system comes into operation. It was resolved that the water rate for the school and residence be increased to 17s 6d per quarter.

7th May 1915 ELECTION OF HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE More than usual interest was taken in the annual meeting of householders held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, about thirty being present. Mr. J, D. Gorrie was voted to the chair. The election of a committee of five members resulted as follows: Messrs. J, D. Gorrie*, W. H. Buckman, J. B. Lovell, L. Smith and I. Mathieson. Mr. J. D. Gorrie was re-elected chairman and Mr. W. H. Buckman secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. Pickering, who retired from the committee after being a member continuously for thirty years. A vote of thanks was also passed to the retiring chairman and secretary. It was resolved that the chairman and secretary arrange to have the old well filled up, as it was considered dangerous to the children in its present state. The master's suggestion that the infant classes under Standard I come into school at 9.30 instead of 9 o'clock was approved by the meeting.

Just prior to the general, meeting, the usual monthly meeting oi the committee was held. There were present : Messrs. J. D. Gorrie (in the chair), 0. G. Rhimes, F. Pope, 0. C. Harris, W. H. Buckman and the master, Mr. A, E. Barrowclough. Accounts amounting to £1 6s 9d were passed for payment. The master reported that the

average attendances for the four weeks ending 30th April have been 65.5, 65.8, 64.7, and 62.9- For the past fortnight several children have been absent through illness. The roll number at the beginning of the month was 67, and at the end 69. Inspector Sturrock paid a visit to the school on the previous Tuesday, and he promised to bring before the' Board the need of painting (inside) the school porches. The septic tank system was working very satisfactorily. In concluding his report, Mr. Barrowclough took the opportunity of thanking the chairman, secretary, and members of the out-going committee, for their readiness to help in anything they thought was for the good of the school, and for their courtesy to him during the past eleven months. 'It was resolved that the Board be asked to paint the inside of the two porches, and to repair the fence in front of the master's residence. It was resolved that the old outbuildings be given to the master for removal. The balance-sheet read showed a balance in hand on December 31st of £1 Is 6d

22nd June 1915 The Havelock Town Board asked that the trees in the Havelock school ground < be trimmed or removed.—It was decided that the Town Board be allowed to remove the trees at its own risk and expense. Repairs were authorised at Havelock, as mentioned in the letter forwarded from the committee.

16th July 1915 Havelock Town Board In reference to the Board's objection to certain trees in the school grounds overshadowing the road, the Education Board wrote authorising the Havelock Town Board to have the trees removed at its own risk and expense. Mr. B. H. Smith said that this was a matter that had cropped up regularly every winter, and evidently there was little satisfaction to be derived from the Education Board. There was no doubt that the shade from the trees was detrimental to the road. He moved that the Board exercise its powers under the Local Bodies Act and serve the Education Board with a notice to remove the offending trees to the satisfaction of the Havelock Board.

Mr. Buckman supported, and the motion was carried. Attention was drawn to the practice of waggoners making a stopping place of the roadside near the school. Since the wet weather had set in the regular stopping of waggon teams here cut up the roadside to such an extent that a nuisance had been created, and was a danger to the health of the children. On the motion of Mr. E. H. Smith it was decided to notify waggoners that the roadside bounding the school grounds must not be used as a stopping place. It was also decided to level off the raised roots on the road and to form and metal the footpaths bounding the school grounds.

6th August 1915 A large number of citizens assembled at the Town Hall steps on Wednesday afternoon to commemorate the closing of the first year of war. The weather was perfect for an outdoor gathering, and the several excellent patriotic speeches given were clearly heard by all present. The National Reserve, under Lieut. E. H, Smith, were lined up in front of the hall and formed a background for the school children who were mustered in full force by the master, Mr. A. E, Barrowclough. Each child carried a Union Jack…….

10th September 1915 In your Canvastown correspondent's report of the hockey and rounder matches, played at Canvastown on the 28th August, I notice two omissions. In the first place, as the distance between Carluke and Havelock was rather great for either team to travel, Canvastown kindly invited the competing teams to play on their ground, and they took great pains in marking off both rounder and hockey grounds in

readiness for the matches. Secondly, the Canvastown folk went to great trouble in providing the visitors with plentiful and appetising refreshments. I know that both the Carluke and the Havelock teams appreciated the treatment received; and, as these points appear to have escaped the memory of the Canvastown correspondent, I shall be glad if you can spare space for this letter.—Yours, etc., A. E. Barrowclough. Havelock

10th September 1915 PROM HAVELOCK SCHOOL CHILDREN. The Ladies' Executive of the Marlborough Patriotic Fund recently circularised the schools of the district asking for the help of the school children in the providing of gifts to be sent to each individual 1 Marlborough soldier at the front. It was suggested that the children's donations should, consist of such articles as socks, handkerchiefs, soap, writing material, and leather laces. The result of the appeal to the Havelock children was as follows: 8 pairs socks, 1 hold-all (with toothbrush, soap, and tooth-powder), 5 handkerchiefs, 22 pairs laces, 27 cakes soap, 1 packet Lifebuoy soap, 4 packets chocolate, 26 writing pads, 18 packets envelopes, I pen, 1 lead pencil, 2 pipes, 2 tins tobacco, 1 box matches, 12 packets cigarettes.
A number of the articles were accompanied by notes from the children, of which the following is an example " Hoping that you will accept this article with pleasure, and that you will go through the war all right." With scarcely an exception every child on the school roll did his or her little bit to help. The articles were forwarded to Blenheim on Tuesday, Mr. Cate kindly conveying it free of charge.
12th November 1915 Havelock Town Board SCHOOL TREES _ Mr. Buckman reported on' the Education Board's decision to vote £3 to the local school committee for the purpose of removing the trees overshadowing the road. The matter would be dealt with at the next meeting of the School Committee
10th March 1916 An epidemic of measles amongst the children in the Havelock district has already reduced the attendance at the public school to about half. The disease is not .of a very malignant character
21st March 1916 Comforts for Soldiers.— In connection with Lady Liverpool's recent appeal for the supply of comforts for soldiers at the front, the Ladies' Executive of the Marlborough Patriotic Fund issued a circular requesting help from the schools of the district. A very generous response was made by the children of the Havelock school, which resulted in the forwarding to Blenheim of a box containing the following articles 11 writing companions, 1 combination pad (notepaper and envelopes), 7 packets envelopes, 3 lead pencils, 10 khaki handkerchiefs, 7 pairs leather laces, 9 tins condensed milk, 3 tins jam, 2 tins cigarettes, 17 packets cigarettes, 1 cake soap, 3 bags camphor, 1 packet insect powder. Thanks are due to Mr. Gate who, with his usual patriotism, conveyed the box to its destination free of charge.
21st April 1916 HAVELOCK The annual meeting of householder* ' in the Havelock School District was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. About fifteen _ parents were present and Mr. J. D. Gorrie was voted to the chair. The secretary read the balance-sheet to the 31st December, 1915, which showed a credit balance of £2 7s 3d. The election of committee for the ensuing year resulted in the election of Messrs. J. 'D. Gorrie, W. H. Buckman, J. B. Lovell, I. Mathieson, and F. Pope. At a subsequent of the committee Messrs. Gorrie and Buckman were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively

15th August 1916 Children's Competitions.— At Brownlee Park, on Saturday teams of boys and girls from the Canvastown and Havelock schools tried conclusions in hockey and rounders respectively. The Canvastown boys proved superior in hockey, winning in good style by two goals to nil. Mr. E. H. Smith refereed. The local girls, however, had a runaway win in rounders,; scoping 17 to nil. The visiting children were hospitably treated by Mr. and Mrs. Barrowclough. and all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sport and the refreshments which followed

18th August 1916 Will you kindly allow me to correct one or two inaccuracies occurring in a report in your last issue, dealing with the above competitions. The paragraph in question stated that the hockey match was won by the Canvastown boys by two goals to nil. The score was three goals to nil, the victory being all the more creditable to the winners, seeing that they had not been able to master a lull team. Also the credit for the entertaining of the visiting and local teams should have been given to the parents of the Havelock children who provided the plentiful refreshments, and to the ladies who assisted in their distribution. Amongst the many willing helpers Mesdames Gorrie and A. Scott and Miss O'Connor were prominent.— I am, etc. A. E, Barrowclough

5th December 1916 As the result of the bottle raid now being carried out by the Havelock school children for the benefit of the Belgian Fund, a large number of " dead marines " have been brought to .light. Many_ hundreds of bottles are now stacked in the school grounds, and great competition exists amongst a few of the more enthusiastic gatherers as to who will register the biggest tally.

5th January 1917 In connection with the recent bottle campaign in Marlborough Schools in aid of The Poor of Britain and Belgium Relief fund, a large and varied assortment of bottles has been gathered at the local school. The children entered most heartily into the campaign, and evidently had with them the sympathy and encouragement of their parents and For several days there was a continuous stream of traffic to the school grounds, of small carts and .wagons, perambulators, wheel-barrows, and even horses and traps, and the result was a collection of very nearly 3000 bottles of all shapes, sizes, and colours, capable of application to all sorts of purposes. Fully 2,500 of the number, however, consisted of beer, spirit, cordial, pickle, vinegar, medicine, and other such bottles, as should meet with a ready sale. _ The bottles have been packed, and are now awaiting transmission to Blenheim, where they will be handed over to the Marlborough Branch of the Relief Fund for disposal. Mr. W. H. Smith, of Brownlee and Co., has kindly promised the use of the firm's motor-lorry for the carriage of the bottles, and Mr. Alex. Irvine has volunteered to run them down. The head teacher wishes to thank these gentlemen for their patriotic action, and would also acknowledge the ready assistance of the chairman and members of the school -committee in the matter. Thanks also are due to Mrs. W. H. Smith for a donation of 5s to the Fund.

16th February 1917 The number of children attending the local school shows a distinct improvement upon that of several previous years. The roll number is now over eighty, and an assistant teacher is urgently needed

6th April 1917 The usual monthly meeting of the above was held in the schoolroom on Monday, Messrs. E. A. Dance (chairman), F. Pope, J. Lovell, and W. H. Buckman being present. The report of the head master (Mr. A. B. Barrowclough) for the

previous month was most satisfactory, the average attendance being no less than 94 per cent, of the total on the roll. A discussion arose regarding an offer from the Cinema Company, now showing each Saturday night in Havelock, to present a free pass to each class (making seven in all), to be given to the scholar, who showed the best effort during the week to carry out his (or her) scholastic duties, and it was finally decided (with one dissention) to accept the offer, leaving the matter of distribution in the able hands of the schoolmaster.
A frame, intended to contain a list of past scholars now doing their duty at the front was on exhibition, and at an early date will adorn a wall of the schoolroom.
Accounts to the amount of 34s were passed for payment.
20th April 1917 Master Clarence Stratford, at present assistant teacher at the Canvastown State School, has received notice to report himself for duty as assistant at the Blenheim Borough School in about a month's time from now. *Born in 1900*
17th April 1917 It-is pleasing to note that interest in the election of a school committee is more pronounced than usual this year. The election takes place at the schoolroom next Monday evening, and already eight citizens have consented to stand. Amongst whom ace no less than five who are not on the present committee. The old members who are withdrawing are Mr. F. Pope, who has served for many years (and his only reason for standing out is the fact that he will shortly be leaving Havelock), and Mr. W. H. Bookman, who has been a continuous and valued member for a number of years, and he now retires owing to continued ill health. The following nominations have so far been received by the man (Mr. E. A. Dance)W. Blaylock, W. Cowling, F. F. 0. Cowper, E. A. Dance, G. W. Douglas, R J. Horton, Jas. Lovell, P. J. O'Donoghue Messrs. Dance, Douglas, and Lovell are the present members. It might be mentioned that ladies are eligible for election on this committee. Perhaps the inclusion of a couple of the fair sex would infuse a little more life into the operations of the committee—especially in matters in which the health and care of the children are directly concerned. The meeting is timed for 8 p in.
27th April 1917 The weather conditions locally were not very favourable for outside demonstrations in commemoration of Anzac Day. A drizzling rain and overcast skies prevailed during the greater part of the morning, bat the afternoon was fairly fine though the sun failed to penetrate the heavy clouds. The day was observed as a close holiday by the shopkeepers, and the display of a flag here and there lent, a military and holiday appearance to the town. The school children were assembled as usual, but were dismissed at noon after being addressed by the master (Mr. A. E. Barrowclough) on the historical event for which the day was being held in sacred remembrance…….
1st May 1917 LARGE ATTENDANCE. The annual meeting, of householders for the election of a School Committee for the ensuing year was held last evening. The attendance was the largest for the past ten years —over 50 householders being present. Mr. W. H. Smith was voted to the chair. The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the large attendance, and mentioned the fact that at the previous annual meeting only 15 householders attended. It showed that an increased interest was being taken in school matters. It was very fitting that parents with children attending school should take an interest in the election of a School Committee. Ten nominations were received for the five positions, the following being elected: —
J. B. Lovell 37

J. R. Horton 25
W. Blaylock 24 •
P. C. Cowper 22
E. A. Dance 15
The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £7 10s 8d. The meeting passed a hearty vote -of thanks to Messrs. W. H. Buckman and P. Pope for valuable services rendered on the Committee during previous, years. , ~ Mr. Buckman mentioned that a roll of old school boys now serving at the Front was being prepared. At a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, Mr. J. B. Lovell was unanimously elected Chairman, and Mr. E. A. Dance was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.
8th May 1917 The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held last evening, the following members attending: Messrs. J. B. Lovell (chairman), E. A. Dance (secretary), F. C. Cowper, W. Blaylock, and J. R. Horton. The schoolmaster (Mr. A. E. Barrowclough) was also in attendance. The master's report showed an average roll of 80 for the first two weeks of April and 82 for the latter two weeks. The problem of securing the services of a caretaker for the school is still unsolved, and the cleaning of the classrooms is being undertaken by the senior scholars. The matter of repairs to one of the heaters was left in the hands of the secretary. Enquiries for the procuring of a few loads of gravel for the school grounds and a supply of firewood was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary.

5th June 1917 The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held last evening, the following members attending: Messrs. J. B. Lovell (chairman), W. Blaylock, and E. A. Dance. The secretary's report showed that the clocks had been put in order by Mr. P. Pope, and the new grating for stove was quite satisfactory. The master's report gave the average attendance for the month 78,0. Mr. Sturrock wrote stating that he was unable to procure a suitable probationer.
It was decided that the holidays for winter vacation commence on Monday, 2nd July, and to continue for two weeks.
The mooted threat to cease printing the School Journal was spoken against very strongly by a member of the committee, and it was considered that economy should first be shown in other Government departments, such as the Post Office, Agricultural, Mining, Survey, etc. Accounts amounting to £2 0s 7d were recommended for payment.
10th July 1917 FOR HAVELOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL.
To the Editor). Sir.—As most of. your readers are aware a Roll of Honour of ex-pupils from the Havelock School is being prepared, which, when ready, is to be placed in the schoolroom, and it being desirable to have the list as complete as possible, I would be glad of the cooperation of parents and guardians who know of any who are serving, or have answered their country's call, not contained in the following list (which is compiled from a list kindly lent by the Rev. A. H. Heron, and the school records).
I would be glad also, of the full Christian names, where initials only are now given, and further, any corrections arid omissions necessary before embodying the list on the roll. The following is the list of names as now compiled:
Adams, Ralph Burman (E)
Boyd, James Benjamin

Boyd, William Henry
Brown, George M. (D)
Brownlee Robert (DW)
Brownlee, William
Buckman, W. G. Stewart
Congdon, Arthur James (K)
Glastonbury, Leonard
Glover, Alfred (K)
Glover, Charles H.
Glover, William
Hall, Leonard
Henderson, David ~
Hutchinson, Richard
Jones, W. E. (?) (K)
Jarvis, George Ivan
Levien Victor Norman (K)
Mears, Augustus Roy
Mears, Frederick William (E)
Mills, Albert G. (I)
Pickering, Charles (I)
Pickering, Clarence L.
Pickering, Douglas G.
Pope, Alfred
Pope, Edward G.
Pope, Wilfred (I)
Reader, Chas. William (DW)
Reader, Eric Oscar
Reader, Francis D. (K)
Scott, Arthur Ernest
Simpson, Arthur
Twidle, Cecil Frances (K)
Twidle, James Victor
Twidle, Roy Oscar Warner,
Charles Whitney
Warner, Frederick
Warner, Wilford (I)
Watson, Alexander Ford
Wells, Arnold Edwin
Wells, Eli (I)
Wells, Claude Chadburn
Wells, William Wilfred

K (killed in action) DW (died of wounds) I (invalided) D (discharged).

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for kindly ! allowing me so much of your valuable space; and requesting that all communications be addressed to me.

I am, etc., E. A. DANCE, Sec, Havelock School Committee.

13th July 1917 The monthly meeting of above was held in the School room on Monday July 9th, there being present Messrs. J. Lovell (Chairman), W. Blaylock, R. Horton, and E. A. Dance. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a circular from the Education Board re Arbor Day was passed as having been read, Mr. Barrowclough promising to address the children on the value of tree planting. The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the same, also a circular re London School Children who had suffered from the German air raids, asking for a collection from the pupils, which request was unanimously endorsed by the Committee. The Master's report showed an average attendance for the quarter, ending June 30th, of 77.6—equal to 94 per cent, of the roll-number.
The head master was tended by Messrs. J. Lovell and E, A. Dance congratulations upon the occasion of his son, Captain Harold Barrowclough, being honoured with the decoration of the Military Cross, and expressions of regret upon hearing that both he, and his brother Miles had been wounded upon the field of battle, to which the father suitably replied.
Account for school cleaning (14s) was passed for payment.

10th August 1917 The monthly meeting of above was held in the schoolroom on August 6th, Messrs. J. Lovell, E. A. Dance, W. Blaylock, and E. Horton, being present.
A letter was received from a resident complaining of the treatment of one of his children who had been punished for failing to do his alloted task in helping to prepare the kindling wood for the school fires, and the following resolution was passed by-the committee:—“That the work of fire-lighting and the cutting of kindling wood .be carried on as heretofore, but should any parent or guardian, send in writing their objection to above duties the named pupils shall be exempted.” The master’s report showed a slightly lower average attendance over the previous month; which was accounted for by the bad weather conditions affecting the regular attendance of children living at a distance.
The collection in aid of London school children, injured by German air raids, resulted in the sum of £2 5s 1d being forwarded to the fund—an average of over sixpence per head of the roll number —which may be considered very creditable to the children, when one penny subscriptions were invited. Accounts to the amount of £1 10s 6d were passed for payment.

26th October 1917 JUVENILE DEPRAVITY.
Disquieting reports of increasing immorality amongst a small section of the children attending the local public school came to a head this week. Constable Douglas,' paving got possession of a grossly indecent note written by one of the children he immediately informed the master and also the chairman of the school committee. The schoolmaster was not long in discovering the boy who wrote the offending note, and he was promptly expelled. A special meeting of the school committee was held on Wednesday evening to consider means of checking the trouble. Constable Douglas: and the master (Mr. A. E. Barrowclough) also attended. The master stated that on the previous day he had been handed an indecent note written by one of the boys. On discovering the culprit he had given him a good thrashing and sent him home to his parents, and had told him if it occurred again he would be expelled from the school altogether. He found that the children were getting into the habit of writing

notes and passing them round. Unfortunately sometimes a wave of badness goes. round a school. He was glad the present trouble had come to a head, but it was not confined to one boy. He had the power to deal with such cases, but he would like to have the support of the committee. The boy concerned had only lately come from a town school and had brought some badness with him. He thought it a good thing for the boy to be out of the school, and if any other boys are shown to be following the same example they should also be expelled. Constable Douglas explained his reason for the action he had taken. He was of opinion that the trouble was likely to spread, and in the interest of other children it should be put a stop to at once. Mr. Dance spoke warmly on the subject. To his mind these 'weeds' should be taken out of the school. If we have children with such corrupt minds they should be expelled. The master could not be blamed in the matter. Reference having been made, to the conduct of a second boy, the chairman (Mr. J. B. Lovell) explained that as this boy had already been dealt with in the Court the school committee had no power to deal with him. After some further discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously: " That the master's action in expelling the boy concerned be endorsed, the suspension to hold good, until advice is received from the Education Board."
The committee also decided to ask the Education Board's advice re the recent conduct of a second boy.
At the conclusion of the above meeting a number of parents waited upon the members to learn what action they had taken to check the evil influence at work amongst the children. The chairman explained the decision the meeting had come to in the matter, and after some further discussion a motion was unanimously passed endorsing the action of the schoolmaster and the school committee.
In answer to a question as to whether there were not other boys implicated in the writing of notes, the master stated that in all schools something of this kind goes on. He emphasised the fact that no more note passing was carried on in this school than in any other. He had taken all possible steps to put it down., On enquiry he could find no evidence of any other boy being implicated. The boy concerned had a bad record —though he was not all bad. A boy writing a note like that should not be allowed to remain at school, and he could see no other course open to him but to send the boy home. He considered that the boy dealt with by the Magistrate was not in his hands at all. He had warned this boy, and had also warned other boys against throwing up his offence in his teeth.
One of the parents present entered an emphatic protest against any boy being sent to an industrial school, which he described as a "cesspool of iniquity." He offered to take the boy concerned away for a month, and guaranteed to "make a man of him." The chairman stated that that was a matter which rested entirely between the father of the boy and himself. The meeting then dispersed
30th October 1917 Very general regret was felt when it became known yesterday morning that master Robert Horton, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton, of Havelock, had succumbed to blood-poisoning. The lad, who was a bright little fellow, would have been 7 years of age next month. He was taken ill only a few days previous, blood-poisoning having apparently set in from a bruised ankle. He was taken into Blenheim on Saturday, but rapidly became worse and expired at about 3.15 yesterday morning; Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and family.

The funeral takes place to-day (Tuesday), at 1.30 p.in., when the school children will be assembled and permitted to follow the remains of their little playmate.
2nd November 1917 The universal sympathy felt by the community towards Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton on the sad and unexpected loss of their little son Robert was shown in the large number of wreaths sent from all over the district. A large number of sympathisers, including most of the school children, followed the remains to their last resting place on Tuesday, the service being read by the Rev. W. Alexander.

11th December 1917 Will you kindly allow me to correct an error which occurs in the re* port, in your last issue, of the monthly meeting of the School Committee. The paragraph says, "The master's report showed the average attendance for the present quarter to be 88 per cent, of the total roil of 90 scholars." What the report did say, was that the average attendance was 88 for the present quarter, and that the roll-number was 90. The attendance throughout the current year has averaged over 94 per cent, of the number on the roll.
Yours etc., A. E. BARROWCLOUGH, Havelock
18th January 1918 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marriott are to be warmly congratulated on the excellent pass gained by their son Forrest at the recent Junior National Scholarship examination. Master Forrest's name appears fifth in the order of merit list, and the pass is all the more commendable by the fact that he had to compete against many candidates from the Wellington College and all the larger schools of the Wellington Education District. The result also reflects great credit upon the local schoolmaster, Mr. A. E. Barrowclough, who accepted the responsibility of the boy's preparation. It is interesting to note that the previous scholarship to fall to a pupil,* of the local school was gained by Miss Lilian A. Smith in 1908, and Master Forrest Marriott's meritorious success marks the sixth of this class of honour on the school's records

8th March 1918 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
The usual monthly meeting of the above was held in the schoolroom on Monday the 4th inst., Messrs. J. Lovell, R. Horton and E. Dance being present.
A letter was received from the Education Board Wellington, granting a sum of £13 16s 6d to carry out necessary repairs, (including 300 feet of guttering) to the school, prior to the building being painted, the work to be put in hand immediately. The committee have • experienced great difficulty in procuring a proper person to sweep the class-rooms regularly, this work new being, undertaken by the senior girls after school hours. It is felt, however, that it is not proper or desirable to continue this practice, and the committee now appeal to any kind lady or gentleman to relieve these young ladies of such duty. £12 per year is granted by the Board for this work. The secretary (Mr. E. A. Dance) will be pleased to receive the name of anyone who feels disposed to offer his or her services.
The master's report showed an average of 84 on the roll. School books to the value of £3 9s 8d were supplied to the children at cost price. The newly appointed assistant (Miss C. Foley) took up her duties at the reopening, and is expected to prove a satisfactory addition to the staff.
Accounts to the amount of £1 wore passed for payment.

9th April 1918 The monthly meeting of the above was held in the schoolroom on Monday the 3rd inst., Messrs. J. Lovell, W. Blaylock, B. Horton, and A. E. Dance being present. The average attendance for last quarter was 83.3 out of a roll number of 88.5. The master reported that the painting of his residence was in progress, the first coat having been put on. The Committee understand that the school will be painted when the residence is completed, while 300 feet of new guttering has been received from the Wellington Board for renewal. It is to be regretted that a slight outbreak of diphtheria has affected a few scholars, and the master has been notified that they cannot be permitted to return to duties "until sanctioned by the health officer. The annual meeting of householders is appointed for Monday, 22nd April, at 8 p.in., when it is to be hoped all will attend who have the welfare of the children's education at heart, nomination forms can be obtained from the secretary (Mr. E. A. Dance). Nominations close on Monday, loth April, but may also be made at the meeting. The Committee expressed their deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Donoghue, at the loss of their son Daniel (“Bosie”).
Accounts to the amount of £1 17s 3d were passed for payment.
23rd April 1918 The annual meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the ensuing year was held in the Havelock school room last evening. There was a good attendance, and Mr. W. H. Orsman presided. Eight nominations were received for the five seats required for the new committee, the following being elected: W. Blaylock 32 E. A. Dance 31 J. Horton 31 J. B. Lovell 31 L. Guinness 27
26th April 1918 At the annual meeting of householders in Havelock last Monday, the action of the School Committee in not appointing someone to fill the seat made vacant by the non-attendance at the monthly meetings of one of those elected was criticised by one or two parents present. It was held that the inability of one member to attend had practically reduced the number on the committee to four. The chairman (Mr. J. B. Lovell) explained that the matter of appointing another in place of the defaulter rested entirely with the Committee, who were of opinion that such an appointment was not necessary
26th April 1918 Anzac Day was observed in Havelock yesterday as a close holiday. The weather was cold and overcast, but no rain fell. The only local ceremony during the day .was the unveiling of the School Roll of Honour at 3 p.m. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, the proceedings being of a character appropriate to the occasion.

26th April 1918 The following report from the retiring school committee was read by the chairman (Mr. J. B. Lovell) at the annual meeting of householders in the Havelock schoolroom on Monday. Ladies and Gentlemen, —The Committee, having completed their term of office, have much pleasure in giving a general statement of their stewardship, and are glad to be able to announce a balance of £1 14s in hand for the new committee’s use, but would impress upon them the necessity of care and economy being exercised in the disbursement of same. In January last the children of the school gathered no less than 2900 empty "bottles, which were sold for the benefit of the Belgium Fund, while an amount of £2 5s 6d was contributed by the scholars for the relief of London school-children, who had suffered from the German air raids. This amount, although apparently small, was really a very creditable

performance, as subscriptions of one penny only were requested. The committee undertook to provide the necessary school books needed and supply the same at cost price, which proved a very satisfactory departure—books to the value of £5 2s 7d having been purchased and distributed to those scholars needing the same. During the Xmas vacation, the class-rooms and windows were thoroughly cleaned, floor scrubbed and disinfected, but the committee regret to state that they have experienced great difficulty in procuring a proper caretaker to undertake the daily task (when the school is in use) of sweeping out the class-room. This work has been executed for many months past by the senior girls, which the committee, (while admitting that the work is done as well as can be expected) consider most unsatisfactory and unfair to the scholars, especially during the winter months—having to remain behind to work when they should be in their respective homes. An amount of £12 per annum is allowed for school cleaning, and the committee would consider it a gracious and charitable act if some kind person would offer his or her services, and thus relieve the scholars of an undesirable task. It having been mooted that the Education Department contemplated discontinuing the publication of the School Journal, the committee felt it their duty to forward to the Board an emphatic note of regret, and a request that the same be continued, as despite the war, they felt that to deprive the children of their monthly journal was economising in a wrong direction, and they are pleased j to say the little paper is still coming forward.

The attendance for the quarter ending December (1916) was 88.6, March (1917). 94/1, June (1917) 94, and September (1917) 99 per cent, of the average number of scholars on the roll. The Committee consider this record satisfactory, and reflects credit on parents and guardians in sending their children to school as regularly as possible. But it is to be borne in mind, that many wet days in the course of twelve months prevents children living at a distance from attending. However, as the average attendance now exceeds 80 (87 being the present number on roll), the Board were pleased to appoint an extra assistant teacher, in the person of Miss Foley, who, so far, has given every satisfaction. The same may also be said of the work of Miss T. O'Connor (first assistant). At the present time the head teacher's residence is in course of being painted, after which the school is to be treated in the same manner, while 300 feet of new guttering has been procured and sundry repairs to the building have been sanctioned by the Board to be carried out. ‘

The Committee feel it their duty to congratulate Mr. Barrowclough on the training given to Master Forrest Marriot, which enabled him to procure a scholarship, and to Master Leonard Coaling, who gained a free place. During the past year, the Committee regret to report the loss of two scholars—Masters Robert Horton, and David 0 *Donoghue—and they again extend to the parents their deep feeling of sympathy; also to the parents of late scholars of Havelock Public School who have suffered by death or wounds upon the battlefields of the great war in which our Empire is now engaged. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee. At the subsequent meeting of the new committee, Mr. J. B. Lovell was re-elected chairman, and Mr. E. A. Dance, secretary and treasurer

26th April 1918 HAVELOCK SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOUR.

The unveiling of the Havelock School Roll of Honour took place in the schoolroom yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large number of citizens. Punctually at three o'clock the school children wore assembled in the playground, and after the

National Anthem had been sung, were marched in single file past the flag, which every child saluted. The citizens and children then assembled inside the building to witness the unveiling of the memorial. Mr. W. H. Smith (chairman' of the Town Board) presided. In his opening remarks Mr. Smith said he wished it to be understood that he was taking the chair at the request of the School Committee. The occasion was the unveiling of a list of names of former scholars of the Havelock School who had offered their services to the "Empire. The day was a memorable one, being the Anniversary of the day in which the New Zealanders and Australians demonstrated to New Zealand and the world in general that there was still grit in the Dominions.

The idea of the memorial originated with the present chairman of the School Committee (Mr. J. B. Lovell) and Mr. J. D. Gorrie. He understood that when the war is over it is intended to put up a more permanent record in marble. He felt certain that the School Committee will get the support of the people of Marlborough in such a worthy object. In conclusion the chairman stated that the 801 l of Honour was the result of the joint efforts of the Rev. A. H. Heron and Mr. E. A. Dance, but that the work itself must be credited to Mr. Dance.

Addresses were also given by Messrs. A. E. Barrowclough, E. A. Dance, and J. B. Lovell. The Roll of Honour was then unveiled by Mr. Lovell, and it now occupies a conspicuous place on the wall of the class-room. At the call of the master tbc children gave three hearty cheers for the men whose names appeared on the Roll of Honour

10th May 1918 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of above was held in the School-room on Monday the 6th inst., Messrs. J. Lovell, K. Horton, and A. E. Dance being present. The master’s report showed a considerable reduction in the attendance owing to the diphtheria epidemic, the weekly averages being 73.9, 68.9, and ’ 73.2, while a good many children, are still absent.

Inspector Sturrock made a surprise visit on Friday, the 26th April, but stayed only for the morning. Mr. Barrowclough has requisitioned the Education Board for a new flag, and the Inspector promised to support his application. The Inspector's report, dated 6th December, 1917, was received, the same being considered very satisfactory. A letter was read from a local householder suggesting a filter be attached to the tap used by the children for drinking purposes. After discussion the committee considered this was unnecessary, insomuch as unless it was constantly attended to a polluted filter would be a menace to the children’s health.

The committee expressed their deep sympathy to Miss Foley, upon hearing of the death of her brother on the field of battle.

Accounts to the amount of £2 0s 6d were passed for payment.

21st May 1918 Wellington Education Board the monthly meeting of the Wellington Education Board last week a grant was made to remove trees at Havelock, which are obstructing the light in the school and the roadway

24th May 1918 HAVELOCK SCHOOL CLOSED. The diphtheria and chicken-pox epidemic which has unfortunately been prevalent in this district for some. months is still claiming more victims. Three or four weeks ago it was hoped that the last case

had been recorded, but several children have since contracted the malady, and the necessary isolation of brothers and sisters has seriously affected the attendance at the school. Fortunately the disease in nearly every case has been in a comparatively mild form, and has caused no great anxiety to parents. The latest addition to the already long list of sufferers is Miss Elsie Barrowclough—which necessitates the isolation of the family, and consequently the head teacher of the school.
A special meeting of the School Committee was held on Wednesday evening to consider the situation. Dr. Williams was present and stated that he had communicated with the Health Department in Wellington and the local Health Inspector. A reply had been received from Wellington giving instructions to have the school closed for ten days, which means that the school will re-open on Tuesday, Juno 4th—providing no further cases are reported in that time.
Mr. Johnston, Health Inspector, is expected to-day (Friday) to thoroughly disinfect the school.
Parents arc earnestly requested to endeavour to keep their children as much as possible in their respective homes during the above period.

7th June 1918 The usual monthly meeting of the Havelock School Committee was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday, Messrs. W. Blaylock, R. Horton, L. Guinness, J. Lovell, and E. A. Dance being present. The master's report stated that the painting of his residence and the school was now completed, and the committee expressed their satisfaction at the manner in which the work had been carried out by Mr. R. Watson. The secretary reported that a new flag for the use of the school had been duly received. It was reported that the health officer had arrived on the previous Tuesday to carry out the necessary work of disinfecting the schoolrooms, and parents are reminded that the school re-opens on Tuesday next, the 11th inst. The Board, having granted a sum of £3 for felling certain trees on the ground, it was decided to call for tenders to carry out the work.
The committee expressed their deep sympathy for Mrs. W. H. Buckman and family, the late Mr. Buckman having acted for many years as secretary to the Havelock Committee in a manner which characterised all the duties undertaken by him. Accounts to the amount of 14s 9d were passed for payment.
5th July 1918 The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday July 1st, in the schoolroom, Messrs. Blaylock, Lovell, Guinness, Horton, and Dance being present. The master's report stated that the school was re-opened on the 11th June, the health officer having during the previous week thoroughly sprayed the class rooms and porches with formalin, and attended on the opening day when Mr. Johnston subjected all the children, and the teachers, to the "Chlromine T" spray treatment, and repeated the operation the following day. Attendance; Some of the pupils were still in quarantine when the school re-opened, and a number of wet days helped to keep the attendance down —the weekly averages being 65.7 68.9 75.1, the roll numbers being 83, 84, and 81 the average attendance for the quarter ending June 30th was 70 against 83 for the previous quarter, or 83 per cent, of the average roll as against 94 per cent, for last quarter. The Board's truant officer visited the school on June 26th. A letter was received from Mrs. A. M. Corry, president of the Marlborough Patriotic Association, requesting subscriptions from Id upwards from the school children, to provide Soldiers' Christmas Parcels. The committee decided to support the movement.

6th September 1918 The monthly meeting of the above was held in the school-room on Monday evening, the following members being present: Messrs. J. B. Lovell (chairman), W. Blaylock, L. Guinness, and E. Dance. •' The master's report shewed that the average attendance for the past four weeks was 68.8, 68.9, 75.6, and 75.8, the corresponding roll number being 78, 79, 80, and 80. The rather low average of attendance was caused through sickness among the pupils and the exodus of several families from the district. The Inspector (Mr. Sturrock) visited the school for examination of the scholars on the 21st and 30th August, and his report will be forwarded shortly. The committee recorded their appreciation of the appointment of a person to clean out the class-rooms, thus relieving the senior scholars from this duty. Circulars were read from the Education Board regarding the regulations of patriotic work allowed by teachers and scholars, and the improved capitulation grants. Accounts totalling 23s' were passed for payment.

11th October 1918 Messrs. J. Lovell (chairman), W. Blaylock, and —. Dance attended the monthly meeting of the above in the schoolroom on Monday the 7th. Mr. E. Horton was absent owing to an accident sustained last week, the committee expressing the hope of a speedy recovery. The Head teacher's report showed a decrease in the attendance for the June quarter owing to the diphtheria epidemic and loss of children who, with their parents, have left the district.
Monday last was observed as a holiday by the scholars to celebrate the glad tidings of the Allies' successes in the battle arena.
A request from the Musical Society for use of the Infants' class-room and piano was granted, as the committee considered the efforts of the Society would be used for matters patriotic.
A notice from the Noxious Weeds Inspector was received, and a resolution passed that labour be put on immediately to clear any ground belonging or adjacent to the school property. The sum of 20s was passed for payment.
A vote of thanks to the chairman, and Mr. Barrowclough for his attendance closed the meeting
22nd October Wellington Education Board included installation of electric light at Havelock school

8th November 1918 The monthly meeting of the above was held on Tuesday, Messrs. J. Lovell, R. Horton, L. Guinness, and E. Dance being present. The master's report showed the attendance to be 73.6, 74.4, 74.7, 75.8, and the corresponding roll number 78, 80, 79, 79, and as this is below the average of 80 required to allow of two assistant teachers, Miss Foley has been notified by the Board of the termination of her engagement. This is much to be regretted and the committee would appeal to and urge parents having children of school age to kindly endeavour to send them along, as three or four extra scholars would bring the average to 80 pupils, and the services of the extra teacher could be retained. The committee consider the work too much for one teacher to give the infants the full benefit of the education they are justly entitled to.
The Inspector's report stated that the work of the school was progressing in a very satisfactory manner, the principal points being as follows: Spelling good in standards I and 2, Writing good in standards 1 and 2, fair in 3 and 4, satisfactory in 5 and 6.

Drawing composition, arithmetic, geography, history, and sewing good; school gardens well on for time of year.
The preparatory classes were well grounded and did highly satisfactory work*. The report was received by the committee as pleasing, and congratulated Mr. Barrowclough and his assistants upon the work being carried on so successfully.
The master's residence has been installed with the electric light at a cost of £12, which amount has been granted by the Education Board.
During the month, at the instigation of Mr. Logan, the gallery in the infants' class room has been removed. This the committee consider a great improvement as extra floor space for the pupils is allowed. Accounts to the amount of 20s 6d were passed for school cleaning.

17th January 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
A meeting of above was held on Thursday the 10th inst. at the residence of the secretary, Messrs. J. Lovell, E. A. Dance, R. Horton, W. Blaylock and L. Guinness being present. The principal business for consideration was the thorough cleaning, spraying, and disinfecting the class-rooms before again opening the school for duties. Great difficulty had been experienced in obtaining the necessary labour, but the committee were pleased to state that an offer to undertake the work was tendered by a Havelock resident and gratefully accepted. Parents and guardians are reminded that the school re-opens on Tuesday, February 4th. A capitation cheque for £7 8s 3d was received from the Education Department, and £1 passed for payment for noxious weed clearing. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings,
28th January 1919 The local public school has received a thorough cleaning and disinfecting during the past few days, under the capable supervision of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lovell. All the inside walls, floors, and furniture have been well scoured, and before school re-opens on Tuesday next (February 4th) the class-rooms will be well aired and sweetened.

11th February 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
The first meeting in the schoolroom since the closing of the school, on November the 11th was held by the committee on the 3rd inst., Messrs. J. Lovell, R. Horton, E. A, Dance, and Mr. A. E. Barrowclough being in attendance. Messrs. Blaylock and Guinness were excused, owing to important Postal work calling them away from Havelock. The Education Board wrote regarding the new boundary fence erected by Mr. Barry, and the committee instructed the secretary to inform the Board that they would employ an independent person to value the cost of the work. The secretary was instructed to 'write and request that .the class rooms be re-floored, as in their present condition it required a deal of extra labour to keep the school in the sanitary condition necessary for the health of the scholars. Prior to the opening of the school on the 4th, the interior of the building had been cleaned, the floors, walls, and desks being subjected to a thorough scrubbing .with soda and disinfectants, the windows cleaned inside and out, the whole work being done to the entire satisfaction of the head teacher and committee. Mr. Barrowclough kindly consented to procure the school-books required for the new term, the same to be sold at cost price to the pupils. Accounts for £14 2s 6d were passed for payment.

25th February 1919 At the monthly meeting of the Wellington Education Board last week authority was given for the renewal of the floors in the classrooms at the Havelock school.

4th March 1919 A pleasing ceremony took place ' on Thursday afternoon when the boys of Havelock- school who had rendered assistance during the influenza epidemic were entertained by Mesdam.es Williams and Buckman and the teacher (Mr. A. E. Barrowclough.) The entertainment took the form of a launch picnic to Kenepuru Point. On arrival there the boys amused themselves with games while their elders prepared tea.

After tea the boys were addressed by Mr. Barrowclough, who congratulated them on the public spirit they had shown in time of need, and were presented by Mrs. Buckman with cards as a token of appreciation of the work they had done.

Two of the boys, Master Spencer Cowper, and Master Leslie Congdon, who had done exceptionally good work, were presented by Mrs. Buckman (after an excellent little speech) with silk ribbons suitably inscribed, in addition to the cards. These two boys had been at their posts right throughout the epidemic and had always shown great willingness to do anything required of them, were also presented with handsome medals in recognition of their special efforts. These tokens were the gifts of Mr. Barrowclough (who organised the boys for the work), and will no doubt be prized by them for many years to come. Further presentations were made by Mrs. Williams. A sum of money had been presented by Mrs. C. F. Harris of Pohuenui, to be j spent in connection with the epidemic; and at the suggestion of Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Harris agreed that a portion of this money be spent on books for the Boy Scouts who had assisted. Mrs. Williams chose the books and presented one to each of the scouts. On arrival at the wharf after a very enjoyable picnic the boys gave three hearty cheers for those who had arranged the outing. Following is a list of the boys who acted as scouts during the epidemic;—Noel Blaylock, Spencer Cowper, Leslie Congdon, Jack Congdon, Tom Douglas, Gordon Douglas, Willie Douglas, Harry Finlayson, Bert Henderson, Cyril Harris, Bernard Reade.

15th April 1919 ANNUAL MEETING OF HOUSEHOLDERS. The annual meeting of householders for the purpose of electing a school committee for the ensuing year was held in the schoolroom last .evening, when there was a fairly good attendance. The chairman (Mr. J. B. Lovell), in reviewing the work of school for the past year said: Ladies and Gentlemen. —The committee in presenting their annual report for the past twelve months, and, in carrying out the duties allotted to them as appointed guardians by the householders of Havelock to attend to the welfare in connection with the education of the young, trusts that you will (considering the exceedingly trying year experienced) grant that they have performed their work in a business like manner. At the commencement of their term of office the sum of £7 13s Id was in hand, and at its termination £22 7s 3d, the receipts being respectively £28 16s 8d and £45 15s, and expenses £21 3s 7d and £23 7s 9d. Owing to the attendance having fallen off during the term and being below the number required by the Education Board for a second assistant teacher, the Committee regret that the services of Miss C. Foley were withdrawn by the Board, and although a strong appeal was made by the secretary for her retention, it was without avail. Matters in this respect are looking brighter to-day, the average for the quarter ending March 31st being 76.2, out of a roll number of 79.2, showing the excellent attendance of 96

per cent, on the roll. The committee look to the parents and guardians to endeavour to maintain this last quarter's healthy appearance.
During the term the school-house has been painted; the noxious weeds growing on the school property thoroughly cleared; a new boundary fence erected; electric light installed in the head teacher's residence; the gallery in the infants' class-room removed to make more floor space for the health and wellbeing of the little ones; a new flag procured from the Board (for which the committee must thank Mr. Barrowclough and Inspector Sturrock in presenting the request); while the necessary school books for the scholars have been obtained and sold at cost prices.
More than once the Board has had its attention called to the deplorable state of the flooring in each of the class rooms, the replies usually being to the effect that the Board of Directors had not the funds to spare, but at' last the Committee are glad to say the work,
under the supervision of Mr. Logan, is shortly to be put in hand and new floor boards will take the place of those whose life of usefulness has long since died, besides being a menace to the health of the scholars owing to the difficulty of clean sweeping, scrubbing, etc. For this grant the Committee return sincere thanks.
On Anzac Day, April 25th, the Roll of Honour was unveiled before a large attendance, and now as our boys are returning from active service, the Committee consider the time has arrived when a monument, or record, more worthy and of a permanent nature should engage the attention of every resident in Havelock, particularly the new committee to be elected to-night. Mr. E. A. Just, of the New Zealand -Educational Institute, gave an interesting address on May 7th regarding the aims and objects of the Institute, and although the attendance was small owing to the very short notice given of the -intended visit (the committee feeling it could not.be on account of lack of interest taken in Education, matters by the Havelock community). A full report of this address appeared in the "Guardian' ' of 'May 10th.
The Committee desire to express their deep regret in having to report- the closing of the school from May 22nd to June 11th owing to the diphtheria epidemic, and from November 11th to February 4th, caused by the visitation of the influenza scourge—a total period of 15 weeks loss of instruction to the children. By cutting out the August holidays, however, a few days were recovered. On each occasion the classrooms were submitted to a thorough course of cleaning and disinfecting to the satisfaction of the Health Officer and the Education Board before reopening.
The Committee wish to congratulate Mr. Barrowclough and Miss O'Connor for the able manner in which they have carried cut their respective duties for the benefit of those under their charge, and especially Mr. Barrowclough upon obtaining the success of his daughter, Miss Elsie, under his tuition, in procuring a scholarship, despite having to compete with pupils from the High schools and Universities. The election of the new committee resulted as follows: Messrs. J. B. Lovell 15, E. A. Dance 14, J. Horton 13. W. Blaylock 11, and L. Guinness 11,

13th May 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
Messrs. W. Blaylock, R. Horton, J. Lovell and E. A. Dance were present at the meeting of above held on Monday, the 6th instant.
The head teacher's report showed the attendance for the three weeks to be 82, 80, and 76, with a roll number of 83, 83, and 78, the school being closed from April 18th

to 28th for the Easter Holidays. The secretary reported that during the month Mr. McDougall (architect to the Board) called at the school and examined flooring and fences, and said he would arrange for the timber for the new floors, while the committee were requested to make temporary repairs to the front steps. Reference was again made to the difficulty of obtaining the aid of some person to undertake the sweeping and cleaning of the class-rooms and it was resolved to increase the amount of payment from 20s to 30s per month. The secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board, and request that new blinds' for the school windows be provided, and would suggest the cost of same be included with the flooring' scheme. Resolved that the name of Miss Elsie Barrowclough be recorded on a suitable plate and added to the list of scholarships obtained by pupils of the school, and that the cost be met out of the school funds; and further that this rule shall apply to any scholar obtaining a scholarship in the future. The sum of 12s 9d was passed for payment.

13th May 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL. Applications are invited for school-cleaning. Wages 30s month. Particulars can be obtained from E. A. DANCE, Hon. Sec. School Committee

6th June 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEES

The usual monthly meeting of above was held on Monday the 2nd inst., in the schoolroom, Messrs. J. Lovell (chairman). L. Guinness, W. Blaylock, R. Horton, and E. A. Dance being present.

The master's report for the month of May stated that the weekly averages of attendance were 75.9, 75.8, 77.5 and 73.2, out of a roll number of 78, the report stating that it was seldom a pupil was kept from school without a substantial reason.

The committee expressed regret that despite the offer of 50 per cent, increased salary for school cleaning, and advertising for help, no response had been made, and again appeal to some charitable person to relieve the scholars of maintaining the classrooms in a cleanly condition, as they (the committee) feel that the pupils, after finishing their daily routine of study should be allowed to proceed homeward,' in readiness for next day's tasks. . * The head teacher (Mr. Barrowclough) having received a telegram from his son (Captain Harold Barrowclough) stating that he was on his way home, asked the committee if they would agree to an alteration of dates for the August holiday (if necessary) to enable him to meet his boy upon arrival. The committee felt that they could not do less than gladly concede to the desire of father to meet his son returning from the field of strife.

The question of firewood and the supply of new pipes etc., were discussed and arranged for and the amount of 21 shillings for school cleaning passed for paying for July, Messrs. J. Lovell (chairman), R. Horton, L. Guinness, and E. Dance being present. The master's report stated that the weekly averages for the past five weeks were 75.5, 74.1, 74.4, 76.6, and 72.6 out of a roll of 78, there being rather more than the usual absences through colds and slight sicknesses. The average for the quarter ending- June 30 was again excellent, equalling 96.7 of number on the roll. An Honour Board, on which is inscribed the name of Miss Elsie Barrowclough, was received from Blenheim, and will be immediately put in place on the senior class-room wall. The sum of £7 3s 9d was received from the Board for the quarter ending June 30th as capitation fees, and a letter stating that Mr. Logan had been instructed

to procure, if possible, a supply of blinds to fit the school-room windows. Accounts for £2 12s 8d were passed for payment.
12th August 1919 Messrs. E. Horton, J. Lovell, (chairman), W. Blaylock, and E. A. Dance, were present at the monthly meeting of above held in the schoolroom on August 4th. The master's report for the month of July stated that the averages of attendance were 75.9, 72.4, 71.6, 70.5, the roll number for the first three weeks being 78, and the last week 76, while a number of wet days and sickness brought down the averages. New blinds for the school-rooms have been received by the committee, and will be put in position before the re-opening of the school on Tuesday the 19th inst. A few new posts being required to make the school-fence secure, it was resolved that the work be done at once. An enlarged photograph of the " Peace " tableau by the Havelock school children taken by Mr. Akersten was proposed to be procured and hung in the school-room, the chairman (Mr. J. B. Lovell undertaking to collect the necessary funds to defray cost of same. The sum of £3 17s 6d was passed for payment.

9th September 1919 HAVELOCK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
The usual monthly meeting of the above was held in the schoolroom on Monday the 1st inst. Messrs. L. Guinness, E. Horton, W. Blaylock, and B. Dance being present. The master's report stated that the school was re-opened on the 19th inst. after the winter holidays. Two pupils were removed from the roll, having left the district, while three new pupils were admitted. The average attendance for the two weeks since last meeting was 74.7 and 70.2, the roll number being 77. The new blinds were hung during the holidays and are very satisfactory, but it was recommended that they be lowered from the top to permit of a freer ventilation when the windows were open. The secretary undertook to see that this work was carried out. Accounts to the amount of £1 10s 9d were passed for payment. A vote of thanks to Mr. Guinness, who acted as chairman, terminated the meeting.

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Files Staffing 1921-1927

28th September 1921 Miss Atkinson's engagement has been terminated This in accordance with the Board's policy of reducing the number of teachers who are regarded as inefficient
Mrs Dryden to be appointed
Mrs H B Dryden has four years' experience and has for the past eighteen months held the position of Sole Teacher at Makuri School. *Halfway between Pahiatua and Pongaroa*
Mrs Dryden lost her position because a certificated teacher won the position at Makuri
21st March 1923 Mr A J Carroll appointed 8 ¾ years of service. Current position Deep Creek
7th May and 1923 Secretary of School Committee states Mr Carroll worried school might drop in grade. Reply the school will stay in Grade 2
31st August 1923 Miss C Murphy in Temporary Charge
14th December 1923 Mr I Fleming appointed

Mr I B Fleming has just completed 2 year course at Wellington training college. He was formerly a pupil teacher for two years on the staff of the Terrace End school Palmerston North
30th January 1924 Miss M C Organ appointed Wellington Training College
21st August Miss Organ wanted sick leave to help at home. Holidays changed
14th March 1925 Roll no probably 23 Crispin Secretary Havelock Suburban School Committee'
4th February 1926, Miss M C Organ still teaching Roll 24
Corrected to 20
19th February 1926 School kept in Grade 1
3rd May 1926 The residence is almost uninhabitable owing to age and worm If a new teacher is appointed he or she will not be able to get accommodation oi the house will not suit their purposes
24th January G N Taylor of Havelock asking what is happening at suburban as their numbers are over 80
29th January 1927 Reply and last file No definite decision regarding closing Havelock Suburban
1936 Property sold to Mr Crispin for £45
Inspectors Reports 1964- 1976 Wellington Education Board
10th November 1964
Head Teacher Standard 4 – Form 2 Mr. D A Deller Roll 25
Assistant Master L H Stockbridge Roll 27
Infants Mrs F E Stockbridge Assistant Mistress
Sewing Mrs Stockbridge Standard 4- Form 2
Roll 79
Classes are small land all the pupils receive a good measure of individual teaching
The advantages to the children of being housed in a new well ventilated, light and attractive building are obvious
There has almost ben a complete change of staff since the last visit and he school now has permanent teachers for all classes for the first time for some years
There is much enthusiasm on the part of teaching staff
Perhaps one of the most notable achievements is the extent of musical instrument playing that has developed throughout the school For the first time the pupils participated in the schools' music festival in Blenheim The performance of the school band was commendable
These reports were much longer but for this file the opening pages only are covered
17th November 1967
Head Teacher Mr. M McCormick Head Teacher Roll 25
Scale 1 assistant Mr. B Hunt Roll 28
Scale 1 assistant Mrs J Hunt Roll 23
Roll 81
The Havelock community is well served by this school with its relatively small classes, very good modern buildings
The head teacher took up his appointment in May this year

All aspects of the curriculum are being catered for and the provision made for development of pupil imitative and responsibility is particularly commended

The School Committee is to be congratulated on its very considerable work for the school Apart from helping to provide much equipment (Typewriter, Motor Mower, Tape Recorder and radio system) in recent years' its work on a learner's pool with filtration plant must rank as a major achievement

9th October 1970 *The Inspector Ned Rankin who wrote this report was my teacher in Standard 6 at Muritai School Eastbourne*

Head Teacher Mr. D M Plumb Head Teacher Standard 4-5 , Form 1-2 Roll 26

Scale 1 assistant Mrs A M S Plumb Standard 1-3, 25

Mrs A Foot Infants – Standard 1 25

Roll 76

Havelock is fortunate under the direction of an energetic and able head teacher

Children are being given through class council opportunities of being more closely involved in school affairs winter, and summer sports are strong. Gymnastics are flourishing and profitable use is being made of the very fine swimming pool

23rd November 1973

Standard 4- Form 2 Mr. D M Plumb Principal Roll 28

Standard 2-3 Mrs J Price Assistant .. 20

Upper Infants Miss C Monk Year 1, 22

Lower Infants Mrs B Baumgart Year 3, 21

Although the staff with the exception of the Principal are relatively inexperienced a fine spirit of cooperation exists

It is pleasing to note that considerable efforts continue to be made to mount educational visits and combine school activities

The school is to be congratulated on having encouraged the re-establishment of the play centre

The School Committee has provided library books, a movie projector, physical education apparatus, a concrete area

15th- 16th November 1976

Form 1-2 Mr. D Jf Plum Principal Roll 22

Standard 3-4 Miss B Ries Year 1 , 20

Standard 1-2 Mrs J D Price Assistant 27

Infants Mr. C Spall Year 4 26

Roll 95

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b) The standard 7 children at Havelock who want to continue their Education
c) There are a lot of parents who cannot send their children to Blenheim or other schools
d) The roll at Havelock was 119 and average attendance 106
e) Havelock Suburban have agreed to close so as to get a better education
f) It is similar to Pongaroa and appears to be the only choice
g) The Principal would take Standard 6 and 7 and a grade one teacher be appointed

7th February Above approved by Wellington Education Board to Mr. G Taylor Headmaster

6th March 1928 Mr. R L D Irwin approved as Secondary Assistant as Temporary

21st May Miss S M Claridge appointed 7 years' service. Presently at Pio Pio

5th July 1928 A report on all teachers employed at Havelock School *(First Time in over 200 schools I have seen this form filed)*

Teacher	Teaching Ability	Punctuality	Attention to Duties and environment	School activities outside Classroom
Mr. R D L Irwin	Good	Excellent	Good	Good
Miss E Fissenden	Good	Good	Good	Good
Miss Organ	Fair	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory
Miss Claridge			Has not Commenced	
Miss Carson	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good

Note Re Miss Organ. Has lately married and left profession.

Miss Carson I was very pleased with the interest taken by Miss Carson in her duties. I could not have expected more from a permanent teacher

4th July 1928 Telegram from Dr McClymont Chairman of School Committee Epidemic of measles here 39 children at school out of 131 on roll have we authority to close school *(Telegrams were paid for by the word and each punctuation was counted as a word, hence no punctuation)*

Reply Health Department recommend closing for one week

1st July 1929 Miss C Grosvenor appointed infant mistress. 4.5 years' service Assistant Hastings Street School

3rd July No relieving teacher reported today Telegram to Wellington Education Board from G Taylor

4th July As Miss Dodson had to come from French Pass it may have taken longer than the Board expected

17th July 1929 Mr. J Mackenzie appointed headmaster. Presently head of Denniston School *(The researcher was the last teacher at Denniston)*

23rd October 1929 Letter from J Mackenzie to Board

a) She got a letter from Board asking her to look for a new job as the grade of the school has gone up
b) What is the position of Miss Grosvenor?
c) Is She compelled to leave here.
d) What grade is this school now?

Reply We have cancelled grade upgrade as it is unlikely to be maintained and cancelled the notice of transfer

13th January 1930 Owing to probationer (Miss McCallum) leaving for training college could we have a temporary replacement until the roll goes up
6th February 1930 Have no teacher for Miss Claridge's room Telegram to Board
Reply Miss Heberley relieving teacher leaving for Havelock by Wednesday's steamer, inform Committee
13th February Letter to Wellington Education Board by Mr. Mackenzie included
Miss Grosvenor Infant Department Roll 38 with 3 or 4 more to come
Miss Heberley Standards 1 and 2 34
Headmaster Standards 3,4,5 41
Mr. Irwin Forms 2,3,4,5--- 20
11th February A number of senior pupils from Rai Valley, Canvastown are looking at coming if they can arrange transport Could we have an extra assistant
Reply Ask him about accurate numbers
26th February 1930 Miss M C Grooby appointed assistant mistress. 8 years' service, at present unemployed
31st July 1930 Mr. Irwin resigned
26th August 1930 Mr. E H Diack appointed 7 years' service from Invercargill North
3rd September Mr. W Mitchell BA appointed relieving assistant for Mr. Irwin
5th September Miss Patterson MA arrives tomorrow instead of Mitchell. Please arrange suitable accommodation
22nd September 1930 Miss Lee appointed reliving teacher (Vice Miss Grosvenor)
5th November 1930 Secretary of School Committee Mr Parrant Asking why a Collect Telegram *(Where the receiver pays)* was refused because a teacher had to cease duty because of illness
Reply Paragraph 16 of Board Bylaws states no Collect calls will be accepted
3rd December 1930 Miss N D A Mutter appointed infant teacher. Currently assistant Clyde Quay School with 14 ¾ years' service
9th December 1930 Miss E L A Bown is appointed Probationary Assistant from 2nd February 1930
17th December 1930 Mr. Mackenzie writes Miss Bown has been appointed but no one has been appointed to take Miss Grosvenor's place
19th December 1930
Letter from Mr. Mackenzie wrote why he hasn't sent forms and holiday addresses of teachers
Miss C Grosvenor Wallace Road Waipukurau
Miss M Goody Takaka Nelson
E H Diack Havelock
Reply we sent you an appointment letter for Miss Mutter
20th April 1931 There are 11 pupils in Standard VII
5th June Havelock and Pongaroa both have extra teachers appointed for Standard VI class
3rd August 1931 Staffing to be reduced. Miss Bown is transferred to Petone West from as from Monday next
Miss Mutter a grade 2 infant mistress is to be replaced by a 1a infant mistress

28th September 1931 Miss McShane temporary appointment Vice Miss Grooby
28th October 1931 Appointment of Miss L Bell as relieving teacher Vice Miss Mutter
18th November 1931 Mrs E E Wilson appointed 29 years' service unemployed
9th December 1931 Miss I Smith (Vice Miss E E Wilson who has accepted another position)
15 ¾ years' service. Unemployed
24th February Mr. E Diack appointed relieving Head Master as from the 1st march Miss E Mills appointed relieving teacher
16th March 1932 Miss E M Leverrsedge appointed Head Teacher 29 ¾ years' service Head Teacher of Kakaramea
22nd March 1932 standard 7 roll is six
4th April 1932 As roll is low Mr. Diack will be removed from the school and the Board is approaching the Department for a replacement teacher
Department reply in time of depression we can't have a grade 2 teacher for 6 pupils
14th June 1932 Minister R Masters writes to Board that as there are now 10 children and no position has been found for Mr. Diack the present situation remains
26th February 1932 Miss Smith has resigned to look after her father
19th November 1932 Mrs L H Blanchet appointed Infant Mistress 10 ¾ years' service. Relieving
14th December 1932 Mr. Diack transferred to Newtown Public School
30th January 1933 Seven new pupils promised for Standard 7 Total now 12 but more expected. John Lovell
3rd February Secondary 15 Roll 116 Likely nee enrolments 12
22nd March Telegram from Wellington Education Board to Miss Leversedge
Is Patchett quite satisfactory for standard seven work for remainder of year
Reply Better with lower classes not really satisfactory Post Primary
22nd March 1933 Appointment Mr. G Walker 8 ¾ years' service Assistant Hastings Street School
27th March 1933 Mr. J I Beckett appointed for VII class
21st July 1933 Miss T M P Slowey appointed currently Head Teacher of Stockton School 25 ½ years' service
29th July 1933 Mr. B Gane appointed vice Mr. Beckett as relieving teacher
2nd October Mr. S B Smith appointed as relieving teacher Vice Mr. Gane
31st January 1934 Miss Dyer appointed as secondary Department teacher
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21st November 1934 Mr. L Patchett appointed as reliever vice Mr. Walker
12th December Mr. R C Taylor appointed assistant master 7 ½ years teaching. Sole Teacher Tatu School
18th April 1935 Secondary class closed because of dropping roll
17th May Miss T Vickers temporary teacher Vice Miss Blanchet
19th June 1935 Miss R F D Le Compte appointed infant mistress 11 ¼ years' from Linwood School
20th November School Committee asks for a Male Head Teacher to replace the leaving Miss T M P Slowey

Reply We can't
9th December Miss A Harrison appointed Infant Mistress 15 ½ years' service Assistant East Taieri School
End of a large interesting folder

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10th November 1964

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Head Teacher Standard 4 – Form 2 Mr. D A Deller Roll 25
Assistant Master L H Stockbridge Roll 27
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Roll 79
Classes are small land all the pupils receive a good measure of individual teaching
The advantages to the children of being housed in a new well ventilated, light and attractive building are obvious
There has almost ben a complete change of staff since the last visit and he school now has permanent teachers for all classes for the first time for some years
There is much enthusiasm on the part of teaching staff
Perhaps one of the most notable achievements is the extent of musical instrument playing that has developed throughout the school For the first time the pupils participated in the schools' music festival in Blenheim The performance of the school band was commendable
These reports were much longer but for this file the opening pages only are covered
17th November 1967
Head Teacher Mr. M McCormick Head Teacher Roll 25
Scale 1 assistant Mr. B Hunt Roll 28
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Roll 81
The Havelock community is well served by this school with its relatively small classes, very good modern buildings
The head teacher took up his appointment in May this year
All aspects of the curriculum are being catered for and the provision made for development of pupil imitative and responsibility is particularly commended
The School Committee is to be congratulated on its very considerable work for the school Apart from helping to provide much equipment (Typewriter, Motor Mower, Tape Recorder and radio system) in recent years' its work on a learner's pool with filtration plant must rank as a major achievement
9th October 1970 *The Inspector Ned Rankin who wrote this report was my teacher in Standard 6 at Muritai School Eastbourne*

Head Teacher Mr. D M Plumb Head Teacher Standard 4-5 , Form 1-2 Roll 26
Scale 1 assistant Mrs A M S Plumb Standard 1-3, 25
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Roll 76
Havelock is fortunate under the direction of an energetic and able head teacher
Children are being given through class council opportunities of being more closely involved in school affairs winter, and summer sports are strong. Gymnastics are flourishing and profitable use is being made of the very fine swimming pool
23rd November 1973
Standard 4- Form 2 Mr. D M Plumb Principal Roll 28
Standard 2-3 Mrs J Price Assistant ., 20
Upper Infants Miss C Monk Year 1, 22
Lower Infants Mrs B Baumgart Year 3, 21
Although the staff with the exception of the Principal are relatively inexperienced a fine spirit of cooperation exists
It is pleasing to note that considerable efforts continue to be made to mount educational visits and combine school activities
The school is to be congratulated on having encouraged the re-establishment of the play centre
The School Committee has provided library books, a movie projector, physical education apparatus, a concrete area
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4	Smith	Surname of staff member
5	John N	Christian name as listed
6	B4	Teacher's Grading B is a grade where A is the top and E the lowest. Lower Number is higher rating. Later a different ranking system was used e.g. D-123 Where D was the grade and the number ranked the teacher within that grade. These grading's were published
7	Master	Description of title as listed
8	£45	Annual Wages

A small settlement about 1 Kilometre towards Blenheim from Havelock. .

1880

28th September 1880 suggesting that two post offices be opened, one near or at Messrs Neumann Bros, mills, Kaituna Valley and the other near or at Havelock Suburban school,
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Furniture and desks for Havelock Suburban C. F. Horton, £35 14s 9d R. Jones, £4O 16s; D. Wemyss, £C3 15s; V. Venimore, (exclusive of blinds,) £ 29 10s.

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5th January 1881 The Chairman of the Havelock Suburban School Committee wrote as follows The Chairman of the Havelock Suburban Committee asked the Board to appoint a teacher to the school at a salary of about £75 a year. It was resolved that the school be handed over to the Committee, and that the transfer of the school acre to the Board be completed
2nd February 1881 Mr Dive moved that as the Havelock Suburban school was just on the point of opening, the Board would grant it £5 for the purchase of requisites.
23rd February 1881 Havelock Suburban School. A meeting of the Havelock Suburban .School Committee took place in the Schoolhouse on Saturday last at 7 p.m. The members present were —Messrs Blake, Farnell, McDowell, Moore (chairman), and Williams. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that the Committee vote for Messrs Sinclair and Dive as members of the Education Board. Mr Henry L. Severne was recommended to the Education Board as teacher of the school; there were eleven candidates. The tea-party in connection with the above school takes place on Thursday next at 3 p.in.
16th March 1881 The appointment of Mr H L Severne was confirmed
4th May 1881 A letter was received from Mr Blake, stating his willingness to transfer the section on which the Havelock Suburban school stands. It was resolved that the necessary steps to complete the purchase and carry out the transfer be made. The architect (reported that the repairs necessary to the Havelock Suburban School were of a general character, such as papering, painting, repair to roof, chimneys, locks, doors, verandah floor, etc.
2nd August 1881 On the motion of Mr Henderson it was resolved that the request of the Havelock suburban school to become a Board school be complied with
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Education Board on Tuesday on account of pressure on our space On the motion coming on for considering the letter of the Havelock Suburban Committee, asking that a deficiency in its accounts arising from expenditure on works of a permanent character upon the school premises, be paid by the Board, and that the Havelock Suburban school, having an average of 29, with every prospect of further increase, should cease to be an aided school, and be fully instituted as a regular school under the Board, Mr Henderson said that as there were some half dozen schools in the district which were fully accepted schools under the Board, which had not a larger attendance than the school in question, some of them indeed having an attendance of under 20, he would move that the Havelock Suburban school cease to be a merely aided school, and be constituted a school to be fully provided for by the Board. This was seconded by Mr Parker, and agreed to. On the motion of Mr Henderson, it was agreed to refer back the request for the deficiency to be paid by the Board to the Committee, informing it that if particulars were furnished of the expenditure, the Board would then take the request into consideration

8th November 1881 Mr Hodgson examined the pupils attending the Havelock Suburban School (Mr H. L. Severne. schoolmaster) on the 4th inst. The scholars were congratulated on their success, which is shown by the passes in the following Standards 2nd Standard Annie Rush, Fanny Swafford, Philip Rush, Arthur Rush, William Jones, Francis Kite, Frederick Benge, passed.1st Standard— Maud Jones, Charles Jones, William Stafford, Lucy Kite, Charles McDowell, Clara Benge, passed, 4th Standard— Stephen Kennington passed.

1882

1882 25 Havelock Suburban Severne Henry Leigh Master £ 120.00

7th February 1882 The salary of the teacher of the Havelock suburban school was fixed at £108 per annum. The Board then adjourned.

28th February 1882 At a public meeting held at Neuman's Mill, Kaituna Valley, on the 23rd instant, it was resolved "That the Chairman (Mr .J. Rutland) write to the Chairman of the Education Board, and communicate with the Havelock Suburban School Committee, and make all necessary arrangements for the establishment of an assisted school in the district,

5th September The Chairman of the Havelock Suburban School Committee wrote enclosing a letter from the teacher Mr Severne concerning the alleged non-payment of the full amount of his salary. The Board held that Mr Severne was not one of the teachers entitled to the ten per cent increase recently allowed by the Board to teachers who salaries had been reduced at the time of the ten per cent reduction, inasmuch as he had since received a substantial increase to his salary

1883

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7th August 1883 Mr Sinclair said he would like the title of the Havelock Suburban School to be looked into and put right. The Secretary was instructed to do this

1884

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25th February 1884 School Examinations. —Mr Hodgson examined the scholars attending the Havelock Suburban School on Friday last, with the following satisfactory result Fourteen

children presented and all passed, being 100 per cent on those presented, and 74 per cent on the roll. Passes in Standard I— John Blake, Rosa Jones, Minnie Benge, Ellen McDowell, Kate Rush, Theresa Swafford, and John Moore.
Standard II— James Blake and Susan Swafford.
Standard III— Charles Jones, Charles McDowell, William Swafford, Maud Jones and Clara Benge.—
2nd April 1884 Havelock Suburban:— Mr H. J Severne. Present 19, on roll 19. Everything that could be done by the, master has been done hero. All who were on roll were present, and all who were presented for passes in Standards passed creditably. The neatness of the work and the perfect order of the scholars were also commendable. But the school is evidently dwindling and no longer affords sufficient scope for the energies of an experienced teacher who is fit for better things than a mere dame school.

1885

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23rd February 1885 Havelock Suburban School.— This school was examined by Mr Hodgson on the 19th inst., with the following result —Presented in standard II, 7, passed 7 presented in standard IV. 4, passed 3 total presented 11, passed 10.
10th March 1885 Sunday School Meeting.— On the 24tu ultimo a very pleasant day was spent at the Havelock suburban school-house, Kaituna Valley, the occasion being a tea party in connection with the Sunday School of that district. There were over 100 present, and ample justice was done to the sumptuous tea provided. The children sat down at 3 p.m. and the adults at 4-30, and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the spread which had been so kindly provided by Mesdames Looms, Stanton, Swafford, Harris, and Bryant. Mr J. Bryant, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reports that the proceeds of the tea party amounted to £5, out of which the sum of £3 remains aa a balance to be devoted to the purchase of books, &c, for the School. The gathering was in every way a success, and every attention was paid to the wants of the juveniles both as to their games and tea. *I know this was a Sunday School but it shows the population of the district*

1886

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4th May 1886 Havelock Suburban, and Kaituna having been held, it was resolved that fresh meetings of householders be b called for 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 18th inst. OKARAMIO. Resolved that £3 be voted to the Okaramio School Committee for fencing, and that permission be given them to borrow two desks from the Havelock Suburban School.
14th September 1886 First list of Marlborough School Teachers included H. L. Severne (Havelock Suburban) E2 (issue deferred). *No explanation given*
7th December 1886 Inspector's Report The important qualification in the Havelock Suburban is that the timetable is "obsolete," though "a new one is to be made out." Otherwise Mr Severne is reported upon satisfactorily.

1887

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12 January 1887 The maximum of heat this summer was on Tuesday the 4th instant when the thermometer in the sun stood at 135. At Havelock suburban it was 135. 135 Fahrenheit equals 57.22 Celsius. *And we have global warming!!*
1st February 1887 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. Letter, enclosing report, from the Committee, and requesting certain repairs to the school building
18th July 1887 H L Severne graded E1.

1888

1888	29	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00

7th March 1888 Havelock Suburban. —Mr H. L. Severne. On roll 33, present 33, Although four of the candidates for standards were this year unequal to the demands made upon them, the school, deserves the high reputation that it has long held for sound teaching and excellent discipline. The most skilful- teacher must, now and then succumb to the invincible dullness of some of the taught.

1889

1889	28	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00

14th March 1889 That the School Committees of Tua Marina and Havelock Suburban be written to, pointing out that the Inspector has advised the Board that no history is taught in their schools, and asking the Committee lo report on the reason for this omission
15th March 1889 Havelock Suburban.— Mr H. L. Severne. On roll, 35; present, 31. There is no falling off in the teaching of this well conducted school The copy books, exercise books, and drawing books all show the marks of the most minute and careful supervision. Unusual pains are bestowed on explaining to the scholars the meaning of what they are reading. This kind of work counts for very little in a standard examination, but must, in the long run, largely profit the scholars
27th April 1889 School Committee John A. Moore, James Entwistle, Timothy O'Sullivan, F. B. Rush, A. E. McMillan, Thomas Lowms, and Sydney Higgins.
7th May 1889 From the Havelock Suburban Committee notifying that history, was omitted at the wish of parents, expressed at the opening of the school, and re-affirmed at the recent meeting of householders Received
5th June 1889 REPAIRS. It was resolved to call for tenders for repairs at. Havelock Suburban, Kaituna, and Marlboroughtown
6th August 1889 Havelock Suburban repairs G. Mortimer, £16 10s (accepted); W.C. Bruce, £27 10s, Iremonger, £29; J. Bartlett, £36 9s.

1890

1890	32	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00
1890	32	Havelock Suburban	Mills Mrs		Sewing	£10.00

1st April 1890 From Havelock Suburban School asking that a sewing mistress be appointed
2nd April 1890 Havelock Suburban.— Mr H. L. Severne. On roll 43, present 38. Although the proportion of those who fell short of the required minimum of attainment was larger this year than it was at the preceding examination^ the neatness of work, the discipline and the good organisation were as conspicuous as they have always been. Spelling and arithmetic were the, subjects in which the scholars did worst. The handwriting and drawing were excellent.

29th September 1890 *Part of a long article on the unfairness of system for financing Marlborough schools:* In the figures for 1889, we 'find that the Blenheim Schools earned £1652 in capitation, and the salaries came to £1,133 10s, while Okaramio, Havelock Suburban, and other schools did not earn enough to keep up the salaries paid

1891

1891	30	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00
1891	30	Havelock Suburban	Mills Mrs		Sewing	£10.00

3rd March 1891 It was decided to grant £5 for erecting a porch to the teacher's residence at Havelock suburban school, and the architect to be instructed to call for tenders for the work.
5th May 1891 The tender of G. Heiden, of £15 10s, for erecting a porch at Havelock suburban School was accepted.

1892

1892	27	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00
1892	27	Havelock Suburban	Mills Mrs		Sewing	£10.00

27th May 1892 Post offices are being established at Havelock suburban from to-morrow, 28th instant and at Dieffenbach Point
7th June 1892 Messrs Bush, Swafford and Newman were selected as Commissioners for the Havelock suburban school. *As they didn't elect a School Committee*

1893

1893	27	Havelock Suburban	Severne	Henry L	Master	£120.00
1893	27	Havelock Suburban	Entwistle		Sewing	£10.00

1st August 1893 Inspector's reports on the schools at Beechwood, Canvastown, Deep Creek, Havelock, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio, Onamalutu, and Renwick, were read, and the Secretary was instructed to forward copies to the several committees.

1894

1894	32	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	Female	£111.12

23rd January 1894 A certificated teacher is wanted for the Havelock Suburban School . The salary is about £100 with residence, and applications must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Education Board on or before Saturday, the 3rd February

24th January 1894 MR SEVERNE'S DEATH.

THE INQUEST. (Pelorus Guardian.) An inquest was held at the Courthouse, Havelock, on Monday before C. H. Mills, acting coroner, and a jury of six— Messrs W. Price (chairman), Venimore, Benge, Scott, W.H. Smith, and Campbell. Caroline B. Severne deposed I reside at Havelock. On Sunday the 21st inst. I was at my son's place at Havelock Suburban, at the school, attending on him as he was not well. About two o'clock in the afternoon I was asked by my son to go outside for some chips to light a fire. On my return I found him in his room lying down. I said, "Do you feel comfortable, and he said, "Yes." He appeared quite calm at the time. He said to me You had better go and lie down, as you could not have had much rest last night." While I was lying down I heard a slight noise as if something had fallen on the floor min my son's room. He made a noise as if reaching for something. Directly after I heard

the explosion. I then went in and found him lying on the bed with the gun in his hands with & string attached to the trigger which was tied to his foot. I made no further examination but rushed over to Mr Newman's. I had no suspicion when I saw the gun behind the door. My son had been drinking heavily. He came into Havelock last Monday evening and appeared to be in a low and depressed state.

Mr Newman gave evidence as to going into the house and seeing that Mr Severne had shot himself. He very often told me he would shoot himself. I have no reason to doubt that deceased committed suicide. Mr J. Moore said that he went to the house, and described the position of the body, and that the gun was between deceased's legs, with a string round his foot attached to the trigger. Mr Severne had been schoolmaster at Havelock Suburban for 13 years. He often said he had not the slightest fear of death. I believe be bad been drinking. The attendance at the school of late has not been very large. I think that worried him Constable Williams gave evidence as to the position of the body, and how the gun was placed between the legs of the deceased, with the string tied to the trigger and placed round the foot. Dr Hoadley said that deceased had been under his treatment, but he saw no signs of suicidal mania, though he was depressed in spirits. Death was instantaneous, as the top of his head was blown off. It was probable that he might have been suffering from delirium tremens at the time, though he was not so when I saw him alive last. The verdict of the jury was that Henry Leigh Severne committed suicide by shooting himself while in an unsound state of mind

13th February 1894 The appointment of Miss L. Matthews to the position of teacher at the Havelock Suburban School by the Havelock School Committee was approved. *(First mention of school being run by Havelock Committee)*
A letter from Mr Severne senr. asked that Borne expenditure made by his son on the Suburban school grounds receive consideration. A letter was also received from the Havelock School Committee asking that the roof of the Suburban school be repaired. The Havelock School Committee was authorised to expend £5 on the work.
10th March 1894 Inspector's report included In arithmetic it is true, the Inspector seems to be less satisfied than in the other two subjects, but there were some exceptionally good percentages of passes in this very important subject, the following schools showing a really admirable record Renwick, 96; Havelock 95; Deep Creek, 93; Havelock Suburban, 81; Picton , Waitohi, and Spring Creek, 83."We compliment the teachers of these schools upon the good work done, and trust that the high standard to which their pupils have attained in what is perhaps the most practically important of a child's elementary education, will be well maintained by the work done during the present year. *(Talking about 1893)*
1st May 1894 The resignation of Mrs Ralph Entwistle teacher at the Havelock Suburban school was received, and it was resolved to grant the request of Miss Matthews, the present teacher, for a stove. *(Miss Entwhistle was the sewing teacher)*

1895

1895 33 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura Female £112.50
13th February 1895 The removal of grammar from the "pass" to the "class" group has resulted in a very decided falling off in the quality of the work done. The only schools, having the upper standards represented, that gave above "fair" marks (40 out of 100) for grammar were Skiddaw 72, Okaramio 57, Havelock Suburban 50, Havelock and Taradale 45, Port Underwood and Spring Creek 41. It stands to reason that an able teacher with only 4 or 5

children under his care has a great advantage over the teacher of a large school in many ways, especially in subjects that repay individual attention, but the difference between the results quoted above and those obtained at larger schools is greater than can be thus accounted for. In Standard 3, the earliest standard for which grammar is prescribed the ability to……

14th May 1895 In the case of Havelock Suburban only four committeemen had been elected, leaving three vacancies. The names of five persons were forwarded as willing to act, three of whom were old members. It was resolved to appoint the three old members

1896

1896 37 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D2 Female £114.19

The following is the result of the passes in the Havelock Suburban School, examined by Inspector Smith on Monday, the 7th instant. Forty attended out of 43 on the school roll; 31 were presented for standards, and 3 of the number failed to pass (two in Standard V., and one in Standard IV. The names of those passed are:—

Standard VI., Alice Neumann

Standard V., Martha McDowell, Percy O'Sullivan;

Standard IV., Percy Cozens, Alice Entwistle, Grace Guest, Kate McMillan, Harry L. Moore, Philomena Neumann, Clarice Nesbit, Frances O'Sullivan, Frank O'Sullivan

Standard 111., William Entwistle, James Jones, Arch. McMillan;

Standard 11., Caroline Cozens, Arthur Entwistle, James Farnell, Sarah Higgins, Fred McMillan, Ethel Nesbit, William Nesbit, Mabel Morrison;

Standard 1., Fred Crispin, Harold Cozens, Thomas Moore, Margaret Neumann, Ellen O'Sullivan;

Class P., Chas. Entwistle, Wm. Farnell, Maud Farnell, Annie Farnell, David Higgins, Emma Jones, Albert Nesbit, Robert Neumann, G. E. O'Sullivan.

Miss Laura Matthews is the teacher of this school ,

10th November 1896 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The Committee wrote asking for a grant for painting the school and fence. The architect was instructed to report

1897

1897 38 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D2 Female £115.13

13th January 1897 The architect was instructed to report as to the school improvements asked for by the Havelock suburban Committee,

9th February 1897 That tenders be called for painting and other work at Havelock Suburban, consideration of them to be left in the hands of the Works Committee.

0th February 1897 The future educational prospects of the district cannot be considered gloomy when we see the success of the young teachers who have been taught and trained within its borders. I need only direct attention to the excellent work done this year at Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Onamalutu, and Tua Marina, the teachers of which schools were all formerly pupil-teachers in Marlborough.

0th February 1897 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. An application for a subsidy on £3 raised for school library was granted on the usual terms

1st May 1897 Owing to there not being a quorum of householders present, the annual meeting for the purpose of electing a School Committee lapsed through lack of a quorum

15th June 1897 The Havelock Suburban Committee forwarded the names of the new Committee

13th October 1897 The following scholars passed in their respective standards at the annual examination of the Havelock Suburban school on the 1st instant '.—

Glass X.— Edward Berry, Alice Neumann. *First time I've seen Class X, I guess this must be equivalent of Standard VII in Wellington Education Board schools at this time*

Standard Vl.— Martha McDowell, Percy O'Sullivan;

V. Philomena Neumann, Grace Guest, Frank O'Sullivan, Frances O'Sullivan, Alice Entwistle, Kate McMillan, Percy Cozens, Harry Moore;

IV.— William Entwistle, Archie McMillan, James Jones

III.— Caroline Cozens, Ethel Nesbit, William Nesbit, Sarah Higgins, Arthur Entwistle, Frederick McMillan, James Farnell

II. Frederick Crispin, Harold Cozens, Thomas Moore, Margaret Neumann, Eileen O'Sullivan, Yetta McLean

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The Committee was granted the sum of 20s for the construction of a small sliding door, intended to prevent the purloining of the school children's dinners.

1898

1898	39	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£116.60
1898	39	Havelock Suburban	Neuman	Alice		Sewing	£12.00

16th February 1898 Inspectors report There were 21 Board schools, other were aided schools. Seven cases he considers very good These are— Blenheim Boys, Cullensville, Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio, Onamalutu, and Tua Marina

Havelock Suburban had 20 out of 21 pass (to next class) While Havelock had 22 out of 37 pass

The continued success achieved by the teachers of the Cullensville, Havelock Suburban, and Tua Marina Schools, reflects credit tot only on the teachers themselves, but upon those who are responsible or their early instruction and training. The inspection of the Aided Schools was prevented this year by man accident which confined the In inspector to his house for several weeks,

16th March 1898 Miss Alice Newman was appointed sewing mistress *There are three spellings for this surname*

1898	39	Havelock Suburban	Neuman	Alice	Sewing	£12.00
1899	34	Havelock Suburban	Neuman	Alice	Sewing	£12.00
1900	3	Aotea	Neuman	Alice	Female	£ 15.00
1901	5	Aotea	Neuman	Alice	Female	£ 25.00
1902	6	Cape Campbell	Neumann	Alice	Female	£ 56.00
1904	4	Nydia Bay	Neumann	Alice	Female	£ 35.00
1905	5	Aotea	Neumann	Alice	Female	£ 36.00

1913	60	Paraparaumu	Newman	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£90.00
1914	66	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D4	Assistant Female	£ 100.00
1915	71	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D3	Assistant Female	£ 120.00
1917	78	Paraparaumu	Neumann	Alice M	D-86	Assistant	£ 140.00
1919	194	Picton	Newmann	Alice M		Assistant	£ 205.00

1882/11212 Neumann	Alice Mary	Helen Rosalind	Herman Robert August

This makes Alice about 16 when teaching sewing. This is basically a pseudonym for pupil teacher. From a large family

1921/1119 Alice Mary Neumann James Robert Donovan
Married when 39 years old
1911 Passed Training College Wellington Class D

1899

1899	34	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£112.19
1899	34	Havelock Suburban	Neuman	Alice		Sewing	£12.00

2nd March 1899 Inspector's report Havelock Suburban 25 Examined 23 Passed
10th May 1899 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The Committee acknowledged the receipt from the Secretary, of a copy of W P. Beeves' book "New Zealand"
28th September 1899 At this school every one of the 30 pupils presented in standards secured a pass The names of the pupils are:
Standard VII.— Frances O'Sullivan, Kate McMillan, and Philomena Neumann.
Standard Vl.— -William Entwistle and Hazel Bryant,
Standard V.— Ethel Nesbit, Sarah Higgins, Arthur Entwistle, James Farnell, Caroline Couzens, and Fred McMillan.
Standard IV.— Margaret Neumann, Fred Crispin, Harold Couzens, Yetta McLean, Thomas Moore and Eileen O'Sullivan.
Standard ll.— William Farnell), Albert Nesbit, Emily Jones, and Elvira O'Sullivan.
Standard I. Annie Farnell, Maude Farnell, Rose Moore, David Higgins, Charles Entwistle, Robert Neumann, Arthur Benge, Allen Entwistle, D'Arcy Couzens.

1900

1900	34	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£112.50
1900	34	Havelock Suburban	O'Sullivan	Frances		Sewing	£12.00

13th March 1900 Blinds were granted for Havelock Suburban
14th March 1900 War Funds Children' patriotic Fund Havelock Suburban School £1-1-4
Arithmetic and geography are again the weakest subjects throughout the district, nearly half the scholars having failed in this subject. It is again noticeable that the -smaller Board schools have been more successful in this subject than the larger Cullensville, Havelock Suburban, Marlboroughtown, and Tua Marina giving the best results in proportion to the number examined. One of the larger schools stands lowest in this respect, only 19 passing out of 67 examined
15th May 1900 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The appointment of Miss F. O'Sullivan as sewing mistress was approved.
10th July 1900 Briefly, these regulations provide for not less than eight weeks holidays in one year, (six weeks in summer and two weeks in winter, between .specified dates) in addition to Government holidays, and that Committees wishing to make alterations with respect to dates should apply to the Board for permission, which would be granted if the reasons advanced were considered sufficient, Springlands thought the regulations would be suitable Havelock Suburban strongly objected to them, as involving a loss of valuable time and it also preferred that the giving of holidays should be left to the Committees, as in the past
10th September 1900 A Cupboard was granted to Havelock Suburban
10th December 1900 It was decided to reply to the Havelock Suburban Committee that the time had lapsed for the return of the stocks of old books that had gone out of use

19th December 1900 A lad of 12 years, the son of Mr Allan Farnell, of Kaituna, was returning from a school picnic at Havelock Suburban, riding on the side of a dray» when his right leg became jammed between the wheel and the guard-iron of the dray, the flesh of the leg, for a distance of four inches, being torn from the bone between the knee and ankle.

1901

1901	33	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£138.00
1901	33	Havelock Suburban	O'Sullivan	Frances		Sewing	£12.00

20th March 1901 The Havelock Suburban Committee. asked that a large bell be erected outside the school.—Resolved that the Board's funds would not permit the granting of such bells to any of its schools

17th April 1901 Havelock Suburban listed as one of the 12 Very Good schools, the top rating

26th April 1901 The following are the names of the Havelock Suburban School Committee for the ensuing year :—John A. Moore (chairman, clerk, and treasurer), William Farnell, Sydney Higgins, James Entwistle, AEncas McMillan, Timothy O'Sullivan and James W. Donald.

1902

1902	29	Havelock Suburban	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£138.00

14th January 1902 Margaret Newman of Havelock Suburban School Topped the Marlborough scholarship examination with 527 marks out of 720, There were 20 candidates. Winners to go to Marlborough High School. This scholarship was worth £35 per year. *Worth $6247.59 in 2015 terms*

2nd May 1902 At the meeting of householders the following gentlemen were elected members of the Havelock Suburban School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs C. W. Crispin, J. W. Donald, S. Higgins, W. Farnell Jan., A. E. McMillan, j. A. Moore (chairman), and T. O'Sullivan

25th November 1902 very pleasant function took place at the Havelock Suburban School on Saturday evening, when, at the conclusion of the children's concert, the school mistress, Miss Matthews, was presented with a silver tea service and a conserve jar as a token of the respect in which she is held by the parents of the school. In making the presentation Mr J. A. Moore, chairman of the School' Committee, referred to the pleasant relationship that had. existed between the parents and Miss Matthews during the nine years she had been mistress of the school, and the respect and affection which was borne towards their teacher by the present and past scholars. He thanked her also for the great care and unremitting attention she had paid to the education of the children attending the school, the result of which was shown by the high average of passes which was gained, and the excellent tone that prevailed in connection with all matters pertaining to her control. He made the presentation on behalf of the parents, who fully recognised that the success of the scholars was due mainly to Miss Matthews' devotion to her duties and the interest she took in the children. He wished her to accept the present as a mark of their regard and appreciation and trusted she might have the best of health and that success which she so well deserved in the profession she had. adopted.—Miss Matthews having suitably replied, the proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

8th December 1902 Havelock Suburban was granted the usual library subsidy on a sum of £4 0s 6d

1903

1903 27 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D1 Female £131.10

6th January 1903 Elvira O'Sullivan awarded a Country Scholarship worth £35 and topped the Marlborough list with 471 0ut 0f Maximum 540. In history and Writing achieving Maximum marks

12th January 1903 The Secretary read out the scholarship examination results, which were published last week. All the scholarships were tenable for two years. In the course of his remarks, Mr Smith said it was specially worthy of mention that Havelock Suburban had headed the list for two years. All the successful candidates had done even and creditable work. The awards indicated by Mr Smith, as published, were approved. It was resolved that the Board's congratulations be forwarded to the teachers of the successful candidates.

10th February 1903 Havelock Suburban forwarded the list of books proposed to be placed in the new library, and this was approved.

11th February 1903 Inspector's report included Taking the Fifth and Sixth Standards alone, the Inspector mentions a number of schools where the scholars gave a poor account of, themselves, all being of the type referred to in the previous paragraph. In pleasing contrast with these oases are the schools where, although working under the same disadvantages, all the scholars examined in these two classes secured promotion, viz.: Okaramio, Marlboroughtown, Havelock Suburban, and Kaituna

5th May 1903 In a long article on Mr Sturrock's Head Master of Blenheim School appeal against dismissal and discussing the number of passes included 'For the 6th Standard only Blenheim boys held 16th place in order of percentage with 67% and the second highest was 90%. Havelock Suburban School 100% was omitted as phenomenal.

29th May 1903 Sale of work report on raising funds for a new Anglican Church in Havelock included: A feature of the fancy goods stall was a portion especially set apart for the voluntary work of the children of the Havelock Suburban School, who, under their teacher, Miss Matthews, had prepared a number of tasteful articles that were much commented upon and admired.

1904

1904 29 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D1 Female £ 124.10

11th January 1904 Scholarship results There were 22 candidates Rose Moore of Havelock Suburban was top with 503 /700 marks. *Laura Mathews could teach! 3 times in succession with different pupils had her school achieved the top prize. Albert Simpson of Mahau Sound was 2nd with 500 marks*

11th January 1904 bricks on the site of the Fairhall School, destroyed by fire, be sold was adopted. The sum of £5 was granted to Havelock Suburban for renovation work.

9th February 1904 Inspector Smith's report included that Havelock Suburban topped the list of schools in arithmetic with 89.4 per cent success rate Seddon was bottom with 25 per cent pass rate

Modelling and plasticene has made considerable progress, and was particularly well presented at the Blenheim Junior Division, and at Grovetown, Havelock Suburban, Marshlands, Renwick, and Spring Creek

11th April 1904 The sum of £2 was voted to the Havelock Committee to make provision for expenses incurred by the expenditure of a cheque which was by mistake sent from the

Board's office to Havelock instead of **Havelock Suburban,** and which the Board recovered by way of a stoppage of capitation.
10th May 1904 Havelock Suburban reported that the cost of certain repairs was £11 3s 3d, and, in addition to the £5 already voted, £6 3s 3d would be required. A grant of that amount was made
10th October 1904 OKARAMIO. The appointment of a teacher for the Okaramio School was made after considerable discussion, in which Mr Hodson, Chairman of the School Committee, assisted the Board. Twelve applications had been received, and the Committee's recommendation was in favor of a young male teacher in the Hawkes Bay district, their wish being that the management of the school should be in the hands of the stronger sex. Mr McCallum moved, and Mr Parker seconded that the Committee's selection be adopted. Mr Fell moved, and Mr Litchfield seconded, an amendment that Miss Matthews, of Havelock Suburban, be appointed, and this was supported by Messrs White, Chaytor, Ferguson, and Macey. Their principal contention was that preference should be given to the local teacher whose certificate was very much higher and whose records showed excellent results. The Chairman of the School Committee asked if Miss Matthews would be appointed in the face of the Committee's recommendation. Mr-Parker: Yes. Mr Hodson said that if that was so he thought there would be trouble in Okaramio. The sum of £3 was granted for the work of cleaning, up the ground and a grant was made for ventilators and a cupboard. *Miss Matthews stayed at Havelock Suburban for three more years*
3rd November 1904 On the opening night exhibitions of wand drill were given by scholars of the Havelock Suburban school, and competition in elocution and spelling were held at an exhibition in Havelock run by the Methodist Church

1905

1905 33 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D1 Female £ 134.00

28th February 1905 Daring the year the following schools of grade 1 and upwards recorded 90 per cent, of attendance: Kekerangu 92 per cent., Robin Hood Bay 93 per cent., Ugbrooke 95 per cent. Six in grade 0 maintained 100 per cent, of attendance. The following schools showed the lowest averages:— Seddon 76 per cent. Grove 77 per cent., Blenheim Boys 78 per cent., Cullensville, Havelock Suburban, and Blenheim Girls, each 79 per cent.
15th August 1905 The Havelock Suburban Committee asked for information as to subsidies granted on money raised for musical instruments.—Referred to the regulations.
13th November 1905 Havelock Suburban: An application for the usual subsidy on £16 18s 6d raised for an organ for the school was granted. The Inspector's action in appointing Miss Young teacher was approved *Presumably as a reliever*

1906

1906 30 Havelock Suburban Matthews Laura D1 Female £ 160.00

20th February 1906 THE JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP.

TO EDITOR

Sir, —I have no doubt that many of 'your readers have been much interested to hear the result of the recent scholarship examination for the Marlborough education district, and more

particularly in regard to the disposition of the Junior National Scholarship, which, I understand, carries the highest honors, and is a three years' scholarship of £10 per annum, with an additional £30 per annum if gained by a country candidate. Now, sir, it is not quite clear to the lay mind how this scholarship has been allotted by the Education Board, and it is in the hope of being enlightened that I ventilate this matter. The marks gained by the several Marlborough candidates in the Junior National Scholarship examination were as follows:— Cuthbert Wm. Free, Robin Hood Bay, 538 Monica Magdalene Neumann, Havelock Suburban, 524; Dorothy Grace Heffer, Blenheim Girls', 501; Ivy Miriam Browne, Blenheim Girls,' 450; Maximilian Gander, Blenheim Boys', 400. I notice that Inspector Strachan inspector to the Board, stated that the first five (as given above) were qualified to hold a National Scholarship, but as .only one was offered for competition in the province it must be awarded to the one who fulfils all the conditions of the Act of 1904 (and presumably gains the highest number of marks). However, C. W. Free, who has the honor of heading the list for Marlborough with 538 marks, does not fulfil the conditions of the Act, his parent's income exceeding £250 per annum. It would, therefore, be supposed that the scholarship would devolve on M. M- Neumann, the second highest on the list, with 524 marks, but she appears to have been passed over, and the National Scholarship has been allotted to D. G. Heffer, third on the list with 501 marks, M. M. Neumann being allotted a scholarship of £25 for two years, similar to another country scholarship given to a candidate who did not gain, a place in the above list. I have, therefore, to ask, sir, it from information you may have could you inform your readers why the Junior National Scholarship failing C. W. Free, of Robin. Hood Bay (who would have received £40 per annum) was not in like manner- awarded to M. M. Neumann, who gained the next highest number of marks, and who fulfilled all the conditions of the Act. It is no doubt a good piece of finance on the part of the Board in giving this scholarship to the town candidate, and so saving the extra £30 per annum which the Act provides shall be paid to the holder of a Junior Scholarship who is obliged to- live away from home to prosecute his studies; but is it justice to the country candidate, who rightly won this .scholarship, to be thus deprived of the honor and emoluments to which she is deservedly entitled?— 1 am> etc. QUERY.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—-The child who headed the list in the Junior National Scholarship examination resigned his scholarship. Any person of ordinary intelligence would think it should be awarded to the next in order of merit. This has not been done, and why?—I am, etc. SHYLOCK.

[As far as we can see, our correspondents are right in saying that the Junior National Scholarship should have been awarded to Miss Margaret Neumann. Inspector Strachan recommended that it be so disposed, but the Board acting, on the. Recommendation of its town Committee, passed it on to Miss Heffer. The Inspector was absent from the meeting, and the Town Committee apparently thought that it was doing a kindness to Miss Neumann (who lives in the country) by giving her the £25 for two years instead of giving it to Miss Heffer (who lives in town). The Committee had probably overlooked section 77 of the Education' Act, which clause provides that where the holder of a Junior or a Senior National Scholarship is obliged to live away from home in order to prosecute his or her studies, there shall be paid to him or her £30 a year in addition to the ordinary £10. Doubtless the error will be rectified at the next meeting of the Board.—Ed. M.E.]

12th March 1906 The Secretary read the minute of a special meeting of the Board held on ,16th -Feb., .when the. allotment of the Junior National Scholarship to Dorothy Grace Heffer was revoked and the award given to Miss Monica Neuman, Havelock Suburban. The

Chairman, reading the Act, ruled that it would be necessary for the Board to formally revoke its previous appointments, and at the next meeting appoint Miss Neuman. Mr Chaytor voiced the appreciation by members of the Chairman's! trouble in getting the Act dealing with the question at his fingers' ends, .and thus keeping the Board out of difficulty.

21st March 1906 The following schools were open 420 half-days or: more:—Wairau Valley 439, Fabian's' Galley 432, Havelock Suburban 430,

10th April 1906 John A. Moore, Havelock Suburban, asked for expenses of his son in connection with the scholarship examination. —Secretary instructed to reply that the scholar was not entitled to expenses, owing to non-qualification.

30th August 1906 The Okaramio Rounder Club are busy practising to play against Havelock Suburban Club at an early date

8th September 1906 At Havelock Suburban, A. Moore passed Standard VII., and 27 others were moved, up.

15th September 1906 A very keenly contested hockey match was played yesterday afternoon at Havelock Suburban between the Havelock (Takorika) Club and the Wakakus, the visitors winning by one goal to nil. Very good play was shown by both sides, and a great number. of spectators from surrounding districts witnessed the game, which was very exciting. After the match afternoon tea was much enjoyed, and later on Mesdames Simmonds, O'Sullivan, and Miss Matthews entertained the visitors to tea, after which they were entertained at a very jolly little dance. The Suburban club play a return match to-morrow (Saturday.)

14th November 1906 Havelock Suburban. —Miss Matthews, the teacher, desiring to take a course at the Teachers' Training College, Wellington, asked for a year's leave of absence. The Committee supported the request.—Resolved that 12 months' leave of absence be granted, and that she be paid £10. per month for three months; and, further, that the contribution to the Superannuation. Fund be paid if necessary.— Messrs Scott and Reader referred to Miss Matthews' services in eulogistic terms.

12th. December 1905 Havelock Suburban. —The repair of the school by the Board's workman in the holidays was authorised

22nd December 1906 On Thursday at the Havelock Suburban School in the afternoon the pupils made a presentation to Miss Matthews, in the shape of a handsome plush album. The presentation was made by Miss D. McMillan, in the course of a felicitous speech, which was feelingly responded to. In the evening, again a large number of residents assembled to offer their hearty good wishes to Miss Matthews, the school-teacher, and to mark their appreciation in a more practical, if more wordy, way, by presenting ,at the same time a purse of sovereigns. Miss Matthews has obtained twelve months absence from the school, which will be spent in Wellington in pursuit of her studies. Mr Moore, .on behalf of the residents, made the presentation, and hoped she would find the contents of service. Miss Matthews, in replying, said it was genuinely unexpected, and she was extremely gratified. She had been teaching there for 13 years, and she expressed to the parents her great thanks for the goodwill and assistance they had always given her, and which not only lightened Tier duties, but transformed them into a pleasure. Three cheers were then given for Miss Matthews. Miss A. E. O'Sullivan., one of Miss Matthews's former pupils, and who was subsequently at the High School, Blenheim, :and who has greatly distinguished herself by winning the Canadian medal for the best essay on Canada, as well as other honours, attributed the origin of her success to the good beginning made by Miss Matthews. The medal is a beautiful -work of art, of gold, as big as a crown piece, and most artistically and tastefully embellished. During the evening

Mr Moore (chairman), Mr Reader, Mr -O'Sullivan, and the Revs. A. W. Stace and W. B. Scott spoke as regards the pleasure it gave them to be present, and all spoke eulogistically of Miss Matthews's many estimable qualities. A most delicious supper was handed round, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The following programme was rendered:—Address, Mr Moore (Chairman); duet (March in Gr,, Misses O'Sullivan and Moore: chorus, "Jingle Bells," Company; song, "Loving eyes of violet blue," Miss A. Farnell; duet, Viccolo" galop, Misses O'Sullivan and Simmonds; song, "Hide Behind the junior girls recitation, Miss McMillan: song, "Fairy footsteps gently falling," Miss M. O'Sullivan; solo and chorus, Slumber Sea junior girls; pianoforte duet, "Waves of Ocean" Misses O'Sullivan; song, The Merry Sunshine," Miss Neumann (encored); whistling solo, Miss Andrews (encored): pianoforte selection, "Capnricante," Miss E. O'Sullivan: song, "Juanita," Mr W. McDowell song, "My Curly Headed Baby," Miss E. O'Sullivan (encored).

6th Dec 1901 Carterton, This Day, At a meeting of the School Committee, Waihakeke, on Tuesday evening, resolutions were carried condemning the Education Hoard's arbitrary fiction in appointing a teacher to that school without first consulting the School Committee; also that a petition signed by parents in favour of securing the appointment of **Miss L, Matthews,** of Havelock, be presented by a deputation to the Board at its next meeting. The Chairman, Mr Maunsell, resigned his position he Board., This was 8 years before she was selected for the position. It appears that Laura's sister Mary taught for three years at Waihakeke from 1899 to 1901

1885	75	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	16.00
1886	77	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	24.00
1887	84	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	32.00
1888	94	Havelock	Matthews	Laura	Female Probationer	£	40.00
1889	73	Renwick	Matthews	Laura	Assistant Female	£	60.00
1890	70	Renwick	Matthews	Laura	Assistant Female	£	60.00
1891	75`	Renwick	Matthews	Laura	Assistant Female	60	

3rd May 1889 A very pleasant meeting, at which Mr C. H Mills presided took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Public School, Havelock, the object being to make a presentation to Miss. **Laura Matthews,** of a handsome album and hand bag, subscribed for by the children of. the school, as a mark of appreciation of Her past services as pupil teacher, and also as a mark of respect for her uniform good conduct. Miss **Laura Matthews** has been educated in the Havelock school, first under. Mr Severne, and lastly under Mr Reynolds. She is now about to leave for Renwick, Miss **Matthews** has also been for many years Librarian of St Peters' Sunday and a presentation of an address nicely engrossed by Mr Venimore, was first made to her by the Rev H. E. Ensor, of which the following is a copy "To Miss Laura Matthews, Havelock

Dear Miss **Matthews** We the teachers and scholars of St Peters' Church Sunday School,, Havelock, ask you to accept our heartfelt thanks for your diligent, patient, and constant

attendance at our Library for several years past,; and .hope that you may meet with the kindness you deserve, .and that prosperity may attend you wherever your lot may be cast. Wishing you ;God Speed, we remain yours most sincerely,—H.E. Ensor, President, George D. Drury, Superintendent, Mary Drury, Lily Price, Maggie Mills,. Cora Mills, Harriet Venimore, teachers."

Mr Reynolds then proceeded to make the presentation, and in doing so said: We are met together to-day to wish Miss Laura Matthews's good-bye and every success in her new work at Renwick. When I came to Havelock over seven years ago you were preparing for Standard V, this and the following standard you passed in successive years and in the succeeding one carried off the Marlborough scholarship although for private reasons you did not take it up. You were soon appointed pupil teacher in the school. During the past four years you have done your duty faithfully and well. I trust there are many present who will emulate; your .example. Your old school-fellows and those now attending the school did not wish to let you go without presenting you with some little token of their regard and esteem. The presents I am about to hand you were entirely subscribed by past and present Havelock Scholars.' Mr Reynolds in handing to Miss Matthews a Valuable album and ornamental hand bag hoped that her early successes were the forerunners of a successful and useful career.

Hearty cheers were, then given, for the recipient, and also for her sister who remains as second teacher in the school, and on the motion of Mr Clarke. seconded by the Rev H. E. Ensor, the schoolchildren were awarded; a half holiday.

1870/22302 Matthews Laura Kate Francis John

MATTHEWS.—On October .24, 1945, at Christchurch, Laura Matthews, beloved sister of F. L. Matthews, 28 Bay St., Petone, and Mr. W. K. **Matthews,** of Puriri St., Lower Hutt

1945/30863 Matthews Laura 75

1909	27	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 150.00
1910	28	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 155.00
1911	23	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 160.00
1912	26	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 165.00
1913	33	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 170.00
1914	39	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Female	£ 180.00
1915	41	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	D1	Head Female	£ 200.00
1917	36	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	Head	D-50	£ 220.00
1919	38	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	Head	D-48	£ 310.00
1921	28	Waihakeke	Matthews	Laura	Head	D	£ 330.00

Waihakeke was a school south east of Carterton in the Wairarapa (See Researchers webpage Wairarapa School History)

Mavelock [sic: Havelock] Suburban.

Havelock Suburban is a small farming district occupying a portion of the Kaituna Valley, about five miles from the town of Havelock. Sawmilling was the first industry conducted, and is still carried on to a small extent in the neighborhood, but most of the bush has now been cleared, and sheep and cattle farming and dairying have taken the place of sawmilling. There is no township, as the population is scattered; but there is a public school, a post office, and a

blacksmith's shop in the district. There is a good metalled road, and the Blenheim-Have-lock mail coach passes daily, so that the district has a regular mail service.

The Havelock Suburban School has been established for many years, and is situated in the centre of the district. It stands on a site of an acre in extent, and is a wooden building, with accommodation for forty pupils. There is also a comfortable residence of five rooms connected with the school. There are thirty-eight names on the roll, and the average attendance is thirty-four.

Miss Laura Matthews was appointed Mistress of the Havelock Suburban school in the year 1895. She was born at Havelock, and is a daughter of the late Mr. Frank Matthews. Miss Matthews was educated at the Havelock public school, gained a provincial scholarship, and afterwards served as a pupil teacher. Later on, she was appointed assistant mistress of the Renwicktown school for about three years, during which she gained a D certificate, before her present appointment. Miss Matthews' examination reports have always been excellent, and in three consecutive years, 1901–02–03, pupils from her school gained the Marlborough Provincial Scholarship. Miss Matthews holds a D1 certificate. New Zealand Cyclopedia 1906

1907

1907 30 Havelock Suburban Thorpe Mrs C E Licensed Female £ 144.00

10th January 1907 Last evening an enjoyable evening was given by Mrs O'Sullivan, Havelock Suburban, for her daughter, Elvira, who is leaving for Wellington to pursue her studies at the Convent

31st January 1907 Mrs Thorpe, assistant teacher "for nearly four years (at Okaramio) leaves this week for Havelock Suburban, to take up the position of relieving headmistress there

12th February 1907 The Board's' workman (Mr Bailey) attended the meeting, arid received instructions in regard to the painting and repair of buildings at Okaramio, Te Awaite, Havelock Suburban, and elsewhere

13th March 1907 School open in 1906 430/420 half days/ 8 of the 69 schools were classified Good. Havelock Suburban being one of them

Havelock Suburban was best at correlating singing with drill (Physical Education)

14th May 1907 Havelock Suburban. —The sum of 20 shillings was granted for gravelling at the school-ground. The same amount was granted to the Okaramio Committee.

24th December 1907 On Friday afternoon a presentation was made to Mrs Thorpe, mistress of the Havelock Suburban school, the children presenting her with a silver shoe-horn and buttonhook. Mrs Thorpe suitably acknowledged the gift. *From 1908 Mrs Caroline Thorpe was at Rai Valley (Flat Creek)*

1908

1908 28 Havelock Suburban Stone Blanche P D4 Female £ 144.00

16th Jan 1908 A Teacher is wanted for the Havelock Suburban school

1st February 1908 On Thursday a very pleasant gathering took place at the Havelock Suburban School. There were races tor the children, and also for older folk, borne excellent prizes were given for the winners of the different events. A splendid luncheon and tea were given, and enjoyed-by all. During the day the Rev. A. W. Stace, on behalf of the Hockey Club, presented Mrs Thorpe with a silver-mounted biscuit barrel. The recipient suitably replied, thanking .the Club for their kindly thought. Mrs W. Swafford worked very hard

during the day, so that all enjoyed .themselves, and great credit is due to her for her work. Mr H. Stafford-made an efficient handicapper and starter of the various events. Some games-, and dances brought a very pleasant day to a close

11th February 1908 Miss Prichard appointed

15th February Mrs Thorpe, who has' been schoolmistress at Havelock Suburban for the past year, has been appointed to the Rai Valley school. Miss Richards succeeds Mrs Thorpe.

11th March 1908 Miss Stone, who has been assistant teacher in the Havelock school for nearly two years, has been appointed to the Havelock Suburban School

2nd May 1908 Havelock Suburban elected their committee as follows: R. F. Crispin, S. Higgins, J. Donald, T. O'Sullivan, W. Farnell, jnr., R. Neumann, 'A J. Farnell. Mr R. F. Farnell was appointed chairman and secretary.

12th May 1908 Havelock.—Miss Stone wrote asking if she could re-consider her decision in accepting the position of teacher of the Havelock Suburban School.-—The Secretary had informed her that another teacher had been appointed, and she must either go or resign.—The Secretary's action was approved.

2nd June 1908 At the Havelock School on Friday afternoon Miss Stone (who yesterday commenced her duties as mistress of the Havelock Suburban School) was presented by the senior girls with a beautiful silver-mounted hair-brush. The presentation was made by the eldest girl in the school (Miss Elsie Pask), who read the following address to Miss Stone:—" We, the elder girls of the Havelock School, desire to present to you, on your departure from our school, this small token of our goodwill, and, at the same time to wish you every success, prosperity, and happiness in the future." Short eulogistic speeches were made by the headmaster (Mr W C Smith), the Chairman of the school Committee (Mr W. Pickering), and Mr Buckman, and Miss Stone very feelingly responded. Three hearty cheers for Miss Stone were given by the pupils, and the proceedings concluded.

11th Aug 1908 Havelock Suburban. An application was made for a stove in the school residence, and for other improvements incidental on the putting in of the stove. The chimney was smoking and required attention. Messrs Reader and Storey were asked to inspect and report

15th Sept 1908 Havelock Suburban.— It was resolved that a stove be procured for the teacher's residence

21st Nov 1908 Inspector Strachan arrived by coach yesterday afternoon, to conduct the central examination of standard VI for this year. Eleven, candidates presented themselves, Havelock being represented by three, Havelock Suburban four, Canvastown one, Carluke two, and one other candidate not on the roll of any public school. Mr Strachan finished the" examination on Thursday morning. Results: Havelock: Jessie Orsman, proficiency certificate Isabel Matthews, proficiency certificate; Willie Warner, competency certificate, results for the other schools are communicated to the head teachers of those schools. A competency certificate is a standard VI pass. A proficiency certificate is- a standard VI pass and in addition gives two years free tuition at a High: School. Mrs W. C. Smith kindly provided tea for candidates from a distance.

Havelock Suburban: Irma O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Sullivan

1909

1909 24 Havelock Suburban Stone Blanche P D4 Female £ 155.00

In 1910 Blanche Stone was teaching at Pahiatua School

26th January 1909 Miss Matthews, who was mistress of Havelock Suburban School for many years, is on a short visit to her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Matthews. She returns to Wellington this week.
3rd April 1909 Miss Stone, who ha,? so .successfully conducted the Havelock Suburban. School for nearly twelve months, has been granted six weeks' leave of absence by the" Education Board on account of ill-health. Mrs Fisher, of Tua Marina, has been appointed to take charge of the suburban school
26th June 1909 Havelock News On Saturday next the school children have a day out on Brownlee Park, the occasion being a rounder match between the Havelock Suburban and the local children, which is to occupy the morning, and a football match between Canvastown and Havelock boys in the afternoon.
29th June 1909 Monday. On Friday the weather was so bad that it was generally thought that there would be much disappointment in store for the children, who were having a "day out" on Brownlee Park on! Saturday. However, the following morning broke fine, and though the grounds were very wet the children seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The morning was de-, voted to a rounder match between j the Havelock Suburban and the local j schools, which resulted in a win for Havelock by 115 to 40
14th August 1909 Inspector Strachan, M.A., paid a visit of inspection to the Suburban school yesterday, and arrived here (Havelock) the same night. The Inspector has been examining the local school to-day, after which he proceeds up the Rai and Carluke.
14th December 1909 The question of establishing a miniature rifle range at the Havelock Suburban School has been deferred for one month by the Education Board

1910

1910 20 Havelock Suburban Reaks Henry J E2 Master £ 150.00

15th February 1910 Miss B Stone forwarded her resignation as teacher of the Havelock Suburban School.
Miss Blanche Stone, sole teacher of the Havelock Suburban school, has been appointed to an important position in the Pahiatua school. Miss- Stone's success as a teacher has been remarkable, and her many Marlborough friends will be pleased to hear of her promotion. She will take up her new duties on April 3rd.
2nd April 1910 Mr Reakes, of the Midhurst (Taranaki) school has been appointed master of the Havelock Suburban school. Miss B. Stone, the late teacher, left on Wednesday for Wellington. She is to commence her duties at the Pahiatua High School on Monday next. On Wednesday her pupils at the Suburban school presented her with a beautiful silver topped trinket box. Miss Cora Farnell, in making the presentation, wished Miss Stone every happiness in her new sphere.
12th April 1910 Havelock Suburban: The appointment of Mr H. J. Reakes to the position of head teacher at the Havelock Suburban school was confirmed.2
26th April Inspectors report Twenty-six of the 47 schools mentioned above recorded 90 per cent, of attendance. Those with an average of 16 pupils at least were: Marshlands 94.3 per cent., Nydia Bay 93 per cent., Havelock Suburban 92.5

14th June 1910 A TRUANT OFFICER. 'In accordance with a recommendation of the Havelock School Committee, the Board appointed Mr A. Pask truant officer for the Havelock, Canvastown, Carluke, Rai Falls, Deep Creek, Havelock Suburban, Okaramio,

and Linkwater school districts for a period of one year at £10

20th August 1910 The first match between: the local schools for the cup presented by .the M.R.U. will take place on Saturday— Havelock arid Linkwater v. **Suburban** and Okaramio-- at Brownlee Park.
11th October 1910 APPOINTMENTS. Mr Farnell was appointed teacher at the Havelock Suburban school
13th October 1910 An error appeared in the report of the Marlborough Education Board, published on- Tuesday. Under the heading 'of "appointments," it was made to appear-that Mr Farnell, who has been elected a member of the Havelock Suburban School Committee, had been appointed, teacher of this school. Mr H. J. Reaks is the teacher of the Havelock **Suburban** school.
22nd December 1910 At the recent examination for certificates conducted in Havelock by Mr Strachan M.A., Inspector of Schools, Miss Cora Farnell, the only candidate from the Havelock Suburban school, was successful in gaining a proficiency certificate

1911

1911	25	Havelock Suburban	Reaks	Henry J	E2	Master	£	155.00

28th January 1911 SCHOOL PICNIC

A very enjoyable gathering assembled at Havelock Suburban yesterday and although the climatic conditions were not as favorable as might have been desired, still a very representative gathering turned out to assist the youngsters to ,a good day's outing A better or more sheltered spot could not have been found than the paddock kindly lent by Mr W. P. Simmonds, who also contributed the necessary milk, so that, with the shelter afforded by the overhanging trees, the little rain, experienced did not affect or even damp the proceedings. Under the capable direction of the schoolmaster (Mr Reakes), who seemed to enter into the sport as much as the youngsters themselves, the races for the boys and girls, jumping, and also races for the adults, were thoroughly enjoyed by young .and old alike. The committee of ladies, who took good care that all wants were supplied, deserve thanks, as, do- the neighbouring people, who subscribed close on £9 towards the prizes Thanks are also due to Mr Simmonds for the donation already referred to. The outing was a most enjoyable one, and should be constituted in annual festival.

14th March 1911 A NEW FLOOR. The Havelock Suburban., School Committee wrote asking to have a new floor placed in the school, pointing out that ,the, present floor was unsafe. The cost would be about £12; Mr Fulton said that the floor, was in bad order, and required attention He thought it necessary to do something. Mr Reader said it would not cost more than £15 to have new piles put in, in addition to the new floor. The whole work would not cost more than £15 or £16. Messrs Reader and Fulton were authorised to make inquiries as to the. probable cost of this work and to call for tenders, to be in by the next meeting of the Board

1912

1912	19	Havelock Suburban	Reaks	Henry J	E2	Master	£	160.00

23rd April 1912 The best copybook writing was observed at Clova Bay. St. Mary's, Havelock Suburban. Inspector's Report

7th June 1912 Mr- H. J. Reaks, Havelock Suburban, wrote in reference to the flood water that accumulated on the road at his property and encroached ankle deep on to his garden and paths. It was resolved that the matter be attended' to. Pelorus Road Board

1913

1913 19 Havelock Suburban O'Sullivan Frances T D3 Female £ 120.00

15th April 1913 The Havelock Suburban Committee reported that the school chimney was blown over during Saturday's gale —it was resolved) that a heater be provided.

18th April 1913 With lower classes crayon takes the place of water colour (14 schools) Havelock Suburban showed merit. Arbor Day and. -School Improvement: The following may be mentioned-Crail Bay (18 trees), Havelock Suburban (22), "Ocean Bay (200),

3rd May 1914 Havelock Suburban: R. F. Crispin {chairman), .R. Neumann, J. W. Donald, A. J. Farnell. and W. Farnell, junr.

15th July 1913 Havelock suburban. School Committee wrote stating that the installation, of a heater had been attended with successful results. There were many defects in the spouting round the teacher's residence and in the piping at the school which needed attention.—The Board granted £5 for the necessary repairs.

1st October 1913 Mr H, J. Reaks, who has been in charge of the Havelock Suburban School for the past three years has been appointed teacher of the Tahuna School under the Auckland Education Board.

3rd October 1913 On the 24th September Havelock Suburban was en fete, the occasion being a farewell gathering to Mr and Mrs Reaks: In the afternoon-the school children and older people assembled, afternoon tea was dispensed, and games indulged in by the children. In the evening a very pleasant social was held in the school-room, quite 150 people being present. The grounds were lighted up with lanterns, and non-dancers enjoyed games in the open air. A dainty supper was served by the ladies of Havelock Suburban in their usual hospitable style, after which Mr E Bartlett in behalf of the parents of the school-.children, presented Mr and Mrs Reaks with a handsome silver tea service and! travelling rug. In making the presentation, Mr Bartlett made feeling reference to the general regret felt at their departure from, the district, and expressed wishes for their .future well fare. Mr W Robinson- also spoke. Mr Reaks returned thanks in behalf of Mrs Reaks and himself for the. token of goodwill and remembrance from the Suburban people, and for the many kindnesses which they had met with during their stay there Songs were rendered during the evening by Misses Reaks and Hayes, Mesdames Johnston; Marriott and Turner (Waitata Bay), and Messrs Reaks, O'Sullivan, and Looms. Mrs Johnston and Mr F. O'Sullivan supplied the music during the evening. After singing "Auld Lang Syne the large gathering dispersed in the early hours of the morning.

14th October 1913 Five applications were received for the teachership at Havelock Suburban. It was resolved to forward to the Committee the name, of Miss Teresa O'Sullivan, the only eligible applicant, and the town executive was authorised to make the appointment if the Committee recommended it

11th November 1913 Miss Frances O'Sullivan's appointment confirmed

1914

1914 16 Havelock Suburban O'Sullivan Frances T D2 Female £ 120.00

14th January 1914 The following school buildings in the Marlborough district have, as a whole or in part, been in existence for over thirty years:—Tua Marina, Havelock Suburban, Picton, Havelock, Springlands, Blenheim, Marshlands, Wairau Valley, Fairhall, and Fabian's Valley. The list was mentioned in connection with the Education Board's scheme for the establishment of a reserve fund to provide for rebuilding as the occasion arises in each case.

10th February 1914 A grant of £3 5s was made to cover the cost of painting some rooms, in the residence at Havelock Suburban.

5th May 1914 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. Messrs R. F. Crispin (chairman and Secretary), J. W. Donald, R. Neumann, J. A. Farnell, and W. Farnell junr.

9th June 1914 CLOCKS. The committee appointed to examine the clocks of the Blenheim Borough School reported that the nine timepieces were all in tolerably good going order. It was resolved to reply to the School Committee that the Board did not consider a supply of new clocks to be necessary. The Picton. and Havelock Suburban Committees also applied for clocks. It was resolved to inform the applicants of the Board's practice, which was to require that condemned clocks be forwarded; to its office for examination, as a result of which they would be either replaced at the cost of the Board or repaired at the expense of] the Committees concerned.

23rd December 1914 The following., further donations have been received to the Poor of Britain and Belgium Fund: J. W. Black £2 2s, Blind River 7s, Havelock Suburban school concert £5 7s.

1887/17351 O'Sullivan Frances Theresa Mary Ann Timothy

1915

1915 18 Havelock Suburban McGurk John Male £ 110.00

9th February 1915 Miss O'Sullivan's resignation of .the position of teacher at the Havelock Suburban school was received and accepted. The secretary stated that arrangements had been ,made to have the position filled pending-the appointment of another teacher

9th March 1915 Mr J McGurk appointed (Temporary)

13th April 1915 Miss Ross Moore appointed serving mistress *(Presumably sewing mistress)* subject to Inspector's approval

11th May 1915 WORKS. A report was made of a visit of inspection. paid by members of the Board and the inspector and architect to the Canvastown, Havelock, Havelock Suburban, and Okaramio schools. The Board authorised, the- construction of two new outbuildings and fence and repairing of the shelter shed' at Havelock Suburban.

14th September Havelock Suburban Gifts for war effort Stationery, soap, tobacco, cigarettes, laces, books, handkerchiefs, socks.

John McGurk was at Mangatainoka in 1905- 1906

1916-1917

1917 16 Havelock Suburban Arthur Marewa M ` Sole £110.00

13th June 1916 Mr J. McGurk,. Havelock Suburban. resigned his position, having enlisted for- active- service

22nd July 1916 The Havelock Suburban Committee wrote recommending that Miss Arthur, holding a temporary position, be appointed teacher. —The Executive was authorised to appoint Miss Arthur permanently after certain formal requirements of the regulations had been complied .with

20th July 1917 The children of the Havelock Suburban school have collected the very creditable sum of £9 Is 6d in aid of the fund being raised for the relief of; the children who suffered through the recent, air-raid on the East End of London. The money has been forwarded to the Wellington Education Board.

Marewa Arthur was at Lawrence School in 1903

1892/14017	Arthur	Marewa Muriel	Florence Nettie	Anthony Milligan
1921/9947	Marewa Muriel	Arthur	Frederick	McMillan

1913	4	Scarborough Run	Arthur	Muriea	Female	£ 24.00
1914	42	Koromiko	Arthur	Marewa	Assistant Female	£ 90.00
1915	34	Koromiko	Arthur	Marea	Assistant Female	£ 110.00

1918-1919

1919	11	Havelock Suburban	Arthur	Marewa M	`	Sole £170.00

10th January 1918 Proficiency: F Schenkel, J Farnell, M Donald

23rd May 1918 Mr H. J. Reaks, of Tahuna (North Island) and lately of Havelock Suburban, has received word that his son, Henry, who was severely wounded on October 19 and discharged from hospital about the middle of April, had been re-admitted to hospital suffering from his old wound.

1920-1921

1921	19	Havelock Suburban	Dryden	H B Mrs	`	Sole £200.00

`7th June 1920 A very pleasant gathering was held at the Havelock Suburban school recently, the occasion being a farewell to the. teacher, Miss Arthur, who is resigning ,from the teaching staff. Mrs A; W. Simmonds expressed the regrets of all present at losing the teacher, who has been over four years at- the school and had gained the esteem and respect of all. In behalf of the residents Miss M. Donald then presented Miss Arthur with a silver cake basket, and Master Ernest Ball, in behalf of the children, with s silver and cut-glass butter-dish. Miss Arthur, in a feeling speech, thanked everyone for the beautiful presents given her. She was sorry to leave Havelock Suburban; the people had been very good to her; and she was also sorry to leave the children, whom she had always found a very bright and happy little band. Three hearty cheers were given by the children for their teacher. Afternoon tea was then handed round, and music and some songs-by the children brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close

1922-1923

1923	18	Havelock Suburban	Murphy	Christine	Reliever	£185.00

21st March 1923 Mrs H B Dryden resigns

It looks as though the school closed in 1927, but I can find no record of it being open after 1923

Pelorus Guardian

Havelock Suburban

10th June 1892 Havelock-Suburban School. Miss Matthews applied for an increase of salary, and her case was supported by Mr. Mills, and also by a letter from the head-master. The Inspector said that the position was somewhat anomalous, as the assistant mistress was really entitled to £80 a year, and not the £75 she asked for. A tabulated list of the increases which each school was entitled under the new rules, was laid on the table, and showed that on new appointments the increase in salaries would be £158. Mr. Seymour gave notice of motion that the increase of Miss Matthews' salary be considered at the next meeting. Mr. Mills said he would not be able to be present at the next meeting owing to the sitting of Parliament.

23rd January 1894 Sad Occurrence.

The painful news was brought into town on Sunday that Mr. H. L. Severne, Master of the Havelock Suburban School, had shot himself. The particulars of this sad event will be found in the report of the inquest, Mr. Severne had been teaching in this district for many years, and the reports of the Inspectors /were at all times complimentary to his abilities as a teacher. Mr. Severne was a man highly respected for his many good qualities, and the sad occurrence has cast a gloom over the whole district. He was not married, _ but his aged parents and many relations will have the deep sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

THE INQUEST. An inquest was held at the Courthouse, Havelock, yesterday, before C. H. Mills, acting coroner, and a jury of six Messrs. W. Price, (chairman) Venimore, Benge, Scott, W. H. Smith, and Campbell. '

Caroline B. Severne disposed: I reside at Havelock. On Sunday the 21st inst. I was at my sons place at Havelock Suburban, at the school, attending on him as he was not well. About two o'clock in the afternoon I was asked by my son to go outside for some chips to light a fire. On my return I found him in his room lying down. I said, "Do you feel comfortable," and h« said, "Yes." He appeared quite calm at the time. He said to me, " You had better go and lie down, as you could not have had much rest last night." While I was lying down I heard a slight noise, as if something had fallen on the floor in my son's room. He made a noise as if reaching for something. Directly after I heard the explosion. I then went in and found him lying on the bed with the gun in his hands with a string attached to the trigger which was tied to his foot. I made no further examination but rushed over to Mr. Newman's. I had no suspicion when I saw the gun behind the door. My son had been drinking heavily. He came into Havelock last Monday evening, and appeared to be in a low and depressed state.

Mr. Newman gave evidence as to going into the house and seeing that Mr. Severne had shot himself. He very often told me he would shoot himself. I have no reason to doubt that deceased committed suicide.

Mr. J. Moore stated that he went to the house and described the position of the body and that the gun was between decease! legs with a string round his foot attached to the trigger. Mr. Severne had been schoolmaster at Havelock suburban for 18 years. He often said he had not the slightest fear of death. I believe he had been drinking. The attendance at the school of late has not been very large. I think that worried him. Constable Williams gave evidence as to the position of the body and how the gun was placed between the legs of the deceased with the string tied to the trigger and placed round the foot.
Dr. Hoadley said that deceased had been under his treatment, but he saw no signs of suicidal mania though he was depressed in spirits. Death was instantaneous as the top of the head was blown off. It was probable that he might have been suffering from delirium tremens at the time, though he was not so when I saw him alive last
The verdict of the jury was that Henry Leigh Severne committed suicide by shooting himself while in an unsound state of mind.
26th January 1894 CERTIFICATED TEACHER wanted for the Havelock Suburban School. The salary will be paid according to the Board's scale, and for the current year will be about £100, with residence. Female teachers receive ten per cent less. Applications to be forwarded to this office on or before SATURDAY, February 3rd, 1894. JOHN SMITH
9th March 1894 meeting of the Education Board was held at Blenheim on Tuesday. Miss L. Matthews was appointed teacher to the Havelock Suburban school, and Miss L. Logan to that of Onamalutu.
In answer to Mr. Severne, senr., for compensation for improvements effected by his son, it was resolved to pay Mr. Severne the salary due to his son at the time of his death., The request for aided schools at St. Hilda, Emslie's Bay, and Stephen's Island granted. As Miss Logan was Appointed to the Onamalutu school, it was resolved that the Secretary if rite to the Deep Creek Committee, pointing out the advisability of appointing Mr. Stratford to their school
20th September 1895 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The annual examination of this School took place on Friday last, when the following scholars succeeded in passing their respective Standards;— Standard VI. Alfred McMillan, Grace O'Sullivan. Standard V.—Henry Crispin, William McDowell, Alice Neumann. Standard IV.—Martha McDowell, George Cozens, Percy O'Sullivan, Henry Swafford. Standard III.—Percy - Cozens, Alice Entwistle, Margaret Entwistle, Grace Guest, James Entwistle, Harry Moore, Kate McMillan, Clarice Nesbit, Frank O'Sullivan, Frances O'Sullivan. Standard 11. —William Entwistle, James Jones. Standard I.—Caroline Cozens, Fred. McMillan, Arthur Entwistle, James Parnell, Sarah Higgins, William Nesbit, Ethel Nesbit
14th February 1896 Havelock Suburban. The Committee wrote asking that about 20 chains of fencing round the school be. renewed.—Resolved that the Committee be instructed to call for alternate tenders for wire, and post and rail, and picket fencing. The Committee asked for additional accommodation to the teacher's residence.—Resolved to instruct them to call for tenders and forward to the Board. The Board then adjourned.
1st May 1896 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the meeting of householders held last Monday, the following persons were elected members of the Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. W. Farnell, jun., S. Higgins, A. McMillan, T. O'Sullivan R.

Newman, and J. A. Moore. At a meeting of the Committee held afterwards, Mr. J. A. Moore was re-elected Chairman, clerk, and treasurer.

5th June 1896 Destructiveness. —It having been reported that the children attending the Havelock Suburban school were damaging the earthenware pipes belonging to the Road Board, the Inspector has been instructed to consult the school-teacher, with the object of discovering and punishing the offenders

22nd September 1896 School Examination.

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. Mr. Smith, Inspector of Schools for Marlborough, held his annual examination of this school on Monday, the 7th. inst. when the whole of the scholars passed their respective standards as follows: Standard VI.—Alice Neumann. Standard V.—Martha McDowell, and Percy O'Sullivan. Standard IV.—Percy Cozens, Alice Entwistle, Grace Guest, Harry L. Moore, Kate McMillan, Philomena Neumann, Clarice Nesbit, Frances O'Sullivan and Frank O'Sullivan. Standard III.—William Entwistle, James Jones, and Arch. McMillan. Standard II.—Caroline Cozens, Arthur Entwistle, James Farnell, Sarah Higgins, Fred. McMillan, Ethel Nesbit, William Nesbit, and Mabel Morrison. , Standard I.—Fred. Crispin, Harold Cozens, Thomas Moore, Margaret Neumann, and Ellen O'Sullivan. Class P.—Charles Entwistle, William Farnell, Maud Farnell, Annie Parnell, David Higgins, Emma Jones, Albert Nesbit, Robert Neumann, and Q, E. O'Sullivan.

20th October 1896 School picnic—The scholars of the Havelock Suburban-school will hold their annual picnic at the race-course, Kaituna, on Monday November 2nd. The admission to all the fun of the fair is set at 1/- for adults, 6d for children, which includes tea, to be served at 3 p.m. In the evening a dance will be held, to which the admission is fixed at 1/- for gentlemen, 6d for ladies, and, considering the success of this annual picnic in the past, given fine weather, a most enjoyable day amongst the " fields and flowers " may confidently be predicted.

13th November 1896 Havelock Suburban.-—The Committee wrote asking for a grant for painting the school and fence.—The architect was instructed to report

15th January 1897 The architect was instructed to report as to the school improvements asked for by the Havelock suburban committee.

30th April 1897 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN.

Owing to there not being a quorum of householders present, the annual meeting for the purpose of electing a School Committee lapsed,

15th June 1897 At a meeting of house-holders at Havelock Suburban, for the election of a School Committee, the following gentlemen (being the old Committee) were re-elected Messrs. Moore, Newman, O'Sullivan, McMillan , Higgins, Farnell and Bartlett. Subsequently, Mr. J. A. Moore was unanimously re-elected Chairman, a position he has now occupied for the past 17 years consecutively.

12th October 1897 School Examination.

The following scholars passed in the respective Standards at the annual examination of the Havelock Suburban school, on Friday, Oct. 1st; Class X,—Alice Neumann and Edward Berry. Standard YI. Percy O'Sullivan and Martha McDowell. Standard V.—Harry Moore, Philomena Neumann, Frank O'Sullivan, Frances O'Sullivan, Grace Guest, Alice Entwistle, Percy Cozens and Kate McMillan. Standard IV.—William Entwistle, James Jones and Archie McMillan. Standard 111. Caroline Cozens, Arthur Entwistle, Sarah Higgins, James Faroe Fred. McMillan Ethel Nesbitt and William Nesbitt. Standard II.—Fred. Crispin, Harold Cozens, Thomas Moore, Margaret Neumann, Eileen O'Sullivan and Yetta McLean.

15th October 1897 Havelock Suburban The Committee was granted the sum of £1 for the construction of a small sliding door, intended to prevent the purloining of the school children's dinners

18th March 1898 Havelock Suburban. Miss Alice Neumann was appointed sewing Mistress

29th April 1898 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the householders' meeting, held on Monday evening last, the following gentlemen were elected to form the Havelook Suburban School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Edward Bartlett, James Entwistle, William Farnell; jun., Sydney Higgins, AEneas McMillan, John Moore, and Timothy O'Sullivan. At the Committee meeting, Mr. Moore was chosen as Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

4th October 1898 School Examinations.

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the annual examination of this school the following pupils passed their respective standards: — Standard VI.—Harry Moore, Frank O'Sullivan, Philomena Neumann, Alice Entwistle, Kate McMillan, and Frances O'Sullivan. Standard V.—Archibald McMillan, William Entwistle, James Jones, and Hazel Bryant. Standard IV.—Frederick McMillan, James Farnell, Arthur Entwistle, William Nesbit, Caroline Cozens, Ethel Nesbit, and Sarah Higgins. Standard III.—Frederick Crespin, Harold Cozens, Thomas Moore, Yetta McLean, Eileen O'Sullivan, and Margaret Neumann. Standard L—Elvira O'Sullivan, Emily Jones, William Farnell, and Albert Nesbit

28th April 1899 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the householders' meeting, held on Monday evening last, the following gentlemen were elected to form the Havelock Suburban School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Edward Bartlett, James Entwistle, William Farnell, jun., Sydney Higgins, AEneas McMillan, John Moore, and Timothy O'Sullivan. At the Committee meeting, Mr. Moore was chosen as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

5th May 1899 Havelock Suburban.—The Committee acknowledged the receipt from the Secretary of a copy of the Hon. W. P. Reeve's book " New Zealand."

26th September 1899 School Examinations.

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The Havelock Suburban school has again passed a very successful examination, every one of the 30 pupils presented in standards securing a pass. The names of the pupils are : Standard VII.—Frances O'Sullivan, Kate McMillan, and Philomena Neumann. Standard VI.—William Entwistle and Hazel Bryant. Standard V. —Ethel Nesbit, Sarah Higgins, Arthur Entwistle, James Farnell, Caroline Couzens, and Fred McMillan. Standard IV. —Margaret Neumann, Fred Crispin, Harold Couzens, Yetta McLean, Thomas Moore, and. Eileen O'Sullivan. Standard 11. William Farnell, Albert Nesbit, Emily Jones, and Elvira O'Sullivan. Standard I. —Annie Farnell, Maude Farnell, Rose Moore, David Higgins, Charles Entwistle, Robert Neumann, Arthur Benge, Allen Entwistle, and D'Arcy Couzens.

16th March 1900 Blinds were granted for the Havelock Suburban School.

1st May 1900 ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN

At the annual meeting of house' holders, the following gentlemen were chosen as a School Committee for the ensuing year J. A. Moore, S. Higgins, T. O'Sullivan, /E. McMillan, J. Entwistle, W. Pask, and W. Farnell, junr. Mr. Moore was re elected as Chairman, this making his 20th yearly term.

18th May 1900 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN The appointment of Miss F. O'Sullivan as sewing mistress was approved.

25th September 1900 At the annual examination of the Havelock Suburban School, on the 17th September, the following pupils passed their respective Standards: —Standard VI.—Frederick McMillan, Sarah Higgins, James Farnell, Frank Reader, Caroline Cozens and Ethel Nesbit. Standard V.—Margaret Neumann, Frederick Crispin, Harold Cozens, Eileen O'Sullivan, Thomas Moore and Yetta McLean. Standard III.—Albert Nesbit, William Farnell, Emily Jones and Elvira O'Sullivan. Standard II.—Rose Moore, Annie Farnell, Maud Farnell, Charles Entwistle, Arthur Benge, Allen Entwistle, D'Arcy Cozens, David Higgins and Robert Neumann. Standard I. Monica Neumann, George Jones, Leonard Crispin, May Benge, Gladys McMillan and Elsie Farnell.

14th December 1900 It was decided to reply to the Havelock Suburban Committee that the time had lapsed for the return of the stocks of old books that had gone out of use.

Havelock Suburban.

(From a Correspondent.)

At the breaking up of the school on 13th. inst. a picnic was held, which was well attended. A bounteous repast was provided, after partaking of which an adjournment was made to a paddock kindly lent by Mr. Higgins, where games and shooting were indulged in—the ladies competing in the latter.

In the evening an entertainment: was given by the children, each item being heartily applauded, reflecting much credit on the performers and on their teacher, Miss Matthews, who presided at the piano. The " gem " of the evening was undoubtedly " The Quack Doctor," by Miss M. O'Sullivan.

At the close of the entertainment, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to—Miss Matthews, for arranging the entertainment; and to the Committee, for the excellent manner in which the picnic was carried out. Refreshments having been handed round, proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

22nd March 1901 The Havelock Suburban Committee asked that a large bell be erected outside the school.—Resolved that the Board's funds would not permit the granting of such bells to any of its schools.

26th April 1901 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the annual meeting of householders, held on Monday evening, the following gentlemen were chosen as a School Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. J. A. Moore (Chairman and Secretary), 'J. W. Donald, J. Entwistle, W. Farnell, junr., S. Higgins, M. McMillan, and T. O'Sullivan.

29th September 1901 School Examinations.

HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. At the annual examination of the Havelock Suburban school, on Tuesday last, the following pupils were presented, and passed their respective Standards: — Standard VII.—Frederick McMillan and Sarah Higgins. Standard VI.—Fred. Crispin (c.p.), Yetta McLean, Thomas Moore (c.p.), Eileen O'Sullivan and Margaret Neumann (c.p.) Standard IV. William Farnell, Emily Jones, Elvira O'Sullivan, Albert Nesbit and D'Arcy Reader. Standard III.—Arthur Benge, Rose Moore, Charles Entwistle, A. Entwistle, D'Arcy Cozens, Annie Farnell, Maude Farnell, Robert Neumann, David Higgins and Bertha Watson. Standard II.—May Benge, Leonard Crispin, Elsie Farnell, George Jones, Gladys McMillan and Monica Neumann. Standard I.—Mary O'Sullivan, Ida Higgins and William Brownlee.

22nd October 1901 Freehand Drawing. The' following pupils of the Havelock Suburban school have passed the First Grade Freehand Drawing examination held under the auspices of the Wellington Education Board, in September last: Elvira O'Sullivan (good), Fred. Crispin, Thomas Moore, William Parnell, Frances O'Sullivan, Sarah Higgins, Margaret Neumann, and Emily Jones.

6th May 1902 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. On Monday last the following gentlemen were elected to form the School Committee at Havelock Suburban for the, year ending 31st March, 1903 —- Messrs. Chas. W. Crispin, James W. Donald, Wm. Farnelly, jun., Sydney Higgins, Aeneas McMillan, John A. Moore (Chairman), and T. O'Sullivan,

7th October 1902 Havelock Suburban. — At the annual examination of the Havelock Suburban School, held on 25th September, the following passed : —Standard VII., Thomas Moore and Fred Crispin; Standard V., Wm. Farnell, Cora Gregor, Emily Jones, Elvira O'Sullivan, D'Arcy Reader ; Standard IV., Arthur Benge, D'Arcy Cozens, Maud Farnell, Annie Farnell, David Higgins, Rose Moore, Robert Neumann ; Standard 111., Leonard Crispin, Mary Benge. Elsie Farnell, George Jones, Monica Neumann, Mary O'Sullivan; Standard 11., William Brownlee, Robert Brownlee, Ina Higgins, Alex Moore, Cecil Higgins, Ella Nesbit, Leo Neumann.

13th February 1903 Havelock Suburban forwarded the list of books proposed to be placed in the new library, and this was approved

25th September 1903 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN.

The School was examined on Tuesday, and of 27 pupils presented 26 passed—a splendid result, upon which we heartily congratulate Miss Matthews, the Mistress. Standard VII.—F. O'Sullivan.

Standard VI.—D. Reader, C. Gregor (credit pass). Standard V.—Rose Moore, A. Farnell, M. Farnell, David Higgins, Robert Neumann, Arthur Benge. Standard IV.—D. Cozens, Leonard Crispin, Monica Neumann, May Benge, Mary O'Sullivan, George Jones. Standard III.—William Brownlee, Robert Brownlee, Alex, Moore, Ida Higgins. . Standard ll.—Leo Neumann, Cecil Higgins. Standard I.—Elsie Andrews, Irma O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Sullivan, Ella Farnell, Stella Farnell, Alex. Watson.

3rd June 1904 NOTICE. OWING to depredations in my turnip crops and interference with fences for some time past, regardless of warnings, I hereby notify parents of BOYS attending Havelock Suburban School that 1 intend prosecuting any cases of trespass coming under my notice, irrespective of persons, from date thereof. R. F. CRISPIN. . 31st May. 31/3

28th April 1905 Havelock SUBURBAN. The old Committee were returned unopposed. They are—Messrs. J. A. Moore, S. Higgins, M. McMillan, James Donald, C. Crispin, W. Farnell, jun., and T. O'Sullivan. Mr. Moore was appointed Chairman.

23rd January 1906 Following are Marlborough winners of Junior National Scholarships and free places in secondary schools, as a result of the examinations held on 12th and 18th December Monica Neumann (Havelock Suburban), 0. Free, Dorothy Heffer, M. Gandau, and Ivy Browne. We congratulate Miss Neumann on her success, and also her teacher, Miss Matthews, Mistress of the Suburban School.

13th April 1906 John A. Moore, Havelock' Suburban, asked for expenses of his son in connection with the scholarship examination.—Secretary instructed to reply that the scholar; was not entitled to expenses, owing to non-qualification.

27th April 1906 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The. new Committee comprise the following:—Messrs. J. A. Moore (Chairman), W. Farnell, jun., R. Neumann, J. W. Donald, S. Higgins, T. O'Sullivan, W. Simmonds.

7th September 1906 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. This School was examined on the 29th ult., and we have to congratulate the Mistress (Miss Matthews) on the fact that her School is again in the " first " class of Marlborough Schools. Following are the promotions made: — Standard VII.—Alex, Moore.

Standard VI.—Leonard Crispin, Norman Simmonds, Leo Neumann, Robert Brownlee, Gladys McMillan, Ida Higgins, Cecil Higgins (arithmetic). Standard V.—Stella Farnell, Teresa O'Sullivan, Irma O'Sullivan, Ella Farnell, C, Higgins (English). Standard IV,—Alex. Watson.
Standard III.—Cora Farnell, May Gardiner, Clarence Andrews, Hughie Higgins. Standard II.—Leila Higgins, Hilda Donald, Olive Nesbitt, Gertie O'Sullivan, Gladys Gardiner, D'Arcy Nesbitt, Harold Farnell, May Bartlett, Daniel Bartlett, J. Brownlee.
Preparatory class too young for promotion, and no promotions in Standard I.
11th September 1906 and instructions were issued to the Board's carpenter to carry out repairs at the Havelock Suburban School and residence as soon as possible
11th September 1906 Inspector's Reports Havelock Suburban : Good; a creditable year's work.
12th October 1906 Havelock Suburban. —The request of the Committee to allow Miss Matthews to choose the wall papers to be used.in the school was granted.
Laverique.—Miss M. Muncaster was appointed teacher of this school, subject to the Committee's approval.
16th November 1906 Miss Matthews, Mistress of the Havelock Suburban School, applied for and was granted a year's leave of absence in order to enable her to take a course of study at the Wellington Training College. Several members of the Board referred to Miss Matthews' splendid work as a teacher, and it was resolved to pay her salary in full for the first three months of her absence
14th December 1906 Havelock Suburban.—The repair of the school by the Board's workman, in the holidays, was authorised.
25th December 1906 SOCIAL AT HAVELOCK SUBURBAN.
The Suburban Schoolroom was crowded on Thursday evening last, the occasion being a farewell social tendered by the residents of the district to Miss Matthews, Mistress of the local school.
Mr. J. A. Moore, Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and in a brief but appropriate speech referred to Miss Matthews' long and successful management of the school. He said that the school was formally opened in 1881 by the late Mr. Seddon, and Miss Matthews had been Mistress for thirteen years, He then presented her with a purse containing a large number of sovereigns. In returning thanks Miss Matthews said that what success the school had achieved was greatly assisted by the fact that the relations between herself and the parents had always been harmonious.
Eulogistic addresses were also made by Revs. Stace and Scott and by Messrs. H. M. Reader and T. O'Sullivan. Mr. Reader suggested that an " Honours Roll," similar to that in the Havelock School, should be placed in the Suburban School.
During the evening the following musical programme was gone through, to the great pleasure of the audience: —Duet, Misses O'Sullivan and Moore; chorus, "Jingle Bells," pupils; recitation Gladys McMillan; song, Miss A. Parnell; duet, Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Simmonds; song, pupils; recitation, Miss McMillan; chorus, pupils; song, Miss E, O'Sullivan; song, Miss M. O'Sullivan; sob and chorus, pupils; duet, Misses O'Sullivan; song, Miss E. Neumann; whistling solo, Miss Harriet Andrews; song, Miss E. O'Sullivan ; song, Mr. W. McDowall.
A delightful supper followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Miss Matthews was also presented, by the pupils of the school, with a beautifully bound album, bearing an appropriate inscription.
18th January 1907 Havelock Suburban,—Mrs. Thorpe and Miss Simpson applied for the temporary teachership.—Referred to the Committee.

26th April 1907 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. Following are the names of the new Committee:—Messrs. J. A. Moore (Chairman), Sydney Higgins, W. Farnell, Jnr., Robert Neumann, T. 1 O'Sullivan, James Donald, and R. F. j Crispin. The six first named are members of the old Committee,

12th July 1907 Havelock Suburban.—The Committee asked for £3 to purchase a heater.— The Inspector recommended that a large double window be cut in the eastern wall.—Granted.

7th January 1908 Mr. John A. Moore, of Havelock Suburban, has occupied the position of Chairman of the local School Committee for over 80 years in succession. This is a record that will be hard to beat. Owing to ill-health and other causes Miss Matthews, who for about twelve years conducted the Havelock Suburban School, has resigned her position under the Marlborough Education Board. Some months ago Miss Matthews obtained 12 months' leave of absence in order to attend the Training College in Wellington. She was one of the most successful teachers the Board have ever had, and great regret will be felt on account of her resignation.

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17th January 1908 Havelock Suburban.—The' Committee requested that Miss Matthews' position as teacher, which she had finally resigned owing to continued illness, be filled per the usual course, that of calling for applications. —Miss Matthews' offer to refund to the Board the £30 granted to her at the time of her departure was declined, the 'Board considering she had a right to the money. --It was decided that applications be invited.

28th February 1908 An Appointment Declined.—We learn that the lady who was appointed as Mistress of the Suburban School has declined the appointment. The year-to-year bogey has been mentioned as the reason for this action, but the statement lacks confirmation. The new appointment will be made in a few days. A very capable teacher in this district and an equally successful one from the Wairau Valley are applicants

4th February 1908 Appointed Havelock Suburban, Miss Prichard;

10th March 1908 At yesterday's meeting of the Marlborough Education Board Miss 3 B, P. Stone, assistant teacher at the Havelock School, was appealed to take charge of 'the Havelock Suburban School. There were six applicants for the position, two being from Havelock. The local Committee greatly regret Miss Stone's contemplated departure from the school. . but recognise that chances for promotion must not be neglected by young teachers. We congratulate the Suburban Committee upon having secured a teacher whoso abilities and methods of instruction are sure to result in the maintenance of the high standards previously obtained by the school.

13th March 1908 Havelock Suburban.—Mrs. Packard wrote regretting she could not accept the position of teacher of Havelock Suburban.—It was resolved Ito appoint Miss Stone, of the Havelock School.

15th May 1908 Havelock Suburban.—A request made for a heater last winter was renewed.— Secretary to make enquiries as to whether one can be obtained from another school.—
15th May 1908 Miss Stone wished to remain where she is at Havelock, instead of filling the position she had accepted at Havelock Suburban.—The Secretary had informed Miss Stone that a successor had been appointed in her place at Havelock and therefore she could not remain where she was.
2nd June 1908 The change of teachers takes place this week, and on Monday, 1st June, Miss Stone takes up her duties here, and Mrs. Thorpe commences at the Rai School. While welcoming Miss Stone to her new position, it is with great regret we say good-bye to her predecessor. Miss D. Thorpe has returned to Nelson College, and Miss Monica Neumann to the Marlborough High School, after spending their autumn vacation here. Miss Gould, of Nydia Bay, a scholarship holder and former pupil of Miss Margaret Neumann, is also at the High School. Miss Neumann is at home at Suburban, having had to relinquish teaching on account of eye-troubles and consequent doctor's orders.
23rd June 1908 Mr. W. H. Smith, who for about eight years has done a great deal of useful, but irksome and unprofitable, work in this district as a Justice of the Peace, has been officially notified that his resignation of the position has been accepted. Chief-Detective W, L. Chrystal, of Christchurch, who has been connected with the Police force for about thirty years, is to retire on a pension of £140 per annum—having been pronounced medically unfit for service. Detective Henderson, of Auckland, is also to retire from the force, as he has reached the age-limit, on a pension of £164 a year. On Friday evening last, at a meeting of the Havelock Suburban School Committee, Mr. J. A. Moore, Late Chairman of the above body, was the recipient of a handsome combination lens microscope, the gift of the parents of the children of the school district in appreciation of his 27 years' continuous service as Chairman and Secretary to the Committee. Mr. B. F. Crispin, in making the presentation, referred to the record service of Mr. Moore on the Committee, which was probably unbeaten in the dominion in the matter of duration. It had, he said, been a somewhat difficult matter to decide in what shape or form the parents' appreciation could best be shown. The studious and researchful nature of the recipient, had, however, decided them in getting the little instrument 'he now had the pleasure of handing him, with the hope that it would prove a source of diversion and instruction to himself and family. In returning thanks Mr. Moore left no doubt of his keen appreciation of the efforts of the parents to recognise his services which he said, had always been rendered without thought of reward. He then grew reminiscent. It was, he said, just over 80 years since he wrote the first letter with a view to securing a school district at Havelock Suburban, There were twelve movers with himself, of whom now but one (Mr. W. Swafford), besides himself was left in the district. Some had gone to their last resting place, the others had drifted away to other parts; and one (on a comer of whose property the School had been erected) was now in Oregon or Washington State, U.S.A. The School had opened with an attendance of 20, and a week later saw 26 within its walls, at which number, strange to say, the attendance now stands.
14th July 1908 Mr. Strachan, Inspector of Schools, paid his annual surprise visit to the school on Wednesday. Miss B. O'Sullivan begins her duties at the Canvastown School this morning. We wish her success in her new sphere,

2nd October 1908 Dominion Day passed very quietly here. The medals were presented by the Chairman of the School Committee on Monday afternoon. The children then gave three cheers in honour of the first birthday of the baby dominion
2nd February 1909 Miss Stone has returned from Wellington, and resumed her school duties this morning. By passing the Junior Civil Service Examination with credit Miss Monica Neumann has secured an extension of her scholarship, and now enters on her fourth year at the Marlborough High School.
8th March 1909 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN NEWS.
. (From our Correspondent). The school picnic was held on Friday last in Mr. Simmond's paddock. A large number of parents and friends were present, and everyone had a most enjoyable day. Lunch was served in a shady spot underneath the trees, after which a programme of sports
was gone through. Miss Stone acted as starter, while Messrs. C. Crispin and Swafford judged the various events. The dance given in the evening was a great success, visitors coming from
far and near. The seating accommodation of Mr. Crispin's barn was taxed to its uttermost, and dancers could have wished for a little more room. A substantial sum was taken at the door, and music, floor, and supper were all that could be desired. Messrs. McDowell, Mortimer, and McMillan supplied the music, and Mr. Archie McMillan acted as M.C.
9th April 1909 Miss B. Stone applied for leave of absence for six weeks owing to ill-health.—Granted, one month on full pay. Mrs. Fisher's temporary appointment was approved.
30th April 1909 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The new committee comprise Messrs. R. F. Crispin, A. J. Farnell, V, 7 . Parnell, jun., R. Neumann, James Donald, H. A. Crispin, and J. H. Swafford. Mr. R. F. Crispin was reelected chairman, secretary, and treasurer.
11th May 1909 Miss Stone's six weeks' leave of absence expires on Friday next, but it is not yet known whether she is sufficiently recovered to resume her school duties on the following Monday
14th May 1909 Miss Stone applied for a further six weeks' leave of absence, as she would not be fit for school until that time. It was decided to grant the application, and to appoint Miss M. Neumann to take Miss Stone's position at Havelock until she regains convalescence.
29th June 1909 Mr. Strachan paid his annual surprise visit to the school on Friday las 1 and expressed himself as well pleased with the quality of the work done and the discipline maintained. The schoolchildren who visited Havelock on Saturday to play in the rounder match thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing, and hope soon to return the kind hospitality of their little hosts and hostesses.
27th July 1909 Miss Stone, who has been absent for some time through ill-health, has again commenced her duties, and we are all glad to hear her health has so much improved. Miss Margaret Neumann is at present acting as relieving teacher for a month in the Grassmere School.
3rd August 1909 From our Correspondent). There" was a most enjoyable school*children's evening held in the Victoria Hall here on Friday, 30th July. Songs, games, and dancing were indulged in by old and young alike, and a plentiful supper was provided by the parents. Mr. Hill and Miss Wadsworth controlled the proceedings, and others present amongst the grownup were Mr. and Mrs. S. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rush, Mrs. Ahern, Miss Home 3, Mrs. Homes. Mrs. H. J. Hill, Mrs. D. Young and her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. T. Simonsen, Mr. and Miss

Diamanti, Mrs. Alf. Thompson, Mrs. Glastonbury, Mrs. S. Ball, Mr. Kenny, Mr. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Josephson, Miss Murray, Mrs. Peters, Mr. B. Anderson, Mr. A. Rutland, Mrs. McKay, Miss Robinson—and, in fact, all those who received notice of the entertainment, which was got up in two days

18th February 1910 Miss B. Stone forwarded her resignation as teacher of the Havelock Suburban school, on account of having been appointed, to the Pahiatua School.

1st April 1910 Mr. Reakes, of the Midhirst (Taranaki) School, has been appointed master of the Havelock Suburban School.

Miss Stone left on Wednesday for Wellington. She is to commence her duties at the Pahiatua*(District)* High School on Monday next. On Wednesday her pupils at the Suburban School presented her with a beautiful silver topped trinket box. Miss Cora Parnell, in making the presentation, wished Miss Stone every happiness in her new sphere

29th April 1910 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. The names of the new committee are: R. F. Crispin (chairman, secretary, and treasurer), R. Neumann, James Donald, W. Farnell, jun., H. A. Crispin

12th August 1910 School Examination. —The Havelock Suburban School was inspected on 1st August by Mr. D. A. Strachan, Inspector of Schools, who reports :-- Instruction of Class P, satisfactory; order, discipline, and tone of the school, excellent;. efficiency of the, school, etc. fair to satisfactory. The report concludes, with the remark ' The school seems to be in good hands, and I expect it to improve."

24th January 1911. The annual picnic of the Suburban School will be held on Thursday, in Mr. W. P. Simmonds' paddock, an ideal spot for such a gathering. Many of the events on the sports programme will be open to pupils from other schools. Money prizes are to be offered, but no entry fees will be asked, The committee will be pleased to welcome visitors,

17th March 1911 The Havelock Suburban School Committee wrote asking to have a new floor placed in the school, pointing out that the present floor was unsafe. The cost would be about £12. Mr. Fulton said that the floor was in bad order, and required attention. He thought it necessary to do something. Mr. Reader said it would not cost more than £15 to have new piles put in, in addition to the new floor. The whole work would not cost more than £15 or £16 Messrs. Reader and Fulton were authorised to make inquiries as to the probable cost of this work and to call for tenders, to be in by the next meeting of the Board

14th April 1911 The Havelock Suburban School Committee require tenders for reflooring the school there. Tenders close on Saturday, 29th April. Mr. Crispin, chairman of the committee, will supply particulars and will show the work required at 8 p.m. on the 26th.

28th April 1911 SUBURBAN. At the householders' meeting on Monday the old committee were re-elected—-namely, Messrs. R. F. Crispin, James Donald, W. Farnell, jun., A. J. Farnell, and R. Neumann. Mr. Crispin was reelected chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

25th August 1911 Havelock Suburban School.— On 11th August Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., Inspector of Schools, paid his annual visit to the Suburban School, and the following is his report on the school " Compulsory Subjects—Reading, satisfactory; composition, grammar, fair; essay, 'satisfactory; writing, excellent (special merit); general writing, very neat; spelling, good, Standards VII, VI, and 111 excellent;

recitation, good, Standards 111 and II excellent, special merit; arithmetic, satisfactory, Standard Y good; drawing good, a somewhat limited course; singing, fair to satisfactory; physical instruction, fair; geography, satisfactory, Standards 111 and IV good; history, moderate; .moral instruction and health, the tone of the school is excellent; additional subjects —gardening is practised; I should like the scientific aide of the work to be elaborated; plasticine modelling fair; needlework, good; instruction of class P, satisfactory; order, discipline, and tone of the school, excellent; efficiency of the school, etc., satisfactory to good. I am pleased with the work of Mr. Reaks

19th December 1911 Mr. D. A. Strachan, M.A., Inspector of School for Marlborough, conducted the annual Standard VI. examinations daring last week, and has kindly supplied the following information ;

9th February 1912 The Suburban school picnic and sports which were held a few days previous to the re-opening of the school were a great success. The gathering this year was held at the school and being favoured with the finest of weather there was a large gathering of the local people whilst numerous visitors were present from Havelock and Okaramio. The sports were held in a paddock kindly lent by Mr. O'Halloran Neumann, and much interest was taken in ,all the events. The prizes were numerous and useful and gave great satisfaction to the fortunate winners. The, events were not wholly confined to the local children but many were open to School children from other districts. The catering for the picnic was in the hands of Mr. C. C. Harris who provided snob a bountiful supper of toothsome dainties that there was no lack of eatables daring the day or at the dance in the evening. In the evening a dance was held in the schoolroom and was most enjoyable. Mr. W. McDowell supplied excellent dance music and the duties of M.C. were ably discharged by Mr. Fred McMillan, The wants of the inner man were well looked after by Mesdames Reaks and McMillan, and Misses Maud, Annie, Stella, and Ella. Farnell, and Gladys McMillan. The Picnic Committee desire to thank Messrs. Price and Son for a gift of lollies and Messrs. J. Barry and Bon for a packet of tea, In arranging the Sports Messrs. O'Halloran Neumann, Cecil Higgins, Swafford, and A. Farnell worked untiringly.

28th June 1912 INSPECTOR'S REPORT On June 18th the Havelock Suburban school was inspected by Mr. D. A, Strachan, M.A., Inspector of schools. The following is the inspection report: —Section 1, Mr. H. J. Reaks teacher; number on roll 25, number present 19; mumps prevalent. Section IL Marking and keeping of registers very neat and accurate, regularity of attendance, half-days—1911—416, average attendance 91.7. The time-table is satisfactory and the scheme of work is for the most part very carefully drawn, but some subjects are incompletely programmed. The pupils appear to be making satisfactory progress. For science work in connection with the garden reference may be made to the syllabus, paragraph 56. I understand that Laurie's primer is being used—a valuable work for pupils at this stage. The order and discipline, and the manners and general behaviour of the pupils are very good. The cleanliness and tidiness of the rooms and premises are satisfactory. It was reported to me that the school was a very cold one.

6th August 1912 The following are extracts from a supplementary report of the \Havelock Suburban school as submitted by Mr. A. Strachan,, M.A. Inspector:

Reading, satisfactory; composition; very satisfactory, and grammar fair; writing, very good, genera work very neat; spelling, good, standard 1 and 2 excellent; recitation, good to very good. Modulation has evidently received much attention, weakness with " h " was sometimes noticeable; arithmetic, satisfactory, s. 4-very good; drawing satisfactory to good, pleased with work in design, and progress is also shown in solid geometry; singing, very fair; geography and history, fair; moral instruction and health, the tone is very good; order, discipline and tone of the school, excellent; efficiency of the school, etc., satisfactory to good; the school is well managed. In connection with Arbor Day, 22 Matipo trees were planted,

13th December 1912 The following is the result of yesterday's Proficiency Examination of the Sixth Standards pupils in the Havelock Suburban and Havelock Schools respectively:— HAVELOCK SUBURBAN. Harriet Andrews, proficiency; Dan Bartlett, proficiency; Harold Farnell, proficiency ; James Donald (11 years 9 in.), competency

4th April 1913 The annual picnic of the Suburban School took place on Monday last. The weather was all that could be desired and the parents attended in huge numbers, consequently the picnic was thoroughly enjoyable. All worked hard to make the picnic a success, but special mention must be made of Miss Maud Farnell and Mrs. Ella Farnell, who devoted much time and trouble in preparing and arranging the refreshments. As in former years the supply of cakes, etc. was procured from Mr. C C Harris, of Havelock, and the choice having been left entirely to him there was an unlimited supply and variety, which left nothing to be desired, and all expressed thorough appreciation of Mr. Harris' catering. During the afternoon sports were arranged and all competitors received a prize. Mr. Allen Farnell, a member of the School Committee, and Mr. H. J. Reaks, the teacher, supervised the sports, whilst Mr. Hughie Higgins, assisted by Mr. D'Arcy Nesbit acted as handicappers and starters. The services of these ex-pupils gave great satisfaction and were highly appreciated. The sports we r e held in a paddock kindly lent by Mr. Hal. Neumann.

In the evening a dance was held in Mr. Hal. Neumann's wool-shed. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Music was supplied by Messrs. W. v ! c Dowell and Len Crispin, whilst Messrs. Fred and Alf McMillan acted as M.C's. Refreshments were supplied, a large surplus being left from the picnic.

18th April 1913 The Havelock Suburban Committee reported that the school chimney was blown over during Saturday's gale.—It .was resolved that a heater be. provided.

2nd May 1913 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN At the meeting of householders at Havelock Suburban on Monday evening the old school committee were re-elected as follows: Messrs. R. F. Crispin, Chairman, secretary, and treasurer), Robert Neumann, James W. Donald, Allen J. Farnell, William Farnell Junr.

13th May 1913 Mr. D. A. Strachan, Inspector of schools, paid a visit of inspection to the Havelock Suburban School, on the 28th April. Remarking on the quality of the institution, Mr. Strachan says The work appeared to be progressing very satisfactorily. Writing and drawing are very carefully taught. The general work is neat. Gardening is practised, but I should like to see note-books indicating the educational value of the work. Order and discipline, and the manners and general behaviour of the pupils are excellent

18th July 1913 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN The Committee wrote stating that the installation, of a beater bad been attended with successful results. There were many

defects in the spouting round the teacher's residence and in the piping at the school which heeded attention.— The Board granted £5 for the necessary repairs

22nd August 1913 Havelock Suburban School

The following is the inspectors report! on his annual visit to the school:— Reading, Standard V. good. Standards 11., 111., IV. satisfactory. Standard 1., class P. good; composition, satisfactory; writing, the writing III. very good, II. excellent, I. satisfactory, class P. good; recitation, satisfactory to good; arithmetic, V. good, IV. fair, HI. good, I. and 11. fair to satisfactory; drawing, satisfactory; singing, fair; geography, satisfactory; history, satisfactory; moral instruction, etc., this receives sufficient attention; nature-study, Laurie's "The; Food of Plants" is being studied; needlework, good; instruction of class P., good; order, discipline, and tone of the school, very good; efficiency of the school, etc., satisfactory to good.

30th September 1913 Mr. P. H. Rhodes, who is to take charge of the Havelock Suburban School pending the appointment of a permanent teacher, arrived in Havelock on Saturday.

3rd October 1913 TO MR AND MRS H. J. REAKS Havelock Suburban was en-fete Wednesday-evening when a large and representative gathering of about 150 to 200 people met at the school-house to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Reaks, who are leaving shortly for the North Island, Mr. Beaks having been appointed head master to a school in the Auckland district. The gathering included visitors from Blenheim, Havelock and Pelorus Sounds. Dancing and singing entertained the visitors, the following contributing the musical items :—Mesdames Turner and Marriott, Misses Hay and Beaks, Messrs. Beaks, O'Sullivan, Morehead and Looms. During the evening Mr. E. Bartlett, on behalf of the school-children, parents and friends, with a few appropriate words presented Mr. and Mrs. Beaks with a handsome silver tea service and travelling rug as a token of esteem and respect in which they were held. Mr. Beaks in responding, thanked the people for their kindness to Mrs. Reaks and himself during the time he had charge of the school. He also complimented the parents on the behaviour and intelligence of the children. After partaking of a dainty supper provided by the Havelock Suburban ladies the gathering broke up with " Auld Lang Syne and "They are jolly good Fellows."

Mr. H J Reaks was at Tahuna in at least 1913-1914 School in the Parengrenga Harbour at the very top of the North Island

17th October 1913 Five applications were received for the teachership at Havelock Suburban. It was resolved to forward to the Committee the name of Miss Teresa O'Sullivan, the only eligible applicant, and the town executive was authorised to make the appointment if the Committee recommended it.

8th May 1914 HAVELOCK SUBURBAN Messrs. R. F. Crispin (chairman and secretary), J. W. Donald. R. Neumann, A. J, Parnell, and W. Parnell junr.

12th June 1914 CLOCKS The Picton and Havelock Suburban Committees applied for clocks. It was resolved to inform the applicants of the Board's practice, which was to require that condemned clocks, be forwarded to its office for examination, as a result of which they would either be replaced at the cost of the Board or repaired at the expense of the Committee concerned

26th January 1915 Miss F, O'Sullivan, who has occupied the position of head teacher at Havelock Suburban for some time, resigned her position last week in order to join the staff of a private school in Wellington.

12th March 1915 Mr. J McGurk (Temporary) appointed
16th April 1915 Havelock Suburban, Miss Rose Moore as serving mistress, subject to the inspector's approval.
11th May 1915 Havelock Suburban—Messrs. R. F. Crispin (chairman), R. Neumann, J. Donald, A. J. Farnell, and W. Farnell, junr.
21st April 1916 School Committee Messrs. R. F, Crispin (chairman and secretary), B. Neumann, Edward O, Benseman, J, H. Swafford, H. W. Simmonds
16th June 1916 At the monthly meeting of the Marlborough Education Board held on Monday a resignation was received from Mr. McGurk, teacher at Havelock Suburban school, having enlisted for service.
4th May 1917 School Committee Messrs. R. F, Crispin (chairman, secretary, and treasurer), R. Neumann, J. H. Swafford, A. W. Simmonds, and E. 0. Benseman. All the foregoing were members of the old Committee.
24th July 1917 The children of. the Havelock Suburban school have collected the very creditable sum of £9 Is 6d in aid of the fund being raised for the relief of the children who suffered through the recent air-raid on the East End of London. The money has been forwarded to the Wellington Education Board.

Kaiuma (1880- 1895, 1909)

Bay Just North of Havelock

1880		Kaiuma	Robertson	George	Master	£	82.10
1881	15	Kaiuma	Robertson	George	Master	£	48.00
1882	16	Kaiuma	Cawk	E H	Master	£	57.00
1883	16	Kaiuma	Alexander	Annie	Female	£	48.00
1884	18	Kaiuma	Alexander	Annie	Female	£	54.00
1885	15	Kaiuma	Williams	Mary C	Female	£	52.10
1886	22	Kaiuma	Williams	Mary C	Female	£	63.00
1887	20	Kaiuma	Williams	Mary C	Female	£	72.00
1888	4	Kaiuma	Williams	Mary C	Female	£	14.00
1889	4	Kaiuma	Campbell	Quintin	Master	£	14.00
1890	8	Kaiuma	Campbell	Quintin	Master	£	17.10
1891	6	Kaiuma	Douslin	Minnie	Female	£	21.00
1892	4	Kaiuma	Douslin	Minnie	Female	£	14.00
1893	3	Kaiuma	Vacant				
1894	3	Kaiuma	Ingall	Eva K M	Female	£	15.00
1895	3	Kaiuma	Ingall	Eva K M	Female	£	15.00
1909	5	Kaiuma	Passau Mrs	Hilda	Female	£	30.00

22nd November 1880 Kaiuma. Mr Robertson. (Present, 15 ;on roll 15.) This school had been at work for five months when I inspected it. The children, who seemed very apt, had made

good progress during that short-period. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant, W. C. HODGSON, Inspector of Schools.

7th December 1880 *Taken from a long piece on reporting on schools, questioning the fact that the methods of reporting promotion results were uneven. The Master selected who was to go for promotion to a higher class*

Kaiuma had 100% pass rate but only 6% of students were put up by the master for examination

Whereas Picton got 84% pass from 84% of the students inspected by the inspector

3rd November 1881 The Timber Trade.— There is at present a brisk demand for timber in the Pelorus district, four vessels are now loading at Havelock and two at Kaiuma, the Cutty Sark finished loading on Saturday and has sailed. Several vessels are now on their way to Havelock.

4th April 1882 Kaiuma.— A school |treat was given to; the children attending the School, at Kaiuma on Friday last. The gathering was held owing to the departure of the schoolmaster, Mr G Robertson for Wellington. Mr Robertson suffered much from ill health last winter, and so finds himself unable to continue at his post. The scholars have made very satisfactory progress in their studies during Mr Robertson's sojourn with, them and his departure is regretted. The Scholars presented Mr Robertson with a writing desk as a token of their esteem. We understand that Miss Cawte will undertake the duties of schoolmistress at once.

6th June 1882 Mr .Rutland wrote asking the Board to erect a residence for the teacher at Kenepuru; also, a fireplace in the schoolroom at Kaiuma. The two works would cost between £30 and £35.

27th December 1882 school district with- in the Education District of Marlborough will be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1883, for the election of seven persons to form the School Committee for each of such school districts. The Education Board has fixed the time and place for holding such meetings as under

Blenheim— At 7 p.in., in the School House

Havelock— At 12-30 p.in., Public Hall

Picton— At 12-30 p.in., new School House

Wairau Valley— l2-30 p.in., School House

Kekerangu and Canvas Town— Renwick 7 p.m.

Waitohi— Tua Marina— Spring Creek— Marlborough Town—Grove Town and Fairhall— Kaituna— Havelock Suburban—,, Okaramio n Port Underwood— l2-30 p.m.

Pelorus Sound— l2-30, at School House, Kaiuma

Onamalutu— 7 p.in., at Mr Barton's residence , Onamalutu.

The Chairman of each meeting will, immediately after the election, notify to me the names of the persons so elected, JOHN T. ROBINSON, 'Secretary

31st January 1884 School Committee The following gentlemen) were elected members of the School Committee Messrs R. Forrest, A, Maule, A. Henderson, P McMahon, F Pope, T H Mills, and H Moss At the meeting of the Committee held on the same evening, Mr R. Forrest was unanimously 'elected Chairman for the ensuring year

8th April 1885 KAIUMA. The committee's appointment of Miss C. Williams, of Picton, as teacher at Kaiuma aided school, was approved of. The Board were unable, in their present financial position, to accede to the committee's request for an increase of the £ 3 10 shillings capitation granted to this school.

7th July 1891 KAIUMA. This aided school has been re-opened under the charge of Miss Douslin, and the appointment was approved.
6th April 1893 Mr H Campbell was appointed teacher at Kaiuma
11th January 1894 Resolved that steps be taken to acquire land through sections 7 8, and 9, Pelorus Valley, belonging to Mr D. Wells, for the purpose of a roadway; also. some land through the Native Reserve, so that the track from Kaiuma may be extended towards Havelock
13th February 1894 Mr Passau, of Kaiuma, wrote stating that Mr Purchas, B.A., of Christchurch, had been engaged for the aided school.
4th April 1894 KAIUMA. Mr H. Passau wrote notifying that Mr Purchas, teacher at the aided school, had been dismissed, and that Miss E. Ingall had been engaged.— Approved
12th December 1894 P H Passau nominated to sit scholarship. 15th January 1895 Withdrawn from examination
11th May 1909 Mr Ingram, correspondent at Kaiuma, advised the Board that Mrs Passau had commenced her duties as teacher at the Kaiuma school on Monday, April 26th.—Approved.

Pelorus Guardian
1891 Kaiuma—This aided school has been re-opened under the charge of Miss Douslin, and the appointment was approved.
12th October 1892 Kaiuma. Aided School. Percy Passau, Albert Pickering Standard IV Daisy Passau. Standard II.— Ady Passau, Passed the examination held at Havelock
4th November 1892 It affords us much pleasure to add our congratulations to those of our Blenheim contemporaries to Miss Minnie Douslin upon having so successfully passed the first section of the B.A. Examination of the New Zealand University. All the more credit is due to Miss Douslin, seeing that she has been engaged teaching an aided school at Mr. Passau's, Kaiuma, and has had no assistance in her studies. We look upon it as an honour to the district that Miss Douslin baa been so successful, and her perseverance and industry should be a bright example for others to follow.
16th December 1892 The Havelock School breaks up at noon to-day for the Christmas holidays, when an interesting presentation will take place. . Four candidates put in an appearance for examination for the Tinline P Passau and A. Pickering., from Kaiuma School, and F. Matthews and L, Reynolds from the Havelock School.
5th September 1893 A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Passau, of the Kaiuma Aided School, which stated that notwithstanding his difference with his teacher and the inconvenience attending it, he had placed his children at the Havelock School, and would present them at that examination. Mr. Campbell, the late teacher, wrote giving the reasons for leaving Kaiuma, and asking that his appointment as teacher at Skiddaw be confirmed. The latter request was granted
6th April 1894. Kaiuma.—Mr. A. Passau wrote notifying that Mr. Purchas, teacher at the aided school, had been dismissed and that Miss E. Ingall had been engaged
26th February 1895 Correction. —In our last issue we were in error in stating that Miss Ingall. of the Okaramio school, had obtained a "D" certificate, as the lady has held that certificate for some time past. The name should have been Miss Eva Ingall, in charge of the Kaiuma aided school.

12th February 1909 —At the Board meeting this week Miss Sarah Hutchinson was appointed mistress of an aided school at Kaiuma,
12th March 1909 Mr. Alex. Ingram wrote that owing to the slump in the timber trade at Kaiuma some residents had left, leaving only his two children, and that Mrs. Passau would act as teacher for these.—The letter was held over, pending the settlement of the case of Miss Hutchinson, who was originally appointed to the school.
14th May 1909 Mr. Ingram, Kaiuma, advised the Board that Mrs. Passau had commenced her duties as teacher at the Kaiuma School on 26th April.

Upper Pelorus (1881-1883)

Further up the Wakamarina Road past Canvastown

1881	4	Upper Pelorus	Hughes	Sydney Amy	Female	£	15.00
1882		Upper Pelorus	Hughes	Sydney A	Female	£	12.00
1883	3	Upper Pelorus	Hughes	Sydney A	Female	£	12.00

4th February 1881 A petition was received from the residents of Upper Pelorus to the Chairman of the Canvastown Committee requesting him to ask the Education Board to allow an assisted school to be opened there. It was proposed and carried that the Chairman grant the request asked for
16th March 1881 Chairman of the Canvastown school forwarded a requisition from the inhabitant of the Upper Pelorus Valley asking the Board to establish a school in their portion of the District
1st February 1882 To the Householders of the Pelorus Valley School District, Gentlemen,—Again it has become my duty, in compliance with the provisions of the Education Act to submit to you the annual report on the schools entrusted to your Committee. I speak in the plural, the assisted school in the Upper Pelorus having been opened since the last meeting of householders. Though the attendance at this school is small, it is of great advantage to the families residing in that part of the district, the teacher, Mrs Hughes giving general satisfaction. It would be well if some competent person could be found who would undertake similar work at Deep Creek, where there are many children residing and unable to attend to Canvas Town

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