

2. EARLY HASTINGS DEVELOPMENTS

Compilations of early Hastings business, infrastructure

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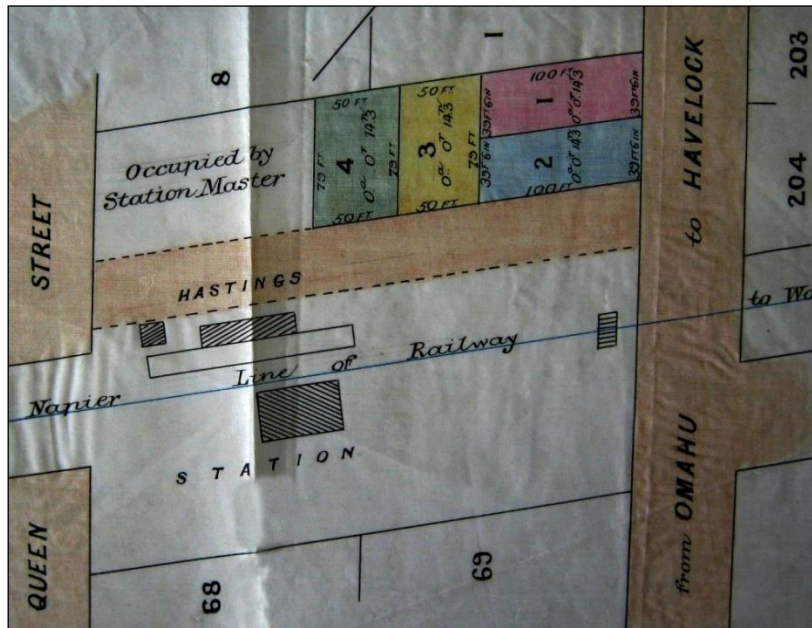
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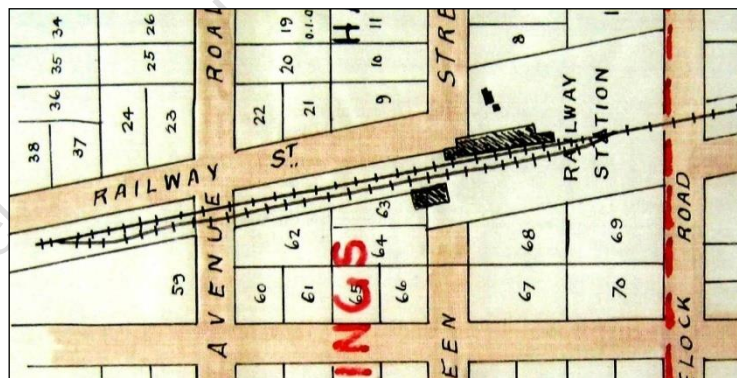


The Hastings Railway Reserve –

1883 April, The Railways first listed the 3 acres on the corner of Station St and Queen St east for a Station guards residence - later the PO site – Gazetted.



1890, Shows the Railway Reserve sections 1. 2. 3. and 4. before Station St was properly formed or an approved road and Goods Shed before being moved to further north to Queen St



Now shows the Railway Goods shed 60 x 30 moved further north to Queen St to part Sec 63 of G. E. Sainsbury's old Timber Yards, poss for Mr Kettles siding he installed in late 1892 before his application was approved, but the Beck building was destroyed in the big February 1893 fire. The Station Masters residence and shed marked in black on the PO site directly opposite the Railway Station

Once Station St was finally formed - the Railway Reserve business lease sites were let - originally made from 1890 for a term of only seven years and with **Government leases exempt from the Council by-laws regulating the erection of buildings in brick**, so cheap buildings were erected which readily burnt down possibly being so close to the idling engines by the station ensuing embers across the road, then in 1911 the leases were extended to 21 years with renewal, but no compensation for improvements under the Government Railways Amendment Act 1910, No 2, all payments and correspondence was made through the Hastings Stationmaster.

1890 March, Tenders were invited for the lease for 21 years four allotments at Hastings – recommended Mr O'Reilly Lot 2 @ £40 per annum and Mr T. A. Hayes Lot 1 @ £20 per annum were approved, while G. Heslop, Thomas Launigan, Duncan Guy were declined.

1890 August, T. A. Hayes and Mrs Hayes and Miss Macdonald, Lots 1, 3 and 4 only until 1891

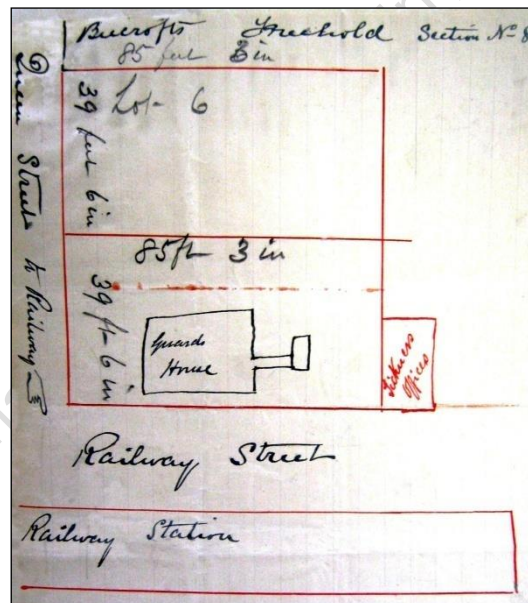
1890 November, Louisa Maria Macdonald wife of John Macdonald

1891 January, WATERING STREETS. Cr. Foreman having suggested a site on the railway land for the proposed well it was moved by Cr. Fitzroy, and seconded by Cr. Murdoch, "That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Railway Commissioners, asking permission to **sink a 3-inch artesian well and erect water tanks** (for the purpose of providing a supply of water for watering streets and extinguishing fire) on that part of the railway land situate at the junction of Heretaunga St with Railway Rd opposite Jull's Hastings Hotel."— Carried

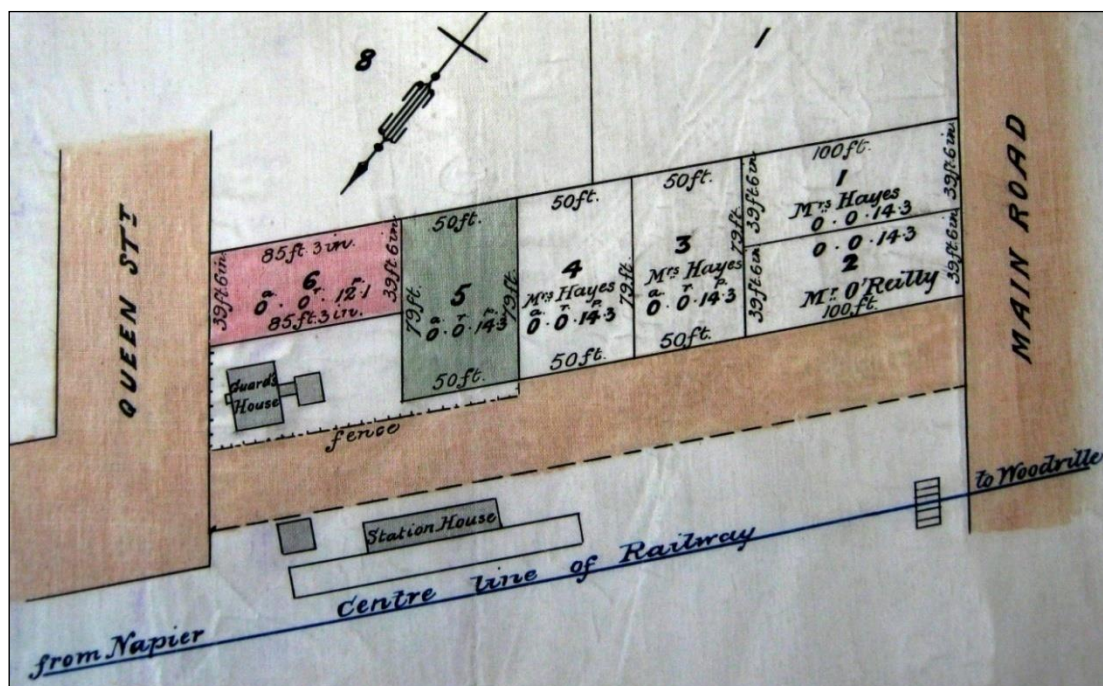
1891 May, Mr F. Sutton wrote seeking a right-of-way through the Reserve section from Station St to the rear of the Railway Hotel for his friend Mr W. A. Beecroft – as easy access for railway passenger's, luggage, goods from the Station.



1891 June, Tenders for the lease of two sections on the Railway Reserve



The Railways Guards house where David Wright lived with his wife Ellen Goodwin corner Queen St east and Railway St 1894, with Tickners' Offices drawn in red, - possibly Hicks old store - Karamu post office, the Hastings Railway Station then directly opposite, Beecroft's freehold section 8 adjoining the at the top, the Guards House was moved to build the new PO



1891, Shows the Railway Guards House with fence where David Wright lived with his wife Ellen Goodwin which was later moved for the new PO, Station St partially formed in December 1890. Sec1. Mrs Hayes, 2. Mr D. O'Reilly, 3. Mrs Hayes, 4. Mrs Hayes, 5 and 6 to become PO

1890 August, Transferred from Mr T. A. Hayes to Mrs Hayes. Mrs Emma Hayes and Mrs MacDonald, March 1891 Mrs MacDonald transferred her interests to Mrs Hayes. 1891 September Mr W. A. Beecroft leased Lots 5 & 6.

Many of the Hastings businessmen **slept on their store premises**, or the store youth would have a small space at the rear or in the loft to sleep – this was to deter burglaries and to alert for any fire.

1892 February, Mr Andrew Blake Green a General Commission & Financial Agent Hastings wanted to lease a small portion of Railway Reserve land between Messer's Beck & Co store and the Railway entrance gate for a small office 30ft frontage forwarded to D. A. Wright, Hastings Station Master.

1892 March, Mrs Hayes to Building Society per Book Post

1892 April, Railway Reserve new street - By leasing the waste land near the railway station the Commissioners have developed quite a new and thriving wing to the township. The premises are occupied as soon as finished, and to make it complete a large number of men are actively engaged in forming and metalling an excellent road through it. The official name for the new street is 'Approach-road' but the public will not take kindly to the name. They seem quite to have christened it '**Railway St**' which seems natural and the name is likely to stick to it.

1892 April, Mr W. A. Beecroft sublet Lot 5 to John Dale

1892 May, Mr W. A. Beecroft wrote seeking to erect a hotel on the Railway Reserve lease Station St – declined, unsuitable business for Reserve. The Guards old house was being let @ 4/- per week they could easily find other accommodation in town

1892 August, Mr W. A. Beecroft to John Dale, John Dale to the Building Society per Book Post, O'Reilly to Building Society per book Post, Tickner and Casey to Building society, Beecroft to Tickner and Casey, Beecroft to Dale.

1892 September, Mr W. A. Beecroft applied to sub-lease to Messer's Arthur Tickner and John Casey, encroaching on Dale's sub-lease. Arthur Tickner and another to Building Society

1892 October, Mr A. Tickner was first to write wanting to lease a Hasting section of Railway Reserve being occupied by the **Guards of Napier Train**.

1893 February, The proprietors of the Cash Boot Store at the corner of the Railway reserve, have sold out their interest in the lease for a good figure. Mr J. T. Blake is the new lessee.

1893 February – The big fire destroyed the entire block of Market St to the Railway Station



1893 February, Heretaunga St west an elevated view from the old Pacific Hotel balcony at Market St of the block fire scene looking east with a steam fire fighting engine brought from Napier foreground left, the site of old Beck's store, the Boot & Shoe warehouse, BNZ, a Café, Bank of NSW. The Railway Station at its second site with Railway Guards house behind are visible through haze on left side as are the large Blue gum trees on Queen St east possibly planted by Tanner or Hicks.

1893 March, Station St Railway Reserve lease. At the Hastings R.M. Court, before Mr A. Turnbull. A case of some interest to us affecting landlord and tenant was heard. **Mrs Emma Hayes sued Andrew Fraser and James Gray** for £9 .15s for rent, and possession of premises, in each case, which by consent were taken together. Mr Loughnan appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Cresswell for defendants. **Thomas Armstrong Hayes deposed** that he was husband of plaintiff, who was a leaseholder from the Railway Commissioners. Fraser and Gray were tenants. Had let the premises to them by direction of plaintiff. It was a weekly tenancy, a separate arrangement in each case at 15s per week, No rent had been paid since December 26th last. **Mrs Hayes's agent was Mr A. Tickner. The lease was commenced with the Commissioners in 1890.** Mr Hayes collected the rents for her, except during his absence in Auckland, when she did so herself. Appointed Mr Tickner last year to collect rents. Arthur Tickner had been acting as agent for Mrs Hayes. Andrew Fraser had been tenant of the premises since 1891, when it was taken from Mr Hayes in the name of Grey and Fraser. **Had been co-tenant with Gray for about six years.** James Gray gave evidence by affirmation. He deposed that he had been with Mr Fraser in a shop before the present tenancy. Fraser and witness took the present premises for twelve month' at 30s per week. The agreement was with Mr Hayes Mrs Hayes offered it to them for three or five years, or longer term if they liked. Then Mr Tickner came with a fresh offer which Mr Loughnan considered better for both. It was for ten years, to pay insurance, rates, and taxes, and certain, terms as to painting. They refused. Saw Mr Tickner on 22nd or 23rd January. Offered the rent. He said he could not receive it, Mr Hayes having taken the matter into his own hands. Witness offered Mr Hayes £14; he said **he wanted the shop not the money.** **Edward Arthur Carter** had a conversation with Mr Hayes Thought he said he had offered the lease for eighteen years to defendants Told him he thought him a fool to part with it for so long. **Edward Arthur Eakins** remembered Mr Hayes speaking to him about defendants. Approved them as tenants, but wanted an increase of rent. Mr Turnbull held that the memorandum to lease relied upon by the defence was of no legal value, it not having been stamped or signed by Mrs Hayes. The judgment of the Court was that the defendants pay up separately all arrears of rent to date at 15s per week, and give up possession of the premises forthwith, and pay each 12s costs and solicitor 21s each.

1893 July, Mr W. R. Russell second writes seeking to lease the Porters Cottage section (**Guards House**) on the Hastings Railway Reserve.

1893 August, Mr W. A. Beecroft third writes seeking lease of **Guards House** section - the land adjoining section of Railway Reserve already under lease to him.

1893 August, O'Reilly Lot 2 Railway Reserve sublease to Joseph McStay of Hastings

1894, Williams & Loughnan solicitors per Book Post Lot 4 Railway Reserve

1894, The Hastings Railway Station and the Goods shed were **moved north** to opposite Avenue Rd

1894 March, On Saturday night and all the next day – the difficult task of **moving the Railway Station north** was successfully undertaken by the gangs of men without any damage to the building or interfering with traffic with credit to those who had charge of the operation. The platform at the new Railway Station was 600ft long.

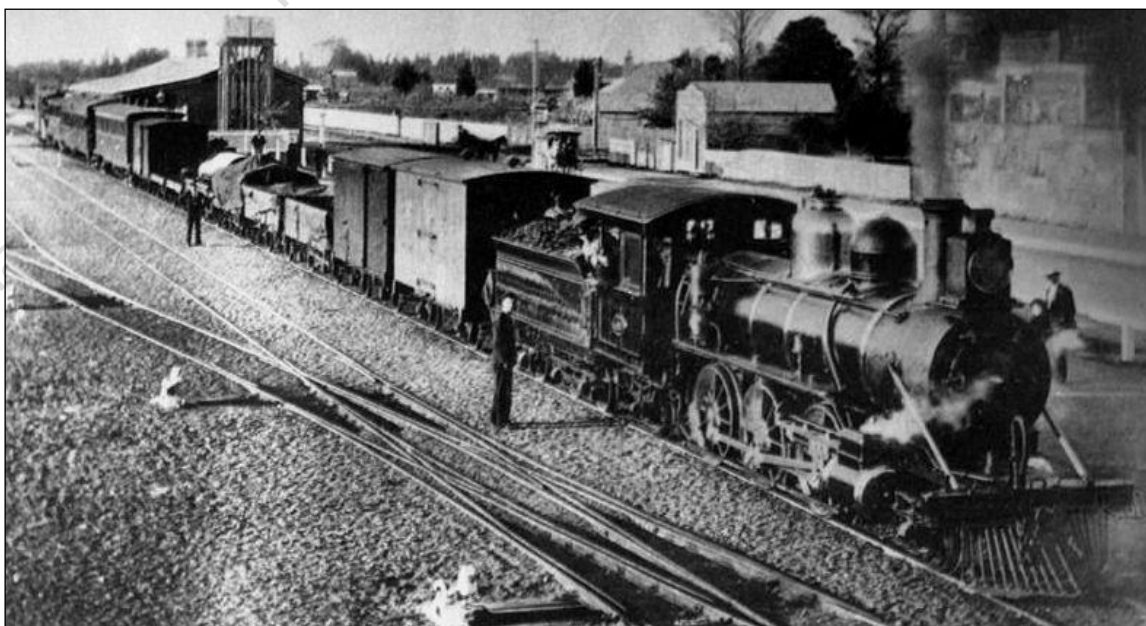
1894 June, Mrs Hayes transfers Lot 4 to Messer's C. A. Loughnan and F. O. Loughnan and transferred from Mrs Hayes to Permanent Building & Investment Society.



Following the big fire, Williams & Kettle moved their business into a large new building on Beck's old site beside the Railway Reserve. Looking west 1906 - Heretaunga St, Williams & Kettle behind the tall fire bell tower with Maddison & Co in store frontage before the May 1907 fire. Shows the Hastings Hotel on left, Halls Bookstore, Roach Bros, old wooden Pacific Hotel and Princess Theatre / old Town Hall distant.

1894 November, Some extremely energetic steps were taken a few weeks since in the **removal of the guard's house at the corner of Queen St and Railway St**, as also of the palings surrounding the section. It was currently believed that the site was thus disclosed upon which the **new post-office was to be built** forthwith. It cannot be said that the site is altogether bare of building materials, as there is an old tank, a few old bricks, some scrap iron, a kerosene tin, a coalscuttle, and in addition to these a small crop of new potatoes all of which might come in handy, especially if the authorities intend providing residential chambers for the postmaster. Surely it is about time the premises were in hand, unless indeed the plans which were evidently prepared some time since, before even the removal of the station was contemplated, are to be revised, and the full space available for the erection of a really commodious post-office utilized.

1895 March, Mr Geo. Beecroft, Hastings offered the GPO Dept for Postal purposes three feet of the section leased by him at Hastings, the offer was accepted @ 30/- per annum for the land.

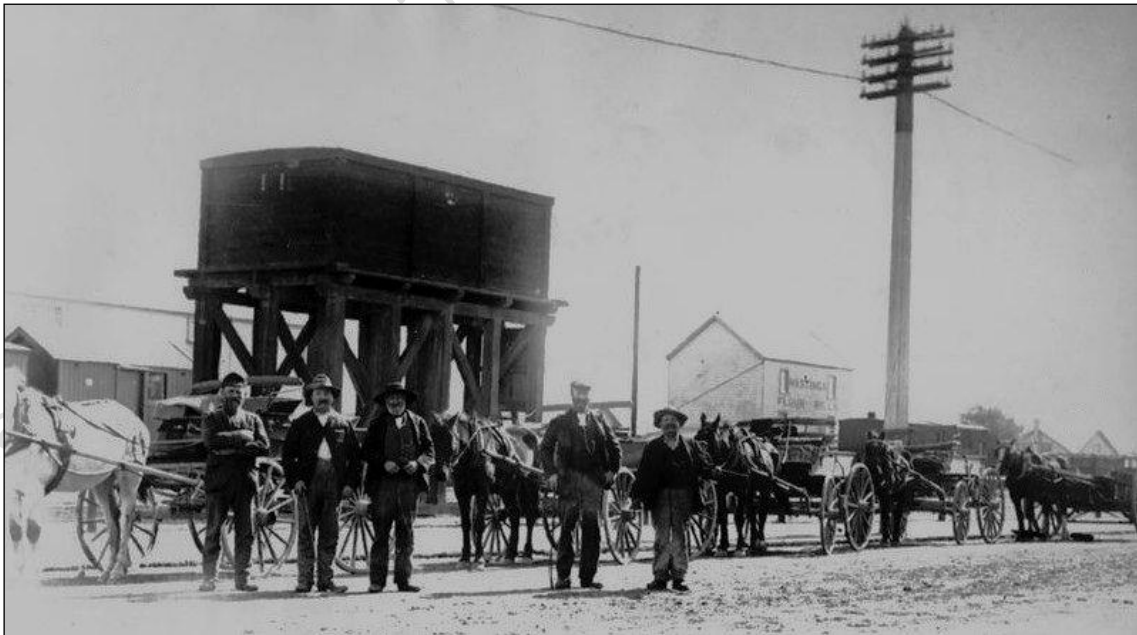


1895, The Hastings Railway Station with new water tank now situated further north opposite Avenue Rd with some empty Station St sections behind, shows an A-type Pacific locomotive goods steam train heading south on the Railway Reserve, by Sorrell. Behind the engine shows a residence on Avenue Rd east and a small narrow store on Station St, the well-known large advertising pictorial hoarding fronting a store nearly opposite the station which was near Sullivan's boarding house that burnt down in January. Shows established orchard trees behind white fence distant - possibly remnants that Hicks may have planted ?



1895, **Station St** looking north with the new Railway Station and Goods shed now moved north opposite Avenue Rd – shows council workers filling in a trench along Station St near where the new wooden PO would be built on right edge for a water main, gas or sewer – in 1893 Mr Beecroft had urged the council for permission to connect his Railway Hotel cellar overflow water into the sewer on Station St

With a railway running through the middle of town and steam trains spewing smoke and cinders so close to wooden buildings could be the reason why the town was known for notorious blazes – wooden buildings along Station St were cheap and some caught fire five times in within two years - some building sites burnt down and were rebuilt three times, Nearby B. L. Knight's coal & timber yards first sawmill & timberyard also burnt down later in May 1896 – possibly from an engine spark, but NZ Railways took no responsibility as Insurance covered most of the costs.



1896, Looking north west shows Cabs alongside the Carriers Stand on **Station St** - the men are from left to right: John Stack, Jim Brown, Jimmy O'Neill, Paddy Downes and Charlie Walters. The raised Railway water tank behind was once close to the original Hastings Railway Station before a new Station was built further north in 1893. With small sheds left edge on the Reserve siding behind the water tank to Williams & Kettle's big new store shed after the February 1893 fire,

with vacant section to the old white Beck's - Hastings Flour Mill behind by Queen St. Later became Williams and Kettle's Flour Mill and was demolished in February 1908.

1896 June, FIRE IN STATION ST. The fire broke out in the premises known as **Dale's restaurant**, now in the occupation of **John Wawn**. It was first discovered by **Martin Dale, cook**.

1896 July, Mr **Joseph Palmer**, herbalist, has fitted his new shop in Station St

1896 July, Mr Parsons, Hastings stationmaster

1896 September, One of the best sites for a business in Hastings is the shop at the corner of Heretaunga St and Station St, which is advertised to let by Mr **J. T. Blake**.

1898 March, Mr T. A. Hayes wrote seeking an extension to section 3, Railway Reserve Lease to 21 years held by his wife Emma Hayes. 1898 April Mrs Emma Hayes sub-leased to P. A. Herman. Mr Hayes mention that the building on section 3 Railway reserve lease had burnt down twice, the last time in December 1897 – poss when the Permanent Building & Investment Company building destroyed by Herman's Auction Mart fire ?

1898 March, John Collinge, Clerk for the Borough of Hastings accepted the offer to renew the portion of Railway lease land at **Railway Rd** occupied by the Council as a site for water tanks and well, for a further period of seven years at £2 annual. In October 1898 the Railways suggested that a fence should be place around the water tanks.

1898 May, Hayes Lot 3, Railway Reserve subleased to Herman. Transferred from Herman to Vickers (endorsed on the sublease) Vickers bankrupt estate.

In June 1899, Mrs Emma Hayes wrote - *Lease of two allotments 1 & 3 on the Railway Reserve Hastings. Lease of Lot 1 for twenty one years from April 1890 expiring 31st March 1911, Rent £20 per annum. Lease of Lot 3 same term, Rent at £12.10s per annum. At the expiration of the latter lease a new lease commenced for a term of eight years expiring 31st March 1919. Rent at £20 per annum. Mrs Hayes asked for an extension of her lease for lot 1 so as to expire on that same date. Mrs Hayes says a new bylaw compels in the after math of a fire to rebuild in brick. The lease provides that all buildings to be removed at termination of lease but no provision in lease as to what material buildings on the land leased are to be built of. The buildings are the property of the lease. Mrs Hayes building on the land having burnt down - can the Hastings Borough Council compel her to rebuild in brick on the Railway Reserve lease land?*

The short lived Hastings public toilets on Railway Reserve opp Hastings Hotel – (now Railway Rd extension)

In June 1898, We congratulate the Hastings Borough Council upon so promptly following the suggestion for the provision of a public urinal. On the motion of Cr Dennett it was decided to place a **public urinal in the main thoroughfare**, the details to be left to the Public Works Committee. In July 1898, Tenders for the following work close at the Hastings Borough Council Office at noon to-morrow : - 1 Cleaning out water tables. 2 altering and enlarging sewer man-hole, **3 erecting two urinals and connecting same with sewer**. Plans and specifications are to be seen at the borough offices. In September 1898 Mr D. O'Reilly of Hastings has received a letter from Mr Ronayne, General Manager of Railways, stating that instructions had been given to the Borough Council to remove the urinal erected on the water reserve and to comply with the conditions of their lease. In October 1898, The question of providing a public convenience for Hastings, which has bestridden the chests of our City Father for some time past, has been dropped **and the skeleton building erected opposite Mr O'Reilly's Hotel has been removed to the yards at the rear of the borough offices, there to do duty as stables**.

1900 March, The Valdres, a two-night season in their marquee on the Hastings Railway Reserve

1900 April, Fitzgerald Bros. Circus and Menagerie Company will give a performance on the Hastings Railway Reserve

1902, The Railway Reserve sections on Station St still had out houses and the Borough Council requested privy accommodation to be connected to the sewer at great expense to the lease holders.

1902 May, Daniel O'Reilly wrote to the Minister of Railways seeking an extended term of lease – *The site as a business one has been from the first a most unpopular one, the buildings erected by me having been very often without a tenant, though I have continually endeavoured to make them as attractive as possible. Quite lately the Borough Council have requested me to connect with the main sewer and put down artesian wells, high pressure water, W. C. etc which I am now doing at very considerable expense. From this it can be seen that my lease has not been a lucrative one and that unless I can obtain an extended term, I will have no opportunity of recouping myself. I would point out that should my application be acceded to, it will not be an exceptional case as some years ago Mrs Hayes whose property adjoins mine was given by the Hon Mr Cadman the then Minister of Railways an extended term of her lease on similar but not so strong grounds as mine.*

1902 July 3, THE PUBLIC SERVICE. New Zealand Tablet - HASTINGS, The following are the particulars regarding employees in the Railways —

Grade. Salary or Wages. Religion.
Stationmaster - £200 per annum, non-Catholic
Clerk - £180 per annum, non-Catholic

Clerk - £140 per annum, non-Catholic
Cadet - £40 per annum, non-Catholic
Guard - 7s 6d per day, non-Catholic
Porter - 7s 7d, per day, non-Catholic
Porter - 7s 0d per day, non-Catholic
Porter - 7s 0d per day, Catholic
Porter - 6s 6d per day, non-Catholic
Porter (junior) - 4s 0d per day, non-Catholic
Porter (junior) - 5s 6d per day, non-Catholic
Line Ganger - 8s 0d per day, Catholic
Platelayer - 6a 6d per day, Catholic
Platelayer - 6s 0d per day, non-Catholic

1902 September, Transfer of Mrs Emma Hayes leases of Lot 3 Railway Reserve to Mr W. C. Maddison and Mrs E. L. Beilby.

1902 October, Mr F. O. Loughnan executors of the late Mrs Hannah Warrilow - wife of James Abraham Warrilow Fish Curator Hastings, lease of Lot 4. Railway Reserve Hastings seeks consent to transfer to Mr Robert Sowersby an Auctioneer of Hastings

1904 April, Railway Reserve Sublease 1085 from Mr Sowersby to John Paddison of Hastings confectioner for a term of three years with a right of renewal for a further two years. Transferred from John Paddison to Frederick Ferdinand Christensen of Hastings nurseryman

1905 November, Mrs Emma Hayes lease Lot 1 Railway Reserve, sought to sub-lease southern portion to **Caroline Redmond** a Fruiterer of Hastings.

1905 December, Mr R. Sowersby sought to sub-lease to Mr F. F. Christiansen Confectioner

The Borough Council leased small bits of land from the Railways for a **peppercorn rental** - for the Fire Bell, in 1906 a Railway lease 5640 for the artesian water tanks on Railway Rd opposite the Hastings Hotel was granted to the Borough Council for the purpose of erecting artesian water tanks to provide access for the street water carts. When the high pressure water supply was installed (1912) at Hastings, the artesian tanks on the railway land were no longer required. By the 1920's the old **concrete tanks were converted into public conveniences** and the ground was beautified by planting garden plots and providing footpath and seats. A strip along Railway Rd from Heretaunga St to Lyndon Rd for footpath etc, later the Russell St extension to Lyndon Rd. The Railways probably still own the land under the Hastings town clock.

1907 November, D. O'Reilly lease of Railway Reserve section occupied by Messer's Plummer, Brown, Bone, Crumps and Fryer are not provided with any privy accommodation as required by the Public Health Act

1907 March, Maddison and Beilby's lease of Lot 3 to **E. Reynolds & Co Ltd** – cycles

1908 January, **James Jackson Jones** writes to Sir Joseph Ward – *I write on behalf of the citizens of Hastings in regard to **widening the footpath in Station St**, that is that the new buildings to be erected on the site of the recent fire be caused to be placed a few feet further back than they were formally. The present width of this street can accommodate the traffic now, but this traffic is gradually increasing, and in years to come the evil of a narrow street will surely be felt. I would respectfully suggest in reference to the new buildings to be erected on the site of the fire that your Government have plans prepared for tenants, to suit the tenants requirements or that the Government put up buildings themselves. In effect either of these would ensure respectable buildings which would be a credit to the town and not dirty shanties as were destroyed by fire. I pray you will give these matters your careful consideration as you have done to all my correspondence in the past.*

1908 May, THE RAILWAY RESERVATION STREET EYESORE. COUNCIL CAN ENFORCE BRICK AREA BY-LAW. STATEMENT BY GENERAL MANAGER N.Z.R. It may be remembered that in March last Mr **James Jackson Jones**, of Hastings, addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Office, Wellington suggesting the alienation of the railway land in Station St so that solid structures should take the place of the wooden shanties which are invariably erected on land held on short lease. Mr T. Ronayne, General Manager of Railways, has replied to Mr J. J. Jones as follows : " Sir, - With reference to your letter of 16th March last addressed to the Secretary to the Post Office in regard to portion of Railway Reserve as Hastings, I have the honour to inform you that the provisions of "The Government Railways Act, 1900," forbids the alienation of any railway land as suggested by you. If the present lessees are agreeable to determine their leases fresh leases of the sections for a term of 21 years, with a right of renewal for a further term of 21 years, might be put up for sale by tender or public auction, with a suitable upset rental. This would provide a long enough tenure to warrant the erection of permanent buildings, and in this connection I would point out that even at present the Borough Council might enforce the erection of any new buildings in brick by declaring the land within the brick area and refusing permits for wooden buildings. —I have, &c, T. RoNAYNE, General Manager."

1908 February, Robert Sowersby wrote to Sir Joseph Ward Re; Extending his lease term for Lot 4 Hastings Railway Reserve – *The lease terminates in three years or thereabouts and obliged to remove all buildings. A very large building thereon was totally destroyed by fire in January. The section is centred in the centre of the town in the midst of a brick*

area and it is highly desirable that a new building should be in brick to minimise the risk to myself and the danger to the property of others. A very widespread agitation exists here against the re-erection in wood, but as the lease has only 3 years to run building even in wood where the building has to be removed at the end of the term is most unsatisfactory. A fire occurred on the adjoining Lot sometime ago and the lease of that Lot was extended. I am quite willing to pay whatever fairground rental that maybe fixed by you. I therefore beg to request that you may grant a renewal of the lease for an **extended term to enable me to build in brick** or to grant such relief as you may think fit.

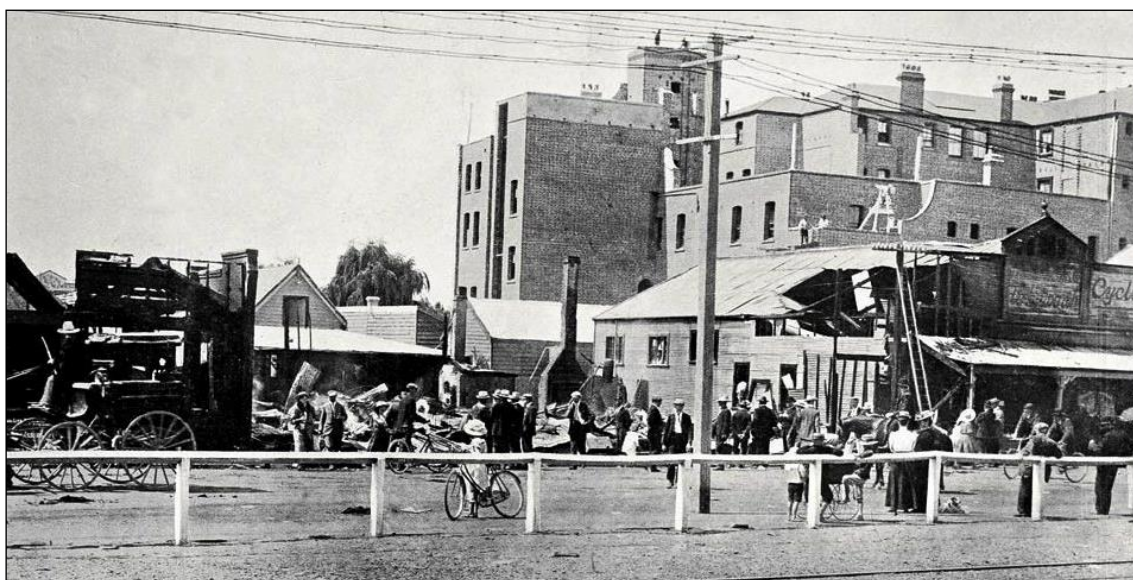
1908 February, Mr F. Hartshorn secretary of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce writes suggesting that wooden buildings be prohibited on Hastings Railway Reserve sections where lease expires 3 – 4 years.

1908, The Railways requested that the Hastings Borough Council introduce a building Brick Law along Station St. The new Post Office was to be the trend setter.

1908 March, James Jackson Jones of Hastings writes suggesting that the Railways should dispose of the Railway Reserve sections on Station St to the tune of £50.000 towards building a new Post Office and Railway station.

1908 June, Mr George Ebbett solicitor seeks to transfer Lot 4 Railway reserve lease 1. from R. Sowersby to Norman Richard Wellwood and Frederick Charles Hartshorn, Commission Agents of Hastings. 2. N. R. Wellwood and F. C. Hartshorn to F. C. Hartshorn and George Ebbett, 3. Lien: F. C. Hartshorn and George Ebbett to the Bank of New Zealand as security for advances made by the bank.

1908 June, Mr George Ebbett solicitor lease of part Lot 5 Railway Reserve sub-leased from W. A. Beecroft has sublet to Anthony Joseph Vidal Fishmonger of Hastings



1908 January, Railway Reserve Lease sections on **Station St** - Shows the fire at Martin Johnson's Silver Grid restaurant taken from the railway reserve, businesses were temporarily leased out on the railway reserve opposite while rebuilding. In a 2 year period no less than 5 buildings on station St were destroyed by fire, one property burnt down three times, by Brown & Ross

Hastings was the- scene of another big fire. Just before midnight a small wooden building, Martin Johnson's restaurant, known as the "**Silver Grid**" was in flames and spread to **Hartshorn and Wellwood's on one side and T. M Robertson's (fruiterer)** on the other side. Most of the wooden buildings were old, which probably accounted for the rapidity with which the flames spread. The premises burnt out were occupied by Hartshorn and Wellwood (land agents) owned by J. Blake, George Ebbett (solicitor, owner and occupier) Martin Johnson (restaurant-keeper) owned by W. A. Beecroft, Edgar Lewis (jeweller) H. Christian (bicycle shop) S. Schaeffer (tobacconist) F. Cassin (land agent) F Fitzpatrick (Billiard saloon keeper) Wooster & Co (baker), Fraser and Fagan (tea importers) owned by Mr Sowersby, Reynolds and Co. (bicycle agents) owned by W. G. Maddison, T. M. Robertson (fruiterer) **Hyde and Co. billiard saloon at the rear of T. M. Robertson's and opening into the Grand Hotel right-of-way** was badly damaged by fire and water, but the two billiard tables seem to have escaped injury. Martin Johnson's was charged with arson and given 5 years hard labour.

1909 January, Maddison and Beilby's lease of Lot 3 Railway Reserve Hastings - Owing to the death of Mr W. C. Maddison, one of the Leasees, the mortgage given to the Union Bank of Australia Ltd has been released and a fresh mortgage in substitution therefore made to **Mrs Mary Maria Maddison and Mrs Beilby.**

1909 November, Transfer of Lot 5 Railway Reserve Hastings from John T. Blake to Frederick C. Hartshorn

1910 April, FIRE AT HASTINGS - A fire occurred in a two-storey wooden building known as **Webber's Corner**, Heretaunga St and Station St - Railway Reserve which did considerable damage to the premises of Plummer tobacconist (where it started) Innis, photographer; Charles fruiterer; Webber chemist; and McGoldrick and Farquhar clothiers. The insurances total £2300.

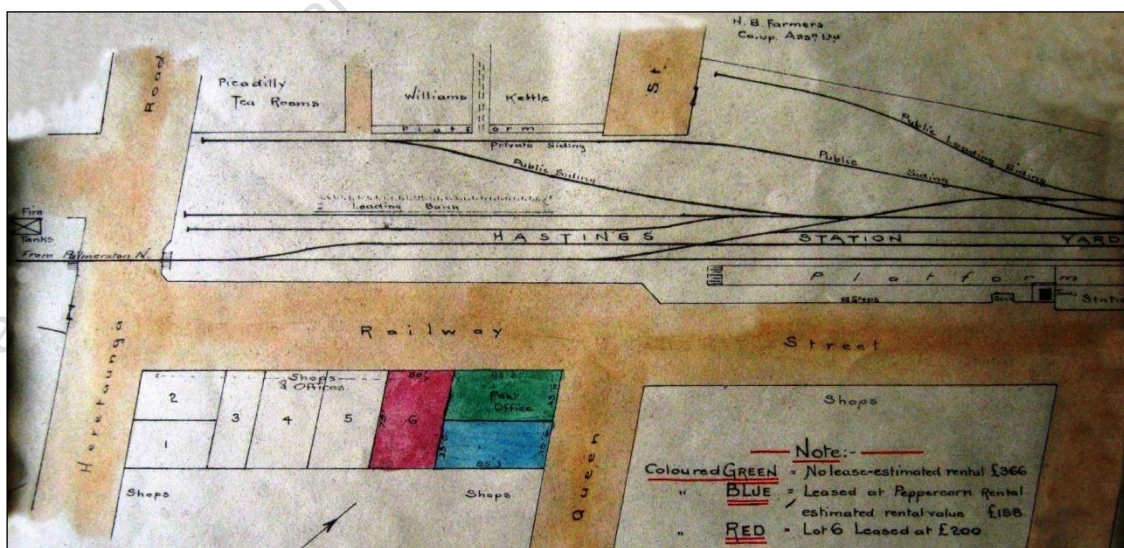
1910 December, A sign of the times - The extra private letter-boxes, numbering nearly a hundred, provided in the new post office at Hastings, have all been taken up, and the Department will shortly have to consider the advisability of providing further accommodation in that direction. The number of boxes rented at present is two hundred and sixty.

1910 December, Mr W. J. Wall at one time attached to the Hastings Branch of the Post and Telegraph Department, and lately of the Enquiry Department (Auckland), has received an appointment in the Native Lands Department in the Northern City.

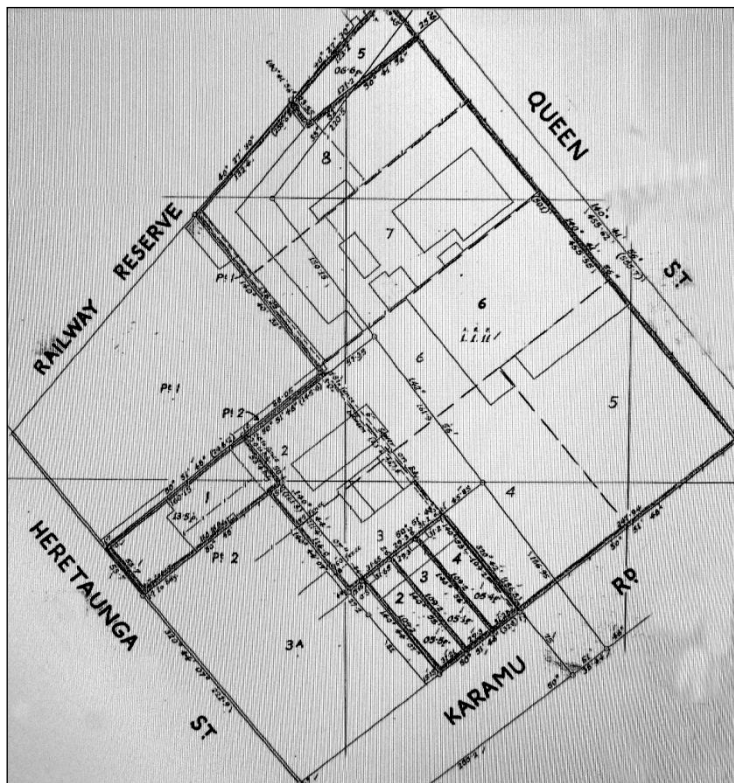
1910 December, Mr M. O'Brien, who has been attached to the Hastings Telephone exchange staff for the past seven years, has received notice of transfer to Ashburton.



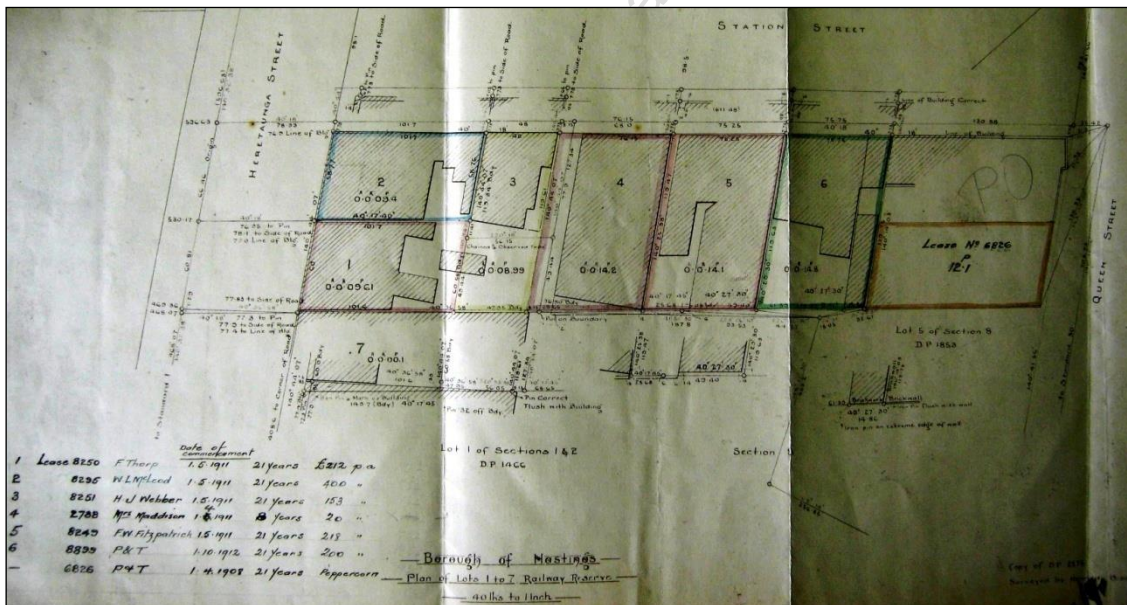
1910 December, A collection of replaced wooden buildings along Station St from the PO looking south towards H. Williams shows the Railway Reserve shops with Beecroft's windmill above. Other tenants - R. Ingram draper, Ross & Hunter land agent, E. J. W. Hallet solicitor, Ebbett & Banks



Hastings Railway Reserve shows the Piccadilly Tea Rooms, Williams Kettle with platform, H B Farmers Coop Ass, the Fire water tanks left edge, the Hastings Railway platform and station opposite Avenue Rd



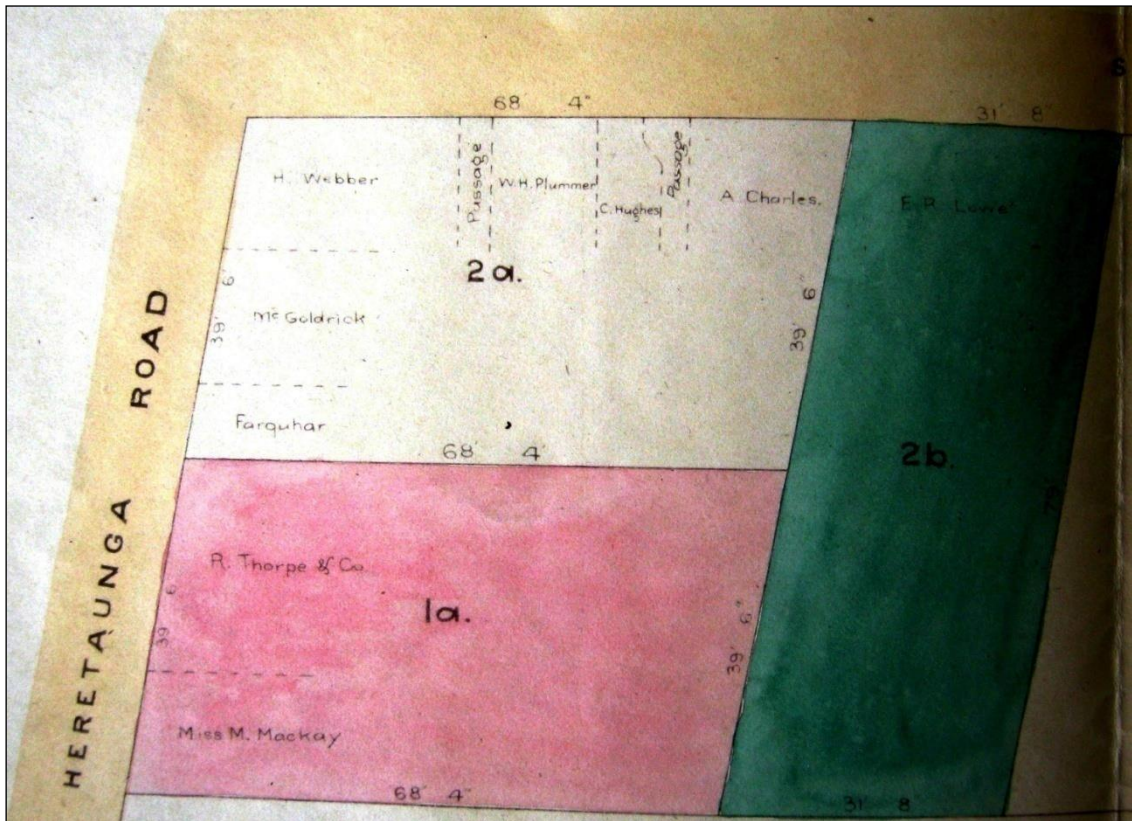
Shows the Railway Hotel, with residence, hall and stable buildings on Sec 1, 2 & 3 and Hicks Sec 3 A and poss Tickner's narrow store section on Station St, the Post Office section 5 & 8 at top and the old wooden PO on sec 7 Queen St east



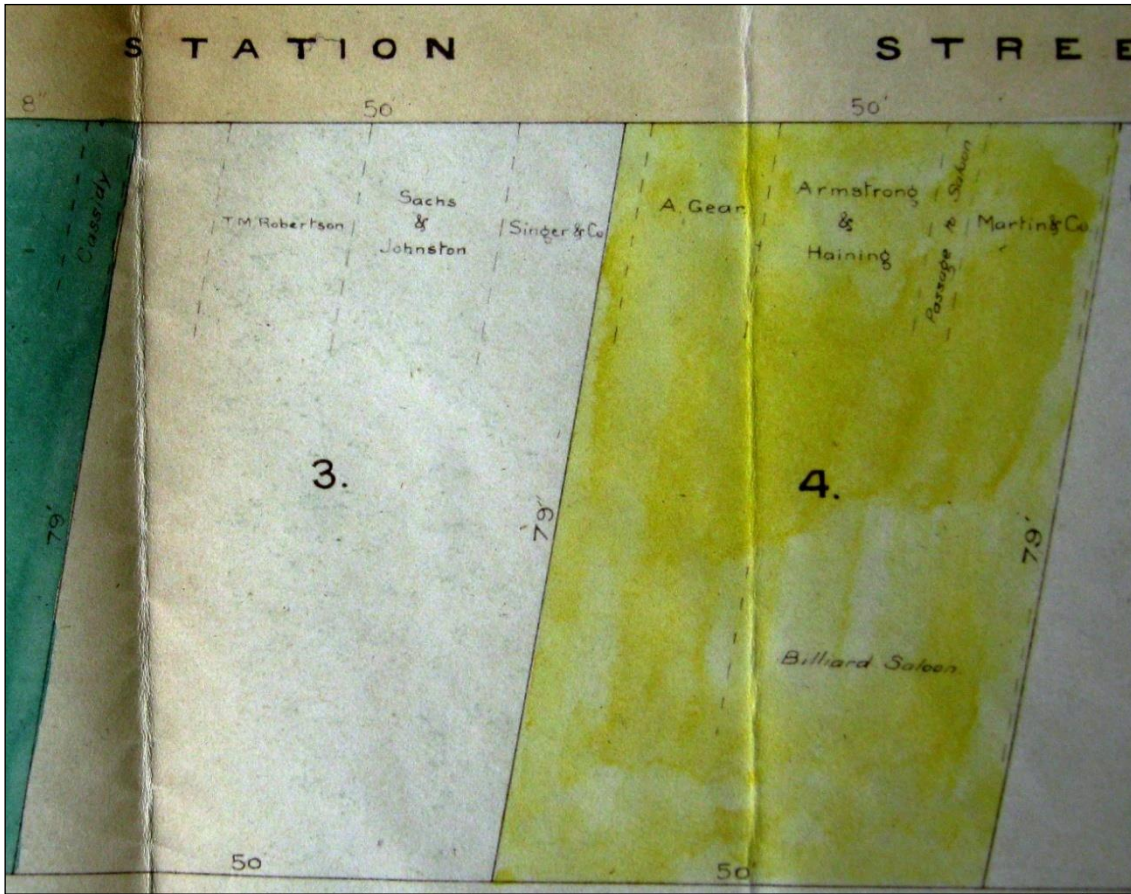
1911, The Grand Hotel building now owned by Napier Brewery Co Ltd had encroached on to Railway Reserve land of R. Thorp & Co by 5 inches who sought compensation @ £3 per annum which was later became a transferred purchase, section 7 bottom shows partial outline of building.

1911 January 21st **RAILWAY RESERVE LEASES. KEEN COMPETITION.** There was a very large attendance at London and Stewart's auction rooms this afternoon, when the leases of the Government Railway reserve, with frontages to Heretaunga St and Station St Hastings, were submitted by auction for a term of **21 years**, commenting on 1st May next. Bidding was spirited throughout. The sale of leases resulted as follows: Lot 1, frontage 39ft. 6in. depth 68ft 4in, occupied by F. Thorp and Co. and Miss M. J. Mackay confectioner (upset rental) - £168) F. Thorp and Co., £212. Lot 2a, frontage 39ft 6in. depth 68ft 1in. occupied by W. P. Farquhar tailor and J. McGoldrick milliner. H. J. Webber chemist, W. H. Plummer tobacconist, C. Hughes, and A. Charles, fruiterer (upset rental £200) - Mr Martin Johnson, £409. Lot 2b. frontage 31ft. 8in. depth 39ft 6in. occupied by E. R. Lowe and Miles J. Cassidy com agent (upset rental £110) - Mr H. J. Webber. £153. Lot 4, frontage 50ft. depth 76ft. occupied by A. Gear, Armstrong and Haining seed merchants. Fitzpatrick's Billiard Saloon and Charles Martin and Co land agent. (upset rental £175) - Mr F. W. Fitzpatrick, £222. The

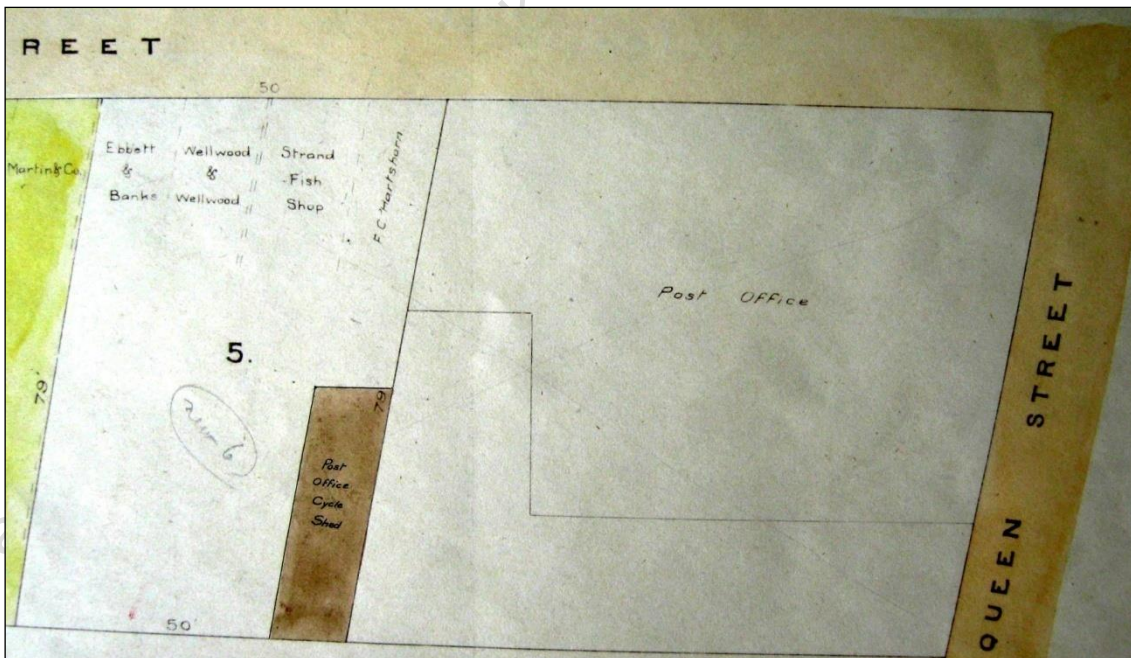
present lease of Lot 3, occupied by Messrs. Robertson, Sachs and Johnston, and the Singer Sewing Machine Company has 18 months to run; and the lease of Lot 5, from the Post Office to and including Ebbett and Banks' has 5½ years to go before expiring.



1911, Lot 1a Miss M. Mackay, R. Thorp & Co, Lot 2a. Farquhar, McGoldrick, H. Webber, passageway, W. H. Plummer, C. Hughs Passageway, A. Charles. Lot 2b. E. R. Lowe and M. Cassidy



1911, Lot 3. T. M. Robertson, Sachs & Johnson, Singer & Co, Lot 4. A. Gear, Armstrong & Haining garage, passageway, Martin & Co, Ballard Saloon



1911, Lot 5. Ebbett and Banks, Wellwood & Wellwood, Strand Fish Shop, Pos Office Cycle Shed and Post Office

Site No.	Lease No.	Lessee	Rent P.A.	Term.
1	8250	F. Thorp & P. Thorp	£212	21 years from 1.5.1911.
2	8295	W.L. McLeod	£400	" " "
3	8251	H.J. Webber	£153	" " "
4	2788	Mary M. Maddison	£20	Extended to 30.6.1919
5	8249	F.W. Fitzgerald	£218	21 years from 1.5.1911
6	8899	P. & T.	£200	" " 1.10.1912
...	6826	P. & T.	Nil.	" " 1.4.1908

1911 May, Railway Reserve Leaseholders

1911 November, Mrs **Kathleen Hariette Douglas** wife of **William Douglas** obtained portion of Railway Reserve lease.

1912, W. A. Beecroft was now deceased

1912 May, The need of a **new railway station and goods-shed at Hastings** was referred to at the Hastings Borough Council meeting by Cr. T. Styles, Cr. Hart pointed out that the Government derived a revenue of something like **£1000 annually from the railway reserve leases in Station St** and it was only right that some of the money received from people in the town should be spent there. The sum mentioned would pay interest on the cost of two or three new railway stations. The motion was carried unanimously. In connection with the above it will be remembered that some two and a half years ago, a deputation which waited on the heads of the Railway Department were informed that the plans for a new station had been prepared, and the necessary land had been purchased to erect the new buildings on a site near the engine shed north of St. Aubyn St crossing.

1912 September, SALE OF LEASES. HASTINGS RAILWAY RESERVE. Acting under instructions from the Postmaster-General. Messrs. Landon, Stewart and Co., Ltd. this afternoon offered by auction three frontages adjoining the Hastings Post Office in Station St, together with the buildings thereon, with a five years' lease from 1st of October 1912. - Lot 1, with 25ft frontage, now occupied by Messrs. Wellwood and Wellwood and Ebbett and Banks (upset rental £130) was passed in to Mr W. Hart at £150. Lot 2, with a frontage of 14ft. 6in, now occupied by Messrs. Douglas Bros, (upset rental £104) was knocked down to Messrs Douglas Bros at \$115. Lot 3, with a frontage of 10ft. 6in. now occupied by Mr F. C. Hartshorn (upset rental £52) was knocked down to Mr Hartshorn at £80.

1913 October, Mr F. W. Fitzpatrick mortgaged his lease No 8294 at Hastings to Mr Alexander David Ross of Hastings tobacconist and Mrs Sophia Ross wife of David Ross settler, as security for £800

BILLIARD SALOON FOR SALE.
FIRST-CLASS, up-to-date concern, everything complete, 4 tables, 2 sets snooker balls, all accessories, cheap rent, long lease, good turnover. The lot for £160. Enquire at once.—C. R. Wilson and Co., Auctioneers, Hastings.

1913 October, Billiard saloon for sale

1915, Mr John Morton was in charge of the Hastings Telegraph Dept

1916 May, Mrs Douglas lease to **Leonard Sutton**

1917 July, sub-lease from Leonard Sutton of Wellington to **William Robertson McLeod** sheepfarmer of Takapau.

1917 September, From Leonard Sutton of Wellington to **Sydney Martell** of Hastings land agent sub-lease to **Tennyson James William Highway** and **Albert Stanley Russell** of Hastings both grocers.

1917 November, Francis Wm Fitzpatrick of Hastings Billiard Room proprietor to **John Paynter** of Hastings settler.

1917 November, The sections on the Hastings Railway Reserve, Station now occupied by Mr J. T. Blake, Mr W. P. McCormick and Messrs Douglas and Lane, will be offered for sale as leaseholds for five years. The sale will take place on Wednesday, November 28th at 2.30 p.m.

1917 November, SECTIONS IN RAILWAY RESERVE. HASTINGS. FOR, LEASE BY PUBLIC AUCTION Notice is hereby given that the Leases of the under-mentioned 1 sections of the Railway Reserve, Hastings, will be separately offered for Sale by Public Auction on behalf of the Postmaster - General by Messrs Hoadley, Son and Stewart, Ltd., at their offices, Karamu Rd Hastings, at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY. 28th November, 1917. SCHEDULE. Three sections in lot No. 6, Railway Reserve, Hastings, adjoining the post office, having frontages to Station St of 12ft- 6in, 12ft 6in, and 10ft 6in respectively, together with the buildings erected thereon. That portion of the last described section on which the Post and Telegraph Department's **bicycle shed is erected** is excluded and will be reserved for the sole use of

the Department. TERM OF LEASE. - Five years from 1st January, 1918. No compensation in respect of any improvements will be payable by the Postmaster-General to any lessee on the expiry of his lease. Each lessee will be required to execute a deed of lease, providing in addition to the usual conditions that rent be payable quarterly, that no lessees shall sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land or buildings comprised of, in his lease, without the consent of the Postmaster-General. AND THAT THE a DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FORBID THE CARRYING ON, IN OR ON THE PREMISES, OF ANY BUSINESS WHICH MAY BE OBJECTIONABLE OR CAUSE ANNOYANCE TO THE OTHER TENANTS. The upset pries of each lease shall be Sections each 12ft 6in frontage - £72 p.a. each. Section with 10ft 6in frontage - £60 p.a. The undermentioned compensation for improvements must be paid to the present tenants by the successful tenderers, if other than the present lessees: In respect of the premises occupied by Mr W. P. McCormick - £54. In respect of the premises occupied by Mr J. T. Blake - £9. Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the Chief Postmaster, Napier, the Postmaster, Hastings, or the Auctioneers.

1918 June, **William Robertson McLeod** sheepfarmer of Takapau mortgage to Bank of New Zealand

1919 May, Mary M. Maddison and Beilby wooden buildings defective condemned 27 years old, lease 2788 was granted extended tenure and the buildings sold by Thomas H. Gill.

1919 July, Railway Rd Reserve. —The council have a lease from year to year at a **peppercorn rental** of the strip of land between the tank site and Lyndon Rd, and the committee, in conjunction with Cr. Beamish, viewed the ground and make the following recommendations to beautifying same:- (1) That the portion between Heretaunga St and the present railway fence deviation be commenced first, and laid out on a design which will ultimately take in the strip to Lyndon Rd. (2) That proper and suitable conveniences be provided separately for ladies and gentlemen on a site about a chain from the present water tanks. (3) That the walls of the water tanks be demolished and filled into the tanks such demolition to be at least to 2½ to 3 feet below the level of the ground. The tanks to be filled up further with the rubbish, and grass off the section above mentioned, with a final top-dressing of soil to the present ground level. (4) That a low growing hedge be planted along the railway fence, a limestone sand pathway put down, and the remainder laid down in grass with flower beds. (5) That the engineer be instructed to commence the preparatory work at once, and within a week to submit a design of the proposed work for the approval of the Reserves Committee.

1919 August, The Hastings Blot, The Station Lease, **No Bidders**. The much discussed Station St leases consisting of 14 1-5 perches with a frontage of 76.15 links to Station St and a depth of about 119.61 links was put up for auction at Everybody's Theatre Hastings by Messes de Pelichet McLeod and Co. Ltd, under instruction from the New Zealand Railways Department. The lease was for a term of 21 years with the right "if not wanted for Railway purposes" of renewal of a period not exceeding a further 21 years, the purchaser to erect building thereon in compliance with the by-laws of the Borough of Hastings and the lessee having the right, at the conclusion of the lease, to remove the brick building, should the department require the land. The audience which was entirely apathetic, composed for the most part, of land agents, and persons attracted to the sale by curiosity, and it was quite evident, from the outset, that no buyers were present. After the conditions of sale had been read, the auctioneer (Mr S. Brandon) invited questions regarding the terms of sale, but no one was interested and he opened the proceedings by suggesting £270, without a response, whereupon the lease was passed in.

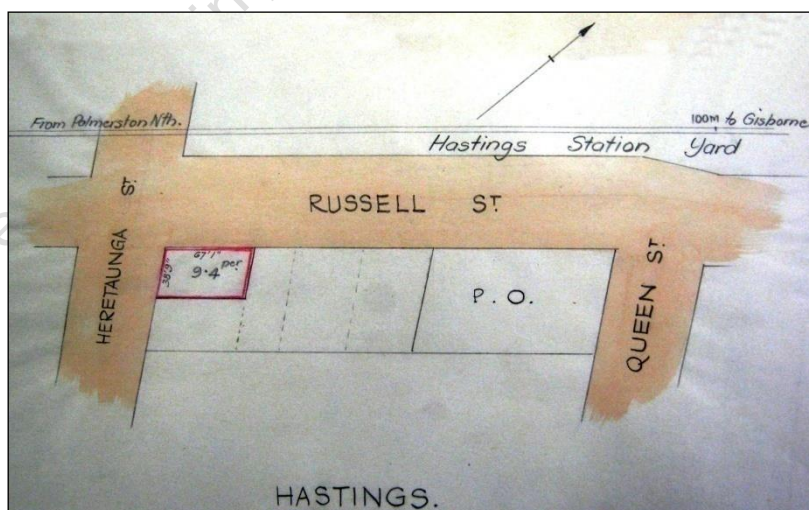
1919 August, THE HASTINGS BLOT. STATION ST LEASES. The General Manager of (Mr R. W. McVilly) wrote a letter which was considered at last night's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council, in reply to the Mayor's letters Re: the Station St Railway Reserve. The communication stated that original leases did not contain any condition that buildings to be erected on the land should be subject to the laws of the borough. On the termination of the present leases, however such a condition was being embodied any new leases granted. The lease the vacant lot referred to was to be disposed of by auction, on August 23rd, and the conditions of the lease were open for inspection. Clause 7 of these conditions specified that buildings to erected on the land, and any alterations thereto, shall be subject to the boroughs bylaws. He regretted that the Department could not agree to make any buildings to be erected on the land subject to the approval of the Department as to outward design and appearance. It was suggested, however, that council might be able to frame a bylaw which would have the desired effect. In regard to the suggested sale of the land to the council, he regretted that after giving the matter careful consideration, the Department could not fall in which the wishes of the council in that respect. Cr. O'Neill asked what was the position now, as the section was of offered by auction last Saturday and there was no bidding. The Mayor said that he understood the property was now open to be dealt with by private treaty. Cr. O'Neill considered that the conditions must be improved. The Mayor said that he thought it had been wrongly stated in the press that the lease was for 21 years, with the right of renewal for a term not at exceeding 21 years, only if the Railway Department did not require the land after the expiration of the first period. He had seen one of these leases some months ago, and had read it, and thought the lease was for 42 years, right out, if the lessee exercised his right to renew the lease after the termination of the first 21 years. The land was centrally situated - one of the most valuable sites in Hastings - and he thought, the Department would be making a mistake if they sold it. He thought that, with a 42 years lease a good building should be erected. Cr. Beamish thought the council would be within their right to frame a by-law compelling the erection of two-story buildings, of a certain height, on the Station St reserve. He proposed that the opinion of Mr. Martin, legal adviser to the Municipal Associations be obtained, as to whether the council had such power. Seconded by the Mayor and carried' Cr. O'Neill thought that if the Department felt they were being forced to do, as laid down by Cr. Beamish the Department might delete clause 7 from the terms of lease. The Mayor said that they could do so - **property vested in the King was not subject to the by-laws** - but he did not think the Department would act as Cr. O'Neill suggested.

1919 August, THE TERMS OF LEASE. With reference to the letter from the General Manager of Railways re: Railway Reserve Leases, the Mayor looked into the matter this morning. He perused one of the leases and finds that the right of

renewal for 21 years at the expiration of the first 21 years is subject to the land not being for railway purposes and is not unconditional as he thought. Under the law as it stands this is the utmost that can be given by the Department. - The Government Railways Act, 1910, provides that lands such as this reserve can be leased for a term of 21 years 'if not required for railway purposes' and it is clear that a lease for that term with an unqualified right of renewal for a further 21 years would be undoubtedly contrary to the spirit and intention of the Act. The matter can be remedied in this direction, therefore, only by legislation. As there is no chance of any such legislation this session, Mr Ebbett is of opinion that no good purpose would be served by pursuing the matter further just now, but, when the present political situation has righted itself, an effort should be made to bring about an alteration.

1919 September, STATION ST LEASES. The Mayor (Mr G. Ebbett) has written the Minister for Railways (Hon. H. W. Herries) and the General Manager Railways (Mr R. W. McVilly) in reply to the General Manager's letter, re the Station St leases, which came before the last meeting of the Borough Council and which was published yesterday. Following is the text of the Mayor's communication:- RE RAILWAY RESERVE, HASTINGS. "I have your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the leases of this reserve. I recognise that, under the law as it stands, it is beyond the power of your Department to give a lease for a longer term than 21 years and it is, therefore, no use asking for it, but, for reasons which I hope to make clear to you, I respectfully submit that the law in this respect should be altered to give your Department power to lease for a longer term and to alter the conditions of the present leases. You will have learned that the vacant lot which you offered for lease by **auction last Saturday drew no bidders**. That is brought about by the fact that prospective tenants realise the position. Those who took these leases some seven years ago also took certain wooden buildings which are now about **27 years old**, and which were erected irrespective of bylaws or other conditions. "It is possible that any of them may be condemned by a Health Inspector or destroyed by fire, and the lessee is then in this position. He cannot make use of the condemned premises and if he thinks of building in brick or concrete, he is face to face with the fact that he has a certain tenancy of only about 14 years to run, and although he might take the chance of a renewal, it is very doubtful if any mortgagee would. The same thing applies to the lease you are now offering, except that the tenant could reckon on 21 years certain instead of 14, but I submit that would not justify any reasonably cautious man in erecting expensive brick or concrete premises, and I think it is very doubtful indeed, whether you will get a tenant under the present conditions. "I recognise it would be useless just now to try and get the matter remedied, immediately, by legislation, but, as soon as the situation politically is more settled, it is our intention to approach your Department with the object indicated herein.—(Sgd.) George Ebbett." Mayor."

1919 September, HASTINGS IMPROVEMENTS. Extension of Station St To Lyndon Rd. Railway Crossing at Eastbourne St. Messrs Knight Bros'. Offer. At a special meeting of the Hastings Borough Council on Friday evening next, the Mayor (Mr Geo. Ebbett) will submit a proposal which can hardly fail to meet the support of everyone. The scheme is for extending Station St as far as Lyndon Rd and the opening of a railway crossing at Eastbourne St. It requires little effort to imagine what a vast improvement the carrying out of this proposal will effect. Instead of the present unsightly timber and firewood stacks and galvanised iron buildings being the main feature of the southern entrance to the town we would have well laid out streets on either side of the railway line, with almost unending possibilities for beautifying that part of the town which comes under the direct gaze of every railway passenger or motor tourist visiting or passing Hastings. If the Station St "blot" is eliminated an imposing row of buildings will appear along the full length of the street as fast as hands can be found to lay the bricks.



1919, H. C. Robjohns & L. A. Roger section marked red

1920 July, RAILWAY LEASEHOLDS. THE STATION ST BLOT. The Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. Ebbett) and Cr. O'Neill interviewed Mr R. W. McVilly (General Manager of Railways) yesterday concerning the leases of Station St railway reserve. Mr McVilly stated that he could not understand Hastings' objection to the conditions of the lease, which were the same as obtained in leases of similar reserves at Stratford and other towns, where they were now accepted without protest. He had been through Hastings, but never stayed there. He promised to come up within a fortnight and see what could be done.

1920 July, The new council toilets were built on the Railway Rd reserve. When the high pressure water supply was installed 1912 - the Council's artesian tanks on the leased railway reserve land on Railway Rd were no longer required. The **old concrete artesian water tanks were converted into public conveniences** by the Council and the surrounding ground was beautified by planting garden plots and providing footpath and seats.

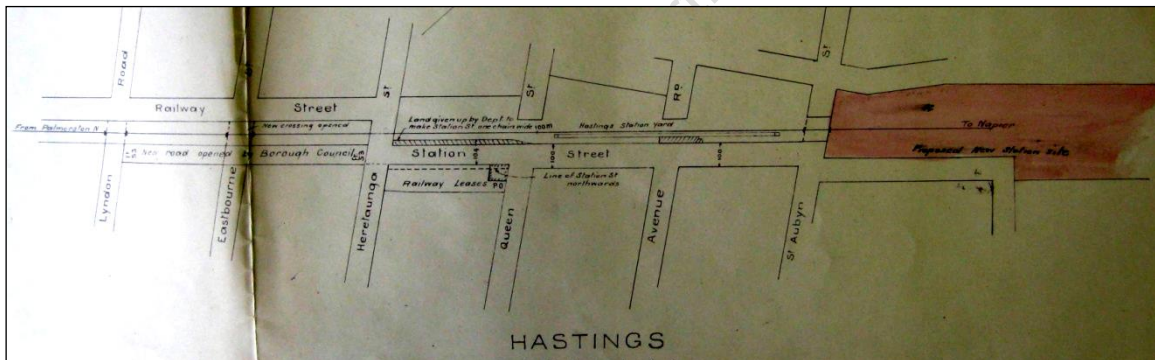
1920 September, New Zealand Railways, Re beautifying that portion of the railway reserve between Lyndon Rd and Heretaunga St held by the council under lease, advised that the department is prepared to **shift back the railway fence on the west side of the line for about 7½ chains from Lyndon Rd**, to be in line with the fence on lease already set back - the work to be done at the council's cost and the fence to be placed back on its true boundary on termination of the lease and at the council's cost. - Reserves Committee to be instructed to deal with the strip as was done with the beautification of the first portion.

1921, St Albans St Railway crossing was deemed dangerous

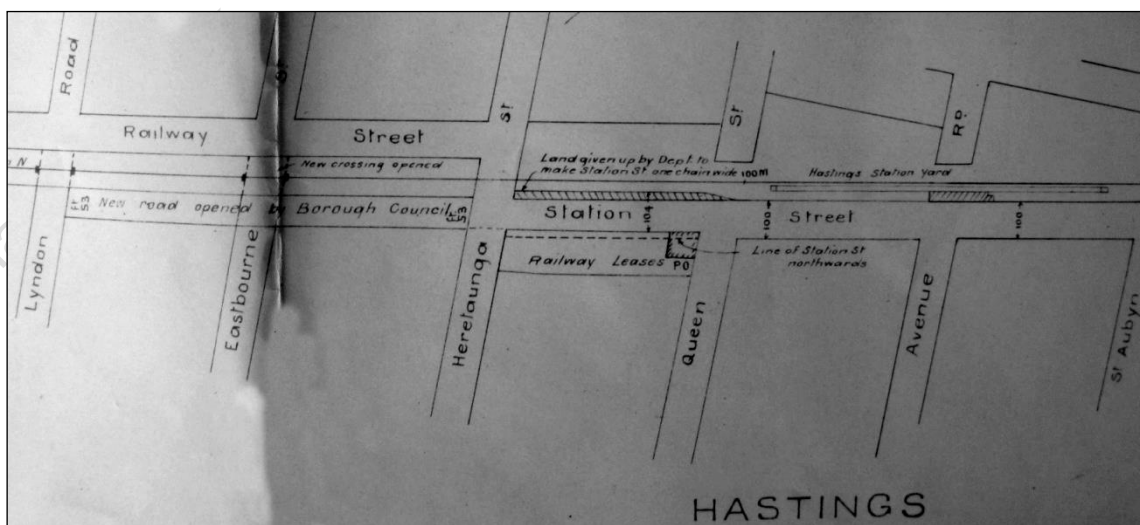
1922 February – Railway Reserve buildings on Station St next to the Post Office were described as a “Rabbit Warren”

1922 March, Fire in Station St Billiard Saloon and shops guttered. The fire outbreak in Mr J. Hennah's Billiard room at the rear of Albert Wilhelm Kummer a seedman and florist establishment and the Herald's agency was badly burnt. The rear of Mr A. Charles fruit and sweet shop damaged, but would have gone entirely not for the vacant section adjoining – the result of another fire about two years ago prevented it. **Hennah's Billiard room** a corrugated iron structure with three billiard tables and other contents destroyed, while the rear of **Kummer's shop** was demolished and stock wrecked – separated only by a wooden partition from the billiard room. **R. T. Kessel's boot shop** next door was affected at the rear. **Mr Cathro** the Herald's representative in Hastings who recently removed to the Station St premises. All buildings owned by Mr W. F. Fitzpatrick lease and can only be rebuilt in brick.

1922 August, The Hastings fire bell rung a long peal which transpired that the outbreak was in the **Lamp room at the railway station adjoining the parcels office**. The blaze had a good hold when the brigade arrived as it had evidently been smouldering for some time before the fire was discovered, but the flames were quickly subdued. The structures which was little more than a small shed was badly charred inside and a number of lamps were damaged.



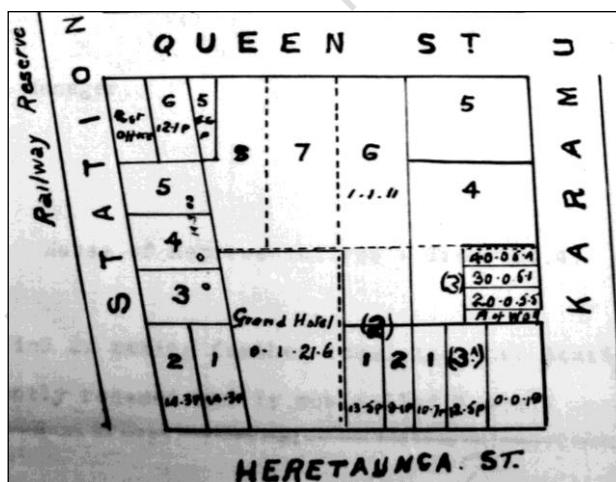
1922, Shows proposed new Hastings Railway Station site in red



1922, A new Station St extension road opened by the Borough Council with new railway crossing at Eastbourne St and land given by Railway Department to widen Station St opposite the Reserve shops, later renamed Russell St



Early 1920's, Looking north along the widened **Station St**, renamed Russell St, the PO clock tower at 2 pm with the Hastings Railway Station opposite Avenue Rd and small Billboards on Railway at left, by Sydney Charles Smith



The leases for the Railway business sites 1923 in Station St, later Russell St were made under the Government Railways Amendment Act 1910, No 2, for a term of 21 years with renewal, but no compensation for improvements

1923, Railway Reserve lease holders – Heretaunga St and Russell St -

Lot 1 - Frederick Thorp - Boot Shop Heretaunga St

Lot 2 - Hyde & King - Corner Shop Heretaunga St and Russell St, Earnest Hyde and Herbert James King - estate agent

Lot 3 - Herbert Jas Webber – Chemist, Russell St

Lot 4 - F. W. Fitzpatrick, Russell St

Lot 5 - F. W. Fitzpatrick, Russell St

Lot 2 Sec 6 of 5 - Montaperto & Bujauy - Fish shop Russell St. Vincent and Mary Montaperto – The Dominion Fish Coy

Lot 3 Sec 6 of 5 - H. B. Tennet - Hugh Tennant, Russell St

Lot 1 Sec 6 of 5 - John A. Simson (F. O. Amos) Frederick O. Amos - estate agent, Russell St

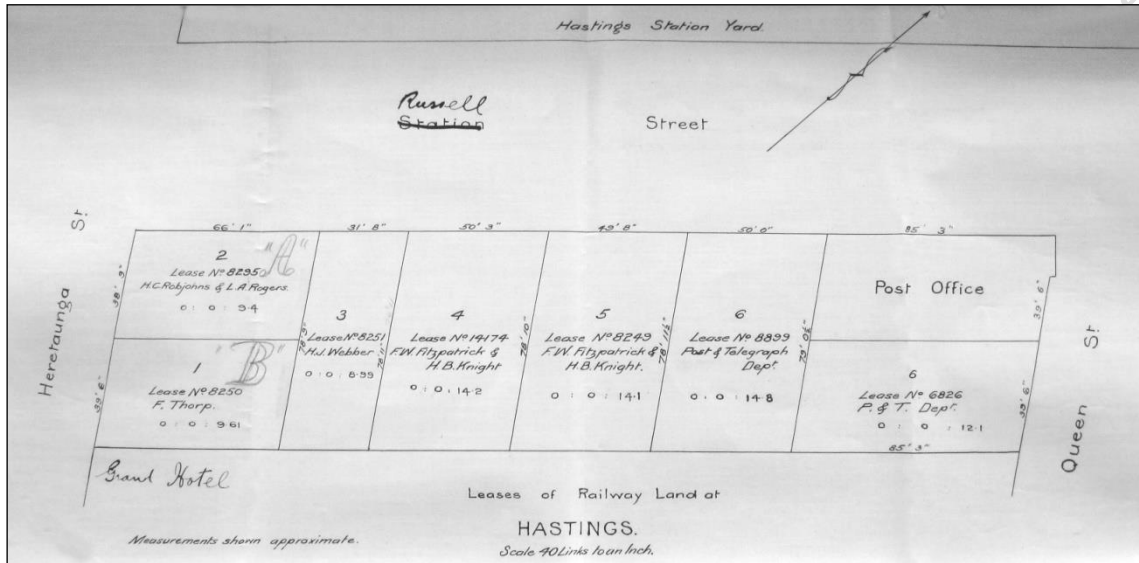
Lot 1 Sec 6 of 5 - Crown – PO, Russell St

Queen St -

Lot 5, Sec 8 - Williams, Pukehou, Queen St

Lot II 1/5 DP2795 of Sec 4/8 - John Holden jnr - for Cantile & Leo, Queen St -
 Lot 1 of 1/5 of Sec 4/8 - Crown - Old PO, Queen St -
 Lot 2. 3 of 6/8 - Sproule & Humphries - Kelly & McNeil. Wilfred Cotton Sproule, John and William Humphries, Francis Patrick Kelly and Thomas Brothwick McNeil, Queen St
 Lot 1 of 6/8 Sec 4/78 - Ernest Sherman Cliff, Queen St
 Lot 2 of Lot 6 Crown - PO yard, Queen St
 Lot 9/11 Sec 4/8 - Napier & Ogilvie – garage, Queen St
 Lot 12 Sec 4/8 - Cecil Duff – solicitor, Queen St
 Lot 13.14 Sec 4/8 - George Ebbett, Queen St

1924 January, Some of the officials of the Hastings Post Office were amazed to see a weasel mounting the staircase whilst business was at its height, but its doom was sealed because someone promptly seized a poker and killed it with a blow. The rat had been noticed about the premises recently and it is thought that the enterprising weasel set out upon its adventurous journey for the purpose of making the rodents acquaintance with murderous intent.



1929, Leases of Railway Land Station / Russell St Hastings - Heretaunga St east from the Grand Hotel, Lot 1 B - Frederick Thorp, Lot 2 A - H. C. Robjohns & Lancelot Anthony Rogers, Lot 3 - Herbert James Webber, Lot 4 & 5 - Francis William Fitzpatrick & Herbert Beanland Knight, Lot 6 - Part of P&T, to the Post Office corner of Queen St

1940 June, Presentation to Miss Frances Nutter, Post Office clerical staff Hastings by Postmaster L. A. Burns Mr J. Cody money order accounts, J. W. Graham supervisor Postal Dept and J. C. Taylor supervisor clerical Mr C. S. Samuelson.

The Hastings Police Station and Courthouse –

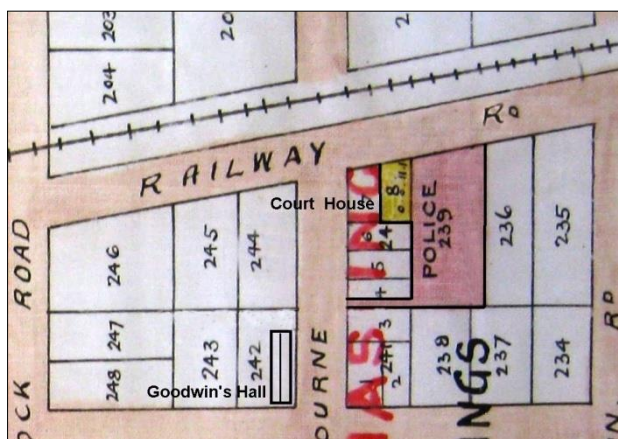


1879 July, The first wooden Hastings Police Station Hut on the Railway Rd police section 239

1879 August, The Police station at Havelock North has been broken up and a police station formed at Hastings.

1879, The Hastings Police Station under Constable William Theobald Raymond.

1881, Constable E. J. Lawless No 1776 from Wellington with his Troop Horse was sent to relieve Constable Raymond at Hastings and he ended up staying; he was still there in 1893.



The Hastings Police Station Reserve in red at section 239 on Railway Rd sth and the adjoining part section 240 in yellow later purchased from Mr Cohen in exchange for the Courthouse Section 18 on Avenue Rd east with Hicks old whare, shows the old red dividing lines along Havelock Rd and Karamu Rd where the drains ran along

There was a pathway from the rear of the Hastings Police section 239 on Railway Rd sth which gave them quick direct access into Eastbourne St west.

1881 March, A shed 50ft long was advertised for sale and removal from the Police section, but the shed was probably refurbished into Police staff accommodation.

1882 March, Constable Lawless claimed the fees from the County Council for killing an unregistered dog at Hastings.

1882 April, The police-station at **Havelock is to be re-opened**, the population around Hastings having increased so much as to require the whole services of the officer stationed there, so that he cannot attend to his duties at Havelock.

1882 August, The sum of £1 has been awarded by the New Zealand Insurance Company to Constable Edwin Joseph Lawliss, Hastings Police, in recognition of his services in connection with the saving of property from the Pacific Hotel, when on fire on the 18th May last.

1883 May, The sum of 10s. has been awarded to Constable E. J. Lawliss, Hastings Police, by Mr Hugh McKeown for the recovery of a horse lost by him.

1883 February, Mrs Ida Naumann, wife of Gustav Naumann, said she saw the prisoner at the police station on Friday last. On that day her husband went to Hastings for firewood and before he left witness gave him two purses, one containing a £5 note and the other some silver. When he returned with the firewood he had lost the purse containing the £3 note and went back to Hastings to look for it. Later on he returned and took witness to the police station at Hastings, where she was shown two £5 notes, one of which she identified as her own. She knew the number ; it was 100809.

1883 March, The owner of an English setter which has been found, can have same on application at the police station at Hastings; if the dog is not claimed within seven days it will be sold to defray expenses.

1884 January, James Murphy, charged on the information of **Constable Lawless** with having no visible means of support, pleaded that when arrested he was possessed of visible means of support in the shape of a flannel shirt he was trying to sell, and said he had been working hard on several stations before he got 'on the spree' He admitted that his drunken spell had given the police trouble and was very sorry for it. Constable Lawless said defendant was a perfect nuisance in and about Hastings and sometimes endangered property by the places he chose for sleeping in. He loafed around the hotels begging for drink and when arrested was trying to sell his shirt to procure more drink. Sergeant Burtenshaw said defendant had been convicted for vagrancy in Canterbury. The Bench sentenced defendant to one month's imprisonment with hard labour

1884 February, A collie sheep slut has been found and can be had at the Hastings police station, if not claimed within seven days will be sold to defray expenses.

1884 March, Constable Harvey

1884 May, Application from Hastings Town Board to be allowed services of Constable Lawless; to pound stray horses, cattle etc, and to remunerate him for such services etc.

1884 June The sum of £1 has been awarded to Constable E. J. Lawliss, Hastings Police, by J. R. Elliott, for the recovery of a horse, saddle, and bridle, his property.

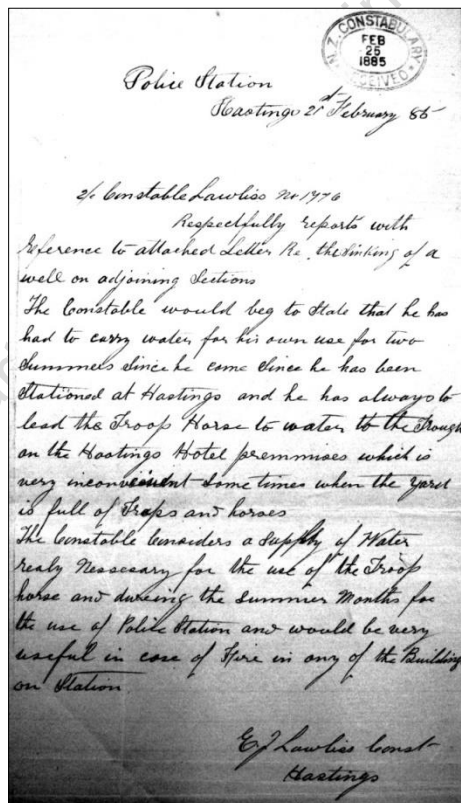
1884 August, Constable Magill and Sergeant Burtenshaw

1884 December, The sum of £1 has been awarded by Mr John Rigger to Constable E. J. Lawliss, Hastings Police, for the recovery of a lost horse, saddle, and bridle.

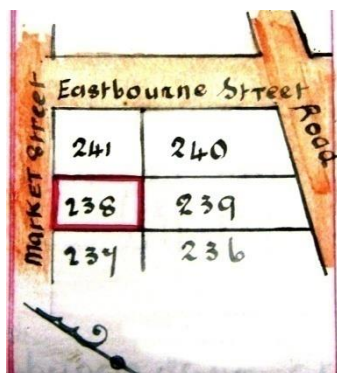
1884 December, Hastings Town Board have appointed Constable Lawless; Inspector of Nuisances

Most of the **Hastings court cases** were sent over to Napier, the early Hastings Court sessions began in the new Town Hall under Robert Wellwood from 1884, then at the new Hastings Athenaeum reading room of James Boyle's on his ¼ acre Market St sth property which was unsuitable and required regular cleaning and chair repairs – the Borough Council later took over the wooden Athenaeum for public use and built a new brick Andrew Carnegie Library on the site.

In December 1871, H M Gaol, Napier. Report extract from the Visiting Justices on the wooden cells - *The Gaoler having reported to us that prisoner named John Symonds under sentence of Penal servitude for four years for Burglary. We visited the cell and found that by aid of a broken table knife and a file, the prisoner had succeed in making an opening in the lining boards and weather board nearly large enough to permit his egress. We saw in the present state of many of the cells a prisoner in possession of any sharp or pointed instrument could easily manage to escape, also recommended that a Nightwatchman be appointed at the Napier Gaol.*



1885 February, Constable E. J. Lawless No 1776, Had to carry water for his own use for two summers since he come. Since he has been Stationed at Hastings and he has always to lead the troop Horse to water to the Trough on the Hastings hotel premises which is very inconvenient. Some times when the yard is full of Traps and Horses. The Constable considers a supply of water really necessary for the use of the Troop Horse and during the summer months for the use of the Police station and would be very useful in case of fire in any buildings on station.



1885 July, Section 238 Market St sth, South Hastings Lot 17 was given by **Timoffi Makaloff** a carpenter of Hastings otherwise known as **Thomas Melville** to provide a section where an artesian well would be sunk for the use of the adjoining police station, mortgage and equal share cost for sinking the well between 1. Thomas Melville, 2. Her Majesty, 3. Jacob Selig Caro a Medical Practitioner of Napier 4. Thomas Bishop a Commission Agent of Hastings and 5. Charles Bonfield Hoadley an Auctioneer of Napier. Deed was drawn up by E. H. Williams.

1885 December, Constable Hall impounded horse at Hastings

1885 January, Petition from the residents of Hastings for increased police protection.

1885 June, Petition against the removal of Constable Lawless from Hastings.

1885 October, Sureties of Constable Arthur Pickering as Clerk and Bailiff at Hastings.

1885 September, Constable Arthur Pickering to be Clerk of the Resident Magistrate's Court at Hastings. The erection of courthouse at Hastings with the appointment of clerk (Arthur Pickering) and petition of G. Balsillie and others, sittings of resident magistrates' court

1886 March, Complains from John Cox of Hastings of the action of the police in regard to a quantity of lead handed over to them some two years ago, with a view of finding an owner for it.

1886 - 1892, Frederick Arthur Wilson, constable

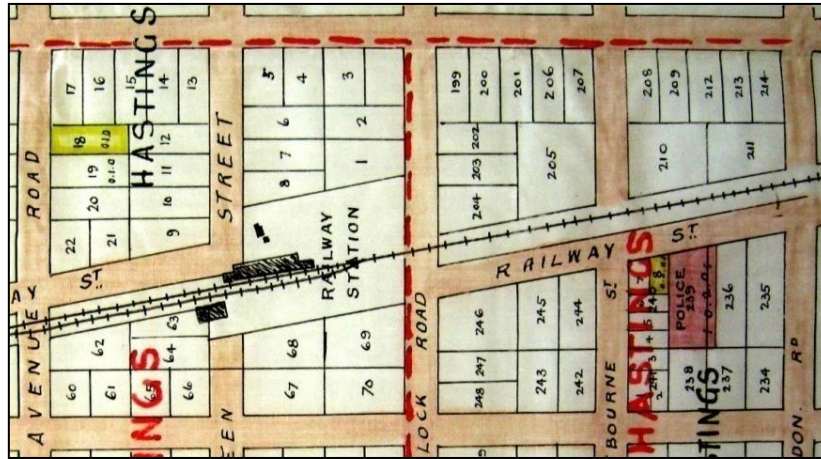
Constable Frederick Arthur Wilson b:1854 in Collingwood, Victoria, the son of Hamah and Frederick. In 1879 NZ he married Prudence Blewett b: January 1854 in Cornwall, the daughter of Prudence and Edgar Blewett, They had seven children - April 1880 Prudence Hannah Wilson she married Robert James Kerr in 1903, March 1881 Julia Matilda Wilson, 1882 Eliza Jane Wilson, 1883 Alice Mabel Wilson, 1885 Emma Wilson, 1887 Frederick Edgar Wilson was born in 1887 in Hastings and 1889 Edith Rebecca Wilson was born in Hastings. Constable Frederick Arthur Wilson moved to Christchurch, resided 116 Ferry Rd, Frederick Arthur Wilson died January 1930 aged 75 and Prudence Wilson nee Blewett died March 1940 aged 86.

1886 September, **Constable Wilson** met with a nasty accident a few days ago, which will lay him up for about a month. It appears that he was driving some cattle to the pound when his horse became excited at the doings of one of the other animals. I trying to manage his steed, Constable Wilson's rein broke and he fell off striking his shoulder on the ground and injuring the mussels. He will as stated take some weeks to recover.

1888 February, The sum of £1 has been awarded to Constable Frederick Arthur Wilson, Hastings Police, by Mr Edwin Harding of Patoke, for the recovery of a strayed horse.

1888 February, **The Hastings Police Court** (Before Messrs Wellwood and McLeod, J.P.'s.) Stray Cattle Nuisance - G. Scott for allowing six head of cattle a stray, was fined £1 and costs, or in default, 48 hours' imprisonment. Defendant announced his intention to "Take it out," The same defendant was charged with allowing two head of cattle to wander on unfenced sections. This being the first information under this section of the bylaws defendant was fined only 1s and costs, or in default 24 hours' imprisonment with hard labour. John Minahan for allowing a horse to stray, was fined 5s and 7s costs. James Cooper for allowing a horse to stray at Havelock was fined £1 and costs 7s. Larceny - Hugh McNeely convicted of stealing a saddle of the value of £1.10s was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour. The same defendant was also sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a bridle. Disorderly Conduct - James Sullivan was charged with disorderly conduct in a public place, whereby a broach of the peace was occasioned. From the evidence of Constables Pickering and Wilson it appeared that at midnight on the 16th inst. they found defendant stripped to the waist and challenging people to light. He also used abusive language and struck a boy. Fined £2 and costs 2s. In default he was sent to gaol for seven days' with hard labour.

Section 240 part 8 next to the Police Station section 239 on Railway Rd was purchased from Mr Cohen in June 1891 in exchange for Hicks old whare Section 18 on Avenue Rd east and by 1893 the new Hastings Courthouse was opened - but the newspaper reporters complained that there was no Reporters table available.



Section 240 part 8 yellow beside the Police Station section 239 on Railway Rd Sth Hastings was purchased from Mr Cohen in June 1891 in exchange for Hicks old whare Section 18 yellow on Avenue Rd east North Hastings, shows the old red dividing lines along Havelock Rd and Karamu Rd

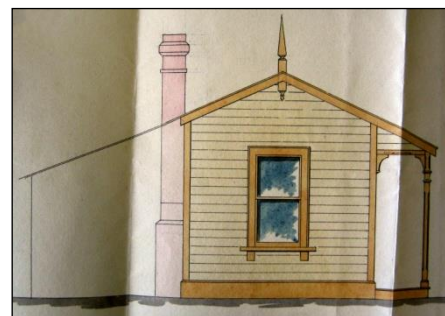
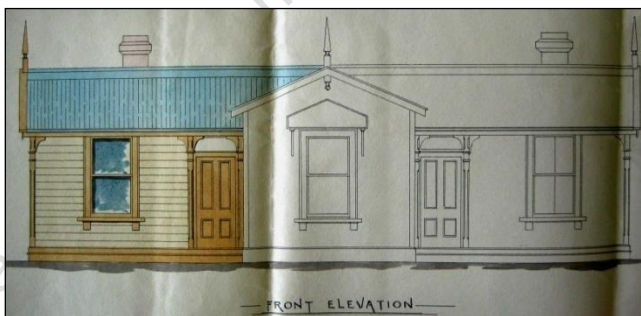
Francis Hicks had originally Reserved his whare Section 18 on Avenue Rd east for a Courthouse, but in the sale of the Hastings sections in July 1873 by Mr Lyndon on behalf of Mr Hicks - Section 18 was sold off to Mr Thomas Bishop, so no title was conveyed to the Crown, when Bishop died it was conveyed to his trustees - Mr J. N. Williams and Mr William Henry Smith who could only sell it back to the Govt at a reduced price of £90.

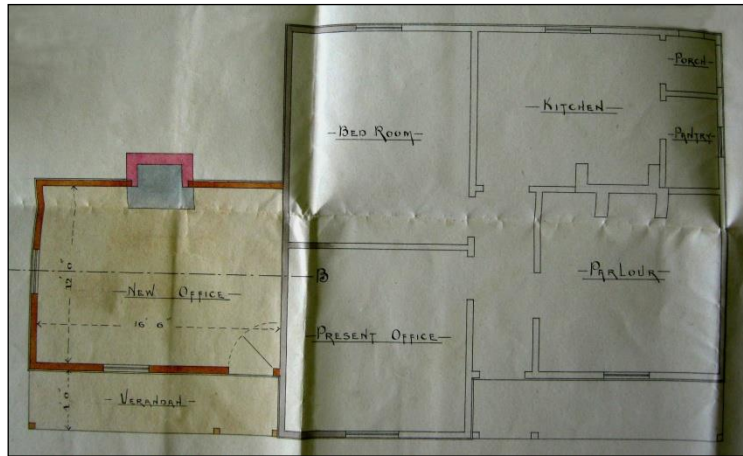
1888 June, The sum of £1 has been awarded by Mr. P. S. McLean, Napier, to Constable Arthur Pickering, Hastings Police, in recognition of his services in guarding the strong-room of the late native chief Renata Kawepo.

1890 January, A site for a Courthouse has been secured near Mr Wellwood's auction rooms, hope that Captain Russell will get the Government to erect the building thereon with all speed. While he is about it a few pounds more will be well spent in providing accommodation for the Hastings police. Having frequently to transact business at the police station – to the utter inadequacy of the present accommodation, viz., **a four roomed house, one room of which has to be set apart for the clerical work of the Court; another (the sitting room) having often to be used by persons coming on business; a third being the kitchen and the fourth serving as the one bedroom for the resident constable, his wife and family !** When the Government learns the existence of such a state of things they will at once remedy it by adding a couple of rooms to the structure in question. It is too small.

1890 April, A new sergeant's house with office was built on the police section.

1890 April, Additions to Hastings Police Sergeants house were undertaken by James Garnett a carpenter of Hastings at £98.00, with bond securities by Rev Charles Ernest Beecroft a Minister of Hastings and Thomas Freeman a butcher of Hastings.





The additions included a new office wing to the south side of present office with a front veranda and fireplace by A. E. Curd

1890 June, The desperate need for a Hastings Courthouse was raised with two petitions by the town's businessmen – July 1890 and September 1891 sent to the Minister to request funding for a Courthouse and for it to be erected near the Hastings Police Station.

1890 July, The need for a Courthouse has been urged for some time, Mr Preece, R.M., has made special representations to the Government upon the point. Therefore, the chances of the sum being passed is strongly in its favour. The next point is that of the site. The expected position of it is in **Avenue Rd** on a section where the **first house (or where) was built in Hastings, known as Hick's whare**, which is still standing there. It is supposed to be a Government reserve, although some state that it has never been conveyed.

1890 October, **Hastings Courthouse** - Whether the warm reception offenders get at the hands of the local Justices strikes a wholesome terror in the hearts of lawbreakers or not, the Justices have had nothing to do lately, not even a solitary drunk. As you will have noticed the sum of £600 has been placed on the Estimates for a Courthouse here. A local quid nunc, however prophesies that the promptitude with which the same will disappear from the Estimates will win the admiration of everybody not interested in Hastings. However, for the time being it is there, and like the £10,000 for the Spit bridge, may disappoint some of use by staying there. Of course, the fact of that amount being spent here is welcome enough, and the need for a Courthouse has been urged for some time, and I think I am right in saying that Mr Preece, R.M., has made special representations to the Government upon the point. Therefore, the chances of the sum being passed is strongly in its favour. The next point is that of the site. The expected position of it is in **Avenue Rd, on a section where the first house, (or where) was built in Hastings, known as Hicks whare, which is still standing there**. It is supposed to be a Government reserve, although some state that it has never been conveyed. Let that be as it may, the site is unanimously condemned by every resident I have spoken to about it from its distance from the business part of the town, and the police station. It is the second turning from the railway station on the Napier side, so that you will understand the objection. The natural position for a **Court-house is in Railway Rd, close to the police offices**, where there is abundant space on either side at present. It would not be a desirable thing to have to take all the books and property, sometimes of a cumbrous nature, all that distance for the examinations before the Court. Another point is fairly worth consideration, and that is the unnecessary parade of accused persons on the way to the Court, through the busiest part of the town, in the busiest part of the day. I have no doubt that if this is brought before the notice of the Department, that it will be considered. If the money is to be spent the Court-house may us well be placed where it will, at the same time, greatly improve the appearance of the town, and meet the convenience of those whose business takes them there.

1892 February, Constable Wilson returned to his duties at Hastings

1892 April, **A Courthouse for Hastings** is to be erected at last. It was intimated that if the Council officially made application it would be attended to. This was done, with the result that the plans and specifications are in the hands of the postmaster, Mr D. A. Wright who will show them to anyone desiring to see them. The principal hall is thirty-two feet long by twenty feet wide. There is a raised bench for the Magistrates, witness-box and all necessary arrangements for the proper transaction of the public business. A room is provided for the Magistrates, a want long felt, because if they want to consult they had to do so in their seats and within hearing of anybody near them. There will also a commodious clerks' office and one for the bailiff. It will be erected on the site next to the police station and will greatly improve the appearance of the locality. Tenders are called for and the work will be very shortly commenced.

1892 May, Borough Council - A letter was received from the Hon. R. Seddon stating that the tender of **Mr Adams** of £576.15s for building a Courthouse in Hastings, being the lowest tender had been accepted.

1892 May, A **Hastings Court House** was created on Railway Rd – A substantial wooden building on a concrete foundation and contained the Court room, the Magistrate's office, a general public room and a waiting room. Fortnightly court sittings were being held in 1908 by Mr Brabant stipendiary magistrate.

The obsolete Havelock Police station was closed and property to be let to a tenant on a yearly basis.

1892 October, Constable Wilson is leaving Hastings, after having been stationed here many years. While doing his duty without fear or favour, he has earned the respect of the inhabitants of Hastings and its vicinity.

1892 November, Constable Frederic Gordon arrived and proceeded to take up his duties at Hastings.

Alexander Frederick Gordon b:1851 in Drainie, Moray, the son of Elspet and John Gordon. In March 1874 in Canterbury he married Clara Benfield b: 1852 in Australia. They had six children in Canterbury. In 1896 Alexander Frederick Gordon was a constable at Napier Police Station. Alexander Frederick Gordon died January 1933 in Napier aged 82 and Clara Gordon nee Benfield died January 1935 in Napier aged 83.

1893 February, Sergeant Arthur Pickering

1893 March, Sergeant Arthur Pickering resigned after many years of service in the force.

1893 May, Constable Gordon is up and about again and able to his duty after a painful illness.

1894 June, Constable Gordon had injured one of his legs in an accident, coming in contact with a vehicle carrying no lights.

1894 October, a third constable was requested and a constable for night duty - Constable O'Connor, Detective Kirby and Sergeant Mitchell.

1894, Inspector Emerson, Napier Received: 25 May 1897 Subject: Hastings Borough Council renew application for additional police protection; and draw attention to the **insufficiency of accommodation for police** etc.

1894 October, There was considerable warmth of feeling in the various remarks made in reference to the letter from the Police Department stating that the police force here was sufficiently large. It is gratifying to find the authorities have such a good opinion of the place and of the energetic and capable sergeant who rules over its destinies. "Pooh Bah" himself could scarcely undertake more offices than have been allotted to Sergeant Mitchell and now, as a little friendly "diversion," he is to take a turn at night patrol. As Crown Prosecutor, electorate registrar, the hunter up of unregistered doggies, as sergeant, as constable, &c ,&c., his day must be fairly well occupied. Small wonder if he speedily qualifies for a sleep walker. Practically Hastings is guarded, intermittently, by one policeman and anyone knows perfectly well that one is not enough.

1895 August, Asphaltting and cement was laid in front of the Hastings courthouse buildings and a park was formed at the side of the building to the back entrance and in December the blocked urinal overflowing into the yard was repaired when the Public Works Dept was superintending the erecting of the new Hastings PO.

1896 March, The question of another constable for the borough has again by council and has been shelved, but although scotched it is not killed. The police protection is inadequate and the demands of the Council will be put forward until they are granted.

1896 March, Constable Riordan, who has been on duty here during a portion of the time in which Constable O'Connor was ill, is to stay here during the the week, so that we have for the once one sergeant and two constables.

1896, Constable William John Butler

1896 October, Constable Bennett of the Napier police has been drafted to Hastings to supplement the local force during the carnival week.

1896 September, Sergeant Mitchell has resolved to deal very firmly with a nuisance which for some time past has been showing signs of rapid development in Hastings. Young men of the most objectionable type congregate round the street corners at dusk rendering the foot walk in their vicinity slimy with their filthy expectorations and subjecting pedestrians, especially ladies, to a running fire of the coarsest criticism. These fellows are usually an idle loafing lot, who are too well fed, and Sergeant Mitchell in stamping them out will confer a great favour upon the community.

1897 February, Sergeant Mitchell who has been in charge of the local police station for the past 3 years is under orders to proceed to Wellington on promotion where he takes up his duties in charge of a section next week. During the time Sergeant Mitchell has been amongst us he has earned for himself the respect of the entire community by the fearless and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duty. Sergeant Mitchell's successor whoever he may be will find the district in perfect working order and that a proper knowledge and respect for the laws of the land and the local laws have been thoroughly instilled. As an official Sergeant Mitchell was courteous and polite to a degree, and ail whose business brought them in contact with him exceedingly regret his departure from amongst us. A number of the prominent citizens of Hastings assembled at the railway station to wish good-bye and Godspeed to Sergeant Mitchell and family.

1897 February, Constable T. C. Smith from Featherston was appointed in charge at Hastings, Constable Smith, Mrs Smith and six children arrived by the express. Constable William John Butler was currently in command and Constable Gordon was a temp at Hastings.

1897 July, Constable Thomas O'Brien from Coromandel and Constable Smith and Constable Butler later Dect Serg

1897 September, Constable O'Brien, who has been transferred to Napier, leaves here to take up his new duties on October 20. Constable Tarrant, who succeeds Constable O'Brien, arrives here on October 1, when he obtains leave of absence for a fortnight in order to join the ranks of the Benedict's.

1897 October, Marriage, Tarrant – Humphries - On October 13, 1897 at the Wesley Methodist Church, Rangiora, by the Rev. T. G. Carr, Mr B. Tarrant of Hastings to Miss M. Humphries of Rangiora.

1897 October, Constable Tarrant left on holiday leave on Thursday. He joins the ranks of the married men at Rangiora on Wednesday next and after a short honeymoon he and his bride return to Hastings.

1897 November, Constable Tarrant, who was recently transferred to Hastings, proposes to exhibit some oil paintings of his in the forthcoming Floral Fete Art Department. The pictures include a view of Mount Cook from the West Coast, four views of Milford Sound, a scene on the Mataura River, and a moonlight ruin scene. Mr Tarrant has handled his work excellently and displays no mean abilities in his colour

1897 December, From: Inspector Emerson, Napier Received: Report on application of Borough Council, Hastings, for permission to erect a 'Morgue' on the police reserve.

1898, Hastings Police Station now had a Sergeant and 2 Constables – Constable Potter

1898 April, Constable Thomas Cain of Hastings

1898 July, Arthur Stubbs is at present discharging the duties of clerk to the Hastings Court, during the absence of Mr P. Skerrett in England.

1898 July, Tenders for the repairs and alterations to the Hastings Police Station close at noon on the 18th inst., at the offices of the Resident Engineer, Mr G. L. Cook, Hunterville.

1898 July, The alterations to the Hastings police premises include, besides additions to the dwelling house, the erection of **new offices and shifting the stabling accommodation to the left corner of the prisoners' exercise yard.**

1898 August, The Hastings Town Clerk, Mr Collinge, has received a letter from the Police Department, stating that the Council's application to have the raising of Constable Smith's dwelling house included in the alterations to the Police Station, would be considered as the work proceeded.

1898 August, The Public Works Department has accepted the tender of Mr S. T. Tong of Hastings, for raising and adding to the local police station.

1898 November, The contract for the additions to the police station and office has been completed by S. T. Tong to the satisfaction of the Government inspector who passed the work. The residence of the police officer in charge has been made quite comfortable, while the office is very convenient. Given the unfortunate occupants of the cells receive benefit by the change as they are enabled to take exercise in an enclosed yard, of which a full view is obtained from the office.

1898 November, A warrant has been issued from Hastings for the arrest of an ex-constable, on the charge of being about to leave the Colony without making provision for his unborn child.

1898 December, Constable Charles Frederick Smith

1899 January, A son of Constable Smith of Hastings had the misfortune to break his arm at the wrist. It appears the lad was in the act of vaulting an obstacle and when about to rise his feet slipped from under him, causing him to fall heavily on his arm.

1899 January, At the Hastings racecourse Constables Ramsay and Harvey

1899 January, Inspector McGovern, Napier, Subject: 'Hastings Police Station' - Conversion of forage store into sleeping room for second Constable, estimate £7.

1899 April, Constable William Wilson Smart, of Hastings, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

William Wilson Smart b: March 1850 the son of Sarah and William Smart. In July 1877 in NZ he married Mary Moody b: June 1857 in Hathern Leicestershire. They had seven children. In April 1910 Sergeant Smart of Hastings resigned from the police force and went farming at Middle Rd Havelock North. William Wilson Smart died March 1935 in Havelock North aged 85 and Mary Smart nee Moody died January 1944 in Havelock North aged 85.

1899 April, Mr P. Skerrett, Clerk of the Court at Hastings, returned last night from his trip to the Old Country. He looks exceedingly well after his holiday. During his absence he has visited England, Ireland, France, Belgium Germany and other countries.

1899 August, We regret to learn that an attack of rheumatism has compelled Mr Skerrett Clerk of the Court, to keep to his bed since last Saturday. Mr Stubbs of Napier arrived to temporarily fulfil Mr Skerritt's duties at the Court.

1899, From: Inspector McGovern, Napier Received: 26 January 1899 Subject: 'Hastings Police Station' - **Conversion of forage store into sleeping room for second Constable**, estimate £7

1899 January, Sergeant Mitchell

1899 August, Constable Carr and Constable Walter Joseph Baskiville

Walter Joseph Baskiville b: 1858 Panmure Auckland. He joined the armed constabulary in Taranaki and served in the Maori war where he gained valuable experience at the blockhouse at Okato, then on the extreme borders of civilisation and built for a protection from the natives of the Parihaka Pa which was the notorious Te Whiti's stronghold. In later years was drafted into the police force. He was stationed at a constable at Wellington, Hastings in August 1899, Port Ahuriri and Waipukurau whence he proceeded to Dunedin on promotion to the rank of sergeant and later Devonport retiring on superannuation after 30 years loyal service. He was one of the most respected and popular former members of the New Zealand Police Force, he was stationed at Hastings in August 1899. Mr Baskiville was a member of the police force for about 50 years. For nearly 10 years before his retirement on superannuation a few years ago, he was sergeant in charge of the Devonport Police Station. He will long be remembered by the people of this district for his absolute impartiality in all his official duties, and for his many actions of kindness. He was always more eager to settle a case out of Court than in it, and his fatherly advice was frequently responsible for the amendment of some wrongdoer's ways.

1900 April, Constable Moriarty has been transferred from Hastings to Auckland and left for that place by boat. The vacancy has been filled by Constable Pidgeon, who has been transferred from the Wellington branch of the force and who arrived at Hastings by the express.

Frank Benjamin Pidgeon b: April 1870 in Wanstead Essex, Eng the son of Mary Ann and Benjamin Pidgeon, in 1896 he first married Louisa Murray, no children. 1902 – 1903 Louisa and Frank Benjamin Pidgeon a constable at Hastings. Louisa Pidgeon nee Murray died 1918 aged 46, in 1921 Frank married Ivor Alice Sigley b: September 1890 in Nelson. Frank Benjamin Pidgeon died June 1947 in Hastings aged 77 and Ivor Alice Pidgeon nee Sigley died June 1947 in Hastings aged 56.

1900 September, Tenders are invited for the purchase (for removal) of the **police cottage at Havelock**. Tenders close with the Inspector of Police at Napier.

1901 March, Constable Pidgeon and Sergeant Smart on duty at Hastings

1901 October, Sergeant Smart will leave by the *Moura* to undertake the duties of Sergeant Siddells of Gisborne, while the latter is away on holiday.

1902, Sergeant H. Connop

1902 July 3, THE PUBLIC SERVICE. New Zealand Tablet - HASTINGS, The following are the particulars regarding employees in the Justice Departments - The sergeant and two constables at Hastings and the constable at Clive are non-Catholics. Of the four Catholics employed in the departments mentioned only one is a salaried officer, the others being wages men. The proportion of Catholics in the departmental is less than one in seven.

1903 October, Hastings - Mr P. Skerrett, clerk of the court, has had rather a hard time with influenza, and has received a month's leave of absence to recuperate. His place will be taken in the interval by Mr McAra of Palmerston North.

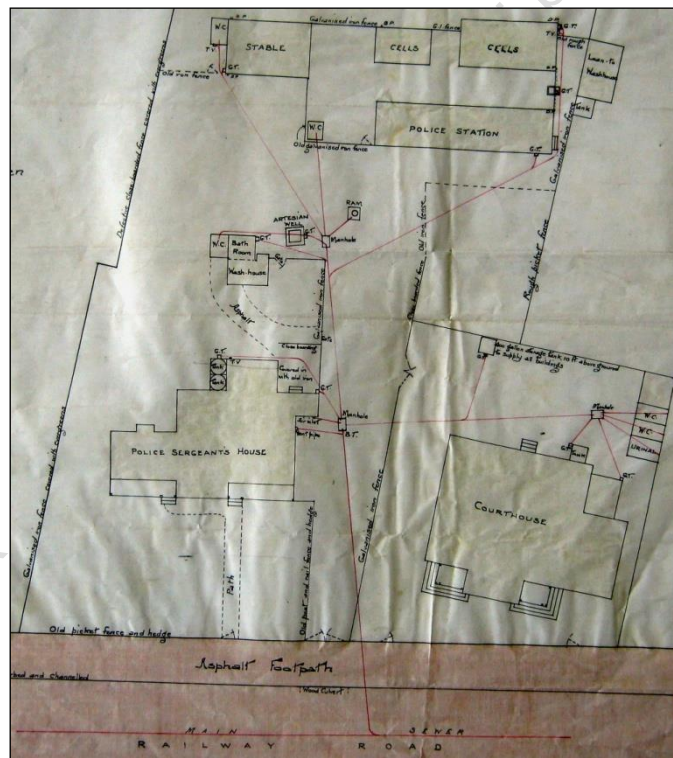
1904 December, Sergeant Smart



The Hastings Police section - looking east to Railway Rd and Eastbourne St west corner 1906 and the adjoining Murdock house and old Cohen house – the Courthouse. Shows the Sergeants residence with new office wing at the front south side and the little old Hastings Police Station at rear with chimney and with-in an enclosed rear cell yard, a stables, horse trough and outhouses, forage store conversion for second constable sleeping accommodation ?



The original Hastings Police Station 1879 with chimney was extended over the rear of the Courthouse section after 1906 to form a larger Hastings Police Station for the constables at the rear of the sergeant's house and office on Railway Rd



The Hastings Police Station section with artesian well and ram pump with front picket fence and hedge and adjoining courthouse with grounds, the bowling green fence left side

1906 October, Constable McRae

1907 August, Sergeant Smart

1908 May, Constable Charles Stephen Le Fevre b: September 1879 in Burham Kent, Eng the son of Caroline and Charles Le Fevre. In 1902, Charles Stephen Le Fevre a baker, Thames Gold Fields, Shortland Queens County NZ 1907 he married Mary Frances Slattery, 1908 Charles Stephen Le Fevre a police constable at Hastings. Charles Stephen Le Fevre died November 1957 at Dannevirke aged 79 buried Mangatera Hawke's Bay.

1908 July, Constable Watters



Robert Watters b: April 1880 in Rotherham Canterbury the son of Jane and John Watters in August 1903 at Taradale he married Alice May Ross b: March 1881 in Hawke's Bay. They had six children at Hastings. Alice May Watters nee Ross died September 1918 at Napier aged 37 and Robert Watters died December 1952 in Auckland aged 72.

1908 August, Constables O'Grady and Charles S. Le Fevre – he was in charge of Lyall Bay in 1924

Constable Timothy O'Grady from Auckland. **Timothy O'Grady** b: January 1879 in Milton, Otago, the son of Bridget and Malachy O'Grady, in 1900 he married Edith Moor b: 1879 in Christchurch. Son - January 1903 Victor Timothy O'Grady at Onehunga. In November 1912 in Southland Timothy O'Grady ex-police constable, In November 1917 Edith filed for dissolution of her marriage with Timothy O'Grady on the grounds of desertion. Timothy O'Grady died December 1942 in Marlborough aged 63 and Edith O'Grady nee Moor died September 1956 aged 77.

1908 September, Constable D. Murray has been transferred from Auckland to Hastings to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Constable Watters to Court Bailiff, is expected to arrive in Hastings.

1908 September, Constable Watters of Hastings has been appointed bailiff of the local Court, and will take up his duties on the 1st prox. Mr Watters, by assiduous attention to his duties as a police officer, has won the good opinion of the public, who will be pleased to hear of his advancement.

1908 December, Constable O'Grady of Hastings has been transferred to Ohakune, a station on the Main Trunk Railway, and will be succeeded by Constable Wright at present stationed at Ohakune.

1909 April, Constable O'Grady

1910 January, Constable George William Murray at Clive till 1919.

1910 January, Constable Potter

1910 April, Constable Dwyer. In October 1908 Constable Dwyer from Auckland was stationed at Gisborne

1911, Edward Dwyer Police constable Hastings

1910 April, Sergeant **William Wilson Smart** retired from the Police force after 35 years faithful service, eleven years in charge of the Hastings office, he had earned the esteem and admiration of all classes of the community by his fearless and straightforward administration. Present - Sergeant Cruickshank and Detective Hilt (Napier), Constable Wilton (Waipawa). Detective Butler. Ex - Constables Eccleton (Waipawa) and R. Walter and Constables Potter and Dwyer. At the Borough Council Chambers his Worship the Mayor (Mr J. A. Miller) occupied the chair, David Scannell, D. O'Reilly Mr E. Basil-Jones, Mr W. J. White, solicitor, Mr E- Newbigin (Licensed Victuallers Association) Mr J. Beatson (H-B. A. and P. Society) Mr W. J. Stratton (secretary H.B. Jockey Club) The Rev. J. Hobbs were present. The company then adjourned to the Carlton Club to drink the health of the Sergeant. William Wilson Smart went farming at Middle Rd Havelock North.

Samuel Ernest McCarthy S.M. and coroner resided in Hastings from 1910 to 1920

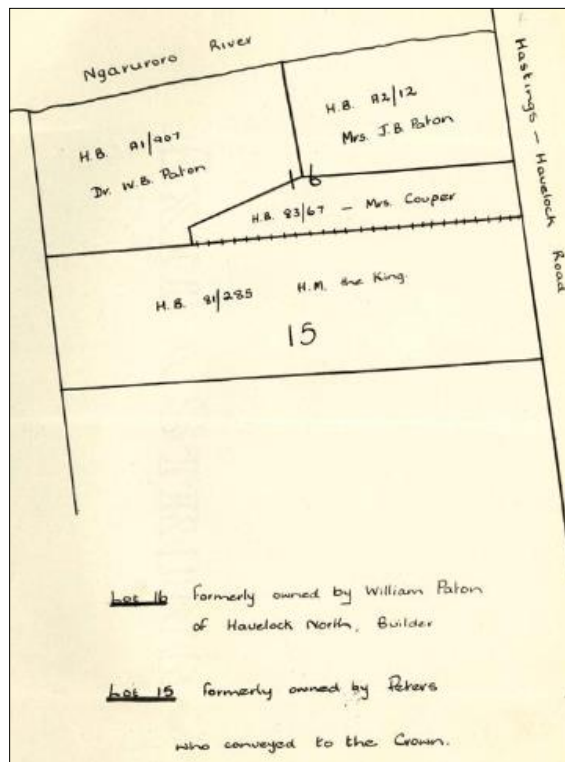
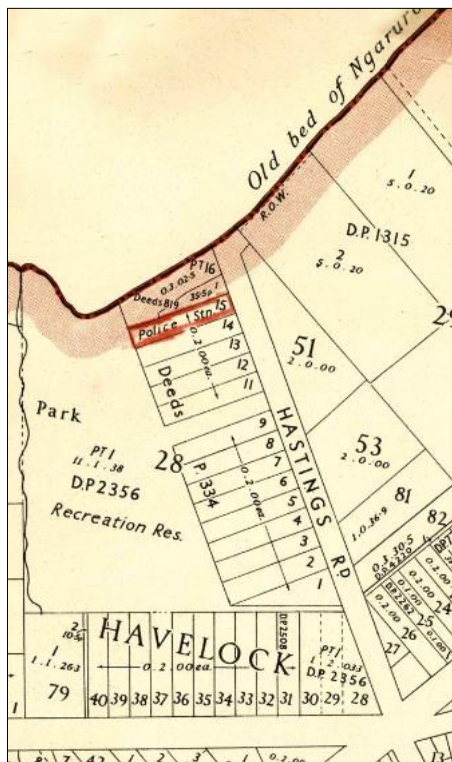
1911 May, Police Sergeant **John James Hogan** was stationed at Hastings for 18 years. Born April 1867 at Emerald Hills, Melbourne Vic, he went to Ireland where he was educated and then came with his parents to New Zealand. He joined the Permanent Artillery in New Zealand and transferred to the Police Force in July 1893. In 1900 in NZ he married Alice Elizabeth Cox b: April 1876 Courtenay, Canterbury the daughter of Dinah and John George Cox. Children 1905 John George Hogan, and November 1906 Garrett Hogan. In March 1907 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and then transferred to Auckland. After a short period there he went to Hastings. He was extremely popular officer and when he was transferred to Rotorua in 1928 he was given a public farewell. He was a member of the Hastings Bowling Club while in that district. He died July 1940 in Wellington after a short illness aged 73 and Alice Elizabeth Hogan nee Cox died August 1945 in Wellington aged 68.

1911 June, Constable Brenchley

1911 July, Constable Dwyer of the Hastings Police force is at present an inpatient of Nurse Nairn's private hospital suffering from a severe chill. Constable Brenchley returns this evening from Wellington. Constable Murray of Clive was going relief duty in Hastings yesterday.

Mr Louis Philip Fearn who got a lawn mower in 1911 and was appointed courthouse groundsman at 4 shillings per month

1911, Thomas Freeman Brenchley joined the Police Force at Napier in 1910, shortly afterwards being transferred to Hastings. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant at New Plymouth and transferred to Auckland, then placed in charge at Marton in 1938. He died there August 1942 aged 56, survived by his wife, a daughter and a son, now overseas.



1912, Havelock North new Police Station section 15 near the Havelock North bridge formerly owned by William Paton

1912 December, Constable J. Heffernan, Constable McGruer

Constable James Heffernan b: May 1872 in Auckland the son of Bridget and William Heffernan in May 1903 in Masterton, he married Louisa Person b: February 1881 in NZ the daughter of Christina and Nils Person. They had eight children - May 1904 William (Bill) Thomas Patrick Heffernan, January 1906 Mary Christina Heffernan, August 1908 Dorothy Emily Heffernan in Hawke's Bay she died a teenager in October 1925, August 1911 Nancy Jane Heffernan she married Archibald Alexander Brown in September 1936 in Hastings, November 1913 (Joe) Joseph James Heffernan at Havelock North, April 1915 (Reg) Reginald John Heffernan and August 1922 Kathleen Heffernan at Hastings she married Bernard Joseph Revell in January 1948. In April 1934, A large cowshed rented by Mr J. Heffernan caught fire and was almost burnt to the ground. The Havelock North Fire Brigade was summoned to stand by in case the wind changed and the fire spread to a large barn full of hay and a dwelling house. It is not known how the fire started, or if the owner Mr Heartre has the building insured. In August 1934 N.Z.'s Oldest Constable - During the course of various speeches made in connection with the farewell ceremony at Hastings to two officers Senior-Sergeant D. J. O'Neill and Sergeant G. F. Boniseh. of the Hastings Police Force, the interesting fact was mentioned that Constable J. Heffernan, who is stationed at Havelock North was the oldest constable in the New Zealand Police Force. Constable Heffernan joined the force in 1887. Constable James Heffernan died June 1954 in Havelock North aged 82 and Louisa Heffernan nee Person died June 1954 aged 73.

William Edward McGruer b: April 1886 in Karangahake Waikato the son of Mary and George McGruer, in 1910 he married Ada Elizabeth Dowd b: September 1884 in Auckland. In 1914 Ada Elizabeth and William Edward McGruer a police constable at 212 Karamu Rd east, in 1917 WW1 Reserves William Edward McGruer 2nd Division. Constable William Edward McGruer died March 1952 aged 65 and Ada Elizabeth McGruer nee Dowd died March 1962 aged 77.

1913 December Constable W. J. Connor. William James (Dick) Connor b: June 1882 in Hamilton the son of Mary and Robert Connor. In January 1902 William a stock drover had volunteered for the 6th Contingent for service in South Africa. In 1905 he married Charlotte Krogmann b: January 1884 in Hamilton. They had one daughter - April 1906 Gwendoline Hazel Connor. 1914 Charlotte and William James Connor a police constable of 512 Whitehead Rd Hastings. He was for 13 years a police constable at Hastings, transferred to Frankton Junction in June 1926. William James (Dick) Connor died January 1933 in Waikato aged 50 and Charlotte Connor nee Krogmann died October 1947 in Palmerston North aged 63.

1913 February, Constable McLean, Constable McGruer

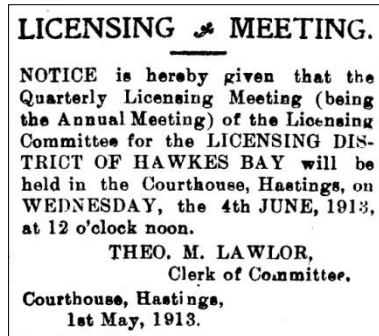
1913, T. M. Lawlor, a Clerk of Court at Hastings

1913, L. E. Walton aged 21 a Clerk of Court at Hastings

1913, R. Watters aged 32, a Bailiff at Hastings

1913 March, Detective William John Butler, stationed at Hastings

In September 1926 Miss Florence Sybil Butler the only daughter of Detective Sergeant William John Butler of Napier died at her father's residence 56 Marine Parade aged 25 buried Havelock North cemetery. As a young child she was an accomplished horsewoman and resided with her grandmother Mrs W. Guthrie She had one brother and cousins in Havelock North.



1913 May, Licensing Meeting, Theo M. Lawlor

1919, Sergeant J. Hogan, Constable Brenchly, Constable McLean, Constable W. J. Connor and Constable McGruer who was stationed at Hastings for seven years, transferred to Napier May 1920

1920 October, Constable Henry and Sergeant John James Hogan

1921 January, John Martin acting detective and Sergeant McLean, Inspector Marsack.

1921 April, At the Hastings police Station members assembled to farewell **Constable Henry** who is transferring to Wellington. Sergeant Hogan, Detective Fitzgibbon and Constables Brenchley, O'Brien and McLean all spoke.

1921 June, Constable J. A. Walker of Hastings received wire that his father met a fatal accident in Invercargill.

1922 February, Detective T. Fitzgibbon of Auckland arrived in Hastings to assume duty as detective on the strength of the Hastings district constabulary.

1922 February, Constable Brenchley has been appointed to collect the agricultural statistics in the Hastings district and he desires farmers and orchardists to know that it will facilitate his work immensely if they will have their details of their returns ready for him when he calls. For instance orchardists should be prepared to give him the number of the trees on their property as waiting entails great delay. Only the other day he had to wait at one place for an hour and a half while this simple return was being computed.

1922 August, Constable J. O'Neil, who has been attached to the Masterton police force for some years, has been transferred to Hastings strength of Constable Henry, promoted to the charge of the Tinakori Rd station in Wellington.

1922 May, Mr J. Eason on the Hastings Court staff

1922 September, Constable J. O'Neil, who has been attached to the Masterton police force for some years, has been transferred to Hastings.

1922 November, Mr H. Gilmore Smith, who has been clerk of the Court at Hastings for the past three years, is leaving. Mr Smith was a bowler and a member of the Hastings Orphans' Club.

1922 December, Constable Dan O'Brien of Hastings who is presently on leave has received notice of his transfer on promotion to Nuhaka as constable in charge.

1923 October, Constable Allsopp

1923 October, Constable W. J. Connor of Hastings leaves for Hobart where he will take charge of a Hastings resident who is to be brought back to New Zealand on a charge of wife desertion.

1923 September, The Hastings Police have taken proceedings against several motor car owners for allowing their cars to stand in the principal thoroughfares for a longer time than is allowed by the by-law. The cases will come before the Magistrate in due course.



The new brick Hastings Police Station on Railway Rd set back from the road taken in February 1931, by Frank L. Moodie



The small renovated historic Hastings Police station hut built 1879 - without its chimney, by Don Task

1924 January, Constable Walker of Hastings left for Invercargill on holiday leave.

1924 January, Constable Charles S. Le Fever who was stationed at Hastings some fourteen years ago 1908 has arrived on a visit to the district and is at present staying at the Hastings Hotel engaged in renewing old friendships. Constable Le Fever is in charge of the Lyall Bay station.

1924 January, Superintendent McIlveney who is engaged in a tour of inspection of the police station inspected the Hastings station and put up for the night at the Hastings Hotel. Inspector Dew of Napier motored out from Napier and picked up the superintendent and sergeant Hogan the officer in charge of the Hastings district and the tree motored from Hastings at 9am to inspect the southern offices.

1924 January, Constable Maurice Ryan

1924 March, Constable M. Ryan of Hastings met with a rather serious accident which will lay him aside for about a week. He was coming down the concrete stairway from **his office situated above Cliff's printing establishment in Queen St east** when by some mischance he slipped and falling on his back he was bumped down the whole of the steps from the landing to the bottom. Luckily he bent his head forward on his chest, otherwise his injuries would have been far more severe, and as it was his right arm from elbow to wrist was extensively lacerated, his left hip considerably bruised, besides strain minor contusions and shock. Constable Horne who was with him at the time rendered first aid and Mr Ryan subsequently visited Dr. Story who examined the arm satisfying himself that fortunately no bones were broken and Mr Ryan is able to be about with the arm in a sling.

1924 August, Death, The sudden death at his residence corner Queen and Princess St Hastings of retired Constable **Walter Joseph Baskiville** aged 66, dearly beloved husband of Teresa Kate Baskiville. A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Roman Catholic Church Hastings, to the Hastings cemetery.

1924 October, Constable Allsop left Hastings for Himitangi concerning his sister's death.

1924 November, Members of the police force in Hastings assembled at the station to express their good wishes to Mr W. M. Will the Clerk of the Court on the occasion of his upcoming marriage to Miss Hinepare Johnson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Matt Johnson of Hastings.

1924 December, Sergeant Hogan of Hastings commenced his annual leave, detective Fitzgibbon will be in charge of the Hastings Police district in his absence.

1925 March, Owing to the illness of Sergeant Hogan, Senior-Sergeant O'Halloran of Napier was in charge of the Hastings Police District he will return to Napier when Senior-Sergeant Harvey of Dannevirke will take over control of Hastings.

1925 December, detective T. Fitzgibbon of Frederick St

1925 December, The funeral of Constable Norris of the Napier police Force took place at Parke Island by Rev H. W. Klingerder. A large number of the officers and constables of the Napier and Hastings districts attended. The Post and Telegraph department was represented and there was a large attendance of the public.

1925 April, Constable Allsop

1925 October, Constable M. Ryan of Hastings received news from Auckland to the death of his brother John, and has left Hastings for Auckland.

1926 January, Constable R. Brenchley who was stationed in Hastings some years ago is now Constable in charge at Rahutu Taranaki is at present on his annual holiday.

1926 March, Constable Walker who has been away on his annual leave returned to Hastings

1926 March, Mr J. R. Eason of the Hastings Magistrates Court staff is a patient in the Royston Hospital where he has under gone a serious operation. His condition is somewhat critical, but improving. In July 1926, Mr J. R. Eason of the Hastings Magistrates Court staff resumed duty.

1926 April, Mr D. von Strumer assistant clerk at the Hastings Magistrates Court went in the Napier Hospital for a minor operation. Mr P Martin of the Napier staff is relieving during Mr von Strumer's absence.

1926 May, Constable W. J. Connor who has been stationed in Hastings for the past thirteen years has been transferred to Frankton Junction. Constable W. J. Connor was fare welled at the Grand Hotel by the members of Hastings legal profession. Connor was at one time a member of the Rugby Sub Union and the referees Association. Mr E. H. Williams, Mr T. B. McNeil, horticulturists and Mr C. Duff. And 120 friends gathered at the Oddfellows Hall Hastings to bid farewell Mrs and Constable Connor. Mr C. H. Slater presided, Mr R. B. Holmes JP. In June 1926 Constable W. J. Connor was reported to have taken ill shortly after his arrival at Francton Junction and is now making satisfactory progress in the Hamilton Hospital.

1926 July, Mr W. M. Will, clerk of the Hastings Court left on his annual leave accompanied by his wife, they will be absent about three weeks.

1926 August, Mr James List of the staff of the Hastings Courthouse has received notice of his transfer to Blenheim on promotion.

1926 September, Charles S. Le Fevre who was stationed in Hastings 1908 as a constable is at present a resident of Otaki and spending a few days holiday in the district. Mr Le Fever having resigned from the police force owing to ill health took over the licence of the Railway Hotel in Otaki some two years ago and is doing very well.

1926 December, Constable D. Ryan of the Hastings police force is at present in Waipukurau relieving Constable J. Butler.

1927 April, Sergeant Hogan officer in charge of the Hastings district police force left on his annual leave Sergeant Quayle of Napier will assume control in Hastings during Sergeant Hogan's absence.

1928, Constable W. S. Craigie

1931, Constable Thomas McCall



1931 February, The courthouse and new brick police station in the mid ground taken from the old fire station hose tower looking east towards Russell St and Eastbourne St with the Woman's Rest Rooms and Kings Theatre behind

1931, Constable Thomas McCall was stationed at Hastings during the earthquake, he won high regard for assisting distressed residents. Following a long illness, he died August 1943 at Whangarei aged 56 He leaves a widow and one daughter. A police funeral will be held on Monday.

1931 October, Constable Robert William Goodson b: September 1898 in Bromsgrove Worcestershire, Eng the son of Elizabeth and Herbert Goodson, in December 1924 at Auckland he married Elsie Thorlby They had two sons at Hastings Constable Robert William Goodson died October 1961 in Napier aged 63.

1931 August, Sergt. G. R. Doggett.



Looking south down Railway Rd towards Eastbourne St west corner 1935 post-quake - the Courthouse with lawn and hedging and second brick Police Station at rear, with Bowling Club behind to Lyndon St west

1934 October, Sergeant R. G. Wade.

1936, Senior-Sergeant George Sivyver was transferred to Hastings. Senior-Sergeant Sivyver was born in England, in 1884 he joined the Police Force at Dunedin in 1909. He married Elizabeth Marshall in 1912. Senior-Sergeant Sivyver died at Hastings 1940 October, he left a widow and one son who in 1914 was in Trentham Camp.

1937 January, The funeral of the late Mr John Butler which took place in Waipukurau was very largely attended, both by members of the police force in the Napier district of which force Mr Butler was once a member and many of the general public. The police representatives were:- Inspector J. Fitzpatrick, Senior-Sergeant W. Pender, Sergeant G. Bonisch (all of Napier) **Detective-Sergeant L. B. Revell, Detective B. Farquharson, Sergeant. McIntosh and Mr. H. Siivyer (representing Senior-Sergeant W. Sivyver) (all of Hastings); Constables J. Heffernan (Havelock North) Moss (Waipawa) Ruston (Onga Onga) Mullan (Takapau) and Sutton (Waipukurau).** The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. Mahoney, B. G. Atkins, J. McCarthy, Constables Sutton, Heffernan and Moss. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father McDermott, of Waipawa. Mr James Butler of Dunedin and Mr James Flood of Palmerston North were the chief mourners.

1940 April, The death occurred recently in the Napier Public Hospital of Constable Richard Byrne of Hastings aged 27. Constable Byrne was involved in an accident last October, when a car he was driving left the road near Napier and crashed, four other persons being injured. He was admitted to hospital suffering from spinal injuries.

1942 February, The death occurred yesterday at Whanganui after a period of illness of Sergeant

1946 February, Constable C. P. Foote, Constable Roy Turner

1946 March, Constable W. S. Craigie after 18 years service with the Hastings Police he has been promoted to sergeant at Wellington. He first arrived in Hawke's Bay around 1921 and worked on district farms before joining the Police, he was stationed at the Taranaki St station then came to Hastings around 1928, 18 years ago the Hastings police strength was eight and is now 16.

1946 August, Constable W. E. Leppien

1966 April, A new Hastings Police Station was built by Peter John Bridgeman for £108.668.



1968 April, The Hastings police station and old wooden courthouse on Railway Rd

In the 1970's the Crabtree's of Napier leased the silver night Pie-cart, Diner which was first parked off Karamu Rd nth, poss at the corner of Avenue Rd across from the NZR Bus depot – pea, pie, pud and gravy, later hamburgers. Many drunken fights occurred so it was moved to Railway Rd opposite the Hastings Police Station where it remained until about 1989 when it was damaged and returned to Napier.



The old Hastings Court House 1978 after it was moved from Railway Rd to the corner of Warren St sth and Lyndon Rd east, Note the three original windows left side

The wooden Hastings Post Office -

1879 – 1885, Postal & Telegraph Staff - Arthur Samuel Pirani a telegraphist at Hastings, date of entry, Salary - £120

1886 May Amongst the estimates in the Telegraph Office at Hastings are items of £80 for a cadet and £50 for a letter carrier. In connection to the latter Mr S. J. Jago Chief Postmaster was here to arrange details for **the letter carrier who will commence his duties.**

1886 June, Another sign of the advancement of Hastings was the appearance of the **'Postman' on his maiden trip round the town.** It will be a long felt want supplied, as many have not the convenience to send to the Post Office. It will also save the officials a lot of useless trouble, as much of their time was taken up in searching for letters that have not and never will come.

1886 July, **Mr Gibson** of the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office left for Porangahau to relieve Mr Cropp. In his absence the letter carrier Symons takes his duties, the messenger acting in the capacity of letter carrier.

1886 November, The Authorities are removing most of the telegraph poles about Hastings and replacing them with others that are about four feet higher.

1886 December, Complaint from a female that a number of young Hastings hobbledehoyes and wenches with insulting remarks gather under the Post Office veranda in the evenings and block the access to the private boxes.

1887, Thomas Hanse Gibson, Hastings, a telegraphist

1887 March, Postal & Telegraph, **N. Symons**, Letter Carrier, Hastings, Salary - £50.

1887 July, D. A. Wright and family moved up to Helensville where David was a farmer, Mr Arthur Samuel. Pirani was now listed as the Telegraphist at Hastings.

1887 July 13, A. S. Pirani, Hastings sought Govt authority to dispose of certain pencil drawings by Art Union.

1889, Mr Sydney Fade Haszard arrived as Clerk and Telegraphist at the Hastings Railway Station, there were four PO staff – the postmaster, a cadet, a letter carrier and a telegraph message boy.

1889 November, A change has just been made in the Post-office arrangements as regards **Mr A. S. Pirani** who is to be stationed at Palmerston North instead of at Napier, as was at first intended, Mr Tucker of Palmerston, being transferred to Napier. I need hardly state that Mr Pirani carries with him the good wishes of the many friends whom he has made by his courtesy during his long stay here, and congratulate Palmerston on the accession of an efficient and obliging an official to its Post-office staff. Some of Mr Pirani's Hastings friends have subscribed for a small testimonial, which will be presented to him by Mr Wellwood at Mr Morgan's hotel,

1891, F. J. Nicol aged 18, a cadet at Hastings

1893, The Hastings Post Office was moved into separate temporary premises on Station St until the new wooden Post Office was erected.

1893, C. Stubley aged 14, a Messenger at Hastings

1893, H. Castle aged 20 a cadet at Hastings

1894, O. List aged 14, a Messenger at Hastings

1894 February, Mr B. O. Hodgson, telegraph officer at Kaikoura (South Island), and previously at Blenheim, has been transferred to Hastings for health reasons.

1894 February, **The removal of the Hastings post office from the railway station to the temporary building lately occupied by Messrs Williams and Kettle at the corner of Station St and Queen St** east, leased from Mr W. Y. Dennett. It has been admirably adapted to the requirements of the postal service, is a distinct gain to the public as well as to the officials, the work being now conducted in a much more serene manner than could frequently be possible amidst the hurry and excitement of a railway station. There is evidence too that the post office will be the centre of quite a new business community.



Shows the temporary PO from February 1894, previous W.Y. Dennett's old auction rooms, then Williams and Kettle office, later The Hastings Standard newspaper, staff & office at the corner of Station St and Queen St east, with telegraph lines going to the temp Telegraph dept behind

1894 March, Lease of Mr W. Y. Dennett to Edward Henry Bold - premises on Station St, Hastings to be used as a **temporary General Post Office and Telegraph Office**. The first telephone had started in 1895.

1894 September, Frederick William Dennett and Harry Dennett were brought up at the Magistrate's Court charged with malicious injury to property in Wellington. Defendants were remanded to Wellington. The first-named defendant was then charged with having **broken into and entered the Hastings post-office** on or about the 1st of September and stolen there from cash, stamps, and other articles, the whole of the total value of £122 10s. At the request of Detective Kirby defendant was remanded to the Hastings Magistrates' Court on Monday next, Bail was allowed, defendant in one surety of £200 and two approved sureties in £100 each or one in £200. Mr Cornford appeared to represent defendant.

1894 October, The plan of the proposed **new Hastings Post Office** is now lying at the Council Chamber, where it may no doubt be examined by anyone interested. Judging from the plan, for there is no elevation of the building at Inched, it will be a one-story building and the accommodation provided will be sufficient for present requirements. One obvious fault in the design is found in three public entrances, two only of which are necessary, viz., the public office and the private box office, the necessity for going up a flight of steps into a lobby to post letters being inconvenient. This might well be altered with a saving of room and expense. It will come as a matter of surprise too, to many that whilst erecting a building of this kind advantage is not to be taken of the whole of the frontage, the building being set back about twelve feet from Queen St and about ten feet from the adjacent buildings in Station St. No doubt the cost has been taken into consideration, as although a similar building in Hawera to a cost £1400, only £800 is available for Hastings.

1894 October, Frederick Dennett was arrested in connection with the recent temporary post office burglary at Hastings.

1894 November, Some extremely energetic steps were taken a few weeks since in the **removal of the guard's house at the corner of Queen St and Station St**, as also of the palings surrounding the section. It was currently believed that the site was thus disclosed upon which the **new post-office was to be built** forthwith. It cannot be said that the site is altogether bare of building materials, as there is an old tank, a few old bricks, some scrap iron, a kerosene tin, a coalscuttle, and in addition to these a small crop of new potatoes all of which might come in handy, especially if the authorities intend providing residential chambers for the postmaster. Surely it is about time the premises were in hand, unless indeed the plans which were evidently prepared some time since, before even the removal of the station was contemplated, are to be revised, and the full space available for the erection of a really commodious post-office utilized. One alteration to the design has been promised, a needed one too, and that is to allow of the erection of a **small tower to contain a public clock**. The promise, however, is a contingent one, viz, that the department are willing to erect a tower provided the residents will contribute the cost of a suitable clock, which is estimated to be about £145.

1894, Sydney Fade Haszard became the Postmaster at Hastings

1895 February, The state of the footpath from the **Post Office site** to Heretaunga St is in a dangerous condition, the tar pavement being all holes. Again in wet weather the footpath outside the Post Office is a quagmire and the gutter outside that a disgrace, so that it is to be hoped the department will see its way to come to some equitable arrangement.

1895 February, Amongst other important matters discussed by his Worship the Mayor in his interview with the Hon Mr Cadman, was the erection of the new post-office. According to the plans prepared in seems that the projected building was to be a trifle too much projected, in fact that it was to be brought out on to the pavement at a line two feet in front of any of the existing buildings. That would be not only an eyesore, but a great inconvenience, as the pavement is not any too wide, a circumstance which the Hon. Minister took in at a glance, and which will probably lead to a modification, if not

in extension of the buildings. It is indeed hinted that the question of a brick building was mooted, and that the suggestion was not unfavourably received.

1895 July, A temporary **General Post Office and Telegraph Office** were being leased from Mr W. Y. Dennett who premises adjoined the Post Office section on Station St while construction of the new Hastings Post Office is now well under way, the later Hastings Standard newspaper office, the Telegraph dept was in a building behind.

1895 July, The Hastings Post Office, where the architect has failed to provide a door for the back of the building. This will necessitate the requisite service of water, coals, &s being carried in by means of the front doors, a very inconvenient arrangement. The blocks are considered in the soft subsoil foundation here, that no feet having been provided, the weight of the building is bound to cause them to sink. A good portion of the timber placed on the ground has been condemned as too green for use.

1895 July, Construction of the new Hastings Post Office is now well under way. The carpenters for the job were selected and this morning met Mr Louch, O.E. at the Courthouse to receive instructions and to sign the agreement Mr John Renouf has been appointed clerk of works by the Public Works Department, six carpenters have been selected at present. The men subsequently selected Mr **R. Sowersby** foreman and Mr Edwin W. Furniss as trustee.

1895 August, Mr **Benjamin Oliver Hodgson**, a much esteemed member of the Telegraph Department, died at Hastings on Friday. He was 16 years in the service, and a wide circle of friends will deeply regret his death.

1895 August, It is with regret we have to chronicle the death of Mr B. O. Hodgson, of the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office. Mr Hodgson joined the service as messenger at Blenheim in 1880, where he was stationed until his health broke down through the heavy work of the last station. In 1892 he was transferred to Kaikoura, but owing to the change not effecting any improvement in his health, he was re-transferred to Hastings in March last year. His health for a time was fairly good, until two months ago, when he fell a victim to that dire disease consumption, with the above result. Mr Hodgson was very highly esteemed by his fellow workers.

1895 August, HASTINGS The funeral of the late Mr Hodgson of the post and telegraph department, took place yesterday afternoon. The pall bearers were some of his late confreres of the post office, including the postmaster (Mr Haszard) and Messrs Nicol, Cox, Collins (Napier), Blakely (Napier), and Castle. The coffin was a beautifully mounted one, a special feature of it being that it was covered with white, and the hearse was drawn by white horses, such having been the wish of the deceased gentleman. The wreaths sent were of the choicest kind, and attested strongly to the respect in which he was held. They included one from the Napier telegraph staff, the Hastings telegraph staff, Mrs Haszard, Mr and Mrs Parsons, Mrs B. L. Knight and Mrs Goldsmith. The station master Mr Wright and many of the staff were present. There was a long procession of friends in carriages, on horseback, and on foot. The body was taken into the Wesley Methodist church, where a service was held Rev Mr Frost The procession then went to the Hastings cemetery, where the obsequies were concluded.

1896 January 1st - The new wooden Hastings Post Office opened and in 1897 the first Hastings Telephone Exchange operated - it was later extended along Station St in 1902 to include an exchange above Joe Tos Fruit shop; an all night service began in April 1907.

1896 March, A contract has been let under this system for the building of **a small brick wall which is to act as a fire screen between the Post-office and the adjacent block of buildings**. As soon as the wall is finished perhaps a species of Virginia creeper could be planted forthwith, so that what would otherwise be an extremely ugly blank wall would be rendered pleasing to the eye.

1896 July, The postal authorities had erected a large central telegraph pole at the corner of Heretaunga St and Station St for distributing wires through the borough in connection with the proposed local telephone service.

1896 July, Mr Fred Nicol, formerly of Hastings, who left New Zealand a few months ago to join the West Australian Postal Department, is pushing his way in the new country, and by latest advices had just received word of his transfer from the Perth to the Coolgardie office. Mr Nicol, with four others, four of whom are also New Zealanders, were chosen on examination from a staff of 60 telegraphic in the Perth office to do duty at the busy El Dorado and at a considerable advance in salary.

1896 August, Mr J. McKittrick who has been transferred from Pahiatua post and telegraph office to the Hastings station, arrived by the express on Saturday evening and commenced his duties under Mr Haszard this morning.

1896 December, Mr Henry Castle third son of Mr John Castle of Wellington is well known to the Hastings public as an efficient and obliging member of the staff of the local Post and Telegraph.

1897 May, Mr Fred Nicol has been elected president of the Post and Telegraph Association of Coolgardie, Mr Nicol's many Hastings friends will be pleased to hear of his progress.

1898 February, Mr H. Castle of the Hastings Postal Department.

1898 February, Mr Fred Nicol, an erstwhile popular officer of the Telegraph Department in Hastings, has been distinguishing himself in "Weetnrlia. A Coolgardie paper tells of a distressing fatality, in which a child fell into a dam and

was drowned. The body was recovered by a Mr Dezenhardt. We understand that Mr Fred Nicol of the Telegraph Department, who happened to be in the vicinity, also rushed to the dam on learning someone was drowning and divesting himself of coat and boots, dived into the water about the same time as Mr Dezenhardt. Mr Nicol states that he saw a hat floating on the surface of the water and tried immediately below it to recover the child, but without success. He says he must have dived eight or nine times before the body was found. The water was so black below that Mr Nicol says it was impossible to see an inch with the eyes open and the only tiling that could be done was to feel about on the slimy bottom of the dam. He thinks the child must have been in the water for more than ten minutes before his body was recovered. He states that the mother was nearly frantic with grief when she saw her child taken from the water dead.

1898 June, The Postal Department have decided to establish a telephone bureau at the Hastings Post Office for the use of the public. A charge of **one shilling will be made for the use of the telephone for six minutes.**

1898 July, It will shortly be possible to send a letter from Hastings to London for half the amount it costs to send a letter from Hastings to Paki Paki. And yet they say we are abreast of the times in New Zealand.

1898 December, Mr N. G. Cox of the Hastings Post Office.

1900 January, During the absence of Mr Hazard on holiday, the duties of Post Master will be fulfilled by Mr N. G. Cox.

1901 April, Mr J. Robertson, who has been connected with the Hastings Post and Telegraph Department since he joined the service as a lad, has been promoted to a position at the head office in Wellington, for which city he leaves. Mr Robertson has been a smart, painstaking and most obliging official who was popular with both the public and his fellow - officers, The officials met Mr Robertson at the the Post Office, to present him with a souvenir and wish him every success in his new sphere of duties. Sit Relling of Waitara takes up Mr Robertson's duties.

1901 July, Mr J. McKittrick who was formerly a clerk in the Hastings Post Office, may have been promoted to the postmaster ship of the Brunnerton Office.

1901 December, Mr N. G. Cox of the Hastings Post and Telegraph staff, has left on a fortnight's holiday, which he intends to spend in a bicycle tour.



1902, Shows the new wooden Post Office on **Station St** decorated with flags and paper lanterns for **King Edward VII Coronation** and Queen Alexandra celebrations 26 June - 9 August 1902 – with man on ladder on left side of building under the German flag left side. The view looking along **Queen St** east towards Brathwaite & Tipping store on left and Beecroft's, with four tall sentinel Bluegum trees at Karamu Rd possibly planted by Tanner or Hicks as an entrance way to his vast orchard opposite where the Tribune building was to be built also two wooden buildings behind the PO on Queen St possibly the later McCormick's Stables building and a whare further down

1902 April, The Hastings telegraph messenger boys appeared in their **new khaki uniform** for the first time to-day, and they presented a very neat and smart exterior.

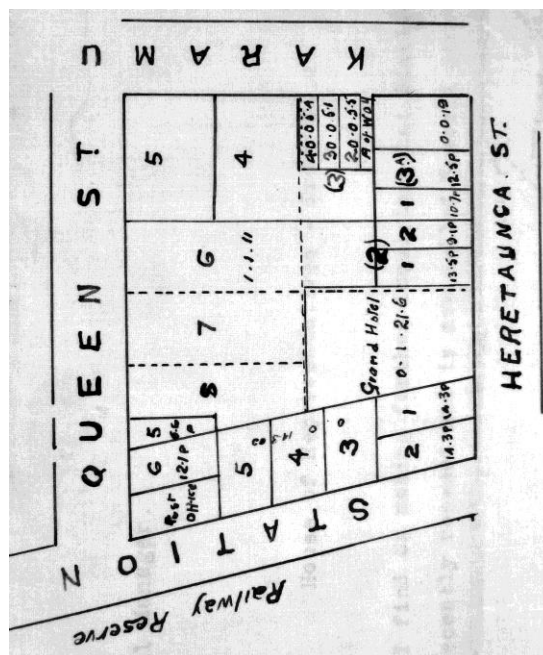
1902, John Heeney joined the Hastings Post Office as a messenger, he was appointed to the postmaster at Otane in May 1926.

1902 July, THE PUBLIC SERVICE. New Zealand Tablet - HASTINGS, The following are the particular's regarding employees in the Post and Telegraph Department -
 Grade. Salary or Wages. Religion.
 Postmaster - £250 per annum, non-Catholic
 Telegraphist - £200 per annum, non-Catholic
 Telegraphist - £170 per annum, non-Catholic
 2 Cadets - £66 per annum each, non-Catholic
 Exchange clerk - £70 „ per annum, non-Catholic
 Letter carrier - £125 per annum, Catholic
 Letter carrier - £70 per annum, non-Catholic
 Messenger - £34 „ per annum, non-Catholic
 Messenger - £31 per annum, non-Catholic
 Messenger - £26 per annum, non-Catholic

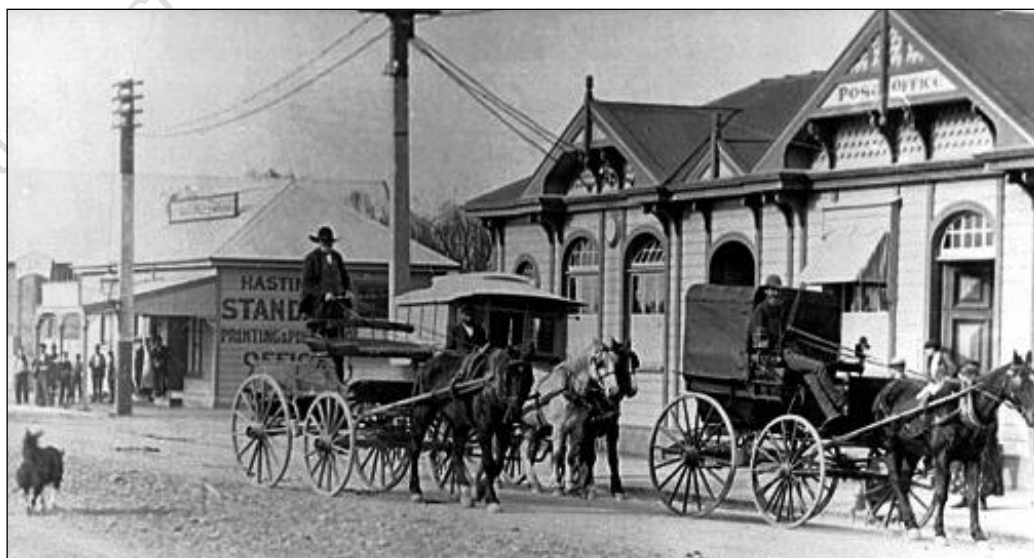
1903, Mr Sydney Fade Haszard was the Postmaster at Hastings

1904 September, PO Lease of Queen St east property with shed from Mrs Margaret Duggett for stacking telegraph poles

1905 February, Mr R. E. B. Burke of the Hastings Telegraph Office has been transferred to Napier, and will be succeeded here by Mr H. Dawson.

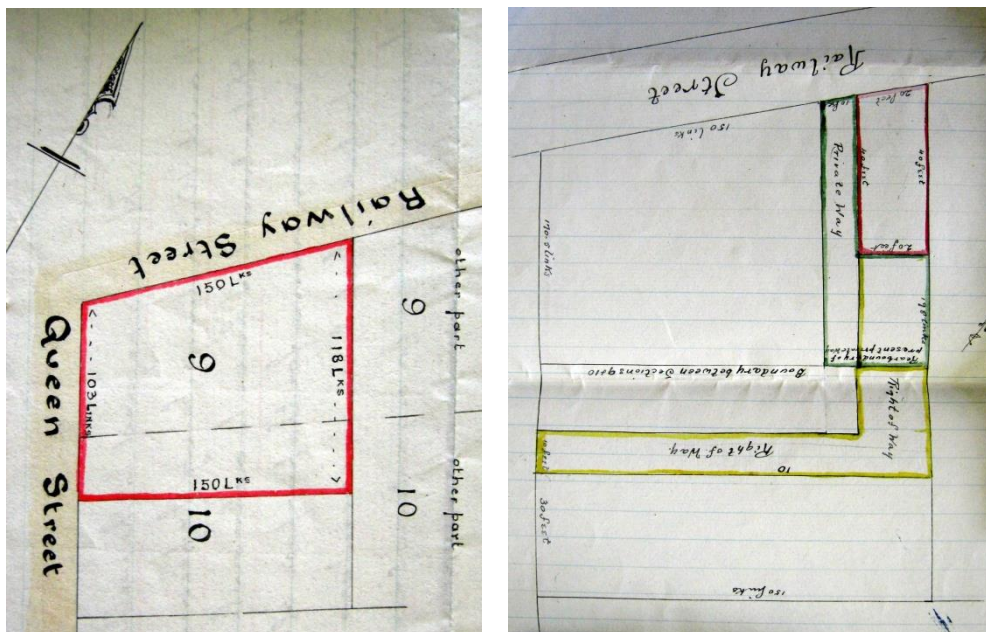


Railway Reserve leased sections on Station St for a term of seven years, shows the Post Office, Grand Hotel where once the Railway Hotel fronted along Heretaunga St east



1907, **Station St** shows the new wooden Hastings Post Office built 1899 and the Hastings Standard newspaper staff & office on Station St corner of Queen St east, with A. Malkie driving the **Havelock Bus behind**, with James O'Neill carrier and W. Willis with his cab and a runaway goat.

1907 March, The painting of the Post Office is almost completed. The new coat brings the building into prominence and serves as a means of more readily revealing what an insignificant shed is used to carry out the work which is daily increasing with the prosperity of the town. An interested stranger passing through by the express this morning would not believe that such a cottage was the Hastings Post office, but after being convinced, thought that the Government should be a shamed of their shabby treatment of the Hastings public. When he observed the new Grand Hotel towering over the Post Office like an elephant over a mouse, he mistook the new building was intended for Government Offices.



1906 November, Lease of premises at Sec 9 & 10 from John Wright Gower near the corner of Queen St east and Station St opposite the PO for a Hastings Telephone exchange from 30 June 1907 – 30 June 1912 @ £65, show the private access ways. The 9 red outline corner section is Fred Cassin's brick building



A postcard printed photo of Station St looking north towards the intersection of Queen St east with the Post Office at right before it was moved around to Queen St, with the new F. Cassin land & estate agent brick building across the road replaced the wooden Hastings Standard newspaper office and McGlashan's Hastings Auction Mart brick building visible further down.

1908 May, The need for a new Hastings Post Office was made official and plans were under way.

1908 August, The plans for the new Hastings Post Office arrived by the midday train today. They provide for a very handsome two-storey brick building and will occupy nearly the whole of the ground space available on the Government section where on the present building now stands. The main entrance will be on the corner of Station St, while the posting and private letter boxes are in Queen St. The tower, which surmounts the main entrance, is a handsome

structure and measures from base to top of flag pole about 85ft. Ample accommodation is provided for the staff in every department. The counter space allowed is 40ft. The telephone exchange, instruments, and distribution rooms are provided for on the first floor, leaving the whole of the ground floor for public business. The Postmaster's room is at the end of the public office, and from it he has access to the strong-room and to all parts of the building. The building is of handsome design and will prove a great acquisition to the architectural beauties of the town. Tenders for its erection will be received up to the 17th September. The contract time for the completion of the work is 10 months.

1908 August, The contractors for the removal of the Post Office buildings are wasting no time. To-day they cleared the section adjoining the Post Office of fences and old debris.

1908 August, Mr W. F. Y. Stewart formerly on the staff at the Hastings post office is now acting postmaster at Petone.

1908 September, **The tender submitted by Mr J. Renouf of Napier for the erection of the new Post Office building at Hastings** has been accepted by the Government. A rather singular coincidence occurs in regard to the arrangements which have been made for the work of erecting the new Post Office. Twelve years ago the present building was built under the co-operative system, and Mr Renouf was overseer of the work. Mr J. D. Louch Resident Engineer, was then in Hawke's Bay as the Government Supervisor. Mr Louch has recently been appointed assistant Government architect, and after an absence from Hawke's Bay for many years, his first duties here are in connection again with the erection of the Hastings Post Office building of which Mr Renouf is the contractor. Mr S. F. Hazard was postmaster at Hastings when the last building was erected and he will again be closely associated with the Engineer and builder during the progress of the present work.

1908 October, The amount of the tender of Mr John Renouf which the Government has accepted for the erection of the new Post Office at Hastings is £5440. The tenders declined were as follows: - A. A. and R. Stanley, Hastings, £5440; Bull Bros., Port Ahuriri £5500; W. M. Hay and Son, Hastings, £5576; J. Garnett, Hastings, £5950.

1908 October, A receiving box for letters, etc., has been placed at Robertson's store, Havelock Rd, and will be cleared twice daily at 7 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

1908 November, Mr Alf. Dillon wired the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, asking him to arrange a time for the laying of the foundation stone of the Hastings Post Office.

1908 November, Elections, The Hastings Standard newspaper are indebted to the Postmaster and the staff of the Hastings's Post Office for the painstaking manner in which they devoted every energy to place the telegraphed election news in our hands last night. At one time during the evening there was a sudden stop of the messages, and we attributed this to a block on the line either at Napier or between Napier and Wellington. We then threw on the screen the following statement. "One of the first duties of our new member is to improve the telegraph service in Hastings." We regret to find that in some quarters this was taken as a reflection on the staff of the Hastings Post Office. The impression we wished to convey was that it was time that the Telegraph Department in Wellington provided an extra wire so that messages could be despatched and received at Hastings without having first to pass through the operators' hands in the Napier Post Office.



1909 January, The Hastings Post Office staff, with delivery boys in their uniforms and the old wooden PO behind, someone causing a distraction to the left, by Whalley & Co

1910 September, The **new Telephone Exchange at Hastings** is to be opened on Thursday 22nd inst. Lists containing the altered numbers have been posted to all subscribers, who are requested not to use them until 8 a.m. on Thursday morning when the Hastings Exchange must be called on the new telephone.

1910 November Mr E. A. Milne, of the local telegraphic staff has been transferred to Hastings, and left to take up his new duties this morning. His place will be filled by Mr A. Dawson of Hastings, but who was formerly on the local staff.

1911 January, Mr H. O. Lee of the Hastings Telephone Exchange staff, has been transferred to the letter carriers' branch of the Napier Post Office.

1911 January, Messrs. J. McAffer and Mr O'Brien of the Hastings Telephone Exchange, who have been transferred to Auckland and Ashburton respectively, left for their new quarters this morning.

1911 February, Mr Harry Smith late of the staff of the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office and now of the Wellington branch, was presented with a pair of binoculars by the members of the Hastings Rifles during the shooting competitions at Roy's Hill Rifle Range yesterday. Corporal Smith came up from Wellington to take part in the annual shoot for the Coleman Shield. Mr H. J. Smith the son of Mary and John Thomas Smith brewer was for many years in the Post and telegraph Department at Hastings, later he went to the staff of the Provident Insurance Company in Dunedin.

1911 February, Mr S. F. Haszard, who has been acting as Inspector of Post Offices in the Canterbury district, will resume duty at the Hastings Post Office in about fortnight's time. Mr F. H. Dodd, officer in charge of the Napier office, who has been acting postmaster at Hastings during Mr Haszard's absence, has been promoted to be chief postmaster at Westport. During his stay in Hastings Mr Dodd has made numerous friends by his unvarying courtesy in the fulfilment of his official duties, and he will have the congratulations and good wishes of the people of the district on his well-earned promotion.

1911 February, Mr Leo A. Burns, of the Hastings Telegraph office, has received notice of his transfer to Wellington. He leaves for Wellington by Monday's express. Mr H. Tracy of the Waipawa office is to take Mr Burns place.

1911 July, James Hodges, Government electrician employed at the Hastings Telephone Exchange

1911 November, **Mr E. W. Sturm** of the staff of the Hastings Post and Telegraph office, was met by his fellow officers this morning and presented with a handsome travelling bag, prior to his departure on transfer. The presentation was made by Mr S. F. Haszard, postmaster in a few well chosen remarks and the recipient made suitable acknowledgment. Mr Sturm left Hastings this afternoon by the 3.50 train for Palmerston North, en route for Frankton Junction, where he takes up his new duties on Saturday next.



1911, An interior view of the Switch Room, Common Battery, Telephone Exchange in Hastings. The switch boards are inset along a wooden casing with lights overhead, visible at the right of the image. Along the left hand edge and rear of the room office tables, chairs, and pigeon holes are visible.



April, Hastings Telephone Exchange Morse key male operators, fitted with four 100 No. Annunciators Westerner Electric Type



Hastings Telephone Exchange Morse key female operators

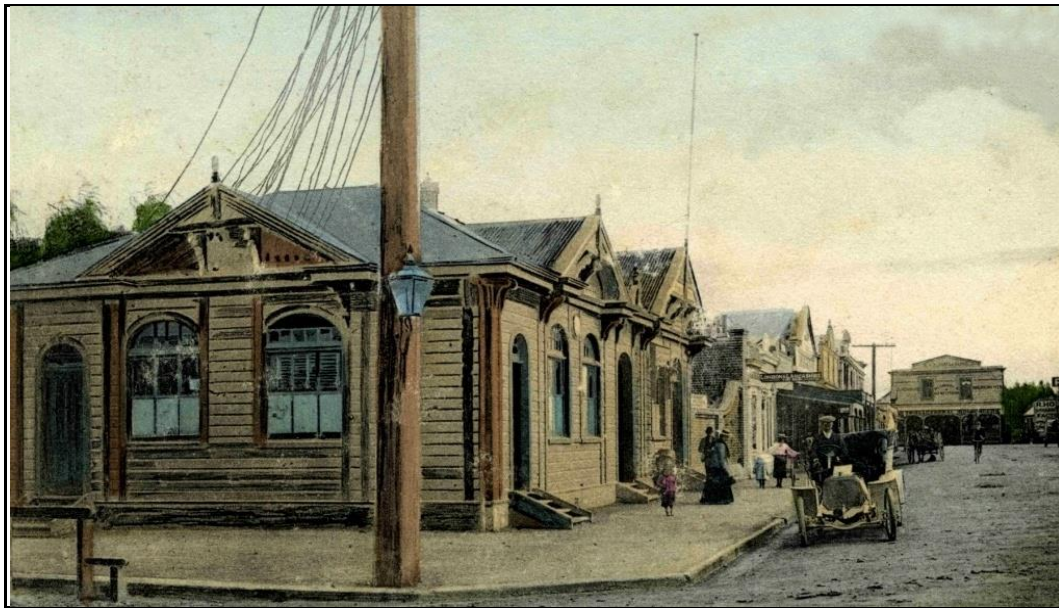
1912 February, Miss Ivy Cleghom, of the Hastings Telephone Exchange, who has received notice of transfer to Pahiatua, was presented with an ivory backed brush and mirror by the Hastings Exchange staff

1913 July, Mr W. Dalp, who has been on the staff of the Hastings Telegraph Office for the past two years, has been transferred to Wellington. His place will be filled by Mr F. Foster, recently stationed at Wellington and formerly of Hastings.

1913 September, Messrs John Heeney and A. E. Upchurch two popular members of the staff of the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office have received notice of transfer to Waihi and Eltham respectively. Mr Heeney who has recently been acting as clerk in the Money Order Savings Bank branch, will be succeeded by Mr H. J. Cassin of Masterton and formerly of Hastings. Mr Upchurch will be placed in the mail room by Mr Hyde of Eltham.

1914 April, Mr Perrin, postmaster informs us that he is speeding up the delivery of mails considerably. In the case of holders of private boxes for instance, if the number of the box is distinctly indicated on the envelope, all the letters for each box are sorted and tied in bundles **by the sorters on the train** and put into the boxes immediately the mail bags reach the office. By this arrangement, holders of boxes are often saved half an hour waiting. Other reforms are in contemplation.

1916, William John Power a postal clerk of Willowpark Rd Hastings



A hand coloured postcard of the Hastings wooden Post Office at the corner of **Station St** and Queen St before iron/wooden roof over middle entrance, with a gas lantern on telegraph pole and a **motor car** parked outside with the empty space where the Silver Gird restaurant was behind and A. H. Wilson & Harvey building in distance end, This wooden post office was later shifted around into Queen St east, by Muir and Moodie

1918, Mr A. T. Cavill was appointed an Inspector and before his retirement became Chief Postmaster at Hastings. He retired towards the end of the Great War and went to reside in Wanganui where he died in August 1937.

1918 February, The death occurred at the Napier Hospital last night of Mr **George Seymour Bennett** b: April 1898 at the early age of nineteen years. He was at one time employed as letter carrier at the Hastings Post Office, and was an extremely popular young fellow. Deceased had been ailing for some considerable time. A brother, Gunner Cyril Bennett, is now serving in France, and was recently wounded. Deceased's father resides in Wellington.

1918 September, Mr Russell Lachlan Lawrence, who left Hastings for camp this morning, was presented with an illuminated wristlet watch, and a silver pencil case, by his comrades in the Hastings Post Office, where he has been discharging the duties of despatch clerk for the past two years.

1918 November, Mr **F. A. Stone** aged 17, a cadet telegraph operator at the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office from Palmerston north had been in Hastings three months when he died at the Hastings Influenza Hospital.

1919 June, Frank Berry, telegraph linesman, John Keyvar, telegraph linesman, J. D. Beaumont, telegraph linesman.

1919 October, Mr Russell Lachlan Lawrence, who is being transferred to the Napier office. The presentation, which took the form of a solid silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, was made by Mr C. Collins, who in voicing the feeling of the staff, made some very feeling remarks regarding the high esteem in which Mr Lawrence is held by his fellow officers and the public generally. During his seven years term here he has always proved himself most courteous to his colleagues, as well as to the general public, and he will be greatly missed by his large circle of friends. They all joined in wishing him the best of luck in his new sphere of operations.

1920 November, Miss Theodora Stanley, Hastings Post Office staff.

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1921 September, Mr S. G. Daniel the postmaster at Hastings since April 1920 retires and Mr Thomas J. Boland of Wellington will resume acting postmaster at Hastings.

1921 September, The Hastings Telegraph messenger boys gather to farewell Master Henry Woods senior messenger who is leaving the service to take up a commercial appointment in Palmerston North.

1921 September, Miss L. Simmonds was recently transferred from Hastings Telephone Exchange to Auckland.

1921 September, The retirement on superannuation of the following officers of the Post and Telegraph Department, who have forty years service to their credit, is announced:- Mr S. G. Daniel, postmaster at Hastings;

1921 November, Mr John Morton who was appointed to succeed Mr S. G. Daniel as postmaster at Hastings, died in New Plymouth on Tuesday last while on sick leave, preparatory to taking over his duties at Hastings.

1921 November, Mr John Morton who was to succeed Mr S. G. Daniel as postmaster at Hastings died suddenly at New Plymouth aged 45. Mr Morton was on sick leave prior to taking up the position at Hastings. Six years ago he was stationed at Hastings in charge of the Telegraph Dept. Altogether he had 33 years service. He leaves a widow and two little boys aged seven and three.

1921 November, Mr E. N. Falck of Dunedin has been appointed postmaster at Hastings following the death of Mr Morton

1921 December, The members of the Hastings Post and telegraph assembled to farewell to **Mr P. J. Clarke** exchange supervisor who is severing his connection with the department after 25 years service and intends leaving for Australia. Mr Cotter acting Postmaster, Mr J. H. McKenzie president of the Post and Telegraph Association.

1922 January, Mr G. A. Eastick was farewelled at the Hastings Post Office he transferred to Napier. Acting Post master Mr T. Boland,

1922 January, Mr Jordan asst mail room supervisor Hastings has been appointed Postmaster at Queenstown was farewelled by a large gathering. Mr T. Boland acting postmaster.

1922 February, Mr E. N. Falck, who was appointed to the position of postmaster at Gore three months ago and shortly afterwards received further promotion as postmaster at Hastings, leaves for the north tomorrow by the first express. Before leaving Gore he was farewelled by the staff at that office and presented with a silver-mounted walking stick.

1922 February, Mr E. N. Falck the postmaster appointed to succeed Mr Daniel in the charge of Hastings Post and Telegraph Office to relive acting postmaster Mr T. J. Boland.

The Hastings Post Office under Mr E. N. Falck and a staff of 83 including seven executive officers and two telephone supervisors.

1922 August, Tenders are invited by the P and T Department for the sub-lease of the premises in Station St adjoining those of Mr J. A. Simson land agent the sublease to expire on 31st December 1923.

1922 August, During his visit to Wellington the Mayor of Hastings Mr W. Hart interviewed Hon Mr Coates Postmaster General regarding the two Station St sections adjoining the post office which are being held for use in future post office extensions. The Mayor pointed out that the leases of these two sections upon which mean timber shanties were doing duty as business places will fall in about a year and he urged the Minister when granting new leases to make the tenancies for short periods as possible. He explained that a handsome two-story structure was to be erected alongside them and he said that there was always the danger of outbreak's of fires in old wooden shops which was not fair to the owner of the neighbouring buildings. The Minister said that of course the P and T. department had no money at present to extend the office but he admitted the reasonableness of all that the Mayor had said and he took a note of his suggestion which he would consider carefully.

1922 December, The Hastings Post and Telegraph staff held a picnic at Clifton left Hastings by Nimon's bus and a most enjoyable day spent at the beach, notwithstanding a heavy hail storm downpour in Hastings the Picnicker's never felt a drop of rain until they returned to Hastings and saw the wet condition of the roads.

1923 October, Miss E. H. I. Nicholls who has been supervisor of the Hastings telephone exchange for the past four years is leaving to get married. Mr E. N. Falck postmaster.

1923 October, Mr M. J. McGilligan who has been on the telegraph staff of the Post and Telegraph Department Hastings for the past five years left for Motueka on transfer.

1924 May, At Lancaster Hall Hastings the post and telegraph officials assembled to bid farewell to six members of the local staff who have transferred the acting chief postmaster E. N. Falck made presentation to each H. C. Jones late teller in charge promoted to Shannon, W. B. Rowan late superintendent telegraph branch promoted to postmaster at Otane, A. Knapp transferred to Hamilton, J. H. Beaumont promoted to storeman at Whanganui, C. H. Miller promoted to telegraph officer at Eltham. Music by the following Messrs Feeney, Poppelwell, Kenny, Rudman and Frank Vidal piano.

1924 August, At the Hastings Post Office the Post and Telegraph staff assembled to meet Mr J. L. Gilmour linesman and wish him good fortune and prosperity on his upcoming marriage at Te Awamutu. Mr Falck

1924 October, Mr E. N. Falck postmaster presided at a gathering of Hastings post and telegraph staffs assembled to at the residence of Mr J. H. McKenzie in Copeland Rd to say adieu to Mr W. D. Kenny postal clerk who has been transferred to Nelson after seven years service in the Hastings office. J. H. McKenzie chairman of the local branch of the P and T Association.

1924 November, Mr J. R. Shannon who has been in charge of the mechanical department of the Post and Telegraph Office at Hastings for the past five years left for Gore on promotion was farewelled. Acting postmaster W. T. Jarvie.

1924 December, Miss M. K. Catter of the telegraph staff of the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office left for Newmarket on transfer. Mr E. N. Falck .

1925, James Francis Paton a telegraphist of 512 Southampton St west and Dufferin St Hastings till 1928.

1925 January, The staff of the Hastings post office assembled to farewell Thomas Clarkson jnr who has been notified transfer to the mechanical department of the automatic telephone exchange in Auckland. Mr E. N. Falck.

1925 January, Miss Grace Hunter daughter of the late Mr and Mrs S. Hunter of Hastings, well known in Hastings as a member of the Telephone Exchange staff was married.

1925 January, The staff at the Hastings Post Office assembled to farewell Postman S. T. Garard who is severing his connection with the department after 17 years service six years spent in Hastings. Mr Falck postmaster.

1925 March, Mrs E. N. Falck of Hastings received news her mother died – Mrs G. B. Helmsley of Dunedin.

1925 March, Mr E. N. Falck who has been postmaster at Hastings for the past three years and has now completed forty years service has intimated to the department his desire to be retired at an early date.

1925 April, Mr E. N. Falck postmaster at Hastings retiring on superannuation after forty years given a farewell at the Hastings Cabaret Mr D. H. Hooker Superintendant of the Telegraph Office in Hastings. Mr J. G. Young the relieving postmaster at Hastings, Mr F. Perrin ex-postmaster, F. W. Penlington CPM Napier.

1925 April, Mr W. M. H. Diamond postmaster at Marton will succeed Mr E. N. Falck at Hastings.

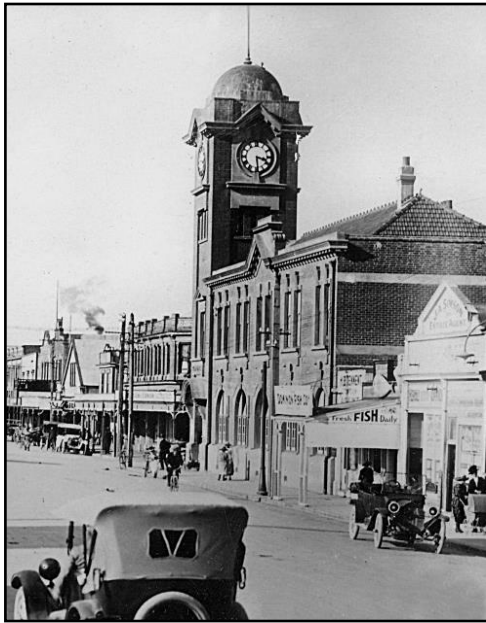
1925 May, Miss Ella Herlihy of the Hastings telephone exchange has been promoted to the Dannevirke office was farewelled by members of the post and telegraph and telephone staffs at the National Service Club. Mr Young the relieving postmaster presided and Mr Falck the late postmaster

1925 May, The new postmaster at Hastings, Mr W. M. H. Diamond arrived to take over from Mr Young the relieving postmaster.

1925 June, Presentations were made by Mr W. M. H. Diamond to various officers of the Hastings Post Office - Mr A. Coad postman sorter retired on voluntary superannuation, Mr C. E. Hannah clerk transferred to Napier, Miss Amy Herlihy shorthand writer transferred to Napier, Mr F. Kirkman postman on the occasion of his marriage. Mr Coad's place will be taken by Mr Newrick of Auckland. Mr Hannah will be replaced by Mr Falconer, Telegraph Department and Miss Herlihy by Miss B. F. Macdonald of the Napier office.

1925 July, Users of the **Hastings slot-telephone cabinets** have often had cause to complain of losing their pennies in the innards of a consciousness machine, which swallowed the coin without giving any service in return, This was due to the fact that the user had been unable to get the exchange and he had to go away disappointed and probably without another penny to try his luck somewhere else. To overcome this difficulty, each of the cabinets has now been fitted with a new design of telephone which provides for connecting with the exchange before the patron puts his hard earned money into the slot.

1925 September, Mr Thomas F. Falconer of Alexander St and Hastings Post and Telegraph Office staff, from Wellington two months ago.



1920, Russell St nth, The initial new brick Hastings Post Office now inadequate, shows the old Dominion Fish Co supply and J. A. Simson wooden buildings adjoining.

1925 September, Hastings Post Office is inadequate - Mayor G. A. Maddison wrote to the Prime Minister Hon J. G. Coates who was Postmaster General in November 1923 and had inspected the Hastings Post Office. It was erected in 1909, with an increase of population from 5,000 to 15,000, 700 dwellings erected in the past ten years. No extension have been made to this building to meet the increased business. A room 12ft by 12ft originally occupied by the postmaster is now being used to house the first and second executive officers, a correspondent clerk and a typist which prevents the public interviewing the postmaster and have to go outside to transact their business. Three staff are housed in a lean-to shed that was condemned unfit for occupation.

1925, December, Mr H. M. Campbell MP has forwarded to the Hastings Borough Council a letter from the Prime Minister saying that he would confer with his colleagues regarding the Mayors request regarding the Hastings Post Office accommodation and the new Court House building. The large amount of urgent work demanding attention the matter has been delayed however funds were available next year. With the requirements at the Hastings Post Office would be put in hand.

1926 February, Mr F. W. Perrin retired postmaster of Lilydale Victoria arrived in Hastings in the concluding stages of a world tour and during the weekend he will be the guest of Rev T. Keith Ewen. Mr Perrin then proceeds on a visit to the South island prior to his return to his home in Victoria.

1926 April, The Hastings postal officials engaged in issuing plates to motor car owners at the temporary office in Russell St were kept going hard all the morning the applicants crowding the premises to the doors

1926 May, Mr A. Shelton relieving postmaster at Hastings during the last three weeks left for Hamilton to relieve the chief postmaster.

1926 May, John Heaney of the Hastings post and telegraph department has been appointed to the postmaster at Otane. Mr Heaney joined the Hastings service about 24 years ago as a messenger. 1902

1926 November, William Archer, telegraph messenger of Charles St Hastings aged 16.

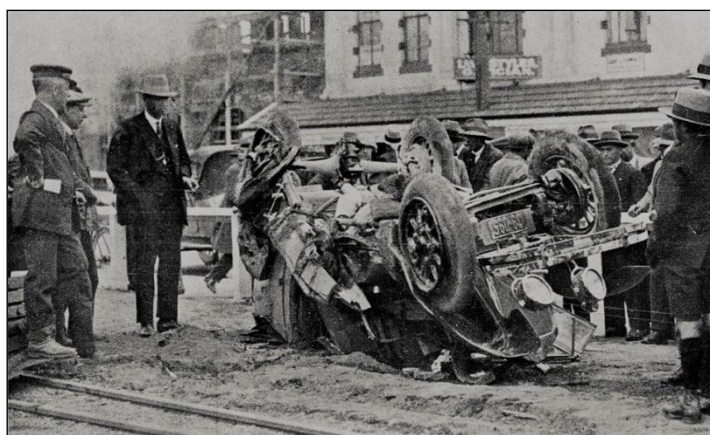
1926 December, Mr F. W. Perrin left Hastings for a holiday in Auckland where he joins his wife who has been there on a visit for the past few weeks.

1926 December, Plans for increased accommodation to the Hastings Post Office are nearing completion and tenders to be called for.

1927 March, Mr H. A. Newrick postman's sorter on the Hastings postal staff has been transferred to Whanganui. He is succeeded by Mr W. Ratford of the Whanganui postal staff.

1927 April, Tenders to be called for **Hastings Post Office additions** - Postmaster W. M. H. diamond has received plans and specifications of the proposed work. The additions will occupy all of the space taken up with the wooden buildings adjoining the post Office in Russell St going back in two storeys to the full depth of the section. The front elevation conforming to that of the present structure presents a dignified and striking appearance on Russell St and the completion

of the work will add considerably to the architecture of the town as well as contributing in a large measure to the beautification of a street frontage which a few years back was an eyesore in the commercial centre of the town. The ground plans shows that the existing public counters will be taken over by the Money Order and savings bank Department, with provision for four tellers and the room at present occupied by the postmaster will form the main vestibule where the posting boxes will be placed, whilst the Stamp and telegraph counters will also occupy a place in the Russell St frontage. The private post boxes will be removed from their present position in Queen St to one adjoining Fitzpatrick's Buildings in Russell St and the room now devoted to the mails will be divided between the Money Order and savings Bank branch, and the postman whilst a new strong-room 12ft x 8ft will be established in the money order section. The mailroom which will be removed into the new building will occupy about 2000ft of floor space. The new Telephone Exchange Department measuring 72ft x 85ft will be joined on to the back of the main building and the linesmen's yard with the battery room and power plant on the ground floor and the automatic telephone system on the upper floor. The upstairs portion of the new building facing Russell St will contain the postmasters quarters measuring 20ft x 12ft the clerical staff occupying the rest of the frontage on this floor adjoining the postmasters room. Across the corridor will be the Telegraph operating room and the men's retiring room and behind that the Toll and exchange room. The ladies retiring room will remain in its present position. The space now occupied by the Telephone Exchange and the telegraph operators have not yet been allocated. A one story building to be erected in the present linesmen's yard measuring 71ft x 35ft will be used as a store and a garage. The whole building will be warmed on the central heating system by radiators with a furnace situated in a cellar below the mail room. Twelve months from the letting of the contract is allowed for the accomplishment of the work for which £5000 was allotted on last year's estimates, but it is open to question whether this sum will meet all the expense involved.



1927 October, shows scaffolding on the Post Office extension in Russell St nth, Fitzpatrick's new building of Harry Poppelwell. A crown gathered around smashed car that collided with train on the Heretaunga St crossing, three people were injured, by H. J. Lovell-Smith for AWN

1928, Robert Ernest Wallingford Stewart, a telegraph linesman of Stortford St Hastings

1931 October, Temporary Post Office room - The forcing open of the private letter boxes room at the Hastings Post Office in **Market St** was the result of larrikinism. The facts briefly are that yesterday morning about 5 o'clock the nightwatchman discovered that the door giving access to the annex where the private letter boxes are situated had been forcibly opened. No mail appeared to have been disturbed and officials were at a loss to understand the motive for the occurrence. The police were informed later in the morning and immediately made exhaustive inquiries, postal officials and employees were questioned and it was learnt that some weeks ago the door had been forced open because it had jammed. The possibility of yesterday morning's incident being nothing more serious than larrikinism was heightened when it was learnt that a number of young men had been skylarking in the vicinity. Late in the afternoon, no doubt due to the publicity given the matter in the "Tribune" three young men reported to the police that they had been skylarking and one had fallen against the door which burst open. Though the incident was not serious it emphasises the urgent need for the early construction of the permanent post office, so that the mail in the private boxes will be in the same security as other post office matter.



Late 1920's, Hastings extended Post Office on **Russell St** with a **new Art Deco Fitzpatrick's building** adjoining at right designed by Albert Garnett architect and built by T. Hill, shows - Seedman, Albert Wilhelm Kummer & Co, Seeds Florists burnt down March 1922, by T. J. Paul, Coll



Late 1920's, looking south down **Russell St** shows the extended Post Office now adjoined to Fitzpatrick's Art Deco Buildings

1934 November, Mr Otto Eigil Nickley List in past years a member of the Hastings Post Office staff and for the last four years postmaster at Whakatane has been promoted to Taumarunui.

1934 October, Mr L. Hill postmaster of Hastings office for some time has been transferred to Chief postmaster at Napier Mr L. Hill came from Whangarei to Hastings. Mr D. H. Hooker. Mr A. Pellow of Whangarei is Mr Hill's successor.

1934 October, Mr L. Hill, Hastings postmaster was congratulated on his promotion to chief postmaster at Napier by the members of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce.

1939 July, Death - Mr F. Perrin at Hastings, July 24. At the age of 74, Mr F. Perrin, a well-known citizen of Hastings, died to-day. He was a **retired postmaster**, and was later secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and a keen Rotarian.

1947 April, Arrangements are under way for the P & T Dept of the cafeteria building at the internal Marketing Division premises in Hastings for conversion into flats. Mr S. L. Jones Hastings RSA says these flats will be used for housing ex-servicemen employed as linesmen in Hastings.

The Hastings Railway yards -

1880 – 1881 NZ Directory lists - Samuel Bunning a Railway Porter at Hastings, Section 101 – 102, and Anthony Robertson, Hastings, a railway porter.

1881 June, **Separate Hastings Post Office required** - From enquiries made we have learned that the intended alterations at the Hastings railway station are only alterations in name only, as the extra accommodation that will be

given will be scarcely worth mentioning or doing. With but very little outlay and which is quite warranted by the traffic there, the public could be sheltered from the weather and facilities given for the carrying on the work of the **several offices of station master, post and telegraph offices, savings bank, Government life assurance** and the hundred and one duties now to be performed in the miserable excuse for an office at Hastings railway station. It was only the other day we heard of the contents of a telegraphic message being told to the sender of the same by a person, an ex-operator, outside one of these country telegraph stations. This should not be and we hope before the alterations above referred to are made something better will be done than is at present contemplated.

1881 October, The longest train that has ever arrived at the Napier station came in last evening, conveying the unsold exhibits from the Hastings show. The train consisted of 6 carriages, 33 trucks and 1 wagon.

1881 November, Samuel Baddeley b:1841 Wolstanton, Staffordshire was a Railway Engine Driver at Waipawa, he moved to Hastings then to Napier til November 1883.

William Bogle, Railway Traffic Manager, Hastings Township 4 ¼ acre section

1882 January, There was a narrow escape from a most serious accident on the railway line yesterday morning. Just as the train to town left the Hastings station, a woman carrying a child in her arms, climbed through the fence with the evident object of getting into the train. She placed the child on the platform and then made a grasp at the rail to pull herself up, but she was thrown down. Most fortunately she fell backward and escaped with a bruise, but had she succeeded in seizing the rail she would almost inevitably have been drawn under the wheels of the next carriage. The engine-driver saw the accident and stopped the train in time to prevent the child rolling from its precarious perch to the metals. A few sharp fines at the Resident Magistrate's are needed to deter would-be passengers by train from "making these foolhardy attempts to secure a passage at the risk of their lives.

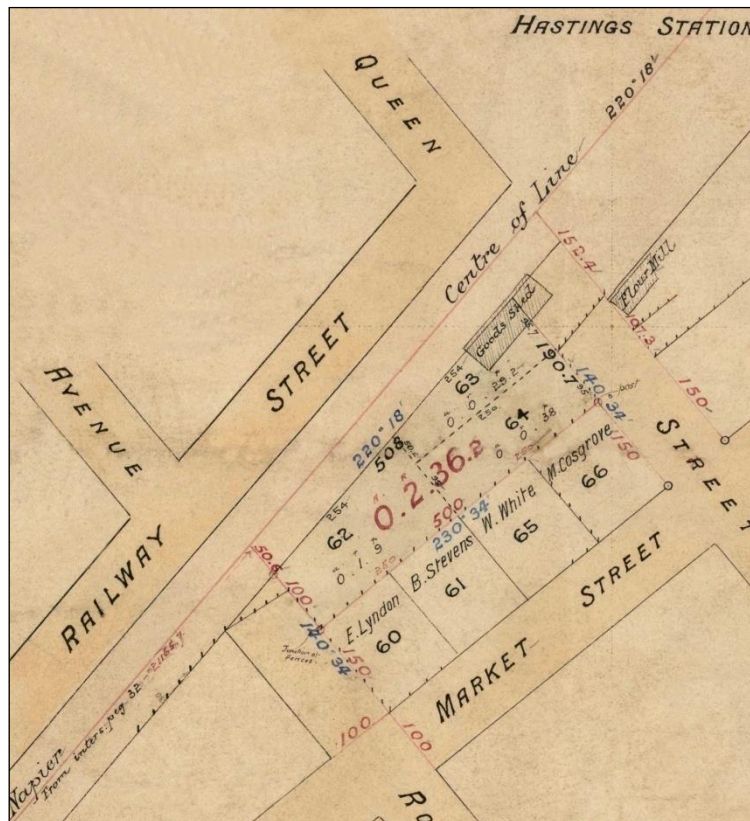
1882 June, There have been some improvements effected lately at the Hastings railway station. Amongst others **the goods shed has been shifted to allow of more shunting accommodation**. But what is better than all we are, at last to have a new railway station built. It is urgently wanted, as the present building is quite inadequate to the requirements of this place.

1882 June, At last the railway authorities' have consented to undertake a much-needed work - the erection of a new railway station at Hastings. Tenders are being called for the work.

1882 June, Tenders – **The Hastings Passenger Station**. The Public Works Office, Wellington, 3rd June 1882. Tenders will be received at this Office until noon on Wednesday the 21st June 1882, for the above contract. They are to be marked on the outside 'Tender for Hastings Passenger Contract,' and addressed to the Hon. thr Minister for Public Works. Telegraphic tenders, similarly addressed and marked will be received if presented at any Telegraph Office by noon of the same date, provided that tenders as above are lodged at any District or Resident Engineer's Office by the same hour. Drawings, specifications and general conditions may be seen at this office, at the Public Works Office, Wanganui and at the Railway Manager's Office, Napier. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By command. John Blackett Engineer in Charge, North Island.



Shows the small Cattle Yard at Sec 62 previously own by William Bogle with road access still over Avenue Rd in October 1881 now the Railways required more land also shows G. E. Sainsbury Sec 63 and Sec 64 – The Timber Yard was in occupation of J. Scholes



1883 August, Hastings Railway plan showing additional land required for Railway purposes **for a Cattle Yard** at Hastings Station, sections fronting Market Street - Numbers 60 E. Lyndon, 61 B. Stevens, 65 W. White and 66 M. Cosgrove, shows the Goods Shed moved north opposite Queen Street west and the Flour Mill

1883 September, The Hastings railway station has been and is being improved regardless of expense. The horse-hooks now ornament the approach to the station and the energetic laying down of concrete which has been lately going on with the platform and is about to be asphalted. A telegraph messenger could be added to the Hastings staff, as it would greatly aid the telegraph clerk in the discharge of his duties and facilitate the public service.

1884 May, Hastings Railway Station pathway - When is Hastings going to have the path from the main road to the Railway Station which was promised by Mr Mitchelson some time ago? A footpath should be made from the Hastings railway-station to the main road. It is freely reported that certain 'backstairs influence' is being brought to bear to get the footpath made on the northern side of the railway-station for the benefit of a particular individual. Even if the path were made there, it would never be used, for nine-tenths of the passengers would find an exit and entrance by the present station-yard, in spite of the danger they would run over.

1884 August, **Charles John Fell** a railway clerk at Hastings, **James Cammock** a porter at the Hastings station. The Hastings Railway Station **parcels office**. There were **four entrances to the railway station**.

1885 March, An important meeting of the Hastings Town Board - A letter was read from Mr McDonald Re - the crossing at Eastbourne St. It stated that the **Government had contemplated making alterations at the Hastings station**, and although they did not see their way clear to open the crossing at Eastbourne St, they were willing to make a crossing at the next street (Lyndon Rd), if that would supply the wants of the Town Board. One of the members stated that he was informed that the alterations to be made were the **shifting of the shunting points from the south end of the station to the north side**, so as to avoid shunting across the main road. It was agreed to accept the crossing at Lyndon Rd.

1885 December, **James Cammock** a Railway porter of Hastings aged 22 resided in district for 16yrs

1886 May, Mr D. A. Wright our courteous and obliging **station master** has been severely indisposed for some time past. He is gradually recovering and was able to take a short airing.

1886 June, In order to afford Hastings people an opportunity of attending the Grattan Riggs Company at Napier, Mr Macdonald has postponed the departure of the late train till 20 minutes after the close of the performance.

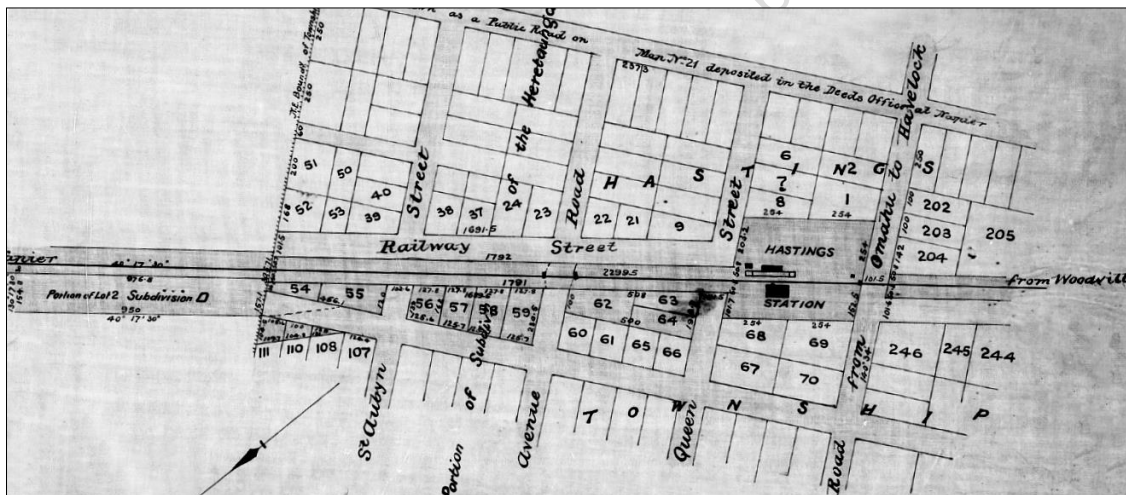
1886 June, It is to be hoped that the arrangements about shifting the **shunting operations** to the other northern end of the railway yard will soon be settled. Besides the great inconvenience that the public are put to through the traffic being blocked several times a day. There is always the risk of fatal accidents so long as **the engine is careering up and down** the line in the vicinity of the Man St crossing.

1886 September, Adam Dryden a porter at the Hastings railway yards

1886 September, A narrow escape for a porter named Adam **Dryden** from an accident at the Hastings railway yards when he slip and fell on the line and dragged twenty six feet with the cowcatcher. The engine is a new one which has just been put on the line and the break is very stiff, so that it was impossible to stop with that expedition which otherwise might have been used. Luckily the cowcatcher is much lower down than in most engines and the man's foot was therefore prevented from getting right underneath. As it was one foot got jambed between the rail and the cowcatcher and Dryden managed to hold on by the buffer while he was dragged about twenty-six yards. He then fell and just at the same moment the engine was stopped. The sufferer was immediately picked up and conveyed home. Dr Linney was promptly in attendance, and after examining the injury concluded none of the ankle bones were broken although there was an ugly flesh wound which is likely to lay him up for some time. Had no blame can be attached to the driver or fireman.

1886 September, John Dixon was charged with attempting to drive over the Hastings railway crossing when an engine was approaching within a quarter of a mile. He pleaded guilty and explained it was by accident. He had come out of Knights yard and saw the ordinary train standing at the station and the engine referred to was coming down. He did not hear any whistle. D. W. Wright stationmaster saw defendant on the day in question driving a two horse vehicle standing on the platform and heard the whistle and saw defendant driving across the line. **Henry Thomas engine driver of Hastings** saw the defendant going over the crossing he was driving the pilot engine attached to the 3.10 train. They were standing opposite Knights siding. he blew the whistle before he came down to couple on to the train which was standing at the station. The cab was just going over the crossing as the train was approaching. As the engine had nothing attached, he was able to pull up immediately. The engine was about 150 yards from the crossing when the whistle was blown. He had little time to whistle after he saw the cab as he had to reverse the engine to prevent a collision. The case was dismissed.

1886 November, Two new second-class carriages recently turned out of the Addington railway workshops have been placed on the Hastings line. They appear in every way equal to the imported articles and in many respects superior.



1887, Patrick (Paddy) Downes, Hastings a porter and David Melrose, Hastings a porter

1887 October, Mr Tong has completed the removal of two of the houses on of Market St nth which are being shifted back to allow for a deviation of the railway line. There is still one house to be removed.

1887 October, It was resolved at the Borough Council on the application of the Railways Department that the Station Masters house at Hastings be connected with the new main sewer, the owners to cover cost. It was further resolved to grant delay in the connecting the urinals at the station with the sewer as the shifting of the station was presently under consideration.

A Hastings individual got the best of the railway officials to-day. He was over fifty yards away when the mid-day train left the platform, but he was determined to catch it, and ran, doing the distance in almost the quickest time on record. He was presumably cognisant of the fact that if he rushed on to the platform he would be prevented from entering, so he ran round the station and caught the train as it was going down the line.

1888 February

1890, Adam Dryden a Railway Porter at Hastings

1891 December, In compliance with a request made by the Railway Commissioners the Mayor has pointed out to Mr Wright the stationmaster, the improvements which the Council consider desirable in the railway reserve, and has addressed to the Commissioners a letter in which he explains that the late deputation to the Minister for Public Works was not intended as any alight upon the railway authorities and points out that **the road through the railway reserve requires to be properly formed and graded**, with channel to carry away the storm-water and the footpath kerbed and put in the same condition as the footpaths in the main street such paths to be made along the **front of the shops built on the reserve and extending from the main street to Queen St**; this to be done at the expense of the Hastings Corporation. The letter also requests that the Commissioner would grant sixty more feet from the boundary already leased from the Railway Department, so that an easy grade for the water-cart road could be obtained and the fence obstructing the footpath removed.

1893 March, A very handsome and heavy dead gold Masonic jewel supplied by Mr McCorkindale to the Masonic brethren. It was presented by the members of the order at a special meeting to Bro. **D. A. Wright** as a token of esteem and respect to him. Mr Wright left for his new duties as stationmaster at Helensville near Auckland. It will please his new friends there to know that although the railway authorities do not permit testimonials to their officers, a large number of his old chums and Fellow-settlers attended at the train and bade him a hearty farewell with many expressions of goodwill for his future career. Mr Wright has been stationmaster at Hastings ever since the line was opened and has always been noted as a diligent, painstaking officer, and in all cases where possible an extremely obliging one. The new Hastings stationmaster comes from Helensville, whither Mr Wright has gone.

1893 March, Hastings new stationmaster Mr Parsons arrived, Mr Hislop was acting as temporary stationmaster.

1894 January, The **removal of the railway station has commenced**. The curbing for the platform shows that it will be much wider than at present. When the work is completed there will be only one line of rails at the crossing, and the time now wasted by business people in waiting for the shunting will be saved. The change will not be so unpopular among the residents as the former scheme was, which was to remove the station to beyond the St. Aubyn St crossing. One effect of the change will be to **widen the present Railway St**.

1894 March, Anyone travelling from the west side of Queen St or Avenue Rd and wishing to take a short cut to the station may find both a saving time and money by going round the longest way, as **trespassers on the railway line are to be summarily dealt with**. Having been most courteously warned off as a first offender are anxious that others should take the benefit of my experience. It is a considerably longer distance round by the Heretaunga Rd for residents in the streets mentioned and a **footbridge across to the station** would be a great boon. Under the original plan this was intended to be erected.

1895 February, The state of the footpaths outside the railway premises has always been a reproach. Some time since, to partially remedy this the Council made a serious blunder in forming a pathway and kerbing, outside the fencing of and close to the station; but as this led to nowhere, or rather had its ending, not at the station, but at the space allotted to expresses, &c people have religiously avoided it and it is now becoming overgrown with weeds. Two good suggestions were made by the Mayor at the Council meeting, one to the effect that the cement kerbing should be taken up in sections and laid down on the other side of the street, the place now occupied by the pathway being converted into a cab stand, which is sorely needed; the other that the Government department interested should be approached to pay a certain sum yearly to the Council, who would then take over the control of the road and its proper maintenance.

1895 February, An arrangement will in all probability be effected for the borough to take over the care of the road and pavements belonging to the railway department, so pedestrians may look forward to the good time coming. As it is the repairs to the pathway, so urgently needed, have been commenced and the station platform is being asphalted, so as Mr Bumble remarks "We have much to be thankful for.

1895 February - **Mr Pim** was the well-known booking-clerk at the Hastings Railway station.

1897 April, **Mr Parsons, station master, Porter J. A. King, T. H. Stubbs, clerk in the parcels office** at the railway station, **George Wigg, bridge carpenter, employed on the railway**.

1897 January, The son of Mr Parsons, our Hastings stationmaster, has been transferred from the South Island to the Waipawa railway station on promotion

1897 October, As a horse and cart belonging to Mr Lawton of One was standing in the railway enclosure, some wagons, which were being shunted, struck the cart, breaking the axle. Fortunately no other damage was done.

1897 December, A fisherman named Allan Dawson had a narrow escape from a serious accident in Hastings. He was crossing the railway line on the northern side of the station, when some trucks of timber which were being shunted came into collision with his vehicle. The horse was knocked over, the shaft and harness broken and the fisherman shaken, but otherwise no damage was done.

1898 April, The accident at the Hastings railway crossing in Heretaunga St, which has been for so long predicted, was nearly being consummated this morning. A man named **Harry Thorns** was driving a two-horse cart loaded with chaff over the railway crossing just as the express for south was passing. The engine whistled at the water tanks, put down all brakes and succeeded in pulling up within about three feet of the vehicle. But for the commendable promptitude of the men in charge of the train a horrible accident would have to be chronicled. The authorities should lose no time in placing a man in charge of this crossing during the passage of trains. The railway authorities should certainly institute proceedings against Thorns to serve as an example to the public. The man Harry Thorns, who recently escaped a serious, if not fatal accident at the railway crossing in Heretaunga St, Hastings, was brought up this morning on two charges, viz, (1) of driving his express and two horses over the railway crossing whilst the express train was approaching; and (2) of neglecting to take notice of the warning " Stop, look out for the engine, " placed at the crossing. Accused pleaded guilty. **Mr C. F. Hill, Station Master**, deposed that accused drove his vehicle across the line, and nothing but the prompt and vigorous action of the men in charge of the train averted an appalling accident. Thorns stated the train was going slowly and he thought she was shunting. He was in the habit of driving over the crossing and never met with a mishap before. Messrs Fitzroy and Ellis, from the bench, spoke strongly of the carelessness and negligence of accused and fined him 10s on each count, with 16s costs.

1898 July, About fifty residents of Hastings were kept waiting at the main thoroughfare of the town whilst an engine shunted backwards and forwards, as if to try the patience of the pedestrians, about thirty empty trucks. Really, the people of Hastings endure hardships as good soldiers

1898 November, The 9.15 p.m. train last night from the country was the **longest and heaviest train that has ever been brought into the Hastings station by a single engine**. It reflects great credit upon the railway officials, more especially Driver Dennis, that the train arrived here within three minutes of the allotted time, and although the driver had to do two difficult shunts, he left the station to a tick. Experts present estimate that the load was no less than **400 tons**. On looking over the railway list we find that **Driver Dennis** ranks in the first class and well he deserves the position.

1898 February, Mr C. F. Hill was now Stationmaster in-charge at Hastings; he replaced Mr Parsons, while Mr Cooke was acting. Mr C. F. Hill, the new local station master, seems to be quite an old Railway officer. Originally he had experience on an English railway system. Then in New Zealand he was for thirteen or fourteen years at Hawera.

1899 March, Mr **Thomas Henry (Harry) Stubbs**, who has for some time past been stationed at the Hastings railway station, has been transferred to Pahiatua. Mr Stubbs was very popular in Hastings, and his removal will be regretted by many. His transfer will also be felt by the cyclists of the district.

1899 April, Mr T. H. Stubbs of the local railway station staff, has been transferred to Pahiatua, was entertained at a social in the Oddfellow's Hall, Hastings, last evening. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour to music supplied by Miss Caulton. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Caulton. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr Stubbs, who has made himself most agreeable here, leaves on Monday for Pahiatua, carrying with him the best wishes of many friends for his future success

1899 April, A narrow escape from a fatal accident occurred a few chains from Tomoana, near Hastings, this afternoon. A young woman, said to be a Miss Fraser, residing at Havelock, was coming to Hastings by the 2 p.m. train from Napier. Just before reaching Tomoana, she complained of the stuffiness of the carriage and went on to the platform. Here she must have fainted, for she fell face forward on to the line. It is almost a miracle that the wheels of the carriages did not pass over her body. When the train was stopped, the lady was picked up in an unconscious condition and brought on to Hastings. Here Dr. Linney's services were speedily forthcoming, and it was ascertained, from an examination, that no bones had been broken. The lady was removed to the surgery of Dr. Linney, still unconscious, but it is hoped that her injuries will not be of a serious nature. Miss Fraser was sufficiently recovered to be able to proceed to her home in the afternoon. Her injuries were fortunately, not serious.

1899 May, There are at present about twenty men employed on the railway works at Waitangi, near Hastings. A truck accidentally got off the line at the Hastings railway station yesterday, but was righted without much damage being done

1899 May, A man who alighted from the mail train as it was coming into the Hastings station on Thursday evening, narrowly escaped serious injuries. He fell between the carriages, and was dragged for ten or twelve yards. Fortunately, he managed to clutch the carriage, and thereby saved his life. A woman, from the same carriage, alighted whilst the train was in motion and came a severe cropper. We understand that proceedings will be taken in both cases.

1899 August, Mr C. F. Hill, who has been stationmaster at Hastings for about two years, is leaving here next Saturday, having been transferred to Masterton. Mr Hill the stationmaster, handed over his Hastings charge to Mr Cook, relieving stationmaster to-day. Mr Cook will remain here until **Mr C. Heald**, who has appointed to succeed Mr Hill, arrives in Hastings. Altogether Mr Hill has been in the New Zealand Railway Department for about seventeen years and has earned the good regard of the residents in each town that he has lived in. A pleasing ceremony was held in the Hastings Hotel last night, when Mr Hill, who has held the position of stationmaster here for some considerable time, was entertained by the railway employees at a smoke concert. Mr Cook, relieving officer, in proposing the health of the guest, testified to the popularity which Mr Hill, by his courtesy and painstaking methods, had earned in Hastings and wished him, on behalf of his colleagues, health and prosperity in his new sphere. Mr Cook said he considered that the transfer was a stepping-stone to further promotion. Mr Hill responded appropriately, saying that he was very sorry to leave the town where he had made so many friends and the news of his transfer had come somewhat in the nature of a shock to

him. His family too were leaving Hastings with reluctance, but of course he would have to put the best face upon affairs under the circumstances and just as he had hoped he had done his duty in Hastings, do it in the new locality to which he had been called. Mr Hill remarked upon the rich nature of the country, saying that he had never seen land which promised greater things for its district than did that about Hastings, that was another reason why, he was loath to leave his present pest. Mr C. F. Hill, with his wife and family will shortly take up his residence in Masterton,

1899 September, Mr J. Hislop of the locomotive department in the Government service at Hastings has been transferred to Palmerston North, where he will take up his duties as engine driver next week.

1900 March, A cottage owned by the Railway Department and occupied by Mr E. L. Musgrove situated in St. Aubyn St and near the railway line burnt down.

1900 April, With reference to the **Frederick St crossing** mentioned in the Road Overseer's report at the recent Borough Council meeting, we have been assured by a resident in the vicinity that the fixing of **cattle stops** is of immediate necessity. Frederick St is a new thoroughfare between Karamu Rd across the railway line to Tomoana Rd, along which there is now considerable traffic and the **gates are constantly being left open**. In consequence horses and cattle are frequently getting on the line, and endangering the railway traffic.

1900 June, A collision occurred between the two o'clock train from Hastings and a vagrant quadruped midway between this station and Tomoana. As may be expected the train proved victorious and after its arrival at Tomoana some time was spent in picking bits of horse off the cow-catcher and scraping bloodstains and pieces of hair from the signal light of the engine. In fact as an eye-witness said, the front part of the engine looked like a "gory trophy from a sanguinary conflict." The owner may have such portions of the horse as have been picked up on applying at the Tomoana railway station.

1901 March, An engine passing the railway crossing in Heretaunga St Hastings fell foul of a large brown dog at the railway tanks and completely severed the head from the body.

1901 April, Mr J. Wilson, of the Hastings staff of the New Zealand Railways left for Napier to take up his new duties as relieving officer on the Napier-Wellington section, his place here being filled by Mr A. Evans of the Upper Hutt.

1901 May, While shunter King was engaged at his work in the Hastings railway yards yesterday his finger got jammed in the brake of a waggon with the result that the flesh and nail were completely stripped off. The accident is painful and will necessitate his absence from duty for some days.

1901 July, Mr C. Heald, railway station master at Hastings, leaves on a well deserved six weeks holiday. During his absence his duties will be undertaken by Mr A. D. Duncan of the local staff, whose work will be performed by Mr J. Wilson of the relieving staff.

1901 August, Mr Broadfield has been appointed **caretaker at the railway crossing in Heretaunga St**, to watch the principal railway crossing from 7.15 am to 6.45 p.m. This unguarded crossing in a busy thoroughfare was a source of great danger to the public and it was about time the Government recognised the fact. There is, however no seat or shelter from rain provided for him and this should be provided. One of his duties, presumably only a temporary one, is that of taking a record of the horses and traps that go over the Heretaunga St crossing. For the information of the curious, I give his list for Wednesday:- Vehicles 407, horses 205, total 612.

1901 August, Mr W. Shaw, engine driver of Hastings is about to be removed to Napier to undertake a responsible position in the workshops. Mr Shaw is well-known and very popular in Hastings, and his loss will be felt in many things, especially in Masonic matters, which held a special interest for him as W.M. of the local lodge. We congratulate Mr Shaw on his promotion.

1901 September, Mr J. Monteith, who has been acting as cadet in the Hastings railway department for the last two years, has received notice of his promotion to the position of parcels clerk at the Te Aro Station, whence he proceeds in due course. Mr Monteith was most obliging in his dealing with the public and the news of his well-merited promotion will be received with pleasure by all who have transacted business with him. Mr Burge of Woodville replaces Mr Monteith. The staff of the Hastings Railway Department assembled in the office on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of making a presentation of a travelling bag to Mr J. Monteith on the eve of his departure for Wellington to assume more important duties in the service. The acting station master occupied the chair and, in making the presentation, spoke highly of Mr Monteith and his sentiments were endorsed by the other members of the staff. Mr Monteith thanked his comrades in suitable terms and the little gathering dispersed.

1901 September, Mr C. J. Heald, the Hastings stationmaster, is expected to resume his duties after his holidays on Monday next.

1901 September, Mr J. Wilson, recently stationed in the Hastings railway and now acting as the Napier-Wellington relieving staff, has been appointed assistant station master at Petone. During his stay in Hastings he has justly earned the regard of all who have come in contact with him either socially or commercially and, though his loss will be felt here, no one will grudge him the reward of his close attention to the duties of his office.

1901 September, The people waiting on the Hastings railway platform last evening for the arrival of the express were under the impression that she was about to rush through without stopping. However, their fears were allayed when her speed slackened and the carriages drew up in a few yards without strain or jerk. The engines and carriages had been fitted with the 9 new Westinghouse brake, and this explained the unwonted occurrence to the satisfaction of the anxious onlookers.

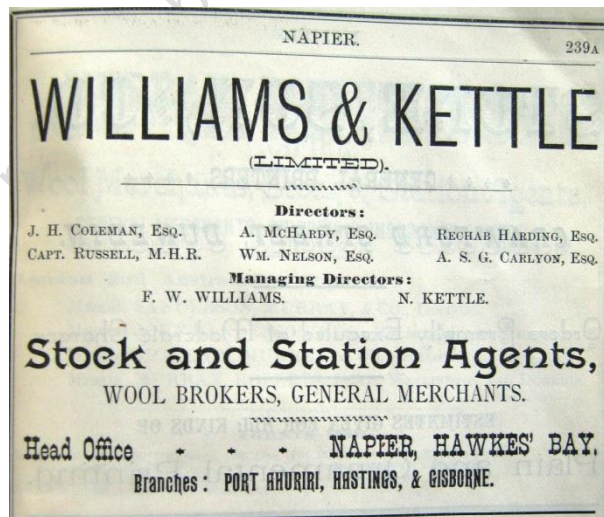
1901 October, Mr Hislop, engine driver, has returned to Hastings and takes up the duties of Driver Shaw who has been promoted to Napier. Mr Hislop is well known in this district where he will be welcomed by a large number of friends.

1901 October, Mr Hislop, engine driver, met with a nasty accident at the railway station this morning, having a bone in his foot broken.

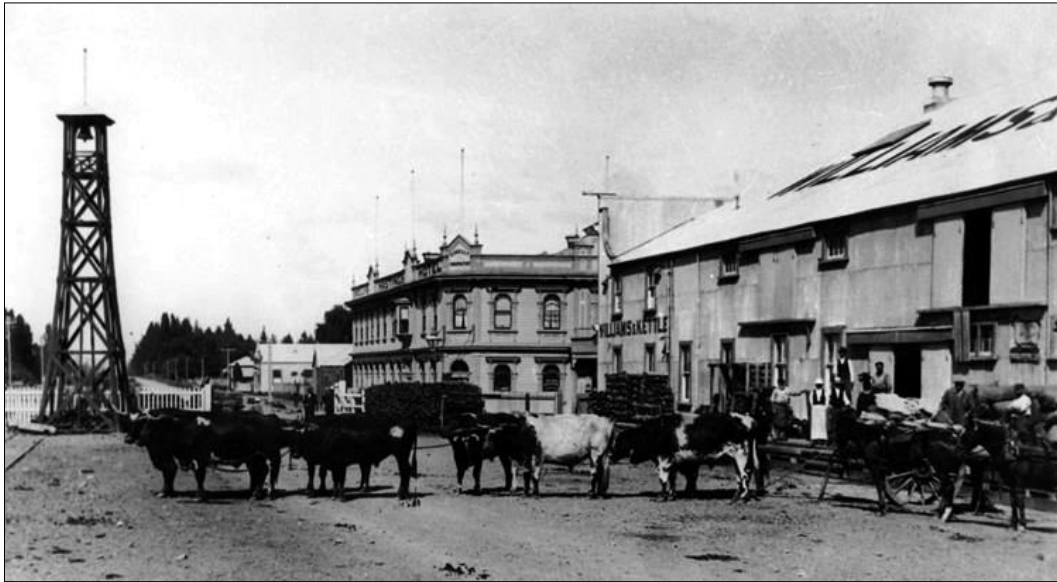
1901 November, Mr Norman Hunt, who was stationed in Hastings some time ago as a shunter, has been promoted to the rank of a guard, and takes up Mr Tasker's duties here. Mr Tasker fills the vacancy made by the promotion of Mr Jull.



1904, August 18th AWN supplement - A panoramic view down Station St taken from the Railway Station water tank - shows the four acres of land Mr Hicks gave the Government for a railway reserve and station. Queen St east and the west side adjoining Williams & Kettle buildings right edge, the tall fire bell tower distant centre, the Flour Mill and cottage, the railway cattle yards on previous timber yards with new buildings adjoining right edge, up to the building next to Williams & Kettle large new white grain store and Daniel O'Reilly's Hastings Hotel distant right with H. I. Tottenham building left shows man on ladder and large windmill above - poss for Becroft's stables water supply. The facade at left where McGlashan's brick building would be built, the old wooden Post Office further down Station St. Still shows the roof of the Railway Hotel distant left which had lost its licence in 1904 and was demolished. Messrs Williams and Kettle's old Hastings Flour Mill was demolished in February 1908. Note the distant Reserve recess of Station St from Queen St to Heretaunga St

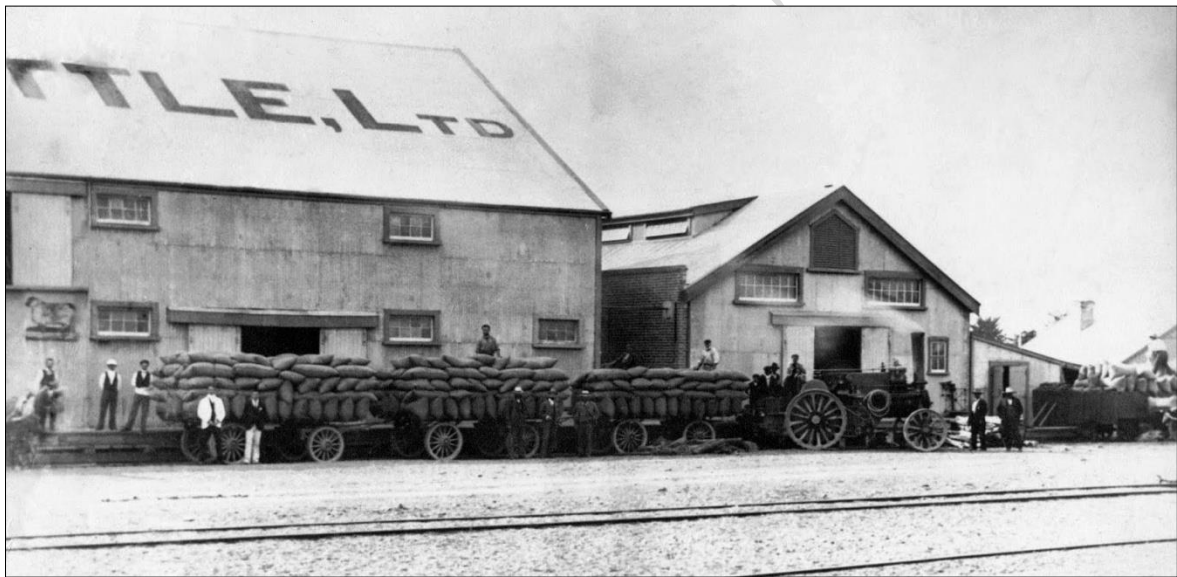


1896, The Directors & the Managing Directors



1904, Central Hastings - Williams & Kettle staff and Cracknell's Waimarama bullock team on one of its regular trips to the Railway reserve with tall fire bell tower from the railway siding, Maddison & Co and the Piccadilly Tea Rooms front of Williams & Kettle's building with Daniel O'Reilly's Hastings Hotel looking south down Railway Rd. Note flagpoles. Fire destroyed Williams & Kettle's building in May 1907

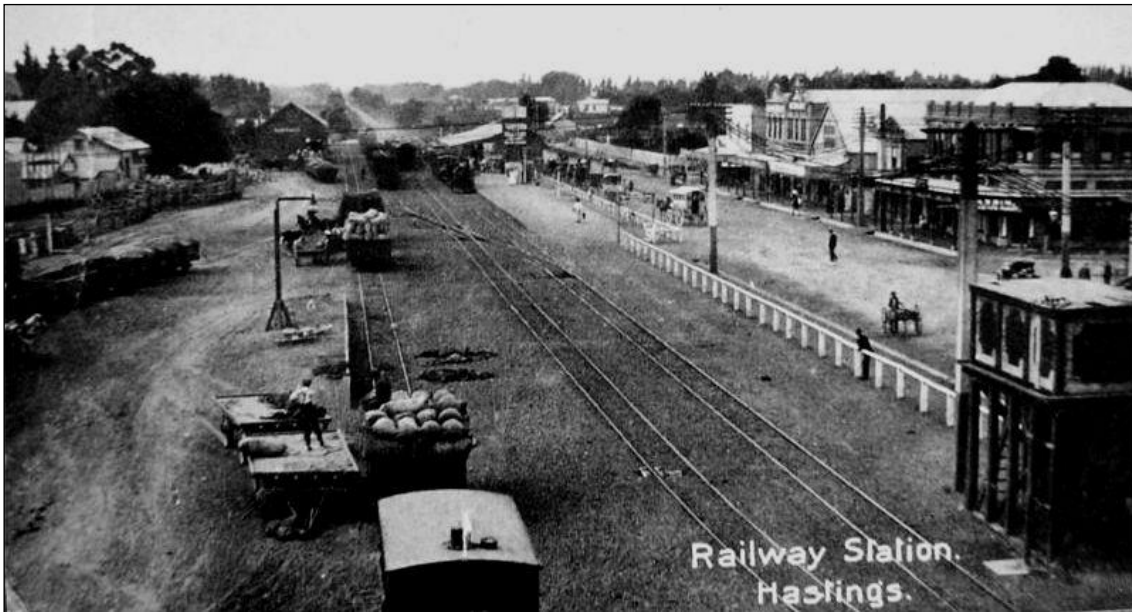
1904 December, Mabel Louisa Heald, wife of the stationmaster at Hastings



Powdrell Bros traction engine with trailers of grain at Williams & Kettles store on the Railway Reserve with the new building prior to the May 1907 fire, shows large sheep emblems on wall at left edge, poss the Fruitgrowers' building and siding on right edge

1905, Alfred Dillon Duncan was a clerk in the Railway Department and stationed at Hastings.

1905 March, Guard Harry Carr killed at Hastings Station, 30 years service, G, Bousefield porter and James King shunter.



1907, Taken from the fire bell tower looking north over the Hastings Railway Reserve to the Railway Station and Goods shed distant, with water tanks at right, F. Cassin, land & estate agent across the road from the old wooden Post Office out of view with McGlashan's Hastings Auction Mart brick building further up opposite the Railway Station with the Railway Goods shed moved further north again distant left. Note the Reserve recess of Station St footpath to Queen St

1907 May, James Brown express man was charged with assaulting John Morgan railway storeman he deposed that he and defendant had a dispute at the Hastings railway goods shed over the tally of some goods. In the heat of the argument, defendant lowered his head and butted witness on the face and also struck him with his fist. He did not spit in defendant's face. He was impartial in his duties as storeman, but some of the carters required preferential treatment. There was no reason for defendant to lower his head, but it was characteristic of him. The defendant stated that when he asked Morgan for trucks, Morgan told him to go to H -. Then saw the stationmaster who told him to get the trucks. Was delivering goods and Morgan refused to take the consignment notes. Witness complained that he had been delayed at the station. Morgan said it was a lie and called witness a liar. Witness pushed his head at him. Morgan at the time was stooping down to pick up something to hit him with. Witness then struck him with his left hand. His Worship said it appeared that Morgan was not tactful in his dealings, but that was no provocation for the assault and if defendant had a grievance he should have complained to the department. A fine of 10s with costs of 14s was imposed.

1907 June, Peter Lonergan did not appear in answer to a charge of trespassing on railway property by being illegally on a truck. The evidence showed that defendant got into an open truck at Paki Paki and a guard locked him in. He was subsequently found in that truck at Hastings and was released. Accused was fined 10s with costs 7s in default three days' imprisonment.

1908 October, Hastings Railway Stock Yards - In the House, speaking on the Public Works Estimates, Mr A. Dillon, M.P., said he had received a sheaf of telegrams urging on him the necessity for an improvement of the stock yards at the railway station at Hastings. The present accommodation was a disgrace. As it was absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken to remove the yards and increase the accommodation, he would inform the Department where it could purchase 4 or 5 acres of land in the vicinity that would be very suitable for this purpose. They badly wanted greater facilities at Hastings, which was growing at a much more rapid rate than any other town in the province.

1908 October, Hastings Railway Station yards. Mr Alf. Dillon, M.P has received the following letter from the Minister for Railways under date 17th October: - Sir, With reference to your representations respecting the desirability of removing the stock-yards from Hastings station and instead thereof providing yards **at Longlands**, I have the honour to inform you that the matter has been investigated and after giving it careful consideration, I have decided to accede to the request to place the cattle-yards at Longlands. Land is to be acquired for the purpose of enabling additional accommodation to be provided at Hastings station and the improvements will be put in hand at an early (Signed), Wm. Hall-Jones, Minister for Railways.

1908 November, Mr Millward stationmaster who has been transferred from Balclutha to Hastings, arrived on Saturday evening and will take over his new duties. Mr C. Heald who has been transferred to Carterton leaves for that place on Wednesday morning. Mr C. Heald stationmaster at Hastings was presented with a Gladstone bag from the local railway staff. The presentation was made by Mr Clark of the goods department, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the esteem in which Mr Heald is held by the railway employees.

1910 December, Hastings Stationmaster Arthur George Millward of Nelson St died aged 41, husband of Ann Mary Churchill Millward. Deceased had been ailing since last September with an internal complaint and although hopes were entertained for his recovery, he gradually became worse and despite the efforts of the best medical skill, he passed away

The late Mr Millward was born in Liverpool 41 years ago and was educated in the college of that city. Arriving with his parents in New Zealand when still a boy, he finished his education at the Wellington College. In the year 1883 he joined the New Zealand Railways Department and quickly rose to the position of stationmaster. He was appointed stationmaster at Hastings in November 1908. Mr Millward married a daughter of the Rev. Frank Churchill Simmons who was first Rector of the Dunedin High School and later on principal of the Nelson College. He leaves a widow and three children (two daughters and a son) to whom the deepest sympathy is extended. Of a courteous and obliging disposition, he made a host of friends during his term at the local office and the large circle of acquaintances with whom his official duties brought, him in contact, received the announcement of his demise with great pain and sorrow. By his death, Hastings has lost one of its noblest citizens and the Railway Department an officer it can ill afford to be deprived of. During his short residence in Hastings he has set an example that most of us would do well to follow.

1911 February, Mr A. E. Pollock, who has been appointed stationmaster at Hastings, has held a similar position at Thorndon (Wellington) station for 24 years. Mr Pollock arrived in Wellington in January 1887. Under engagement to the late Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company, and was for ten years in charge of the goods department and assistant stationmaster. On the retirement of Mr Gould, he was appointed stationmaster, which position he occupied for twelve years under the company, and has continued to act in a similar capacity since the Manawatu line was taken over by the Government two years ago. Owing to indifferent health, Mr Pollock applied for transfer to Hastings and the request has been given effect to.

1911 July, Mr A. E. Pollock station master at Hastings. John Henry McKennie engine driver in the employ of the New Zealand Railway Department and stationed at Hastings and Archibald F. MacDonald a fireman employed In the New Zealand s Railway Department.

1912 April, Mr M. K. Harmston of the clerical staff of the Hastings Railway Station was met by his fellow officers to mark the occasion of his coming marriage. Mr H. Bennett acting stationmaster presided,

1913 October, William Edward Farrington, railway porter at Hastings

1913, **Underground Railway plan for Hastings** - The 1913 plan proposed moving the present railway station to a site north of St. Aubyn St. In 1913 a similar scheme had been drawn up and a plan had been prepared for submission to the railway authorities. In the Railways Statement for 1923 the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates, then Minister of Railways, stated that the Government had spent £1871 on the scheme as set out in the 1913 plan and that in order of importance the works that had to be done, apart from the construction of the new stations at Auckland and Wellington, were at Hawera, Addington, and Greymouth. Hastings was next said Mr Coates. Mr Maddison remarked that if that were so, Hastings's turn must be very near and the council felt that they were justified in pursuing the scheme as proposed. The 1913 underground plan was revised in September 1936.

1916 September, The Hastings railway staff assembled last night to say farewell to Mr **Allan Dale**, who has been transferred to Napier. Mr Dale has been on the Hastings staff for eight years, shunter one year and guard on the Hastings-Napier train for two years. During Mr Dale's stay in Hastings he has made many friends and has been held in high both by his fellow employees and the local business people. **Mr Hanning, stationmaster**, who presided over the gathering spoke warmly of the quality and efficiency of Mr Dale's work and his courtesy and consideration to the public. Other speakers were Messrs. Hislop, King and Shimick and on behalf of the **carriers Mr Macklow**. Mr Hanning on behalf of the staff then presented Mr Dale with a handsome travelling rug. Mr Dale suitably responded. The following toasts were drank: "The King," "Our Guest," and "Absent Comrades" coupled with the names of **Privates Hansen, Cooke, Gray, Rickman and Gilmour**. Proceedings closed at 9.5 p.m. when the Napier train left. The hooting of the whistles, and the exploding of detonators, combined with the cheering, caused many worthy residents to ring up the (Station enquiring if the Allies had broken through or if peace had been proclaimed.

1917 March, Edward Luther Leeves a Railway engine cleaner Railway dept at Hastings, resided Selwood Rd, he married Elsie Jane Trimmer in 1924.



1917, William's & Kettle Ltd Seed Cleaning Grain & Produce Stores railway siding



Hastings Railway staff - Left to right at rear, standing on platform – Tom Donovan, Jim Houston, Alex Wallacebern, Moss Garvey, Wiremu Houston, Jack Carmichael, Billy Watson, Joe Cassidy S.M., Ray Cheer, Peter Schinic, Fred Davidson, Darcy Moe, Ted Bligh. Shows Bookstall and Hurbuck's paint signage.

1918 November, **A. G. J. Cookson** an employee at the Hastings Railway Station, who was a victim to the epidemic, were interred at the Hastings cemetery. Six of his comrades in uniform acted as pallbearers, the whole of the Railway staff being represented at the funeral. Rev. P. Ramsay officiated at the graveside. The deceased who by his cheerful and happy disposition, had endeared himself to all he came in contact with, had been some nine or ten months on the local staff, having been transferred from the South Island early in the year. He leaves a young widow and three young children to mourn their loss and to these a wide sympathy is extended.

1919 December, Mr J. W. Woodbury, stationmaster at Hastings, formerly of Masterton was appointed stationmaster at Christchurch.

1919 July, Mr E. Rackley, stationmaster, Hastings

1921 February, When the **railway station is built on the new site**, provision has been made for a new street leading from the back of the railway station and running into Caroline Rd, almost opposite the Nelson Cricket Ground gates. The

widening of Caroline Rd – The undesirable narrow and dangerous entrance from St. Aubyn St alongside Holt's timber yard. Officially the narrow portion is called Williams St after the late Mr J. N. Williams and the remainder Caroline Rd. Mayor G. Ebbett had been in correspondence with the land owner Mr F. W. Williams of Napier and interviews with Mr Holt who agreed to relinquish the land (which was part of his timber yard) necessary to widen Caroline Rd provided he receives equal area on the northern side of his mill and adjoining his yard.

1921 March, A Hastings motorist reports a close call at the **Lyndon Rd east railway crossing**. This crossing is probably as dangerous as any in New Zealand. When approaching it from the east side and is avoided as a death trap by motorists acquainted with it. Occasion however, frequently demands making the crossing and the careful man invariably partially comes to a stop before reaching the rails. This was done by our informant in this instance, but so obscured is the view and the noise of even a quiet running motor so deadens the sound of an approaching train that it is quite easy to come to the conclusion that all is clear and the unsuspecting driver lets his clutch out and drives on to the rails only to discover that a train is rushing on to him a few yards away. An extra press on the accelerator and the motor clears the line and the train clashes past behind. Only a fortunate combination of circumstances stands between the motorist and annihilation, a sudden stalling of the engine and it would be "good night" The Railway Department by denying a warning bell at this crossing is playing with death and scoffing at Providence.

1921 July, The death at Hastings after a short illness of Mr William Henry Cracknell, a well-known relieving stationmaster, aged 42 husband of Emma J. Cracknell. A gathering of three hundred friends assembled from all over the district. Messrs - Mr J. Vigor Brown MP, Messrs E. Rackley station master, W. P. Miller, A. Lowe, F. Haw, W. Watson and C. Broad of the Hastings railway staff. Rev R. Waugh conducted the graveside service. William Henry Cracknell who has spent nearly quarter of a century out of his life of 42 years in the work of the railways Department. Kindly courteous with a high sense of the responsibility of public duty, he gave to it the best that was in him, without grudge and without thought of distinction between one another. A native of Waipawa, most of his life has been spent in Hawke's Bay district, though some years were passed in Wellington and its neighbourhood, while latterly as a relieving officer, he has been in charge at various North Island stations, finishing his all too short career in control of the freight department here in Hastings. **William Henry (Willie) Cracknell** b:1879 in Hawke's Bay the son of Jane and Samuel Cracknell. In August 1908 at Woodville he married Emma Johanna (Dolly) Eggers b: May 1879 in Dunedin, the second daughter of Johanna and Friederick W. Eggers.

1921 August, Mr F. Haw of the Hastings Railway Department, outside staff, has been transferred on promotion to signaller to Masterton.

1922 January, Mr Arch Lowe of the parcels office at Hastings Railway Station.

1922 February, Mr Evan Rackley, who has been stationed at Hastings for five and a quarter years, has been advised of his transfer to Picton as stationmaster in charge of the section. He will have over his Hastings position to Mr W. P. Miller the chief clerk who will act until the new stationmaster arrives.

1922 March, Miss Rackey who for the past five years has been associated with clerical staff of the Tourist Motor Company Ltd Hastings is leaving for Picton with her parents. The Rackey's left the Hastings station by train with a large gathering of staff and friends, the train steamed out from the station amid the cheers and explosions of fog signals.

1922 February, Mr J. E. King from Hokitika is a guard on the Hastings railway staff.

1922 August, William Macmillan was railway porter of Hastings, Ferguson St

1922 October, Mr P. G. Taylor, station master at Hastings (formerly of Dunedin) has been promoted to the position of railway traffic inspector, with headquarters at Wellington.

1923 February, **David Hodges**, railway goods clerk of Hastings,

1923 February, **James Patrick Delaney** railway booking clerk at Hastings

1923 March, Mr C. E. Broad, from the Hastings staff has been transferred to the Masterton railway station

1923 October, The Hastings Progress League has presented the town with some three dozen conifer trees in tubs used in the street decorations in connection with the recent Jubilee Carnival and Mr W. W. Adam caretaker of the public reserves has distributed the gift. He has handed twelve of the trees to the railway Department to be sunk at intervals along the Hastings railway platform at its southern end where they are now standing at present and form appearances, when they are placed in position they should add considerable attraction to the surroundings.

1924 January, The long awaited "**Wig – Wag**" level crossing danger signal at the **Lyndon Rd crossing** has at least been placed in position and has been subjected to a successful trial, although it will not be put in actual operation until instructions have been received from Wellington. the Wig Wag suspended at the end of an arm about ten feet high consists of a red disc in the centre of which are two red lights which flash (one automatically if the other burns out) and as the wig wag swings to and fro an alarm bell rings. Both the main and siding lines are connected with the system, the rails conveying the current at a low voltage of 1.8 while the motor which works the wig wag uses seven volts. From the station end, the signal starts before the engine enters the Heretaunga St crossing and from the southern end, the alarm is given when the train is opposite the racecourse entrance and continues until the train travels over the Lyndon Rd

crossing, a distance of 500 yards. The traffic will be so arranged that trains cannot stand in the area connected with the system for any length of time, because it would entail the continued ringing of the bell and the rapid running out of the battery, so that the midday goods train, which stops at Lyndon Rd will now pull up on the far side of the distant signal. the installation which has been carried out by Mr McIlwride electric lines foreman cost about £400.

1924 May, Mr J. Sharkey chief clerk in the Hastings Railway goods department leaves for a month's holiday. Mr C. Donovan of the relieving staff will assume his duties during his absence.

1924 August, Mr W. J. Warren stationmaster at Hastings commenced a six week holiday when he went to Waipukurau to visit his parents who will celebrate their golden wedding then Mr Warren will proceed to Auckland.

1924 August, The Hastings railway staff assembled in Lancaster Hall to farewell two of their number who are leaving on promotion. Mr J. Sharkey acting station master occupied the chair, Mr A. E. Lowe chief parcels clerk has been transferred to Te Awamutu as chief clerk and Mr H. McCaster porter proceeds to Lambton Wellington. Messrs Wing, Popplewell, Feeney, Maunder, P. E. Shinnick, Box and Codwaller contributed vocal and instrumental items and recitations.

Mr Harry Musgrove, an old resident of Hastings had joined the Railway Department in 1884, he retired from the service 1925 and passed away at the Napier Hospital June 1935.

1925 February, The Railway Department has commenced work of installing the borough electric lights in the Hastings railway station yards, one light is being placed near the St. Aubyn St crossing and another outside the goods shed to give light during the loading of fruit at night time. The present lights on the station platform will not be disturbed for the present.

1925 February, The two electric lights established in the Hastings Railway Station yards gave a bright illumination and with the borough electric bulbs one at either side this locality should now be adequately lighted for traffic. The railway centre light throws its illumination a sufficient distance to well cover the crossing, but not far enough to meet the light from the second railway electric lamp installed at a point along the line of fruit trucks for the purpose of facilitating the loading of fruit at night time. The result is that the intermediate length is in a condition of gloom and the loading in the area is carried on in comparative darkness. The fruit growers have sent in a complaint to the department in this regard and they are asking for an extra light.

1925 March, The staff of the Hastings railway station assembled to wish W. J. Warren station master at Napier and recently in control of the Hastings station, good luck and prosperity. Mr J. Sharkey stationmaster

1925 May, Mr J. Sharkey the newly appointed stationmaster at Hastings was welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce said – 10,000 tons of fruit left Hastings in a year. The Department has assigned no less than 84 special rail trucks to cope with the trade that was fourteen each day during the season.

1925 June, Mr J. Sharkey station master at Hastings and Mrs Sharkey left for Whangarei on his annual leave. Mr Miles chief clerk assumes control during Mr Sharkey's absence.

1925 September, Mr A. Sharkey stationmaster at Hastings.

1925 October, The Mayor of Hastings Mr G. A. Maddison in an interview with Mr A. M. Farnall sales manager of the advertising branch of the NZ Railways regarding the advertising hoardings on the Railway property in Hastings and all new hoardings erected by the railway department will be according to the new design presented in the 'High Admiral' hoarding opposite the post Office corner and that all the other hoardings are to be dismantled in the near future. The whole of the hoarding area will extend to the 'High Admiral' hoarding just below the pedestrian entrance to the railway platform from Queen St and all the advertisements from the 'High Admiral' to the Heretaunga St railway crossing and along Heretaunga St are to be dismantled. He has given permission to the Borough Council to plant and train suitable creepers and rambling roses up the framework of these new advertising hoardings so that the effect eventually will be quite artistic and pleasing.

1925 December, Mr John Corkery, ganger in the railway service for 40 years and for the last 20 years engaged on the Hastings section was met by the Hastings railway staff to wish him good luck and prosperity on the eve of his retirement on superannuation. Mr J. Sharkey stationmaster on behalf of those present wished Mr Corkery and his wife every happiness and many years of enjoyment of their well-earned rest. The Corkery's intend to reside in Hastings.

1925 December, A large and representative gathering assembled at the Hastings cemetery to attend the funeral of Arthur Horace Gilles late officer in charge at the Whakatu Railway flag station. Rev R. T. Hall conducted the Anglican service members of the railway service in uniform were pall-bearers and the president and secretary of the A.S. R. S of which body deceased was an esteemed member.

1926 January, New Year's Lightning strike - Mr P. E. Shinnick, of the Hastings railway staff.

1926 January, The Mayor of Hastings Mr G. A. Maddison having protested against the delay of the Railway Department in removing the advertising hoardings in Russell St from Heretaunga St railway crossing up to the Admiral hoarding

opposite the Post Office has received a reply from the Railways Advertising Department saying that a misunderstanding had occurred but that now the hoardings in question would be dismantled without delay.

1926 February, A man stepping off the mail train with his back to the engine on the Hastings railway platform caused those who saw him to gasp. The train had already gathered some speed and when the man's feet touched the platform it looked as if he was going to overbalance and perhaps fall between the moving carriages. Fortunately he was able to keep his feet, but a railway official had seen him, he would have been prosecuted and he would richly deserve the ensuing penalty.

1926 March, St. Aubyn St railway crossing at Hastings is probably the most dangerous level crossing within the borough in addition to which the continuous heavy traffic along this street is being constantly held up by standing trains and shunting engines to such an extent that very often many motor cars, lorries and other vehicles as well as numbers of pedestrians may be seen held up often for as long as ten minutes awaiting a clearance of the line to permit their passage. It is proposed to close this crossing eight years hence when the new railway station is being built further north, but there seems to be no reason for closing such an important thoroughfare when it can be kept available and rendered quite safe for the public vehicular as well as pedestrian by making a traffic subway. The elevation of the line at this point is such as to present little if any engineering difficulty in constructing a subway to accommodate a reasonable amount of vehicles at a cost which would be inconsiderable in comparison with the benefit the work would bestow on the business people and the residents generally.

1926 July, Mr John William Edward Miles, chief clerk at the Hastings railway station, suffered a sudden seizure late last night and died early this morning the beloved husband of Elsie Miles aged 42. He was in his usual health at 9.30 p.m., when he was chatting with the stationmaster, but he took ill soon after and went home. After serving his part, in the war he resumed service with the department having been stationed at Penrose, Huntly and Hastings. He leaves a widow and two young children.

1926 August, Mr G. Marsh has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the chief clerkship at the Hastings Railway Station caused by the death of Mr Miles. Mr Marsh was previously on the Palmerston North railway clerical staff.

1926 September, Transfers of staff to the Hastings railway station - Mr P. Box chief booking clerk to Whanganui, replaced by Mr Gurvey of Whanganui. At the National Service Club the Hastings Railway staff assembled to bid adieu to Percy Box chief ticket clerk who is transferring to Whanganui, Mr J. Sharkey stationmaster presided

1926 October, Railway Fatality - Young married Napier woman killed after second fall from same Hastings bound train - Through falling between two carriages of the train that left Napier at 5.10 pm resulted in a young married woman named Emily Catherine Benson aged 27 being fatally injured. It was the second fall she had had off the same train. After the train pulled out of the station Mrs Benson apparently left her seat in the carriage and sat on a step on the platform. As the train reached Hastings St crossing in Napier the guard noticed her fall off. The train which was only travelling at slow speed was instantly pulled up. The guard Percy Henry Scott porter acting guard went back and picked up Mrs Benson who was unhurt. She stated that she felt a little giddy and went out on to the platform to get some fresh air when suddenly she was overcome. She was assisted into a first-class carriage and made comfortable by the guard. Hardly had he left the carriage when another passenger rushed through informing him that Mrs Benson had fallen between the carriages. She apparently left her seat as soon as the guard went into his van. The train which had not gone more than about three hundred yards was again stopped. When picked up Mrs Benson was unconscious and was found to have suffered terrible injuries. First Aid was immediately given by a trained nurse and the unfortunate woman was again placed in the train which returned to the Napier Station. She was then placed in an ambulance but died before reaching the Napier Hospital. Why Mrs Benson should have been on the train is not understood. Her husband John Benson a stock buyer of Napier was with her at home till 4pm when he left to go to town. About an hour later she informed a nurse White in the house she would go and meet her husband. This she apparently did not do. Mrs Benson's father had recently died and that upset her. Besides her husband Mrs Benson leaves a baby only four weeks old. She had not been in good health for some time.

1926 November, While shunting at the Hastings railway station just prior to the time arranged for the departure of a goods train, two wagons were derailed owing to fouling points. One was a heavily loaded bogie-wagon containing coal and considerable work and of little skill was necessary to put this big wagon in position again.

1926 December, The Maoris who left Hastings to attend a church function at Ratana desire to thank the Hastings stationmaster Mr J. Sharkey for the completeness of the arrangements made by him for their accommodation and travelling comfort.

1927 March, Mr J. E. Elwell head shunter at Hastings railway station who has been promoted to the position of signaller at Otanunu left to assume his new duties. The staff on behalf of the stationmaster Mr Sharkey gave him a farewell.

1927 April, Mr J. Sharkey station master at Hastings left on his annual leave of four weeks. During his absence Mr G. G. Jackson of the Wellington relieving staff will be in charge.

1934 October, Mr J. P Cassidy station master at Hastings is at present on annual leave and Mr T. Martin chief goods clerk is acting in his place.

Mr **Herbert Darcy Mace** of the Hastings Railway Department. Mr Mace was closely associated with the electrification of railway facilities in Hawke's Bay and other parts of New Zealand and had been stationed in Hastings for many years. He died May 1939 aged 62, he possessed one of the outstanding collections of canaries and other cage birds in the Dominion.

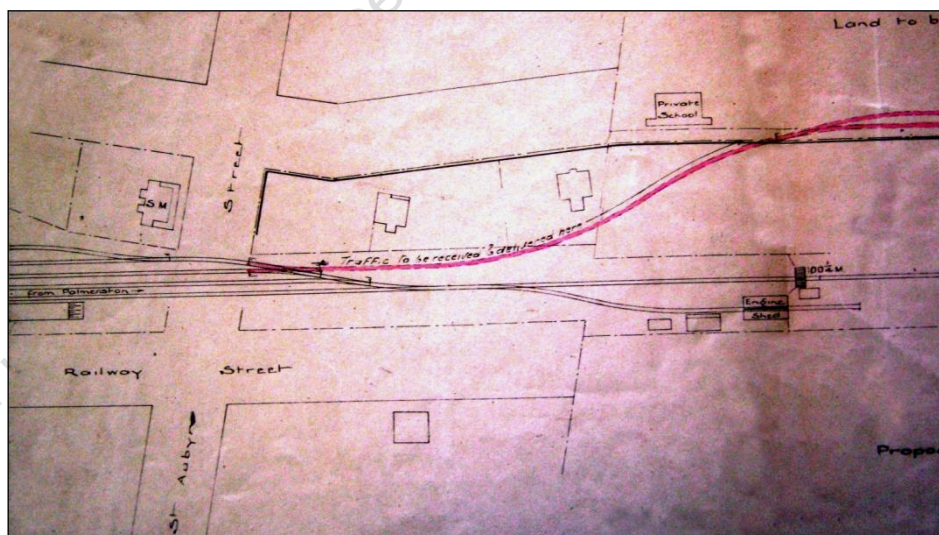
1946 May, William Rhymer Watson of Hastings died at Wellington. He was born in Scotland and came to NZ as a child with his parents. In 1918 he joined the railway department as a cadet and having served in many capacities in both the North and south islands, gained many friends amongst the railway staff and general public. He was a member of the Heretaunga Masonic Lodge. In August 1921 W. Watson entered the Lyndhurst Hospital Hastings to undergo treatment. Owing to ill health he was forced to resign from the railway services four years ago. He is survived by his mother Mrs E. Neale of Hastings, a sister Mrs H. Ross of Tuai and a brother Mr J. Watson of the Railway Department, Wellington.



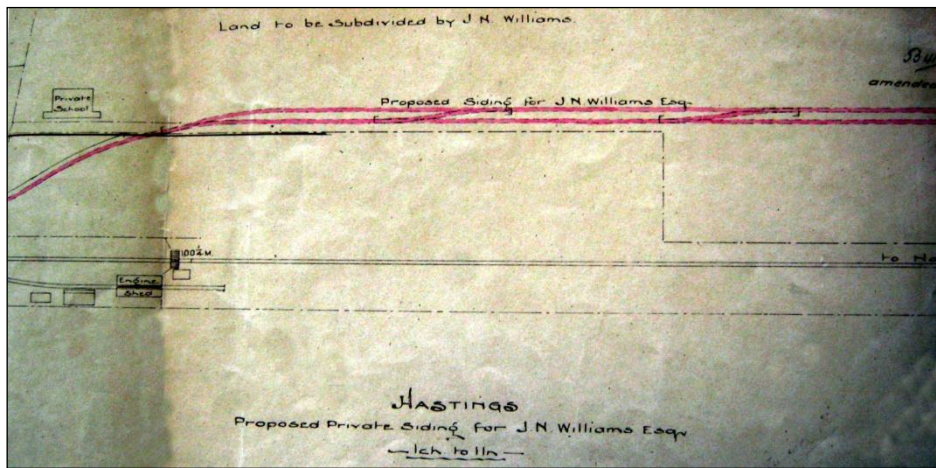
The Railway Leased Private Sidings -

There were many leased private railway sidings at Hastings - the northern rail yard sidings were all part of the original J. N. Williams private sidings along King St nth sections.

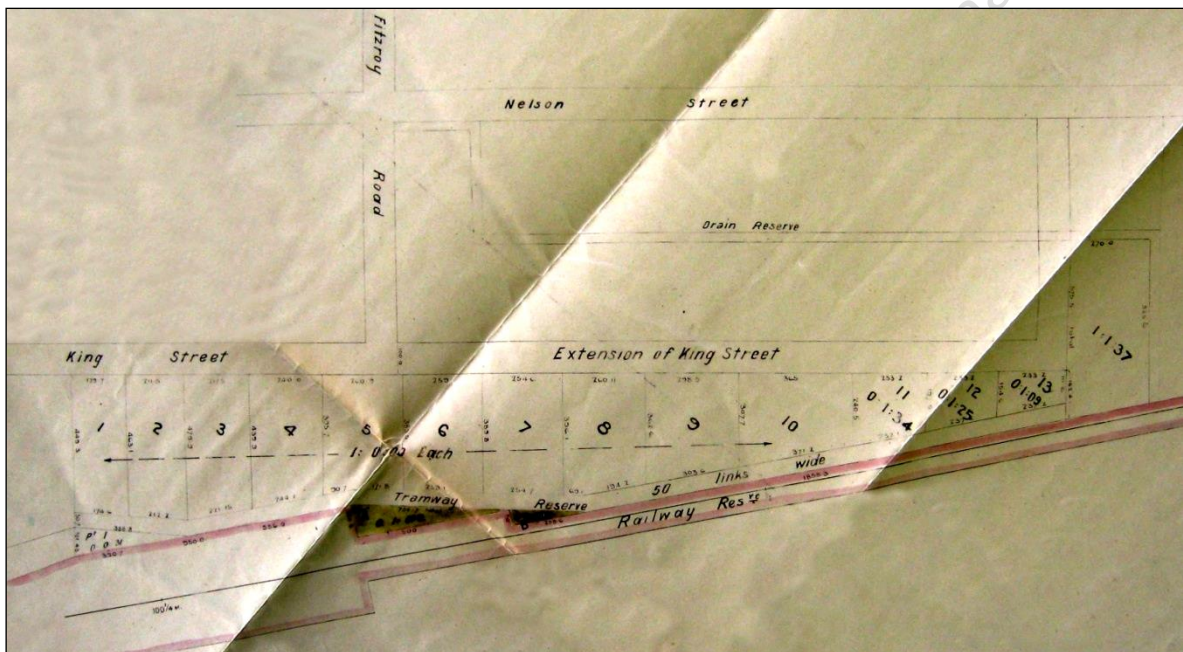
1886 September, The **siding for the Hastings gas works** is nearly finished. The workmen are laying the rails, and the work will be completed in a short time, so the contractors for the erection of the works will have no difficulty in getting their plant on the ground.



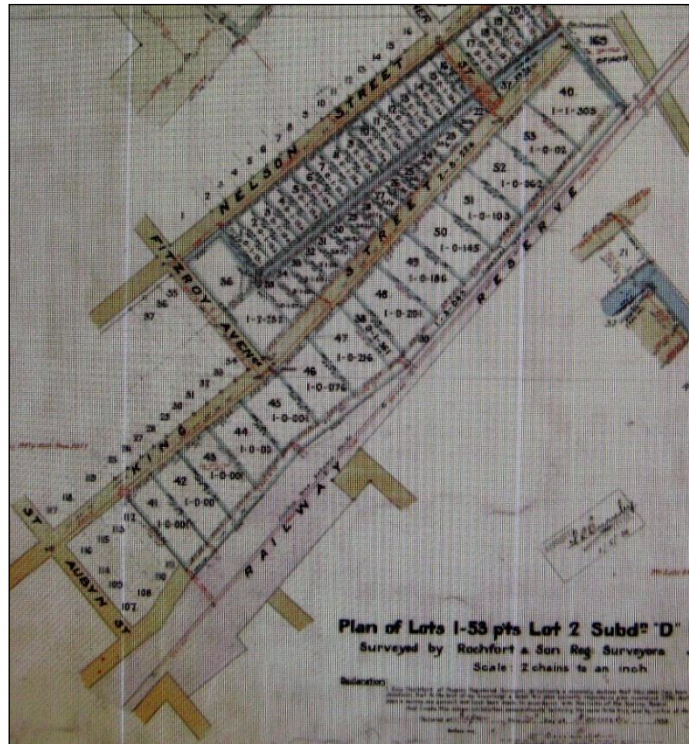
Shows the SM – the second Station Masters residence fronting St. Aubyn St from 1895 – burnt down in March 1900. A private school at the end of extended Market St nth past St. Aubyn St, but over Hicks boundary on J. N. Williams land. Market St nth was angled to allow for railway purpose. The extended Station St past St. Aubyn St with a house, later Caroline Rd poss Mr Nelson. The private school near the St. Aubyn St crossing was where the three Edward sisters from Shropshire opened a dames school for girls and boys, then Rev Hobbs wife bought out and then sold the school to Miss A. M. Hodge.



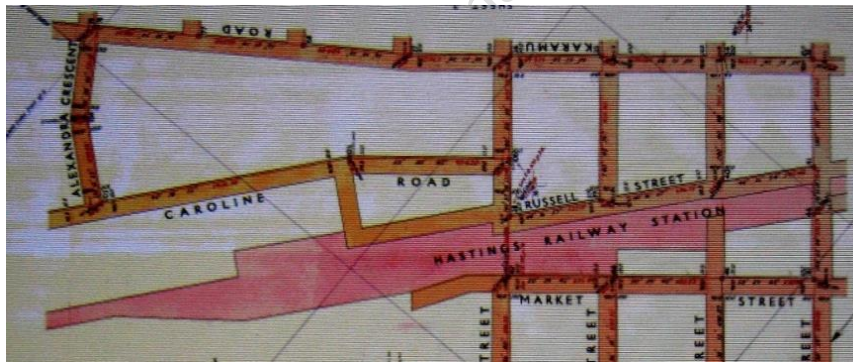
The proposed railway lease siding for J. N. Williams was put in 1912 on land that he intends to subdivide, the branch-off from near the private school at the end of the extended Market St north past St. Aubyn St and the Engine shed



1913, Proposed subdivision of Mr J. N. Williams land along railway, shows Nelson St drain



King St nth sections were subdivided in 1913, these are all part of the J. N. Williams original private railway siding
 1915 McLeod & Gardener Ltd Timber Merchants acquired the section 49 adjoining between J. N. Williams and Holts with siding No 1507.

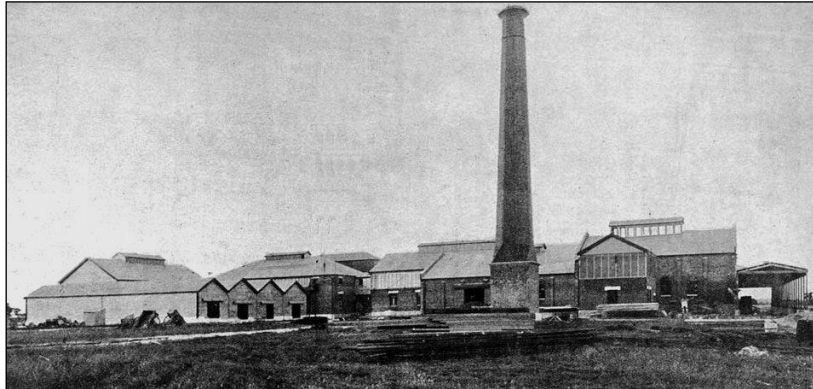


Hastings Railway yards with Market St extension and Caroline Rd, Williams St (Holt Pl) and Russell St



The Old Tomoana Locomotive, The works engineers poured hundreds of hours into restoring her around 1984 when, after a battle with the Minister of Railways they finally got to organise the 100th anniversary re-enactment of the first frozen meat shipment from Tomoana to the Port of Napier

There were two sidings at Tomoana the first one in July 1882, one at Longlands mainly for stock with side yards and one at The Hastings Freezing Works of Borthwicks freezing works at Paki Paki.



1906 May, The Hastings Freezing Works of Thomas Borthwick and Son Ltd at Paki Paki



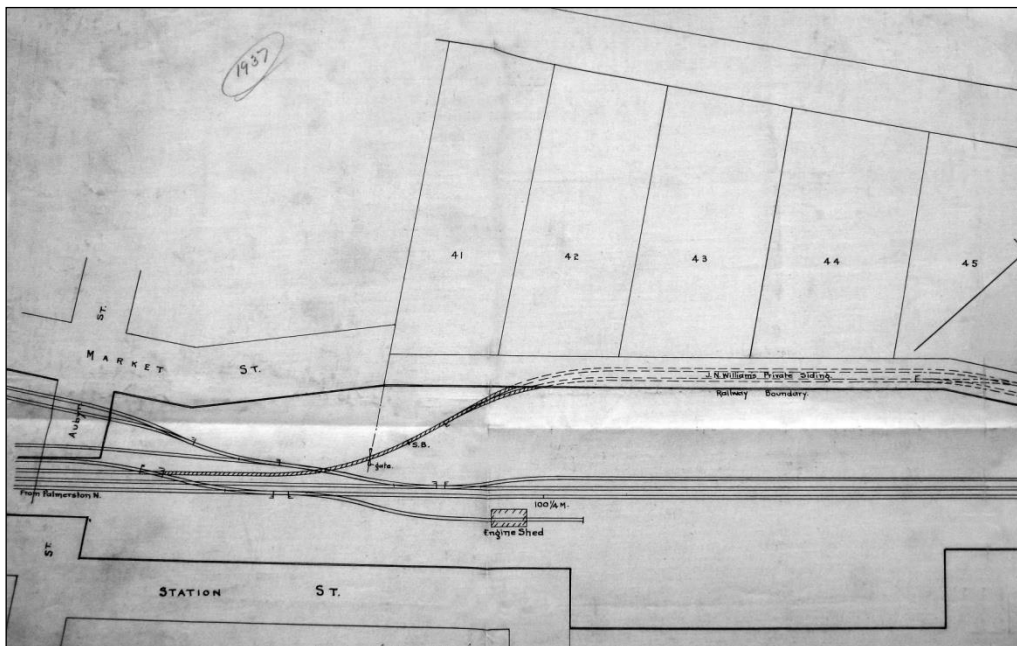
1909 March, The Hastings Freezing Works siding of Borthwick Bros at Paki Paki



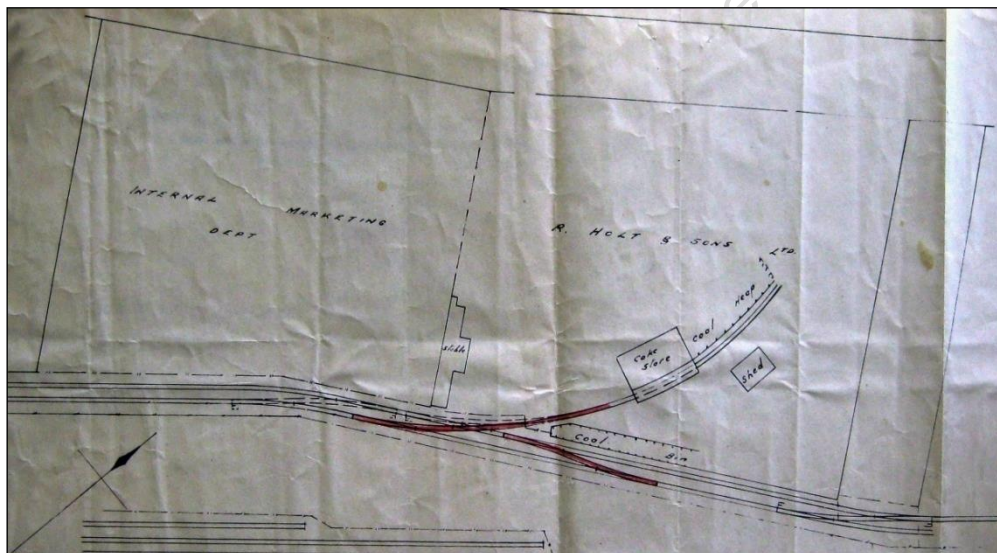
Thomas Borthwick and Son, Ltd, freezing works at Paki Paki, five miles south from Hastings by the railway line. The works stood on a site of 300 acres, to which there were two entrances from Maraekakaho Rd and Railway Rd.

Built of brick & concrete without reinforcing steel which collapsed in the 1931 Quake

Hastings northern rail yard sidings were all part of the original J. N. Williams private siding along King St nth.

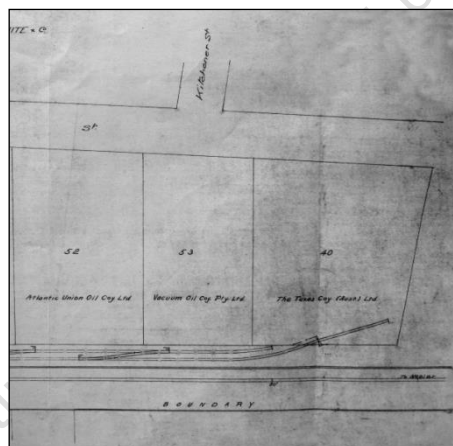
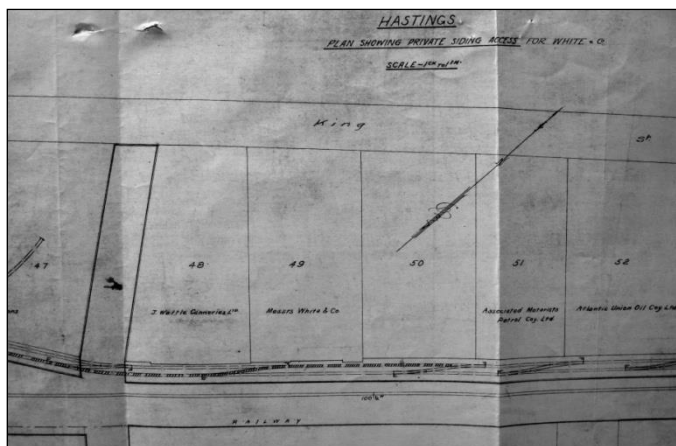
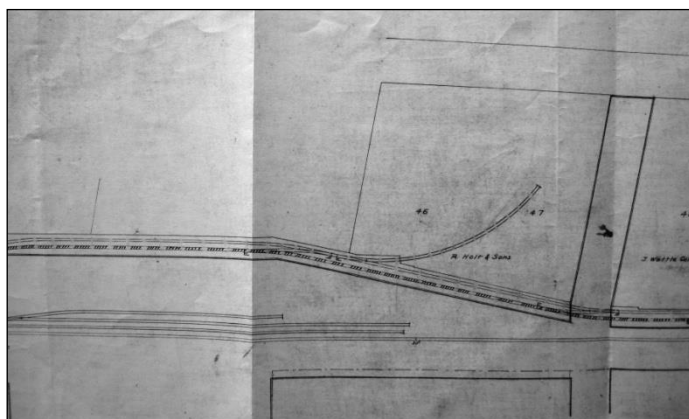


J. N. Williams private railway siding for Sec 43, 44 on King St nth 1937



1943, Internal Marketing Dept and R. Holt & Sons Ltd on King St nth with siding to coal store and coal heap, with stables, coal bin and shed. The main wall of the stables building facing the IMD was at least 65 years old and was originally part of Holt's timber mill when it was situated in Heretaunga St - on the site at present occupied by Westerman's drapery shop. The building was removed from the Heretaunga St site to its present position around 1898.

1946 December – Grandfather Richard Burns lived in a batch attached to a large store-shed (old stables) next to the Internal Marketing Department building at R. Holts Wood and Coal yard his employer situated on King St nth. The old stables housing two Lorries caught fire and Richard Burns suffered heart failure in trying to douse the flames before the brigade arrived.



Private siding access for White & Co on King St nth shows at top – 47 R. Holt & Sons, proposed road, 48 J. Wattle Canneries Ltd. The land near where J. Wattle Canneries factory would be as the No. 10 paddock. 49 Messes White & Co, 51 Associated Motorists Petrol Co Ltd, 52 Atlantic Union Oil Co Ltd, 53 Vacuum Oil Co Pty Ltd, 40 The Texas Oil Co (Aust) Ltd.

The Hastings Star –

The Hastings Star was the first newspaper for Hastings which ran for only two years by James Henry Clayton proprietor with Alfred Amory George journalist and Thomas Henry compositor first situated at their General Printing Office, Smythe's building in (Omahu Rd) Heretaunga St west, a part of Mr A. J. McEwan Hastings House, then behind Mr A. J. McEwan store with an entrance off Market St sth next to P. Horne boot and shoe maker.

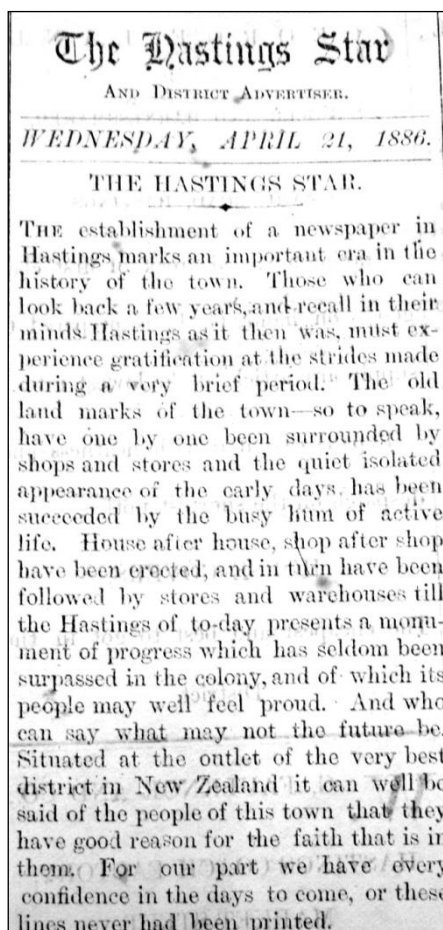
Note - The west side of Heretaunga St from the railway line was still being called Omahu Rd and the east side the Havelock Rd.

THE HASTINGS STAR.

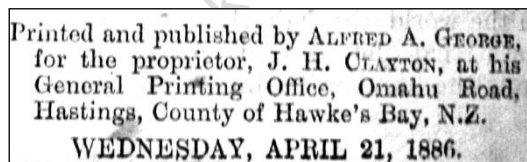
THE Printing Machine for the above is in the Kiwi and it is impossible to get it out in time to issue the Star to-morrow. The paper will, however, be published on **WEDNESDAY, 21st.** The Machine has only been a fortnight in coming from Lyttelton—an instance of wonderful dispatch, and a strong recommendation to the steam line entrusted with its carriage.

J. H. CLAYTON.
Hastings, April 15.

1886 April, The Hastings Star – James Henry Clayton



1886 April, Hastings presents a Monument of Progress



1886 April 21st The Hastings Star, a bi-weekly paper just established in Hawke's Bay, printed and published by Mr Alfred A. George for the proprietor Mr J. H Clayton, formerly of the Patea Mail and the Ashburton Mail. Although we think the country is somewhat overdone with newspapers, we cannot but wish Mr Clayton success in his now venture.

A. A. George was foreman at The Hastings Star only about 6 weeks before being dismissed by Clayton, Henry was made foreman. George started business again, then Henry asked him to take George back which was as management of the jobbing department with the same salary.

Thomas Henry a Compositor b: 1858. In November 1882 at Wellington he married Jane McPhee b: 1860 in Avoca, Victoria, the daughter of Malcolm and Jane McPhee. They had four children – Thomas Joseph Henry was born July 1887 at Hastings. Thomas Henry returned to the Hutt Wellington where he died July 1945 aged 88 and Jane Henry nee McPhee died August 1956 in Petone, Wellington aged 96.

There were several name changes for this newspaper – first The Hastings Star then in May - The Hastings Evening Star. In July 1886 The Star now increased its publication - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings. 4th August 1886 The Hastings Star will now publish a Hastings Evening Star for Wednesday and Saturdays as a penny evening paper – now referring to the manager as a "Competent Man"

The Hastings Star
 AND DISTRICT ADVERTISER.
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1886.
NEWS OF THE DAY.

On Saturday next the STAR will make its appearance as a penny evening paper. We hope advertisers will send in their favours as early in the day as possible.

THE HASTINGS STAR.
 PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING
 PRICE—ONE PENNY.
THE STAR is delivered in Hastings and Suburbs.
 Subscription—SIXPENCE per week.

The editorial column was always headed 'The Hastings Star', but the page top heading became a daily Hastings Evening Star

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THE "Hastings Star" Office is furnished with a very complete plant for the execution of all classes of Commercial and General Printing. This Department is under the management of Mr A. A. GEORGE--a sufficient guarantee that good work will be turned out. Having a fast-running Jobbing Machine, we are enabled to promptly execute all orders at moderate prices

1886 August, Hastings Star General Printing, A. A. George

1886 August, The Hastings Evening Star, Printed and published for the proprietors by Thomas Henry at the General Printing Office, Market St, Hastings

Hastings Evening Star
Vol. 1. No. 41. (Registered for transmission by Post.) HASTINGS, HAWKES BAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1886. (Published Every Evening.) Price 1d.

1886 August, The new masthead Hastings Evening Star – an increase demand for their later complimentary edition. Mr W. White was the delivery contractor around Hastings and suburbs and it was published every evening

New "Star" Office.

The "new shop" in Market-street, as the "Telegraph" terms our new office, is approaching completion, and will be ready for occupation in a few days. Soon after the STAR was turned into a daily paper, the proprietor found that more commodious and convenient premises were necessary to accommodate an increasing business, and arrangements were entered into with Mr McEwan for the erection of a printing office upon part of his property fronting Market-street. Mr S. Tong undertook the building, which is now approaching completion. The office has a depth of 52 feet, is 22 feet wide at the back and 16 feet in front. It contains a public office, store-room, editor's private room, composing, jobbing, and machine rooms, and will, when fitted up, be the most complete printing office of its size in the colony. The STAR is making good progress, and as an advertising medium is worth more than all the other papers put together.

NOTICE.

THE Proprietor of the STAR begs to notify that he has this day Leased the Newspaper and General Printing Business hitherto carried on by him to Messrs A. A. GEORGE and T. HENRY, who from this date will continue the said business upon their own behalf. He feels confident that in the hands of the new proprietors, who are experienced, practical men, the STAR will continue to progress, and be ever mindful of the interests of the town and district.

The retiring proprietor takes this opportunity of expressing his thanks for many kindnesses received and for the generous support extended to the STAR, which he ventures to hope will be continued to the new firm.

J. H. CLAYTON.
 Hastings, October 1, 1886.

1886 September, Mr Tong undertook renovations behind A. J. McEwan's store with an entrance off Market St sth and 1st October 1886 Clayton retires and the paper leased to A. A. George and T. Henry who formed a partnership and took possession of the paper

From 2nd October 1886 Thomas Henry was now listed as proprietor of the Hastings Evening Star with A. A. George as manager. On the 10th November 1886 the paper's general printing office new entrance off Market St sth - next to Mr Prior Horne, Boot and Shoe Marker.

In November 1886, Henry Hester Clayton b: September 1876 in Dunedin the son of James and Emma Clayton died as a child aged 10 at Hastings. The Clayton's moved to Dannevirke then retired to the Bay of Plenty.

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Fire and Marine Risks taken at
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liberally settled.

James Henry Clayton, now Commission agent with his office in Smythe's building – the late Star Office

1886 December, Christmas Eve, The Hastings Star is the 150th issue since 21st April. Great strides have been made in eight months.

In February 1887 A. A. George was appointed agent in Hawke's Bay for the New Zealand Masonic journal, a monthly publication containing a large amount of literature of interest to the Craft. And all kinds of musical requisites can be obtained through Mr A. A. George at the Star office Hastings.

The last issue with Thomas Henry listed as proprietor of the Hastings Evening Star was for 17th May 1887 followed by the return of James Henry Clayton listed as proprietor at general printing office Market St sth on the 18th May 1887. In June 1887 the A. A. George and Thomas Henry partnership was officially wound up and he returned to Wellington.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND
ADVERTISERS.

SUBSCRIBERS who paid in advance will please note that their term expired on the 31st March, and we should be glad of a continuance of the same favor for the present year. By way of reminder we have sent out accounts, and should be glad were they to receive prompt attention. We take this opportunity of requesting a settlement from subscribers and advertisers who are more than a quarter in arrear. In most cases, the amounts due are small in themselves, but in the aggregate they represent a large sum; and as the postal note system offers ready facilities for transmitting small sums, we hope our friends will forward at once.

GEORGE AND HENRY.
STAR Office, April 14, 1887.

N O T I C E.

MESSRS GEORGE & HENRY having Relinquished their Lease, the STAR will from this date be conducted by me.

Accounts in connection with the business during the period between the October 1, 1886, and May 17, 1887, inclusive, are payable to Messrs George and Henry.

J. H. CLAYTON,
Proprietor.
Hastings, May 18, 1887.

1887 April and May, Mr George and Henry relinquished their Evening Star lease

HASTINGS
"ANTI CHEAP LABOR MART."

**BROADWOOD &
M'KAY**

(Late of Star Office),
PRACTICAL PRINTERS, &c.,

WHILST thanking their numerous patrons for orders already received, beg to notify their intention of commencing business next week in the back premises of Mr R. T. Smythe, Bookseller and Stationer (late Star office), where orders will be received for every description of
FANCY JOB PRINTING,
ENGRAVING,
BOOKBINDING, PAPER RULING,
&c., &c.

It is also their intention of publishing a weekly journal entitled the Hastings Advertiser, which will be issued GRATIS every Saturday at 2 p.m.

Please reserve your advertisements and printing orders for our authorised canvasser, who will call in the course of a day or so.

Samples, with Price List, will be issued shortly.

**BROADWOOD AND M'KAY,
HASTINGS.**

1887 May, Broadwood and McKay, Practical Printers Hastings, late of Star Office were in business for a short while

WE, the undersigned, have this day appointed MESSRS B. C. WARE and T. J. LUNNY, both of Hastings, as our Attorneys at Law respectively, and request that all accounts owing by the late firm be rendered to them.

A. A. GEORGE.
THOS. HENRY.

RE GEORGE AND HENRY.

ALL Accounts owing to this firm must be paid to the undersigned by the 18th June, or proceedings will be taken without further notice, and all accounts against the said firm must be rendered to us in detail by the same date.

BETHEL C. WARE.
THOMAS J. LUNNY.

1887 June, A. A. George and Thomas Henry

NOTICE.

IT IS REQUESTED that all Accounts due to me be paid by APRIL 14TH. After that date Outstanding Accounts will be handed to a Solicitor for Collection.

J. H. CLAYTON.
Hastings, March 31.

The last issue for The Hastings Evening Star was for Easter Saturday 31st March 1888.

Frank Kroupa a printer and Edward Bush a compositor along with Charles Young a compositor, R. Palmer a compositor, A. H. Hamilton, Tim Whiffler - Training Notes, Dickson, Mr Ivess and Mrs Clayton a proof reader Broadwood and McKay all working on the Hastings Star in 1887.

1887 September, Hastings Resident Magistrates Court (Before Mr G. A. Preece, R.M.) Alleged Libel - **Alfred Amory George of Hastings, journalist**, was charged, on the information of **James Henry Clayton also of Hastings, journalist**, with having on the 20th of August 1887 at Napier, falsely and maliciously defamed, libelled, and vilified the said J. H. Clayton, to wit by writing a letter to one W. Beyer of Napier, printer and publishing the same to the said **W. Beyer**, and divers other persons, which letter was dated 8th August 1887 and contained the following malicious libellous and defamatory words: - "I could give you an account of how he (meaning the said J. H. Clayton) got at me and show that he is a blackguardly scoundrel whom every printer ought to shun, but I will reserve it in the meantime" - with intent to bring the said J. H. Clayton into public hatred, contempt, and ridicule. Mr E. H. Williams appeared for the prosecution and Mr Dick for the defence. Mr Williams in opening the case said that the letter written by the defendant was cruel and

malicious. The publication of defamatory matter was justly punishable by law, because the person who wrote in that way of another had his remedy in a court of law, but the law would not allow a man to defame another simply because he had a grievance against him. His client was quite ready to meet defendant in a court of law. Mr Williams then stated the case for the prosecution as follows : - In 1886 the plaintiff engaged the defendant as foreman. Shortly after the plaintiff had to dismiss defendant for insolent language. Later on the plaintiff again engaged defendant as foreman. Defendant then arranged to lease the Hastings Star, of which plaintiff was proprietor. Defendant covenanted that he would deposit a certain amount of plant as a guarantee. The lease was broken, but the plaintiff did not insist on his strict legal rights, but took over defendant's machinery and entered in possession. Events subsequently, made it necessary for plaintiff to dismiss the defendant. The defendant; then wrote to Mr Beyer at the meeting of printers describing plaintiff as a "blackguardly scoundrel." James Henry Clayton deposed that he was the proprietor of the Hastings Evening Star. He knew defendant and recognised the handwriting in the letter produced as being defendant's. The letter was as follows: - *Hastings Working Men's Club, August 8, 1887. Mr W. Byer Dear Sir - I see the printers have had a meeting. I regret very much I did not know it was coming off as I should have endeavoured to be present so that I might do what I could for the printers' friend (?) I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the gentleman, but by reputation he is so very well known by every one of the fraternity that any further introduction is as unnecessary as it would be pleasurable (?). I think however, when you are on the job you should take under your wing a protégé of the printer's friend, by name Clayton, who if anything, is a far greater enemy to the fraternity than the redoubtable Joe, who boasts of having started more papers than any other man in New Zealand - a distinction to which I believe he is thoroughly entitled. Before I proceed to deal with him, however, I may mention that there is an individual here who has lately been in Timaru with an introduction to Joseph from his protégé J. H. Clayton. At least, this is how the yarn has been told to me - whether it is correct or not I cannot say. This party, by name Henry, whom I believe you know, gives out here that Joseph is bringing up boys from Timaru, that **Murphy** is to get the run, and that he (Henry) is to be overseer. A very creditable position, you will say, and something to boast about. As to the other parties (printers friend No 2. J. H. Clayton) I will tell you how his paper is run. At the present time he owes me £7 16s for overtime which I did when the paper first started. He gets out of it by saying he did not authorise me to do the work. Had it not been for me agreeing to go in with him, he would never have got a start here at all, but his treatment of me was like that of the adder which the man took up in the field and took home to warm. As soon as it recovered itself it stung him. Of course you could not expect much better from a protage of the foremost Liberal in the land and the printers' friend. I give you these facts because I see in the paper lately several Napier advertisements. They may be "dummies" (like the whole of the back page) but I think you ought to find that out. And while dealing with respect to Ivess' paper you can show the following list of wages paid. **Mrs Clayton, proof-reader, &c, &c, formerly ' devil at the hand press, salary not known. Young, foreman (?) £2 10s, hours unlimited. Bush a very good hand, but in an unfortunate position which he would like to get out of £2, hours unlimited. R. Palmer, 35s per week A. H. Hamilton, either 30s or 35s, Dickson, either 30s or 36s per week. Frank Kroupa, another very decent young fellow, who has got in a bad school. 35s per week; four or five devils at 5s to 2s.6d per week. Clayton himself is machinist (?) and jobbing department ! If he finds a job has been taken for 5s, he immediately offers to do it for 2s 6d, and then tells the hands he cannot afford to pay overtime because the price of the job will not allow it; and the hands seem to see it in that light, and do the work for nothing. This is far cheaper than I have ever got work done for myself. I could give you an account of how he got at me, and show that he is a blackguardly scoundrel whom every printer ought to shun, but I will reserve it in the meantime. To show that this is not the only place where he has played the same game, I may mention that there was a young man employed here at one time named **Boagey**. He was also" employed by Clayton at Patea. One day Clayton wanted something done and one of the hands dropped the remark, "Are we to get anything for it?" Clayton turned to Boagey and said, "Did I not always pay my men at Patea" to which Boagey replied, "I never saw a man employed there while you had it." As to the "News," I was employed in Gisborne to come down at £3 per week, and when I got there was told by the manager I could take 50s or clear. As I considered myself a cut above a man who can only work on an evening paper, I took the first opportunity to clear. My whole experience of the Liberal party is that they exact the largest amount of work for the most miserable pay. Hoping that you will lay these facts before the printers of Hawke s Bay and ask for any further information on the subject you may be in need of, I have, &c, A. A. George, printer and journalist, and one proud of either title.*** Mr Clayton in continuation stated that he first met defendant about March, 1886, at his office in Hastings. Witness was about to start a paper in Hastings, and made defendant an offer to buy his plant and to take him as foreman. Engaged defendant accordingly at £3.5s a week. Defendant was with plaintiff a month or six weeks when he was dismissed by plaintiff. After defendant left Mr Henry was made foreman, and afterwards at his request witness again engaged defendant as a jobbing hand. The defendant and Mr Henry leased the paper from witness on the 1st of October last. The lease (produced) was signed by witness. The possession under that lease lasted from the 1st October 1886, to the 17th May last. Under that lease certain machinery belonging to defendant was deposited with witness. The value was about £90. Defendant also agreed to pay **Mr McEwan** the rent. Being dissatisfied with defendant's manner of conducting the paper, witness took possession of it with defendant's consent, and agreed to buy defendant's plant to the value of £100, And to allow him to remove any thing over that value. Witness went into the office and defendant rejoined as foreman for five or six weeks when witness discharged him. Witness said since had nothing more to do with him. Witness had had business connections with Mr Ivess. Leased the Ashburton Mail of him. Was not then friendly with him. Ivess was a candidate for Whananui and witness did not support him in witness's paper. An unfriendly letter appeared in the paper and the result was a libel action in which witness was defendant. Witness did not think he was indebted to defendant. Mr Young was in witness's office. He got £2.10s a week and a percentage of profits. His hours were from 8 to 5. Their usual hours were 8 to 5. Had three boys in the office. Witness did not keep "devils." Their wages were two at 7s.6d and one at 10s a week. Had not cut down printing charges. Has refused work on low terms. Tendered for work at Waipawa and was unsuccessful. The alleged conversation with Boagey never took place. Cross-examined by Mr Dick: I acted generously towards George. The motive for letting the Star to Messrs George and Henry was £2 10s a week. The Star had very good prospects when let to them. I never promised defendant a permanent situation at Wellington with £100 a year. I told him that I had been trying to get him one. I am now on good terms with Ivess. I do not take things cheap as a rule. Mr Young is in my office. I got the letter from him. I did not tell him I had permission to get the letter. **Walter Beyer** deposed that he was a compositor at the Herald office, and received the

letter produced. Witness attended a meeting of printers called to consider Mr Ivess conduct in reducing wages. Witness read aloud the whole of defendant's letter, except that part which referred to Mr Young receiving £2.10s a week salary. About 30 people were present; all journeyman printers. Cross-examined by Mr Dick: The trade had had a good deal of discussion about wages. The object of the meeting was to refute statements made by Mr Ivess regarding the printing trade. The letter produced is my property. I consented to part with it to Young till the statements which affected him were refuted. Mr Clayton asked me for the letter and I told him I could not consent to give it up until I had consulted the other persons who had taken part in the meeting. There were two letters read at the meeting, and a resolution was passed to the effect that neither of them should be published. [Mr Williams objected that the resolution should be put in.] Witness: It was resolved at the meeting that the letter should not be published. **Joseph Collins** deposed that he was a compositor working in Napier. Witness had heard the letter produced read at the printers' meeting on the 20th August, except the part referring to Young. The meeting took no notice of the letter as they did not consider it came from a sufficiently reliable source. Mr Palmer, compositor, working at the Hastings Star, gave corroborative evidence. Charles Young deposed that he was a compositor working in the Star office. Heard the letter produced read at the printers' meeting. Asked Beyer if witness could have the letter to contradict the statements made in it respecting himself. Got the letter from Beyer and showed it to the men in the Star office. Mr Clayton came in while witness was reading the letter, and witness showed it to him. Mr Clayton asked for the loan of it to take a copy. Witness consented to give it to him on the condition that he would take no action until he had seen the chairman of the printers' meeting. Mr Clayton went into town to see Mr Beyer, and in the evening witness met him. Mr Clayton said that he had seen Mr Beyer and the men in the Herald, and that all that he had to do was to see the men in the Telegraph to get their permission. Witness gave Mr Clayton the letter and he took a copy of it. Witness understood Mr Clayton to say that he had got permission. Cross-examined by Mr Dick: I received a letter stating that the original letter was not to be used. Re-examined by Mr Williams: Saw two of the men and they said they had given their permission. Walter Beyer (re-called by Mr Dick) : I heard the last witness. I did not give permission to Mr Clayton to get the letter from Mr Young. I had no consent from anyone, and could give no permission. Only one man of the Herald out of a companionship of eleven seemed willing. I spoke to several others, but they were not favourable to giving up the letter. I promised to speak to the Telegraph men, but only mentioned the matter to three of them. Mr Dick, for the defence, contended that the law against criminal libel was obsolete, like the Lord's Day Act of Charles 11 and that the information should be dismissed. In the present proceedings the defendant's mouth was shut, whereas in a civil action both sides would have been able to put in evidence to support their respective cases. He asked the Court not to put the country in its present state to the expense of further criminal proceedings. He contended that there was no legal publication, as the printers' meeting was a private one, and George as a printer had written a letter which was a private letter, which got out against the consent of the man to whom it was given. Moreover, if the information were dismissed, Clayton had his other remedy, Mr Williams said that the Court had to consider, firstly, whether there was a libel, and secondly, if there was publication. On the first point the words of the letter were clear; and there could be no doubt that there had been publication - firstly to Beyer himself, and secondly to the meeting. His Worship said: I am myself opposed to any action of criminal libel unless there is a very strong case, but I have simply to administer the law as it stands, so I shall put the defendant on his defence. His Worship then asked the defendant if he wished to say anything, giving him the usual caution. The defendant, acting on the advice of his counsel, reserved his defence, and was committed for trial. Bail was allowed - defendant in £50, with one surety in the like amount. His Worship asked Mr Williams whether he would prosecute? Mr Williams replied that if there were a chance of the Crown taking the matter up lie would not be retained. His Worship: If you will not go on with the prosecution I shall dismiss the case, as I am convinced that the Crown will not prosecute. I shall not certify for costs, as I am opposed to these prosecutions. The case excited great interest, the Court being crowded throughout.

1887 October, At the Resident Magistrate's Court before Mr C. A. Preece, R.M., the following case - George v. Clayton. Claim £8 .9s .8d for overtime. The defendant is the proprietor of the Hastings Star and the plaintiff was employed in the printing office of that paper. The plaintiff's contention was that he was entitled to the sum claimed in respect of work done by him after hours. After hearing the evidence on both sides the Court non-suited the plaintiff, but without costs.

James Henry Clayton ended up in court again over an advertising embezzlement case.

*NOTICE TO TOWN SUB-
SCRIBERS.*

*TOWN SUBSCRIBERS to the
STAR are requested NOT TO
PAY the Boys who deliver the Paper.
In future, Quarterly Accounts will be
rendered and receipts forwarded direct
from the Office.*

The Rates of Subscription are :
In Advance, 6s per quarter
Booked 6s 6d " "

*J. H. CLAYTON,
Proprietor.*

Star Office, Jan 16, 1888.

1888 January, Not to pay the delivery boys, J. H. Clayton

Alfred Amory George journalist remained in Hastings, he possibly worked for the main H B Newspapers from April 1888? In 1894 he was in partnership with C. Young, Printers for a short while, before starting The Bulletin Printing Works in Karamu Rd sth next to the Kings Theatre.

The Hastings Hop grounds -

1883, Tanner acquired the services of **Edwin James Whibley** from Kent to begin and manage his hop garden and kiln drying. Mr Whibley born October 1848 at Sevenoaks Kent having been all his life hop farming in Kent where his family for generations back have nearly all been hop farmers is an authority on hop growing. (There were the Whibley Brothers at Ashurst who already grew hops from the early 1880's and Edwin may have been related to them)

1884 February, Mr Tanner stated there were 500 acres of hops grown in Nelson last year, the hops from which land were sold for £91,000. This would give an average of just £182 per acre; but as a good deal of the land was only newly planted, which would not yield more than one-fourth of what a three or four-year-old garden would do, the land in full bearing would realise considerably more than that.

1884 November, Mr Tanner's hop gardens on Riverslea estate along the northern side of **Havelock Rd** from past Norton Rd seen through a shelter belt of **poplar and firs trees** to protect the bines from both the westerly and southerly winds, which would otherwise be injured by high winds. The hops are very uncertain and twenty hours' strong wind, or a small army of spiders, may ruin them.



The hop gardens eventually extended St. George's Rd. The Riverslea drain ran across the hop garden from Arvedsens across Lumsden Rd to Norton Rd then via Apperley's. The Havelock North to Hastings Coach approaching at right. There was a line of well grown trees on the left side and a drain from Hastings to Havelock Rd of Tanner's old Riverslea Estate before it was subdivided into sections for sale. Selwood Rd only went as far as Park Terrace

Entering the Hop Gardens gate from the Havelock Rd opposite (Northe) Norton Rd along the rear of the Selwood Rd sections – to Tanner's Oust House built around 1884 on Section 40, there are two brick hop kilns - 20 feet square. Connected with the kilns was the cool store room 20 by 50 feet and above it is a packing-floor room of the same size with a powerful hop press, all very substantially built of wood. There was also an inside hop garden track extending all the way to St. George's Rd along the line of trees on the northern side of the Havelock Rd.

1884, Mr Whibley who laid out the ground and has had charge of it, having been all his life hop farming, chiefly in Kent, where his family for generations back have nearly all been hop farmers. There are eleven acres he says he never saw hops of the same age looking so well. There are three sets in each hill, the hills being seven feet apart. About half the ground is under 'goldings' obtained from the Wairoa, the rest being in 'grapes' of which the sets came from Nelson. The 'sets' were planted less than six months ago and were merely small cuttings without roots. The hops are beginning to form and from appearances there should be a good crop for the first year. Mr Tanner was so satisfied with his last year's experience in this line that he has greatly enlarged his plantation and now has **38 acres in hops**. The different sorts are planted so that they will not all be fit for picking at the same time, but come on in rotation. The ground is kept in first-rate order, scarcely a weed to be seen in the whole garden. The bines, which are of only about four months growth, have run up to the top of the poles and are hanging down, many of them having a growth of twenty-six feet. The hop-plants clothing the poles to a height of eighteen foot, and heavy with "fruit." The ground beneath, to which scarce a ray of sun can penetrate, so dense is the greenery above. There are 30,000 hills, and no less than 42,000 poles are in use. The hills are 7ft apart each way, with one pole to each hill. The poles alone had cost over £2000; the best poles were manuka and had been imported from Auckland, the next best were black birch which had been got from the Seventy-mile Bush; tawa and titoki were too brittle and did not last any time. Near the oust house there are a furnace and tar bath and the lower ends of all the poles were subjected to immersion in this for eleven hours. With this treatment a pole should last six years. In another part of the estate Mr Tanner is growing a **plantation of blue gums** from which a supply of poles in a year or two can for the future be obtained. The laying out of the ground, planting sets, preparing poles etc has given employment to a large number of persons, and necessitated a large expenditure of money may return a handsome percentage on the outlay. The hops will be ready for picking at the end of March where about 250 hop pickers were required; coaches were put on and doctors recommended hop picking as a medical positive for the ailing. The children of the district were looking forward to the hop-picking season to earn some spending money, the Hastings school did not reopen til the 29 March.



Tanner's Hop Oust house

1884 March, **Mr William Crayford** who is now drying the hops at Riverslea. The kiln should by preference be circular and of brick, and have a conical roof lined with lath and plaster to keep in the heat. Where however economy is a desideratum the walls may be made of boards and the wall of the cooling room may be made either of boards or iron. The furnace is in the form of an arch and has lateral openings through which the heat passes into a hot-air chamber. Above this and at a height of 14ft from the furnace is a wooden grating covered with a horse-hair cloth on which the hops are spread. The great point is to keep up a uniform heat. This is done by means of sliding dampers in the walls of the hot-air chamber, by opening or closing which the temperature is regulated as required. The best temperature is from 150deg to 200deg. The hops are dried for 12 hours, the test of their being sufficiently dried being that they are brittle in the 'string' or core. It is well to be on the safe side and fully dry them, or as it is termed, 'home-dry' them, especially if they be intended for keeping, as otherwise they may go bad. The fire is started with charcoal and coke after which coke alone is used. When the hops have cooled they are put into 'pockets' and pressed. A screw press for this purpose costs about £30. Mr Crayford considers that it would pay to build a small kiln for five or six acres of hops. The cost of such a kiln, if wood were used for the sides of the drying room and iron for the sides of the cooling room, would be about £170. Mr Ellis has brewed some beer with a sample of the Riverslea hops and praises them highly.

The Hawke's Bay brewers have learned by experience that Mr Tanner's hops are far stronger and of better quality than anything they can procure from Nelson, and that they are well worth the extra 5d per lb demanded for them. Mr Birch and Mr Ormond's plantations along the Omaha Rd were on a smaller scale.

Edward James Whibley b: October 1848 in Horsmonden Kent, the son of Mary and George Whibley. In 1890 he married Mrs Mary Jane Joll nee Ebbett b: October 1850 in Tavistock Devon. They had one child – April 1891, Frederick Edwin Whibley born in Hastings, he married Ivy Eugene Robb in 1919. Edward James Whibley died April 1908 aged 59, and Mary Jane Whibley, Joll nee Ebbett died July 1930 aged 82.

Alfred Masters was born 1847 at Warehorn in Kent, he had married 1881 Alice Lydia Leeves born 1862. They immigrated to Napier in 1883 on the *British Queen* – not nominated - Alfred 34 was a **Shepherd**, Alice 22 and son Sydney 4. Tanner possible employed him from the Napier immigrants barracks.

1884, Alfred Masters, hop grower of Riverslea reports that he sent off by train to-day his first bale of hops consigned to Mr G. B. Swan, Napier. This is only an advance picking; the general crop will be ready for picking about the end of February.

1884 April, **Riverslea harvest home and hop ball** was held at Mr T. Tanner's Riverslea estate to celebrate, to which fully two hundred persons assembled. The entertainment was held in the **new hop barn**, which was prettily decorated for the occasion in **lower room of the drying-kiln**. The building, which is 50 x 20, was well adapted for the purpose. The ground floor was used for the ball-room, and the upper floor for supper, &c ; the kiln, a brick building of 20 x 20, was used as a ladies' room. Mr R. Vaughan was the caterer for the supper, **served in the upper room**, both rooms being tastefully decorated. and it is needless to say it was supplied in his usual liberal and thorough style. Mr Tanner welcomed his guests in a neat speech, and then opened the ball, the Misses Tanner joining in the dancing to Mr Shanley on the piano and Mr Nuttall on the violin, supplied the sweet strains for the dancers very satisfactorily. The card of the ball programme, which contained eighteen dances, was a very appropriate one for the occasion; it was headed " Riverslea Harvest Home and Hop Ball," After supper Mr Tanner's health was proposed by Mr Harry Smith, and Mr Thompson responded on behalf of Mr Tanner. Mr McLeod proposed Mr Thompson's health. Mr Doney proposed "Mr Whibley and the hop industry" Mr C. Tanner proposed "The Ladies" for whom Mr G. St. Hill wittily returned thanks. Song followed

song, more toasts were drunk and dancing was resumed and kept up till the rosy god of morn warned the revellers that it was time to retire for their night's rest.

1885 November, Riverslea Estate Land Sale - Mr E. J. Whibley bought Lot 77 for £100 and Lot 82 for £50.

A PPLICATIONS for Hop-picking will
be received by E. J. Whibley, Has-
tings.

1886, January advert – he needed around two hundred and fifty men, women and children.
The pay at three pence a bushel

1886 October, The hop plants of Mr Tanner's garden are a full month late in growth than they were this time last year.

John Mountfield Bennett a hop drier b:1845 the son of Agnes and Sir John Bennett. In March 1880 at Hornsey, Middlesex he married Clarisse Selina Brindle b: 1850 in London, the daughter of Selina and Joseph Brindle. Both sets of parents settled in New Zealand. They first settled in Nelson where two sons were born - 1881 John Sydney Bennett he died December 1918 in Wellington aged 37 and May 1882 Harold Mountfield Bennett he married Leola Eileen Schroder in February 1906. John was listed in 1885 – 1890 as a hop drier at Hastings. In December 1888 John advertised in Australia Newspapers seeking a position as Hop Direr manager, he having served 4 years with Mr T. Tanner of HB, but they moved to Masterton where John was an agent. John Mountfield Bennett died September 1917 in Karori, Wellington aged 72 and Clarisse Selina Bennett nee Brindle died December 1939 in Karori Wellington aged 89.

1887, John Mountfield Bennett, Hastings, a hop drier

TO MERCHANTS AND STORE-
KEEPERS.
RIVERSLEA ½-Pound Packet Hops
For Sale.
25lb EACH CASE.
ADDRESS: E. J. WHIBLEY, Hastings.

1887 June, Riverslea ½ pound packet of Hops, E. J. Whibley

1888 February, The first bale of Kent Golding hops of the season grown at Riverslea was sold to the well known and popular brewer of Hastings Mr Geo Ellis at 1s 6d per lb. For so early picking the quality was exceptionally good.

1890 February, The Riverslea hop gardens now under culture by Messrs Masters and Piper. The early Goldings are going to be picked and Mr Piper hopes to get 15cwt to the acre. The luxuriance of the bine - from 16 to 24 feet. These will not be picked for about three weeks. They are loaded with 'Imris' the rains this year having been very favourable to them. The whole of the crops clean and healthy, neither spiders nor fleas having made their unwelcome appearance. Mr Piper estimates the probable yield of the late Goldings at a ton to the acre. In one way or another the hop garden circulates about £700 a year in Hastings. Wish we had a few more "local industries " like this.

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1890, Edwin James Whibley married Mrs Mary Jane Joll nee Ebbett, they had seven children. They had one son – Frederick Edwin Whibley 1891. In 1895 E. J. Whibley was on the Heretaunga Dairy Factory and the Hastings Farmers Association. They later moved over to Greenmeadows then to Woodville. 1908 April, Edwin James Whibley died on Easter Sunday at Pinfold Rd Woodville in his 60th year, late of Hastings and Greenmeadows, eldest son of the late Mr George Whibley, of Tudely, Cambridge, Kent. Edwin Whibley was previously working at Mr Masters' hop gardens. Mary Jane Whibley nee Ebbett died July 1930 aged 80.

Thomas Tanner was in serious debt and was not making much money from his Hop growing venture, so he first leased then eventually sold the 38 mature acres Hop garden and buildings to Alfred Masters in 1893.

1890 July, Riverslea Estate Land Sales - the unsold Riverslea sections - Block 9 - Section 75 - **A. Masters** £20; section 26 - **Mrs Masters** £10.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to **MONDAY, 24th instant, for Sinking Three Artesian Wells in Riverslea Hop Gardens.**
ALFRED MASTERS,
Riverslea Hop Gardens,
Hastings.
November 19th, 1890.

1890 November, Alfred Masters, Riverslea Hop Gardens of 23½ acres wanted three artesian wells sunk.

1891 February, At the R.M. Court this morning, before Messrs Burnett and Tanner, John Walden and S. Speer were fined 5s and 7s costs each for allowing their cows to stray. **Alfred Masters** was charged with allowing three calves to wander. Mr Masters said he had no need to send them on the roads to graze, for he had an area of grass to every head of cattle he possessed, but the calves certainly were on the roads. Mr John Collinge said that he was aware that Mr Masters had sufficient food for his cattle. The Bench could not make any distinction, as the calves were admitted to be straying, but would only inflict the minimum penalty of 5s and 7s costs.

1891 March, Reporter returns to the Riverslea hop gardens - the prettiest sight in the district. There are the long cool vistas in which the sun makes flickering lights and shadows as the festoons of bine wave in the breeze. Their golden clusters contrast finely with the blue sky. Under them are the pickers, presenting here and there those bright spots of colour dear to the artist, if ever work loses its more or less repulsive aspect it is in a family gathering of this kind, where little fingers are nimble in swelling the tale of hops picked. A picnic element is introduced into the scene by the little fires of hop bines lighted in preparation for the noonday cup, "which cheers but non inebriates," but which gives indigestion and dyspepsia when indulged in in colonial fashion. If it be wrong to drink anything bad for our health, I hope that someday a band of real "total abstainers" may arise who shall forswear not merely the strong drink which is raging, but also the baleful teapot denounced by sturdy **William Cobbett** who in his admirable "Advice to Young Men," thus warns them: "Let me beseech you to free yourselves from the slavery of the tea and coffee and other 'slop kettle,' if unhappily you have been bred up to such slavery. Experience has taught me that those slops are injurious to health; until I left them off (having taken to them at the age of twenty-six) even my habits of sobriety, moderate eating, early rising even these were not, until I left off the 'slops,' sufficient to give me that complete health which I have since had." To abjure any drinks which tend to enervate or enfeeble would be consistent, but, alas I now, as in Hudibras's day, there are too many folk who compound for sins they are Inclined to by damning those they have no mind to. This digression, however, has led me a long way from my hops. Although in spite of the good wind screen surrounding them, many of the poles have been much blown about by the wind, the crop looks flourishing, and I am glad to learn from **Mr Piper** that it has escaped the "ilea" and other peats, and that the yield is good, the Kent Goldings" now being cleared yielding at the rate of 25 cwt per acre. Of the quality, both as regards colour and aroma, I can judge for myself, and I find them fully up to last year's standard. Mr Piper says a great portion of the crop is going home, where owing to the demand created by the almost universal hop blight, it will fetch from 1s to 1s 6d a pound and upwards, Mr Piper complains that some of the visitors who have honoured him with their presence have, in spite of all remonstrance's, been very rough on the bines. I am sure that he would not grudge a few sprigs to those who ask him for them, but when it comes to telling away long trailing clusters, without regard to the damage done to the rest of the bine, he has a right to growl.

1891 September, The owners of Riverslea are arranging to cut up the well known **hop gardens** at Hastings for sale by auction. About 60 acres of land will be cut up into allotments varying from 3 to 5 acres, and each allotment will contain about 2 ½ acres of growing hops. This decision has been come to, not because that the hop industry is not a paying one, but because it is clear that the area now in hops is too much for one person to undertake, We understand that the average size of hop grounds in other parts of the colony is from 2 to 5 acres, and we have no doubt that there are many persons about Hastings who will be glad to take this opportunity of securing a hop garden of such an extent that it can be worked by one owner.

C. B. HOADLEY & CO.'S SALES

BY AUCTION.

RIVERSLEA HOP GARDENS.

MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1891,
At 2 p.m.

C. B. HOADLEY AND CO.

Have been instructed to offer on the above date, at their Rooms, Napier, the

RIVERSLEA HOP GARDENS,
Subdivided into

13 ALLOTMENTS 13

Varying in Area from Three Acres upwards, each with an Extensive Frontage to the Havelock-road.

Each Allotment will be sold with its **GROWING CROP OF HOPS,** All Dressed and ready for Polling. The land has been lately richly manured, and the Crops promise to be excellent.

Apart from the value of the Hops, the situation and quality of the soil offers everything that can be desired, and it is to meet the increasing demand for small holdings that this portion of the Estate has been subdivided.

Purchasers will be able to use the Oust-house for the next two seasons upon reasonable terms.

Plans showing the area of Growing Hops upon each Allotment will be forwarded post free upon application to the Auctioneer, or may be obtained from Mr A. B. Greene, Hastings.

Terms—One quarter cash; one quarter in 6 months; balance in 18 months, Interest at 6 per cent.

C. B. HOADLEY & CO.

HOP POLES FOR SALE

THE undersigned have been instructed by T. TANNER, Esq., to inform intending purchasers of the Riverslea Hop Garden Allotments that the Hop Poles upon the land can be purchased in any number. For price and terms apply to

C. B. HOADLEY & CO.,
Araia.

RIVERSLEA SECTIONS.

AT AUCTION.

(Immediately after the Sale of the Hop Gardens.)

MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER,
At 2 p.m.

C. B. HOADLEY & CO.

Have been instructed by the owner, who is leaving the district, to sell at their Rooms, on above date—

SECTIONS Nos. 60, 61, 62, AND 63,
BLOCK II, RIVERSLEA,
Containing in all
3a. 1r. 22p.

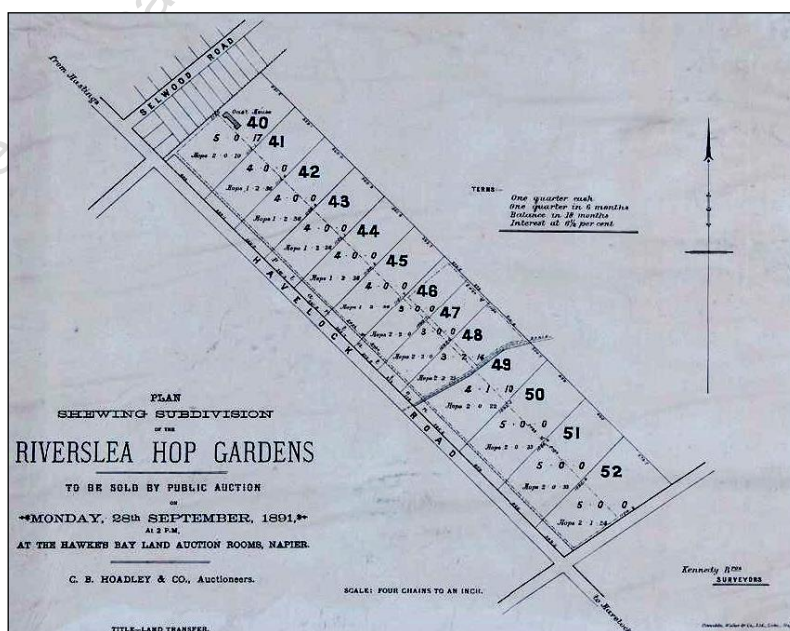
These well-situated Sections are partly fenced and some of the Richest on the Plains.

Terms at Sale.

C. B. HOADLEY AND CO.

1891 September, Those wishing to take advantage of the sale of the Riverslea hop gardens, which will be sold in various sized allotments by Messrs C. B. Hoadley and Co. at their rooms, should embrace the opportunity between now and the day of sale, of inspecting this beautiful property. All the frontage to the Havelock Rd on the opposite side has been disposed of and there are now only these frontage left, for which there has been considerable demand. Those who fail to purchase at this sale must be prepared to give enhanced prices when they come to buy second hand.

1891 September, Riverslea hop gardens sale - Each section contains several acres of hops, and with the prospect of the season should prove a good investment, especially to those with family labour. The use of the outhouse can be secured on reasonable terms for two seasons, and the hop poles will be obtained at considerably under cost price. Apart from the value of the hops and plantation those sections should commend themselves to those wishing to acquire residential and farming allotments, as these are the last of the Havelock Rd site and should steadily improve in value.

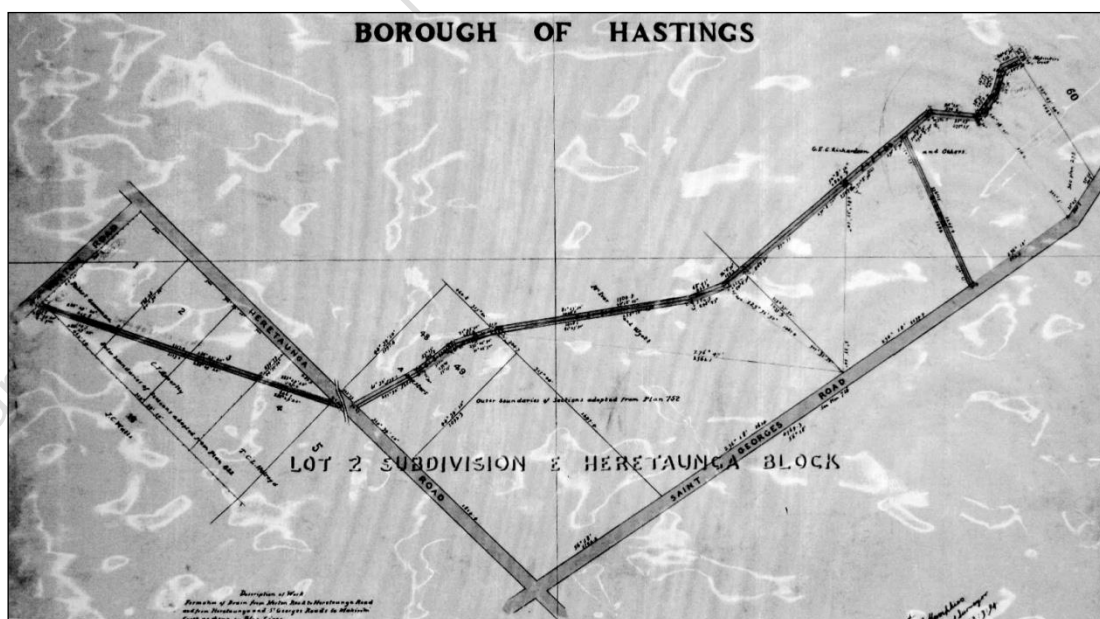


1891 September, Shows Hop grounds bordering Havelock Rd between Selwood Rd (Windsor Ave) and St. George's Rd, the Ouse House at the rear of Section 40, the Riverslea drain passing through sections 58 and 59

1891 September, Riverslea **hop gardens** and other portions of the Riverslea estate. Section 41, containing 4 acres of hop gardens, was purchased by **Mr A. Reid** at £10 per acre; section 42, 4 acres, **Mr J. Garnett** at £42 10s per acre; section 48, 3 acres 2 roods 14 perches, Messrs **Masters and Leeves** at £40 per acre. Block 2.—Sections 17 and 18, containing 51 acres 36 perches **Mr J. Watts** at £30 per acre. The balance of the hop garden allotments is now open for sale privately at £40 per acre, a price that should ensure a speedy sale.

1892 May, The once-boasted "hop gardens of Hastings" are **now a thing of the past**. The land has been parted with in a number of sections, and speaking in general terms all the bines are grubbed up. The large oast-house stands empty and forlorn - a witness to what has been, but with little promise for the future.

1893 April, Hastings RM Court - Alfred Masters v the Mayor and Borough Council of Hastings. This was a claim for damages for the **flooding of plaintiff's hop garden** by the action of the Council. When the land was owned by Mr Tanner there was a drain through the hop garden, but when it was cut up into sections and sold to other owners the drain became blocked up. The Council had no right to bring a drain from other parts of the borough and pour it on to plaintiffs land without an agreement with him; and they were responsible for the consequences. Away back to Warren St all the land was drained on to plaintiffs property. In spite of the notices which they received the defendants turned the water into plaintiffs drain. The damage stated to have been sustained by him had been limited to £100 to bring it within the jurisdiction of the R.M. Court, but it really amounted to £170. **Alfred Masters** stated that he was the owner of sections **48 and 49 of the hop gardens at Riverslea**. There was a culvert crossing the Havelock Rd at sections 48 and 49. It was there when plaintiff first went on to the garden. There was a public drain on the side of the road opposite to the hop garden. At the time that he first went to the garden, there was no outlet to that drain. In 1884 the water from the culvert went through the hop gardens drain. The drain running through the **M'Ivor and Wyatt's paddock** was blocked up in 1887 or 1888. In 1889 the hop gardens were free from water lying on the land and in the drain. The soil was very porous. The drain on the opposite side of the road was deepened in July 1891. In June 1892 there were heavy rains. At that time the drain running through **Apperley's and Holroyd's sections** was blocked up. It had been blocked up for years. The rains flooded witness's hop garden for about three and a half acres. Witness went to Mr Collinge, the Town Clerk, and told him that the land was flooded by the drain which the Council had made, and by his advice wrote to the Council. Mr Collinge went to the garden and took levels. Witness wrote to the Council stating that if the water lay long on his land it would render it useless for this season. The following week the Council sent **five men to clean out the old drain**, but still there were eight or nine inches of water left which could not get away because there was no outlet. The principal part of the water stopped about the borough boundary. Witness and his partner baled out the water for a fortnight. In August, 1892, there was another heavy rain. Between June and August the drain through **Apperley's section had been properly filled in by him**. The result of the rain in August was that witness's hop garden was flooded about the same as before. When Mr Tanner had the gardens, the drain running through them was kept open. **Charles Apperley** stated that he considered the cause of the plaintiff's land being flooded in June last was the water from the Borough Council's drain. Ascribed the second flood to the same cause. William Crayford stated that he had been in the hop-growing business all his life. Estimated the plaintiff's damage at from £300 to £350.



1893 April, Tanner's old drain from Norton Rd Lot 2 Subdivision E Heretaunga Block shows property owners sections - 18 J. C. Wall, 1. Robert Gooseman, 2. 3. C. J. Apperley, 4. 5. T. C. L. Holroyd, across the Havelock Rd to 48, 49 A. Masters, then Mclvor and Watt and G. E. C. Richardson and Others to St. George's Rd and into the Makirikiri creek

1893 May, Riverslea Estate Land Sales - Block 9 - Sections 21, 22 and 23 to **A. Masters** £60. Block 11 - **Hop Gardens - Section 40 with buildings - O'Reilly and Masters** for £404.

1893 July, **Riverslea Estate** sale by C. B. Hoadley and Co. **Hop Grounds** - Section No. **46 - C. Apperley** £120.

1893 December, Mr A. Masters claimed that he had received further damage to the extent of £250 through defective drainage on the Havelock Rd. Mr Apperley also considered he had lost £50. Messrs Carlile and McLean wrote on their behalf.

1894 February, Council - The proposed drain from Norton Rd to the Makirikiri creek be abandoned and that in lieu thereof the old drain be opened up through Messrs Horne, Apperley and Halroyd's sections, to the Heretaunga St and that the old line of drain through the **hop gardens** from Heretaunga St to the 'wash pool' be adopted."

1895 June, Alfred Masters brought a successful court action against the Council for flooding his Hop Gardens due to the Makirikiri creek being diverted into the Southland drain which caused problems from insufficient outlet capacity. At the time of the flooding a ditch or drain in the charge of the Council ran in a straight line along the Havelock Rd through considerable part of the borough of Hastings in a southerly direction to the Ngaruroro river. The **hop garden** belonging to the respondent fronts on to the road. It lies in a low basin through which the Havelock Rd passes some thirty chains south of its junction with the Norton Rd. In a state of nature this basin contained a lagoon rounded by raupo swamp, which, except at the end of very dry seasons, had water standing in it all the year round. Mr Tanner a former owner of the large estate comprising the plaintiff's land, had dug a ditch through the basin, crossing the Havelock Rd and the hop garden and running in a south-easterly direction to the Makirikiri creek. This ditch, whilst it remained open, effectually **drained the hop garden**. On the sale of Mr Tanner's property, **Mclvor and Watt** the purchasers of the land lying below the plaintiff's on the course of Tanner's drain, they filled it up leaving the hop garden dependent for drainage on the Havelock Rd drain. The plaintiff's land is lower than any of the town streets to the northwards. It is also lower than **Taylor's lagoon** and the other large lagoons north of the Norton Rd.

1897, Mr Master's upper Hop Kiln building was used by locals as a refuge during the big flood.

1898 February, advert – Hop Picking will commence on Monday 28th instant at 8am sharp. Alf Masters.

1903, Alfred Masters grew hops at Riverslea until the end of the Boer War in 1902 when his son Sydney returned from the war then planted fruit trees.



Looking north, taken from behind the entrance track from the Havelock Rd – opposite (North Rd) Norton Rd with access to Selwood Rd (Windsor Ave) by Masters residence. The People in the photo are: Alfred Masters on landing at left, Sydney Masters centre top, Frederick Masters right landing, Robert and Emily Masters on ground

Sections 21, 22 Selwood Rd had a cottage with an Artesian well at the rear boundary, between section 23 and 24 was a driveway access off Selwood Rd to the Hop Kilns – later 209 – 301 Windsor Ave.

1909 April, Alfred Masters ran for Council, they resided at 113 Selwood Rd. Another son George Masters b:1890 at Hastings died September 1916 WW1 son of Alfred & Alice Masters of 207 Selwood Rd Hastings.

1910, Masters was on the Fruit growers committee and promoting the Jam making Industry for Hastings. Aprox 1914, all the hops plants were pulled out and replaced with fruit trees. The old Hop Kiln building was then used as a **hall** for public functions with access from Selwood Rd (Windsor Ave)

1911 May, That the drain through Masters' hop gardens be made two feet wider and one foot deeper than at present, and that the Hawke's Bay County Council be asked to contribute to the cost of the work.

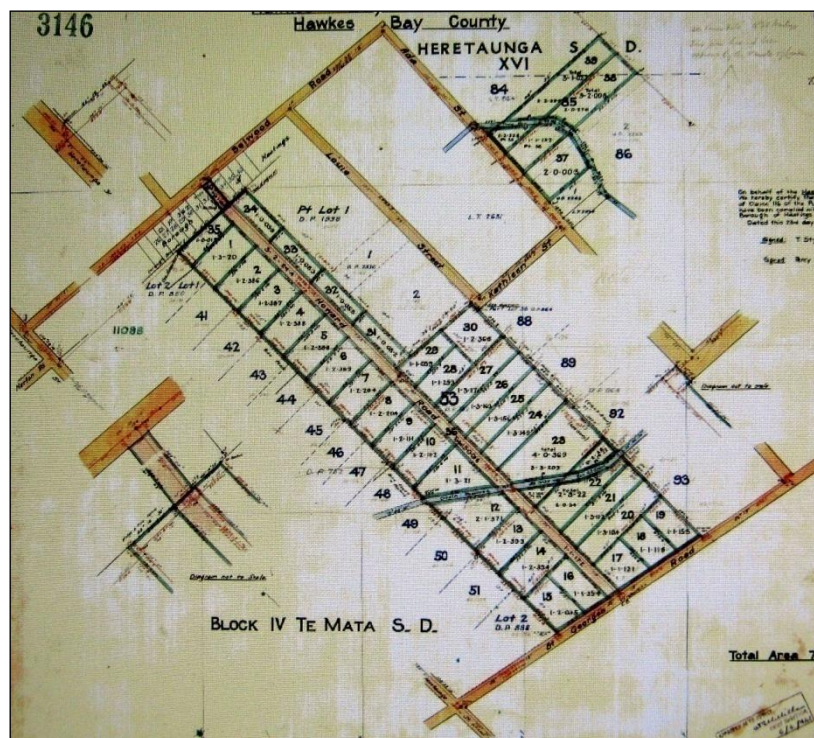
1913, Mr **Fred Howard** gifted from his Parkvale property 1 acre for a Parkvale School to be built, the HBEB purchased additional land at a later sale. Section 33 Selwood Rd was made into Howard St entrance.

1914 June, At Hastings the opportunity was taken to bid "God speed" to Mr George Masters, son of Mr and Mrs **A. Masters** of the **Riverslea Hop Gardens**, who is leaving for England next month to study for the Anglican ministry. Mr Masters was the son of two of St Matthew's most respected parishioners.

1919 February, After a year of almost continuous effort on the part of the committee, elected by the residents of Hastings East, to further the interests of a school for that district, a side-school was opened temporarily in Mr **Master's Hop Kiln Hall** last Tuesday. Thirty-nine children were enrolled the first morning, and the attendance is creeping up day by day, though only children up to Standard I. are being admitted.

1919 July, A social and dance to be held in **Master's Hop Kiln Hall** on Friday evening is for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to purchase suitable flags for peace celebrations. The committee hope to see a good attendance.

1919 July, A very large and enthusiastic meeting of householders attended at the **Hop Kiln Hall** on Monday evening, to elect a committee for the school to be erected at Parkvale. Alfred Masters was on the Vestry Committee of St Matthews Anglican Church.



Section 33 Selwood Rd was made as an entrance for Howard St and Parkvale School

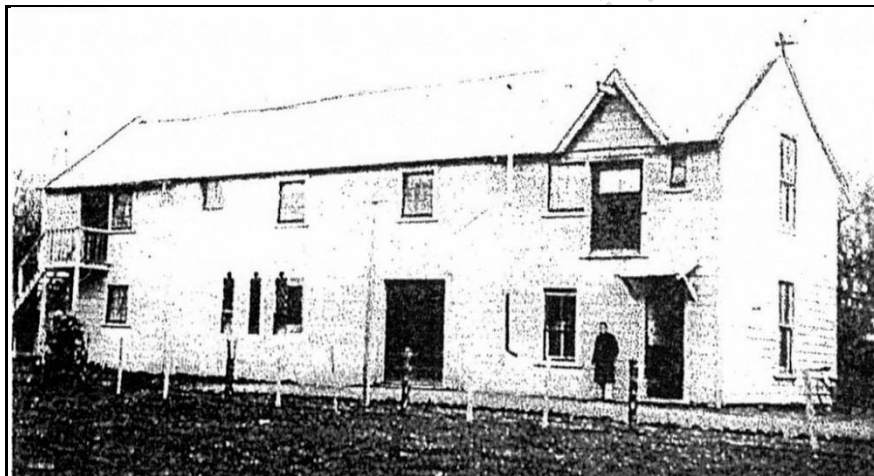
1922 April, The upper story of the wooden Hop building was secured for the purpose of St Matthews Sunday School with 84 scholars, next they rented the lower floor for this purpose and at the same time to accept the generous offer of the Rev. J. Hobbs to take charge of that end of the Hastings parish. The picturesque disused hop kiln hall building with large brick square ends surrounded with pointed roofs - the portion between being of wood on an acre of ground off Selwood Rd entrance was sold to the Anglican Church through the generous offer of the owner Mr Masters. A sum of over £100 was collected from friends of the parish and used for renovating and decorating, the electric light was installed, new furniture added, and a portion of the end of the building made into a beautiful Sanctuary. Mr Armstrong White deserves thanks for the time and labour he has given as architect and carpenter, and for enlisting the practical help of all in making the wonderful improvements to the whole building.

1922 October, The Mothers Union held their Hastings east meetings in the old Parkvale Hall.



1931, Frederick Masters, and unknown, with Robert Masters and Alfred or Fred Masters, grandsons of Frederick, in front of the Masters family hop kiln taken after the earthquake. The two brick kilns at each end of the buildings were later destroyed, but the wooden building behind survived. The kiln bricks were then used as a garden wall at the Gordon family's Clifton Station homestead

1930 August, A dedication of **St. Barnabas Mission Hall** at Parkvale was the result of two years' work in the Parkvale District by the Rev. John Hobbs. The main building stood for another 21 years until 1952 when it was destroyed by a fire believed to have been caused by faulty electric wiring.



1934, "St Barnabas" Church Parkvale, formerly T. Tanner's Oast House, shows Rev. Carl E. Tanner standing beside door

1935 May, The planting of trees and shrubs around the **St. Barnabas Mission Hall** boundary to mark Royal Jubilee.

Alfred Masters died 1937 at Hastings aged 90 and Alice Lydia Masters nee Leeves died in 1939 in Hastings aged 77. And Clarence Masters born May 1885 at Hastings, the son of Alfred and Alice Lydia Masters died 1978 at Auckland aged 93.

Selwood Rd was later named Windsor Ave in 1974, 3 flats were built at the rear section of the driveway leading from Windsor Ave to the Hop Kiln site.

The Frimley Canning Factory –

1890 February, A meeting was held at the Criterion Hotel in Napier of gentlemen desirous of fostering the industry of fruit preserving by Spawn's evaporating process in **Hawke's Bay**. There were present Messrs J. W. Neal (in the chair), G. H. Swan, A. It. W. Lascelles, **Heathcote Williams**, Henry Williams, and J. McVay. It was resolved to forma fruit-preserving company if suitable arrangements could be made for acquiring Mr Spawn's patent rights for Hawke's Bay, in default of which Mr Heathcote Williams undertook to write to San Francisco for particulars of other fruit evaporating processes.

1892 June, A syndicate, consisting of Messrs Swan, Neal, Close, McVay, H. Williams, **J. N. Williams**, Tiffen and **Heathcote Williams**, have resolved to procure one of Mr Spawn's evaporators, with a view to starting the fruit and vegetable drying industry in this district..

James Nelson Williams had subdivided and sold adjoining Frimley land in suburban and farm lots at the turn of the century, to establish commercial fruit-growing in Hawke's Bay. At Frimley about 1892, he started with a two-acre vineyard and a 10-acre orchard. Williams Frimley orchard consisted of 60 miles of peach trees, because there were 60 rows each a mile long down Orchard Rd behind where the later Memorial Hospital was built.

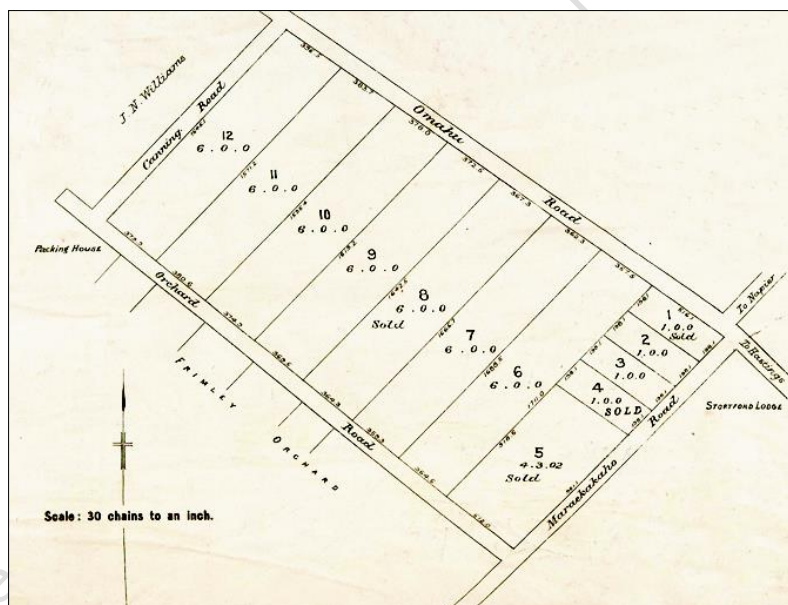
1898 July, The prospectus of the Frimley (Hastings) Fruit-growing Company, Limited, has been printed and will be circulated in the course of a day or two. It is proposed to purchase **196 acres** of land, part of the Frimley estate at the sum of £5000, one-fourth of which shall be paid in cash and the balance in four years. Mr J. N. Williams has offered to take 5000 shares in the Company. It may be stated **in connection with the proposed Fruit-growing Company in Hastings** that the capital is to be £15,000 in £1 shares. It is not anticipated that it will be necessary to call up more than one-fourth of the capital.

1898 July, Forms of prospectus of the Frimley Fruit-growing Company may be obtained from Mr E. H. Williams, Hastings and Napier, Messrs Williams and Kettle, Napier, and Dr. Linney.

1898 July, Mr J. N. Williams of Hastings has purchased about 7000 fruit trees in Auckland - principally peaches, plums and prunes for planting on the Frimley estate, where ploughing operations are now in full swing. A large number of vines are being procured from Mr Goddard, the well-known Havelock nurseryman.

1898 July, A first consignment of fruit trees for the proposed Frimley Fruit-growing Company arrived in Hastings this morning. They are from the celebrated nursery of Hay and Son, Hobson's Bay Auckland and look particularly healthy.

1898 July, Mr J. N. Williams is experiencing a difficulty in procuring sufficient peach trees in the colony for the planting at Frimley Hastings.



Shows the Frimley orchard and Packing shed J. N. Williams off Maraekakaho Rd

1898 August, Prospectus of - The Frimley Fruit-Growing Company Ltd. To be incorporated under "The Companies Act 1882." Capital £15,000, to be divided into 15,000 shares at £1 each, payable as follows One shilling and threepence on application ; one shilling and threepence on allotments and the balance in calls of one shilling and threepence per share as required, but three months written notice of each call shall be given. Provisional Directors : Hon. Captain W. R. Russel M.H.R, N. Kettle, John Holt, Donald McLeod, J. B. Chambers C. A. Fitzroy A. McQuillan, Dr. Linney J. N. Williams, G. F. Roach, W. C. Maddison and Job Vile. Bankers : The Bank of New South Wales. Solicitor : E. H. Williams. It is proposed to purchase one hundred and ninety-six acres of land, part of the Frimley Estate, from Mr James Nelson Williams, at the sum of £5000, of which one fourth shall be paid in cash, and the balance shall be paid in four years from the 1st July, 1898, bearing interest in the meantime at the rate of four pounds ten shillings per centum per annum. The land in question is situate on that portion of Frimley lying southward of the Omaha Rd. The proposed company is being formed to purchase the above-mentioned land with the following objects : (1) Of planting fruit trees thereon. (2) Of planting vines thereon. (3) Of erecting as required a factory or factories and purchasing and erecting machinery thereon for the purpose (a) of drying fruit; (b) of preserving fruit ; (c) of canning fruit; (d) of making cider ; (e) of making wine, or any of the above purposes, or any other purpose connected with fruitgrowing. The company will also be invested with powers as follows : 1. To erect on any lands any buildings necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company, and to maintain or alter any such buildings, and to purchase and erect any necessary machinery thereon. 2. To sell fruit or wine or any product o

the soil, whether grown by the company on its property or purchased by it. 3. To purchase, sell, exchange or lease lands or mortgage its own lands. 4. To purchase, sell, mortgage or lease any stock or chattels. 5. To purchase fruit from any person or persons, or company, or to dry, preserve, can fruit, make cider, or make wine, or otherwise deal with fruit on commission or on such terms as may be arranged. 6. To make, accept, endorse and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments. 7. To lend money, and in particular to customers of and persons having dealings with the company. 8. To raise money in any manner (not hereinbefore mentioned) as the company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital. 9. Any power consistent with the carrying on of the business of fruit-growing. Mr James Nelson Williams will take five thousand shares in the proposed company. It is estimated that five shillings a share will pay all requirements during the next two years. The whole property shall be under the sole management and supervision of Mr James Nelson Williams for the period of four years from the 1st July 1898. As soon as sufficient shares have been taken it is proposed to call a meeting of subscribers and take steps to form a company to carry on the business. Applications for shares should be made to Edward Heathcote Williams, solicitor, Hastings or Napier, or Williams and Kettle, Limited, Napier, together with the amount payable on application. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned without deduction, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment. Copies of the above prospectus and forms of application for shares may be obtained from the above-named Edward Heathcote Williams, Williams and Kettle, Limited, C. A. FitzRoy, or from Dr Linney, Hastings. Share list to close 31st August.

1898 August, The planting of trees at the Frimley orchard Hastings was completed. Over 12,000 trees have been planted under the supervision of Mr J. N. Williams along the mile long Frimley Orchard as a **co-operative venture** to establish the districts fruit-growing industry and the Frimley Cannery Company in his woolshed as an outlet for his produce - this woolshed was also the scene of some important early public meetings in 1871 for the Karamu Settlers - Heretaunga Road Board meetings.

1899 July, Mr J. N. Williams has secured some hundreds of tons of mangolds from his newly-planted orchard this season.

1900 February, By the courtesy of Mr **Daniel Macnamara**, chief gardener for Mr J. N. Williams, our reporter was shown over the orchard at Frimley and was submitted to as strong a temptation for two hours as ever fell to the lot of man. Not that his mouth watered in vain, for Mr D. Macnamara was very solicitous that he should try every kind of fruit and each different variety, and as the varieties were very numerous our reporter felt extremely anxious as to the probable results of his indulgence. However, as Kipling is credited with saying, that is another story. Upon the unpretentious little gate into the main orchard our representative was at once struck with the amazing numbers of trees, all planted with mathematical niceness, and each one bearing its particular fruit in a more or less degree of maturity. Small green oranges, as unpalatable looking a morsel as one could wish, covered the upper portions, but, hey presto, lifting up a lower branch we disclose underneath amber - yellow monsters such as resisted all efforts at transferring to one's pockets. Green lemons and ripe lemons were also there in profusion, but our reporter considered it prudent merely to admire, and passed them by with sampling. Mr Macnamara mentioned that he had found the birds a terrible nuisance of late, and had been compelled to adopt shooting operations, but we are assured that, notwithstanding the onslaughts of this pest and others, and the fact that so many trees were uprooted during the storm of three years ago. It is almost impossible to imagine a more perfect crop of fruit of every kind, the chief thing to strike our reporter's eye was the remarkable profusion of peaches, green, yellow, pale pink, ruddy and, indeed, almost every imaginable hue from white to claret red. Four rows of peach trees have kept eight men working continuously of late picking the fruit, and although it has been said that the crop of peaches is inferior this season, Mr Macnamara assures our representative that he expects to pick quite as many tin's year as last, when he exported 35 tons. The apple trees, of which there are also a large number of varieties, are looking extremely healthy and after futile attempts to discover traces of codlin moth, our representative was forced to give it up as a bad job. The worthy guide, however, drew his attention to two or three apples which had been touched by the pest, but having been discovered in time and treated to an unwholesome specific had merely left its mark on the skin and given up the ghost. Mr Macnamara expects a very large crop of apples, and our reporter came to the conclusion that if indications go for anything at all he has no reason to fear disappointment. The most interesting trees in the whole orchard are those bearing the plums from which prunes are manufactured. There are several hundreds of these which were sent from France by Mr J. N. Williams a year or two ago and Mr Macnamara states that they were all struck and he has not lost one of them. The trees are simply weighed down with fruit, and if there is any fault to find at all it is that the crop is too large. Mr Macnamara has already produced some creditable samples of prunes, as those who visited the late horticultural show will be aware, and we believe that with increased and the attention which the tree have received that the present crop will produce an article little inferior, if any to those last reported from America. The whole ten acres of orchard is mostly a mass of fruits of all descriptions and colours, and the trees are clean with healthy-looking growth and not a trace of blight of any character in their constitution. Evidences of judicious spraying were everywhere manifest, and weeds were conspicuous by their total absence. Indeed a feature which our reporter failed to understand was how less in such a large area it was impossible to see a single blade of fat-hen or couch grass. Nothing was superfluous. The healthy trees, with their bandages of sacking a wily trap for the comfort loving moth - spread their profusion of leaves on branches clean limbed and with skin unsullied by the touch of scale or other excrescence; the fruit basks stingily in the midst, not catching much of the sun to scorch, but just sufficient to give that delicate colouring which lends attractiveness and gives flavour to the luscious morsel. Our reporter, with anxious reflections and pockets bulging wends his way to the unpretentious gate again, wondering how Mr Macnamara and his eight assistants manage to do it, but comes to the conclusion that the problem is a difficult one on a mind of the set ne which he has just left, cogitating as to how many dogs are kept at Frimley and whether there is any bite in their bark.

George Portas at various times was employed in the old Frimley orchard by the late Mr D. Macnamara.

1900 March, Mr J. N. Williams has been frequently of late pestered by the onslaughts of unscrupulous persons upon his **grape vinery at Frimley** and wishes as to make public the information that he will take the most drastic measures to put an end to the practice. He had given his gardeners orders that they are to use a shot gun to any person who offends in this respect in future, as the havoc which is caused in the vinery not only deprives him of the fruit but injures his vines beyond hope of recovery. Mr Williams says he will not have the least hesitation in employing the drastic measures mentioned in order to put an end to the depredations of these unprincipled blackguards. **Mr Mosen** states that he will **shoot at anyone** who trespasses on his grounds at Mahora. Much thieving has been going on in the orchards round Frimley and Mahora Settlement lately, and the loss by breaking the fruit trees and taking the fruit is considerable, and the settlers have decided to take drastic measures in dealing with unwelcome visitors

1901 September, The Frimley orchard presents one of the most picturesque sights imaginable. Fully six thousand peach trees, planted in avenues stretching away for eleven hundred yards, all in the full glory of their bloom, present a brilliant picture in pink of varied tints, which is not easily forgotten. A visit to the orchard, which is situated behind Stortford Lodge, would well repay those who love the beauties of nature.

1901 November, Mr J. N. Williams of Frimley gave a very enjoyable garden party this afternoon to a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The attendance was numerous, and the dresses brilliant, and as the weather was everything that could be desired, the re-union was exceedingly pleasant. The Hastings Town Band performed selections on the grounds during the afternoon.



The early Frimley Homestead 1876c

1903 February, Mary Williams nee Beetham had died in London



1903 October, Mr E. Basil-Jones the newly appointed manager of the Frimley Canning Factory, inaugurated by Mr J. N. Williams of Hastings. They arrived Wellington NZ 1900, Mr Basil-Jones has been for four years manager for Messrs E. H. Crease and Co., Wellington.

Edwin Basil-Jones b: March 1858 in Bristol Gloucestershire the son of Louisa and John Basil-Jones. In January 1882 in Bristol he married Bessie Courtney b: June 1858 the daughter of Ann and James Courtney. Children - November 1884 Sydney Courtney Basil-Jones a motor mechanic Hastings married Margaret (Daisy) Roche in November 1911, 1888 Margaret Winifred Grandfield Basil-Jones she married Thomas Williams in July 1915, October 1890 Gilbert Basil-Jones he died in 1889 in Sydney NSW, October 1893 a daughter at NSW, August 1896 Grace Dorothy Basil-Jones she married John Cossar Forsyth, Frank Basil-Jones he died October 1893 and Edna Basil-Jones. Leaving England the family lived in Philadelphia ending up in Washington where Edwin worked & owned a block of shops. The family returned to the Midlands England and then to Lewisham in Sydney NSW for 4 yrs. They arrived Wellington NZ 1900. In September 1904 a horse hired by Mr Basil-Jones jnr was standing on Mr Basil-Jones snr lawn where his eight-year-old daughter Grace was placed in the saddle, the horse trotted off to Omahu Rd and then bolted in the direction of Hastings. Mr William Graham riding bare-backed saved the girl, In November 1908 Mr E. Basil-Jones president Hastings Band, In October 1908 E. Basil-Jones was appointed permanent trustees of the Roy's Hill Rifle Range Committee, In September 1909 Mr E. Basil-Jones has received the diplomas awarded to the Frimley Canning Factory at the Franco-British

Exhibition - a silver medal for preserved fruits and vegetables and a bronze one for tomato sauce. This makes 3 gold medals, 5 silver and 7 diplomas won during five years. In April 1911 Mr E. Basil-Jones of Hastings has for some time past been in indifferent health and his doctor has ordered him to take a month's rest. He leaves accompanied by his wife en route for Canterbury. In June 1913 Mr E. Basil-Jones sold his Frimley residence of 10 rooms and the canning works were removed for residential sites. They moved to Christchurch. In October 1918 Mr E. Basil-Jones of Christchurch is paying a visit to Hastings, renewing old acquaintances. Edwin Basil-Jones died May 1930 in Bromley Canterbury age of 72 and Bessie Basil-Jones nee Courtney died June 1943 in Bromley Canterbury aged 85.

1904, Mr Henry L. Gallien converted Williams old woolshed into the Frimley Canning factory. Williams opened the canning factory under the management of Basil Jones from California. Its workforce of 70 expanded to a peak of 250 in 1909 - 1910. Williams was a paternalistic employer who provided good facilities for his workers, including accommodation, transport and recreation. With Thomas Horton he pioneered the export fruit trade, and was founding chairman of the Hawke's Bay Fruit Growers' Association.



An early view of the Frimley Canning Factory Hastings - The Frimley Orchard was a mile long and the factory was almost opposite the Hastings Memorial Hospital

1906 June, Much encouragement will be given to the fruit-growing and canning industries in New Zealand by the success that has been attained at the London Horticultural Society's Show by the exhibits from Frimley (Hastings) and Nelson, which were awarded silver medals. In regard to the Frimley exhibits, the fruit from the well-known Hawke's Bay orchard and factory is well-known on the New Zealand market for its general excellence. At Frimley, situated on the fertile Heretaunga Plains, about a quarter of an hour's drive from Hastings, the canning factory employs a very large number of hands, as many as 175 (picking and earning) being on the books one month last season. A number of men will be employed during the winter making tins for next season's output. Last season close upon 200,000 tins were made on the premises, and for next season about a quarter of a million tins will be required for canning the peaches, plums, pears, tomatoes, greengages, quinces, peas, etc., produced in the orchard. At Frimley during the last fruit season nearly 200 acres were under peaches, and in three years' time it is contemplated that the orchard will produce a thousand tons of this fruit alone, in 1908 it is hoped to have 280 acres in peaches at Frimley.

1907 March, Our fellow townsman Mr W. H. Smith has severed his connection with Frimley, but still retains his interest in the famous Kaipo Orchard.

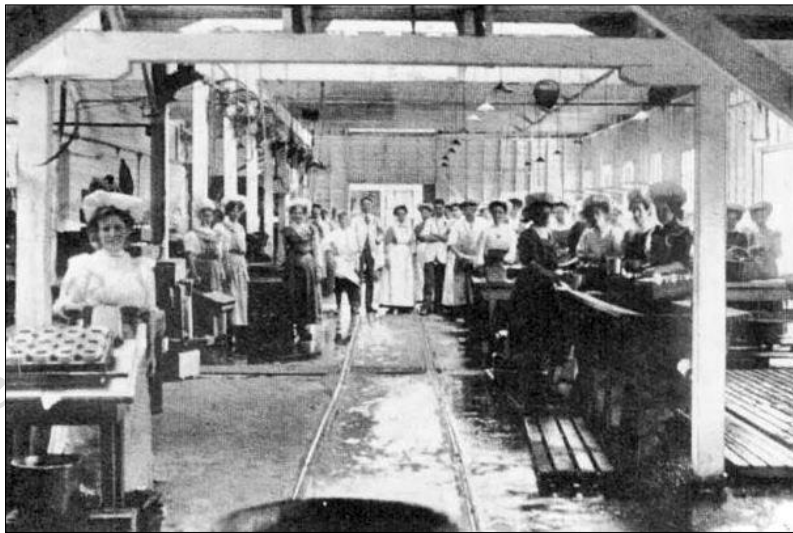
1907 March, The Frimley Canning Factory has this season canned 300,000 tins of fruit and peas, and there are orders in hand for another quarter of a million tins.

1907 March, Social at Frimley Factory - Last evening the social hall at the Frimley Canning Factory presented a gay and festive appearance on the occasion of a return social tendered to the ladies by the men employed at the factory. Songs were rendered by Miss H. Neilsen, Sheehan, Grant and Dunn and Messrs E. Basil-Jones, L. Goldfinch, C. Williams, S. Basil-Jones and T. Arnold. Messrs Skelly and Liddell were exceptionally good in their conjuring items and sleight of hand tricks and the Scotch Comedian, Mr J. Moonie was loudly applauded for his Scotch ditties, Miss Ross executed a fine dance which was a triumph of the light fantastic art. A feature of the evening was a series of three minute lectures given by some of the men present. The prize falling to Mr C. Williams who gave an interesting intercourse on tomatoes. A guessing competition for the girls was won by Miss Mundell. After the concert the floor was cleared for dancing which continued till a late hour.

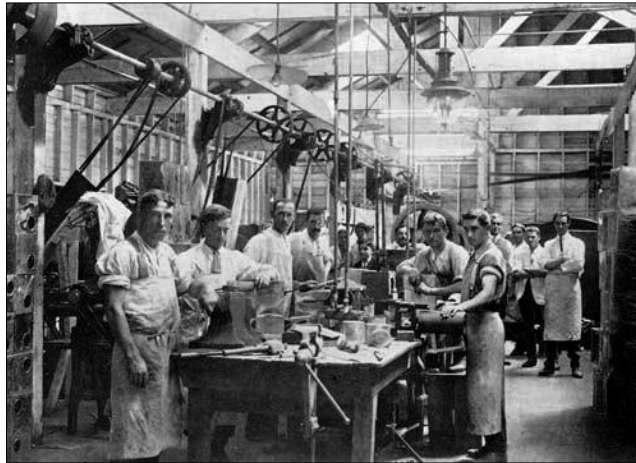
1908 November, **Mr E. Basil-Jones** pointed out at the Hastings District High School committee meeting that the work in connection with fruit picking by children had grown to such an extent that it was absolutely essential that the farmers of the district should be enabled to have the assistance of the children as early as possible. The closing of the school five days earlier than usual would really prove a benefit as far as the school is concerned, as the attendance during the last week was usually so poor that it told severely against the average attendance. A week before the school closed last year there were **70 children employed at the Frimley orchards.**



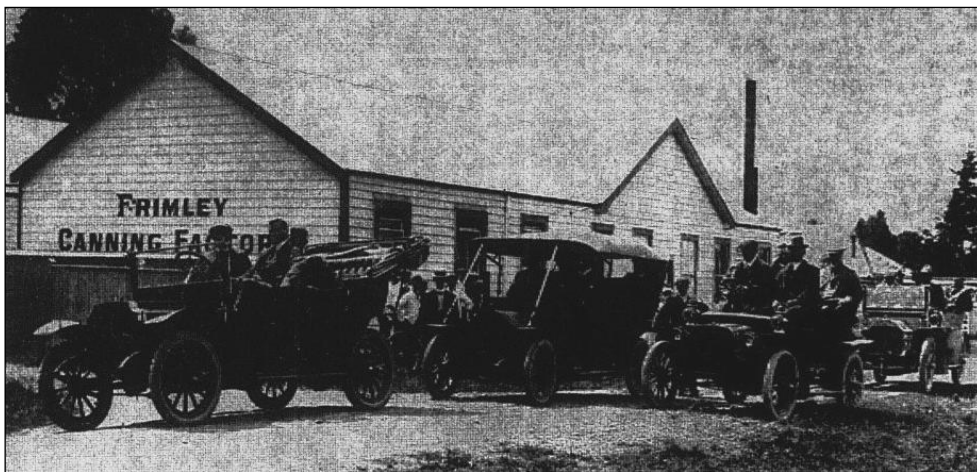
Inside the Frimley Canning Factory Hastings



1910, Inside Frimley Canning Factory Hastings

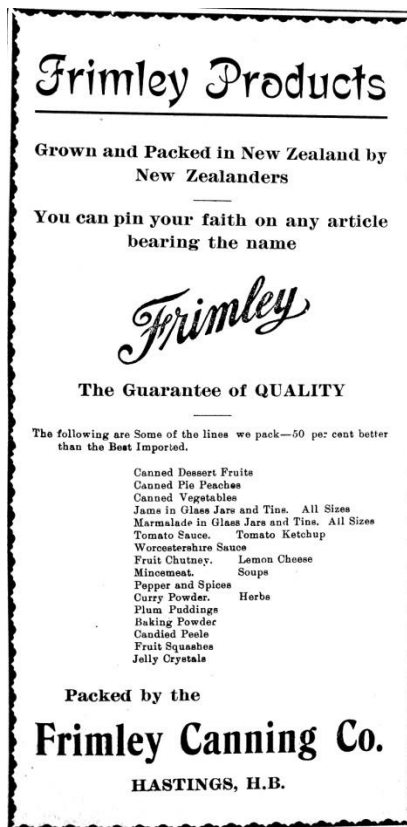


1910, Inside Frimley Canning Factory Hastings



1910c, The Frimley Canning Factory Hastings with motor car visitors.

THE CARS COMMAND ATTENTION, but the building background is of particular historical interest to the fruitgrowers of Hawke's Bay. The Frimley canning factory was part of Frimley Orchard, once the centre of the fruit industry. The factory was situated almost opposite the Hastings Memorial Hospital, and the orchard was a mile long. It was planted in peach trees by Mr J. N. Williams, who allowed anybody interested to purchase a certain area of the orchard. Disaster overtook the venture, all the trees were cut out and the factory closed. **LEFT:** An early store of the Hawke's Bay Fruit-growers' Company Ltd., about 1910. Mr J. Wattie, who forwarded this picture and that above, on a non-competitive basis, notes: "I am not sure where the company's buildings were situated but believe at least one was in Market street adjacent to the old railways goods shed."



1912, Frimley Products, Frimley Canning Co.

1913, The Frimley Cannery Co closed down – but due to the War needs a new enterprise began



1913 June, Mr E. Basil-Jones selling the Frimley Residence of 10 rooms, the canning works are to be removed for residential sites. They went to Christchurch.

1914 February, The **Hawke's Bay Fruit Canning Company**, which was formed at Hastings recently to take up the industry of jam-making and fruit-canning, which seem likely to go out of existence owing to the **Frimley works having closed down**, is now an established fact (says the Tribune), and operations are in full swing. A satisfactory lease has been acquired of premises in **Karamu Rd**, and preserving is being carried on with despatch. It is hoped that the efforts to conserve this important industry will meet with success.

The H.B. Fruitgrowers' Association -

1898 July, Most of the orchards in and around Hastings are possessed of one pest or another. If they have not the codlin moth they have the scaly blight, woolly aphis or something of the sort. As winter spraying is now commencing orchardists will be interested to know of a cheap, durable and effective spray pump. The machine patented by Mr **George Ellis** and known as the 'acme' possesses all these qualities. The barrel is made of oak, the carriage of iron and the internal fittings of anti-acid material. At the bottom of the barrel (which holds eighteen gallons) are a number of ingeniously constructed fans, which work automatically with the pump and act as mixers. This patent in itself should commend the machine, for it saves a lot of labour. Mr Ellis claims that his machine is the acme of perfection and the gardener for Captain Russell, who has used one of them, is reported to have spoken very highly of the invention, which will doubtless have a ready sale. Messrs Bone and Holroyd and Williams and Son are the agents.

1899 January, The H B Fruitgrowers Association was formed - Mr H. E. Wright is named as the convenor at the inaugural meeting held in Drill Hall J. N. Williams was elected their first president with Mr E. H. Williams as his vice-president who at that time farmed the orchard lands of 'Grassmere' and secretary was W. H. Smith. Members of the first committee were H. E. Wright, J. A. Wilson, F. Cook, F. Christiansen and E. W. Fournau, others present were A. Fulford, V. Joll, H. Miller, G. White, G. Stubbs, B. C. V. Gray, Jas Fickling, H. Webb and J. B. Baxter giving the inaugural membership 15 at a subscription of 5/- a year. During the year five other growers joined to a total of 20 and by the end of the second year 43 members.

1899 January, The Railway Department continue to send the H.B. Fruitgrowers' Association produce by the express train - forty-six tons of fruit leaves Hastings southwards by train for Wellington every week.

1899 September, A general meeting of the H.B. Fruitgrowers' Association was held in the Building Society's new building Market St, members - J. N. Williams (chairman) E. H. Williams, S. F. Anderson (Havelock) Wright (Havelock) Duncan, Fickling (Havelock) Webb, Alderman, Wilson and William Henry Smith (secretary) Mr W. G. Gould, Fitzroy and Taylor.

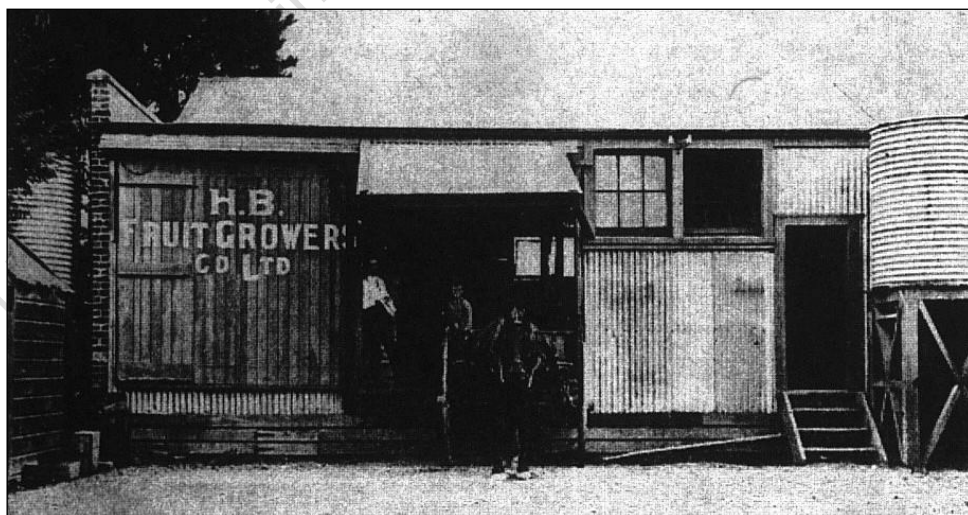
1899 August, Mr J. N. Williams has become the purchaser of those extensive premises in Market St known as **White's boarding house**. It will be used in conjunction with the fruit business, for tinning, storing, etc. The proximity to the railway makes it especially suitable for the purpose. A siding will be made from the railway to the premises.

1900, The secretary was instructed to call for tenders for the supply of fruit cases the number required was 7500 half-bushel and 2500 bushel cases. A tender from J. Holt was accepted. By 1907 the requirements were 20,000 cases with an option to increase to 40,000 in the following year 100,000. There was low attendance of members at the early meetings.

1902, The practice of holding all meetings in the Pacific Hotel was adopted but did not boost the attendance. In August

1902, It was decided to form a Hawke' Bay Fruitgrowers Co Ltd to interest itself in the marketing of fruit though interest appears to waned.

1903, The HB Fruitgrowers' Association petition the Govt regarding Fruit Fly infestation on imported fruit with suggestions that all fruit trees on Napier Hill be destroyed.



1904, The early H B Fruitgrowers' Co Ltd premises were first situated at 219 **Market St** north from around 1899. Note the brick fire walling. 1904 January, **three men** are constantly employed until after ten o'clock every evening arranging for the shipment of the different consignments for the following morning. In January 1907 Mr E. H. Williams, asked to have a siding from opposite the Railway goods shed past the Fruitgrowers' store and the farmers' Co-operative building to Queen St. The latter will then be in a position to erect a platform and have use of the siding which will cover most of the ground occupied by the present stock yards and this should be the means of new yards being relocated.

1905 April, 18 growers decided the old Fruitgrowers association be carried on - J. N. Williams was again elected president, H. E. Wright vice-president and W. G. Gould secretary and W. H. Smith treasurer.

1905 October, Mr J. Holt is the successful tender for making fruit boxes for the H.B. Fruitgrowers' Association.

1906 May, It was explained that the Heretaunga Fruitgrowers had decided to agree with the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers Co Ltd and form a united association and to revive the old Hawke's bay Fruitgrowers Association. W. H. Smith then became the second president of the association with W. Waterhouse vice-president the association developed into a healthy organisation.

1907 October 1907 A. Moore represented the association at the Australian conference of Fruitgrowers in Adelaide and in the following year J. Fickling attended a similar conference in Melbourne.

1908 January, The large quantities of fruit despatched from the Hastings railway station this season disclose the rapid strides the industry is making in this district. Every year new orchards are coming into bearing, and their value is making itself felt. But as yet fruit-growing in Hawke's Bay is only in its infancy.

1908 July, The section opposite the H.B. Fruitgrowers' Co premises in Market St, a 5-roomed house with outbuildings was sold for removal.

1908 August, A 4 roomed cottage was removed from H.B. Fruitgrowers' Company Ltd site to Queen St near Grays Rd.

1908 September, The Railway Department's returns show that in the aggregate 800 tons of fruit were sent away from the Hastings Railway Station during the last fruit season.

1908 September, At the meeting of the Fruitgrowers' Association an interesting record was turned-up showing how the fruit industry was growing by leaps and bounds in this district. Two years ago the Association called for tenders for a minimum of 10,000 cases and a maximum of 20,000 cases. Last year the number was increased to a minimum of 20,000 and a maximum of 40,000. The contractor, however, was called upon to supply 80,000 cases. This year the Association have made the minimum 50,000 with the right to demand 100,000 cases if found necessary.

1908 September, The H.B. Fruitgrowers' Company, Ltd. has nearly completed the additions to their premises in Market St. The new building which is constructed of brick and iron gives an additional floor space of 20 x 30 feet, making a total of 53 x 30 feet. From present indications the store will be taxed to its utmost holding capacity. Last year the company handled 800 tons of fruit and this year it is estimated that the Kaipo orchard alone will supply that quantity, making a total of at least 1600 tons. It will require 206 hands to pick the fruit at the Kaipo orchard.

1908, Frederick Edgar Nottage an inspector of orchards at Lyndon Rd, in July 1910 Mr F. E. Nottage, **Government Orchard Instructor**, will give a practical demonstration of spraying and pruning at Mr Norman Watson's orchard, Havelock North. Frederick Edgar Nottage died January 1961 in NZ aged 80.

Mr Wm. G. Gould was Secretary HB Fruitgrowers' Association from around 1907-1913.

1910 April, at a meeting of the H.B. Fruitgrowers' Association, the President (Mr W. H. Smith) intimated that Mr Norman R. Wellwood was in attendance by invitation to place before members a proposal for the establishment of a new industry in the district - towards a Jam Factory, Fruit Preserving, Archie Lowe introduced cold storage for fruit in his cold storage plant at Stortford Lodge.



1911 August, Fighting the Fruitgrowers' enemy's - Government experts conducting a spraying demonstration in a Hastings Orchard, by W. H. Whitehead



1913, Alan White the Waltham Fruit Depot, St. Aubyn St near the Karamu Rd intersection, later became Apsey & White Co Ltd, then became C. H. Slater 1917

1913, The H.B. Fruitgrowers' Co was taken over by the new Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company and they had acquired an acre of land on **King St nth** adjoining the railway yards where they built their new depot premises.

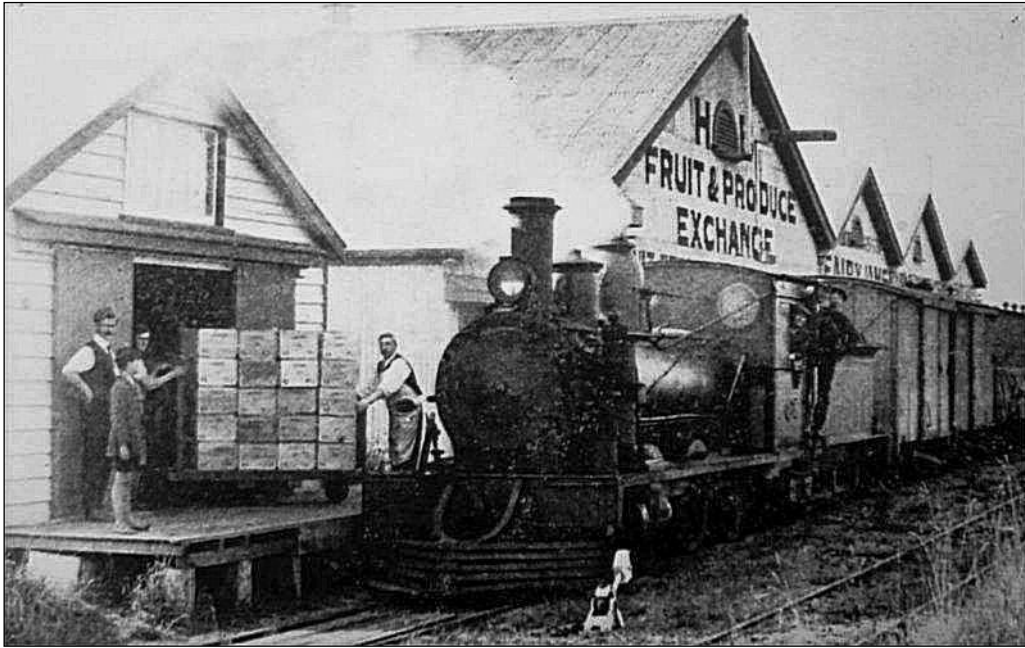
The Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company had taken over the interests of H.B. Fruitgrowers' Co in 1913, they acquired an acre of land on **King St nth** adjoining the railway yards and built their new depot premises designed by Mr Mitchell.

1913, Proposed Directors – Alfred Henry Bale, Bernard Chambers, William Purvis, Andrew Hamilton Russell, William Sisson, Samuel Watson and Edward Heathcote Williams, Auditor - John Augustus Fraser accountant.

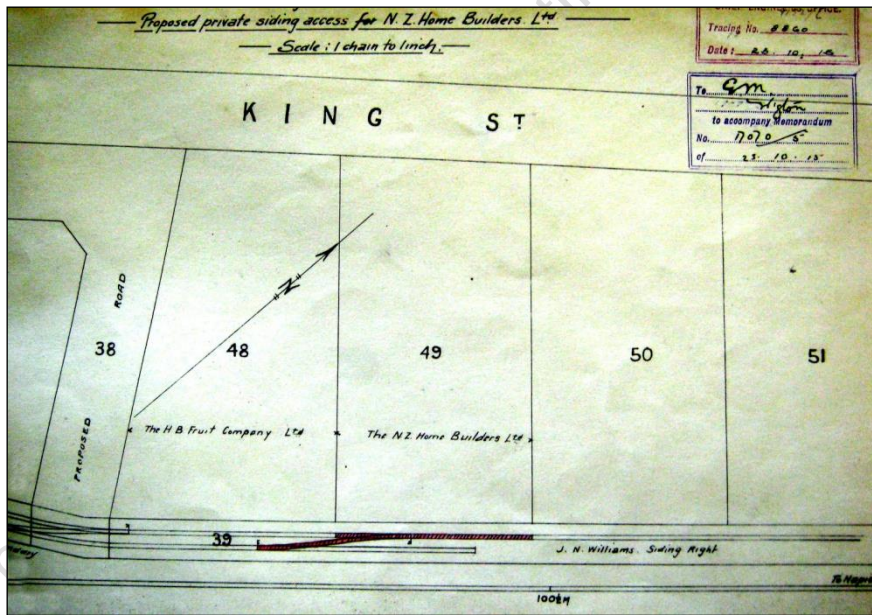
1913 October, Land agent Mr Charles Thomas Russell of Frederick St Hastings applied to lease land from the NZ Railways for the HB Fruit & Produce Cool Storage Co Ltd of **Market St**, Hastings.



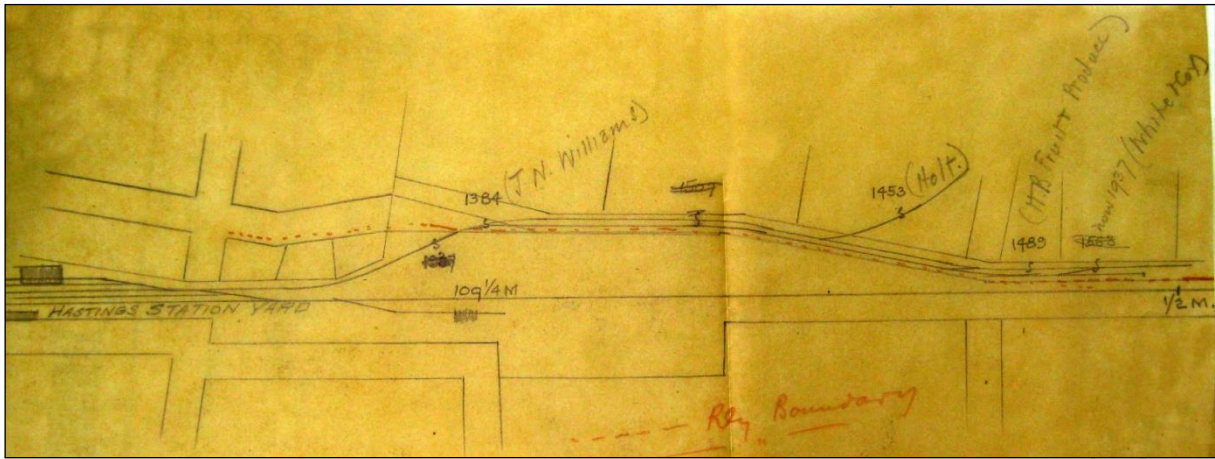
1914 March 5th Prime Minister W. F. Massey opening the new HB Fruit & Produce Exchange depot at Hastings situated off **King St**, by Rembrandt Studios AWN



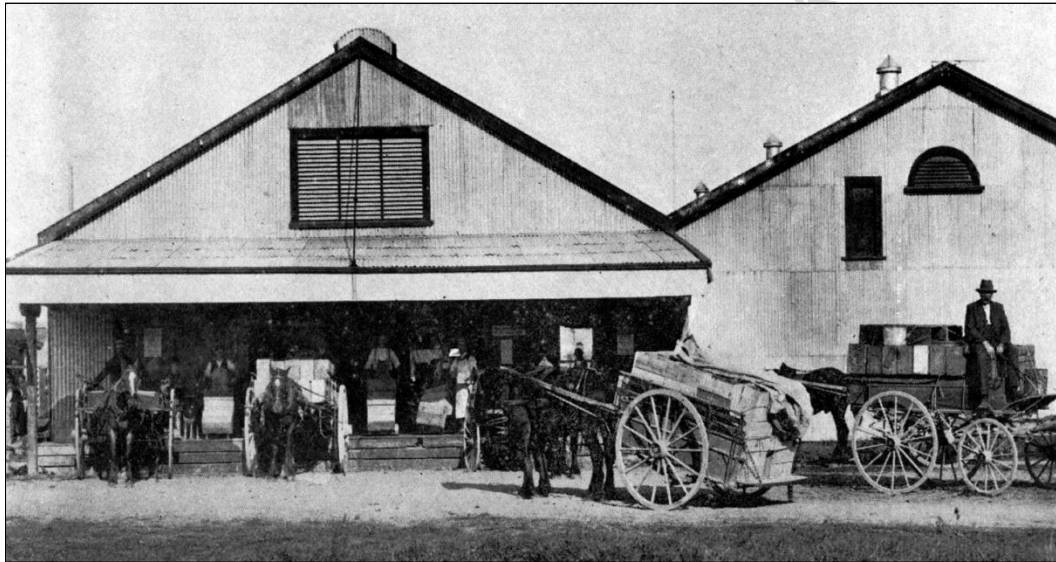
1914, now the H B Fruit & Produce Exchange depot with steam train at the Hastings Railway siding, buildings possibly situated off **King St** nth just past Robert Holts wood & coal yard and before Wattie's factory. In those days the industry was scarcely beyond experimental stages but the Company had their own siding to minimise handling of fruit there were already cool storage facilities at this depot. This is near the old J. N. Williams private siding. Note the upper oval fanlight window



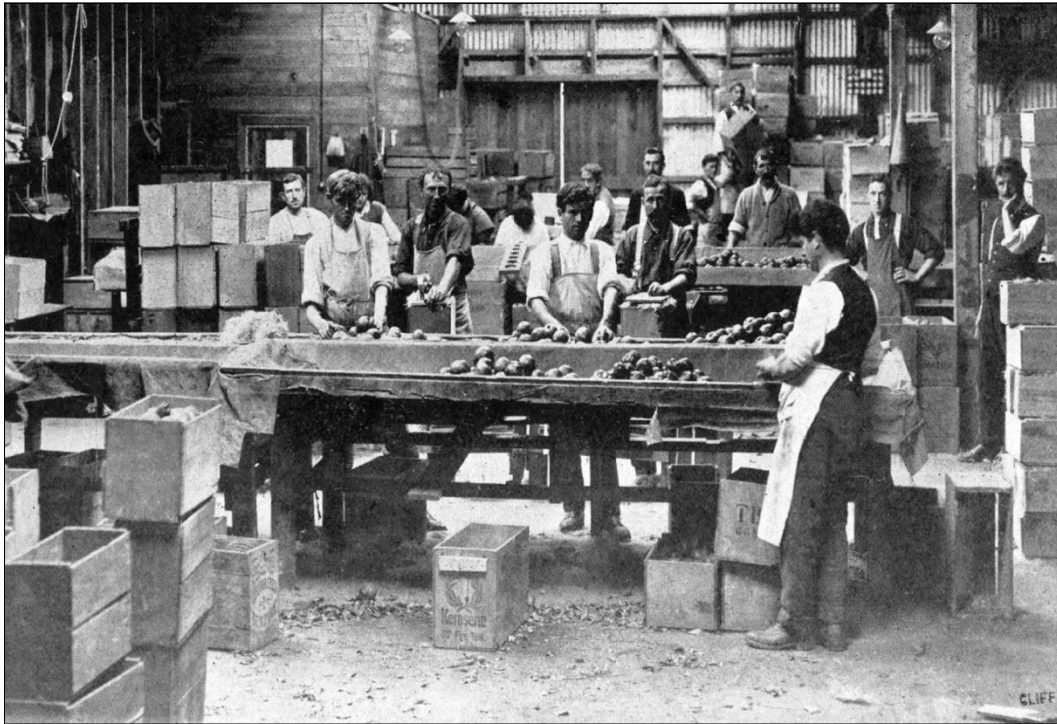
1915, The proposed of J. N. Williams siding access further along for **The H B Fruit Company Ltd** at 48, next to the proposed road from King St nth and Sec 49 now MacPherson's NZ Home Builders Ltd with siding which was taken over by White & Co



Five railway leased sidings off the King St nth sections - J. N. Williams siding No 1384, the old McLeod & Gardener Ltd, Timber Merchants were at Sec 46 with siding No 1507 they terminated it in 1922 due to post war and drop in business. Holts extended siding No 1453 at Sec 47 next to the proposed road between **HB Fruit Produce** siding No 1489 and White & Co - William White & Walter James Michaelson were Wood & Coal Merchants with siding No 1583, later Frederick Samuel Northe took over the business around 1937. The Station, Goods shed and Engine shed pencilled-in, No Station Masters residence



1917, Cases of fruit being delivered to the Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Co Ltd depot on **King St nth**. Note the upper oval fanlight window right side building



1917, Fruit being graded before going into cool chambers inside the Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company depot on **King St nth** before the buildings caught fire in late April 1917 with a loss of 23.000 cases of fruit, a new building was later erected on the site, by Cliff



Apples being sorted for cool storing, by Cliff



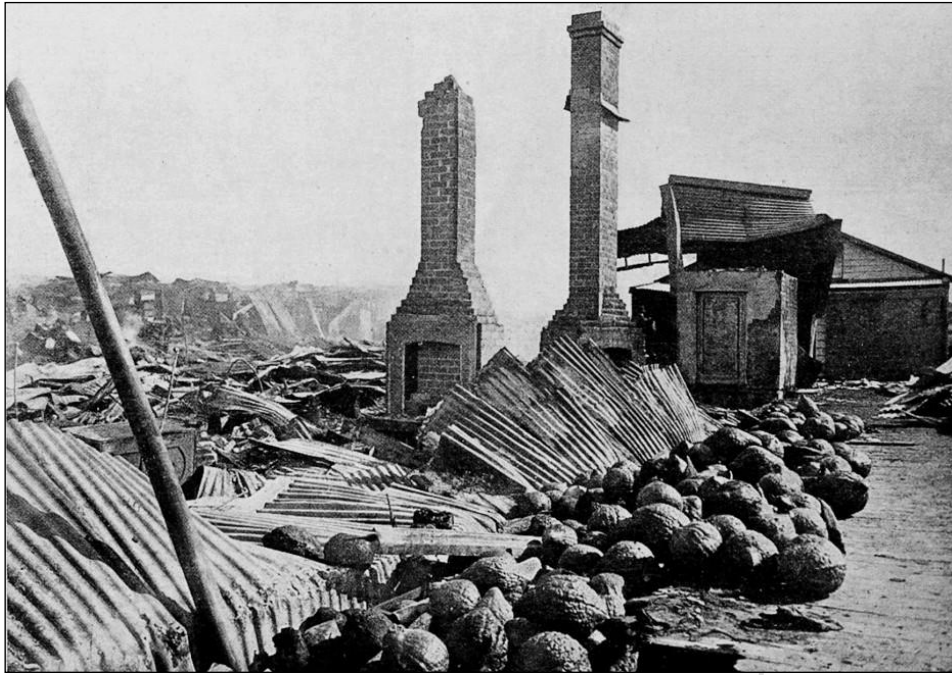
Apples being manually stacked in the cool store ready to be exported to England and South America, by Cliff

In 1917 there was another fruit packing shed operating on St. Aubyn St and Karamu Rd nth by **Apsey & White Co Ltd**, and there was the New Home of the Excelsior Brand.

1918, Pinus Insignis for **Fruit Cases**. A practical demonstration of the value of plantations of insignis pine (*P. insignis* or *radiata*) in relation to the fruit growing industry is now in progress near Hastings. The plantation in question was made between thirty or forty years ago by the late **Mr Thomas Tanner** an old settler in the district. It was recently purchased by **Messrs. Apsey, White and Co. Ltd**, of Hastings, in connection with their fruit-handling and cold storage business. The price of white-pine fruit-cases supplied by the ordinary timber-mills has been steadily advancing during the last few years, and now ranges about 1s. 1d. for the bushel size, or approximately 100 per cent, higher than in 1913. In order to test the position with a view to reducing costs, the firm named decided to undertake the local venture of milling and case-making on its own account. The plantation extended more or less irregularly over some 6 acres, and comprised about 800 mill-able trees. Although the plantation had not been raised specially for timber purposes the trees as a whole were well grown, many measuring 100ft. to 150ft. in height and 3ft. to 3ft. 6in. in diameter.



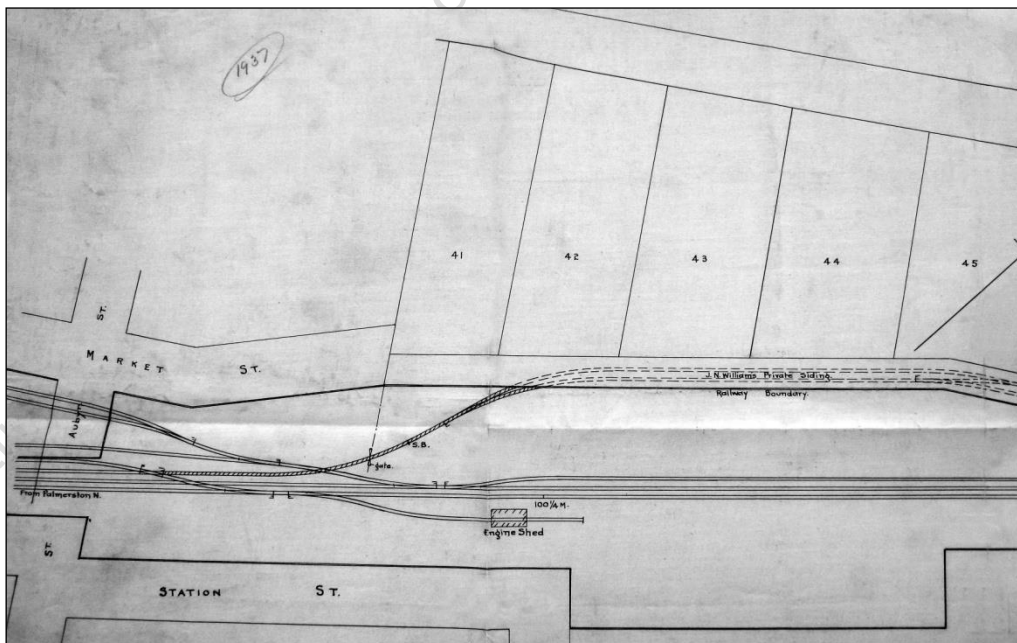
1917 April 27th After the fire at the Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company depot on King St nth shows two men standing on the small platform right side, by Cliff & Co



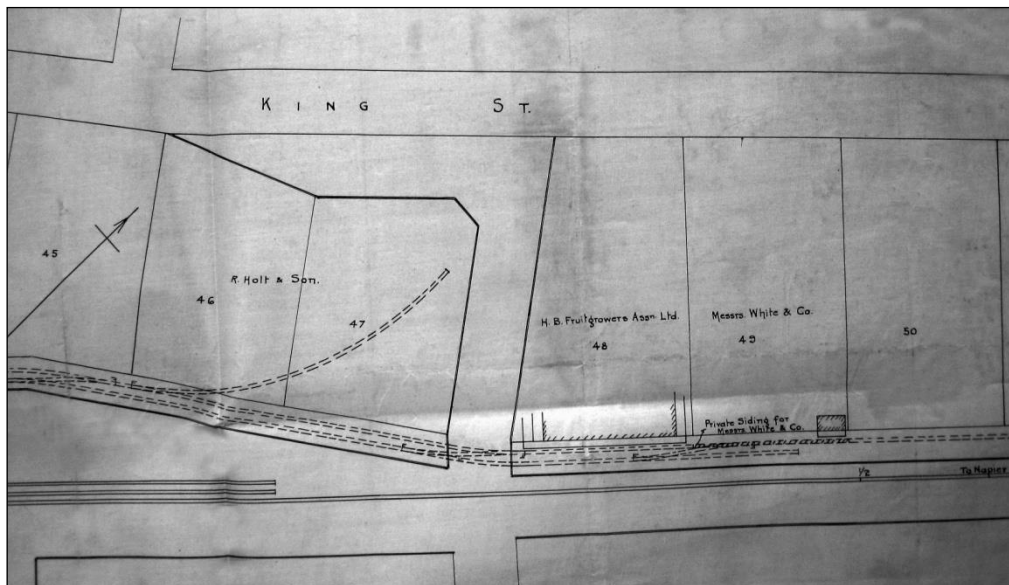
1917 April 27th After the fire at the Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company depot on King St nth by Barcharm, AWN. Messrs Apsey, White and Co. had between £1000 and £2000 worth of fruit in the cool chambers. The bulk of the fruit has been damaged by fire, smoke and steam, by Cliff & Co. A new company arose after the fire called - The Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Limited

Alexander Morris Robertson an orchardist of 'Bute Orchard' Pakowhai Rd near the boundary was the Mahora President of the HB Fruitgrowers' Association.

1917, The Hawke's Bay Canning Company (Fairy Brand) and the Bluebell Jam Company made a brief appearance till 1934 when J. Wattie's Canneries opened in a small wooden building employing 28 people. The land near where J. Wattle Canneries factory would be as the No. 10 paddock.



J. N. Williams private railway siding for Sec 43, 44 on King St nth with the Engine shed and Station St



Shows R. Holt & Sons property's on Sec 46 & 47 with **H B Fruitgrowers' Association Ltd** on Sec 48 with building and Messes White & Co private railway siding on Sec 49 – the previous NZ Home Builders Ltd site.

Later sidings further north in 1928 were for the Atlantic Union Oil Co Ltd and the Vacuum Oil Co Ltd and later the Internal Marketing Dept siding and J. Wattie siding.

By 1922 J. N. Williams was now deceased and the estate successors - Mrs Lucy Frances Warren and Miss Anna Lydia Williams were the new lease owners of his railway siding lease.

1922 February, Constable Brenchley has been appointed to collect the agricultural statistics in the Hastings district and he desires farmers and orchardists to know that it will facilitate his work immensely if they will have their details of their returns ready for him when he calls. For instance orchardists should be prepared to give him the number of the trees on their property as waiting entails great delay. Only the other day he had to wait at one place for an hour and a half while this simple return was being computed.

1922 March, Whilst railway porter Stewart of the Hastings railway staff was cycling to the Hastings Fruit Growers Ltd at 10 pm on duty in connection with the loading of fruit onto rail trucks he was knocked off his cycle by a motor car. He was carrying his railway lamp and turning the corner into King St when he was flung to the ground by the collision and the driver continued without stopping.

1922 April, **Peter Culinane night-watchman** was employed by the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Ltd, he kept an eye on White and Co's premises. **Mr William Davy Southcott manager Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Ltd**, premises next to White and Co's yards. Owned a five bed roomed house on Market St at the back of the Railway station. The house had been unoccupied for about three years. The back of the house was broken. The building was valued at roughly £20 being in a bad state of repair. It burnt down in March 1922.

1922 August, Mr W. D. Southcott manager of the Fruitgrowers' Ltd Hastings is now able to get about with a walking stick after 9 weeks resulting in a straining to the knee.

1922 October, The new area in the Hastings district planted; in orchards this season covers 100 acres. That means that in the season there has been an increase of 10 or 12 orchards and probably there is not another fruit growing district in the Dominion that has had such a large increase in its orchards. The largest nursery in New Zealand is situated a mile from the centre of Hastings. Hastings benefits to the extent of something like £300,000 every fruit season.

1922 December, Mr **Joseph Sauderson** an engineer employed at the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Ltd Hastings was stirring up the fire in one of the port holes of the gas producer which drives the engines, a back fire drove the flames into his face with the result that his eyes were badly burnt. He was attended to by Dr. Johnston. The accident should serve as a warning to persons working in connection with gas producers to exercise every caution in their operations.

1923 January, Although the crops of apples grown in the Hastings district are outstanding for this year, a heavy loss will be experienced by orchardists on the whole. The terrific hailstorm is considered to damage the fruit so much that 75,000 cases will be lost, amounting to a loss to the district of about \$15,000.

1923 September, Fruitgrowers' and all those interested in the fruit industry, a meeting to be addressed by Mr T. W. Attwood in the Kingsway Hall St. Aubyn St Hastings

1924 January, **William Davy Southcott** manager Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Ltd, resigned to go into business on his

own account as a fruit merchant, but took ill with some inward trouble which needed an operation at Royston where he died aged 49. William Davy Southcott b: April 1874 in Oatlands Park, Surrey Eng, the son of Caroline and James Southcott. In July 1904 at St. Thomas, Devon he married Emma Beatrice Bickley b: March 1879 in Harford Devon, the daughter of Elizabeth and John Bickley. A son born April 1905 James Bickley Southcott at Gittisham Devon, he married Kathleen Melba Goldfinch in 1930. They arrived in NZ and settled in Hastings 1910. Another two children were born in Hastings.

1923 October, The monthly meeting of Fruitgrowers Association was held at Messrs Thomas Horton's nursery when Mr Alexander Morris Robertson presided over an attendance of 40 members. Three new members were elected and five nominated. An inspection of the nursery was made and Mr A. Tomlinson (manager) instructed those present in the various methods used for grafting trees at the various stages and showed the results of last year's work and also the effects on trees which had been worked over several years ago. He also showed the budding of trees and the correct way to select buds and answered several questions connected with the various processes.

1924 February, The Hastings Borough Council has granted permission to the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association to erect a shed for storing case timber on the following condition – Dimensions 20ft x 10ft iron roof, iron back and sides, open front. Distance from St. Aubyn St - 60ft and over 40ft from any other building. That the association undertake to dismantle the building required by Council – such condition to be embodied in a deed should the property be sold.

1925 May, 10,000 tons of fruit left Hastings in a year. The Railway Department has assigned no less than 84 special rail trucks to cope with the trade that was fourteen each day during the season.

1925, November, Miss Elder typist in the engineering department of the Hastings Borough Council has resigned to take up a position on the clerical staff of the Hawke's Bay Fruit Growers Association.

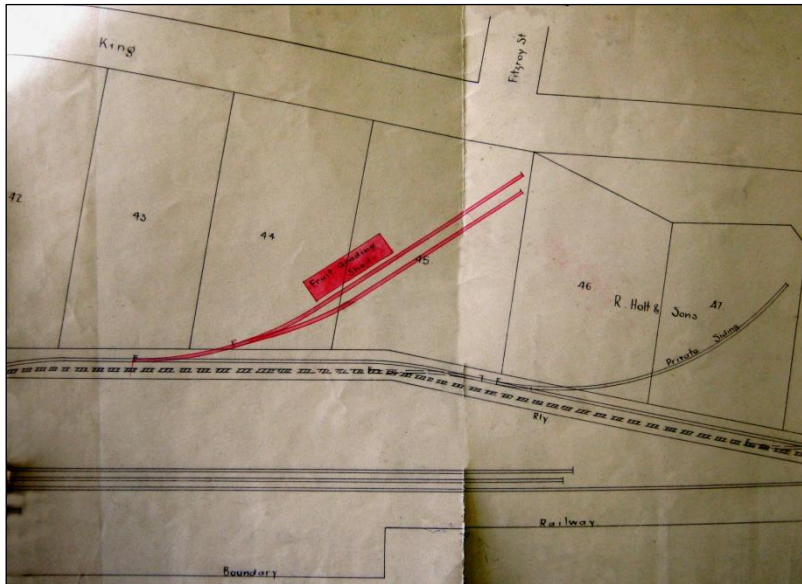
1926 July, Mr Dunn's apples that had been shipped to England by Mr S. Grover of Southland Rd Hastings under cool storage and was returned by the *Arawa* as ships stores are in almost perfect condition showing very little shrinkage and reveal that under proper cool storage conditions Hawke's Bay apples are most suitable for overseas markets. It is about 16 - 18 weeks since the apples were picked from the trees.



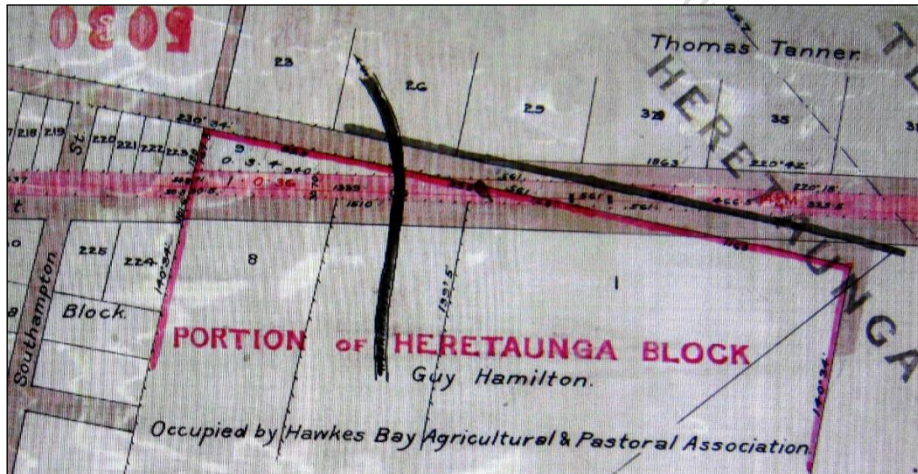
Mr Woon

1928, **Percy Woon** began work with Apsey and Co Ltd aged 14, then the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers, later the Apple and Pear Board, a Williams St cool store was named after him.

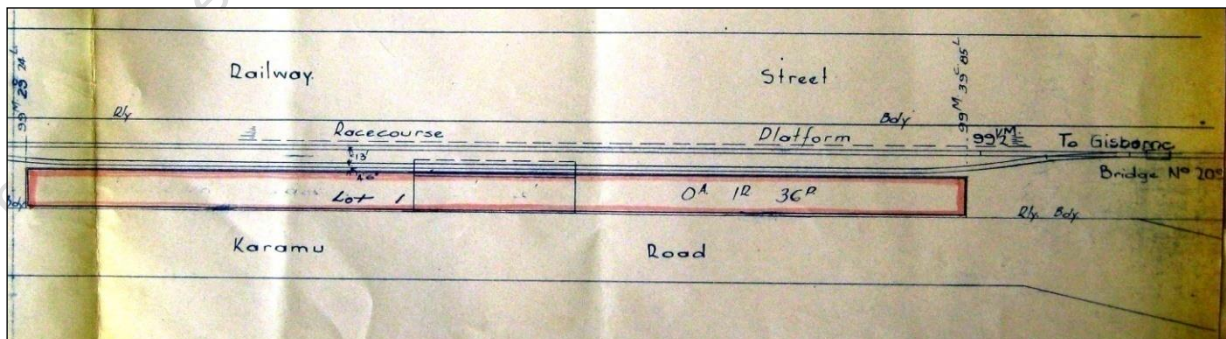
1929 December, the HB Fruitgrowers' Association after the 1917 fire still had a rail siding near the Hastings Railway Station yards which was too difficult to work because they had no fruit inspection grading shed. There were two proposals put forward by the NZ Fruitgrowers' Federation to NZ Railways for a new grading shed with railway siding at Hastings for export purpose - one proposal was to obtain a lease on Railway Reserve off King St nth opposite Fitzroy Ave and erect a new grading shed with siding near the old J. N. Williams private siding on R. Holt & Sons property's on King St nth and the other proposal was beside the old racecourse platform on Karamu Rd sth at the end of the Gas Works property.



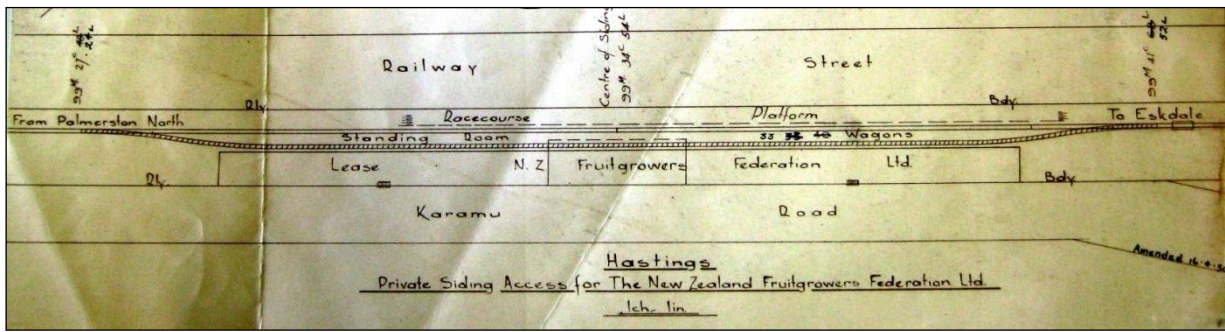
The first proposed new grading shed and railway siding in red on King St north opposite Fitzroy Ave adjoining R. Holt & Sons property's on Sec 46 & 47 with J. N. Williams old private railway siding. Mr Baker and Mr Wattie had their own private siding. The second proposal was on Karamu Rd south



Shows the racecourse sections of Guy Hamilton in 1883 occupied by the HB Agricultural & Pastoral Association that included the southern part of the Gas Works, which was originally a corner portion of the Heretaunga Block. The racecourse siding later became the New Zealand Fruitgrowers' Federation Ltd site on the Railway Reserve on Karamu Rd south, where there was a bridge crossing over the Makirikiri creek



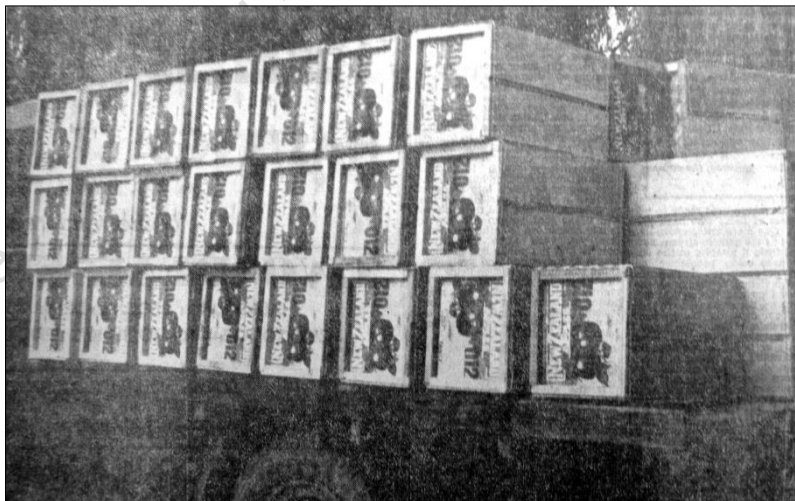
The second proposal beside the old racecourse platform and Railway Reserve on Karamu Rd south at the southern end of the Gas Works property before the Hastings High School also shows **Bridge No 20** at right for the old Makirikiri creek crossing



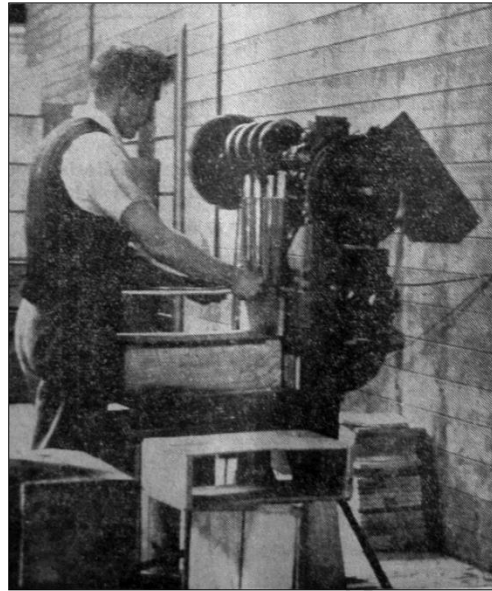
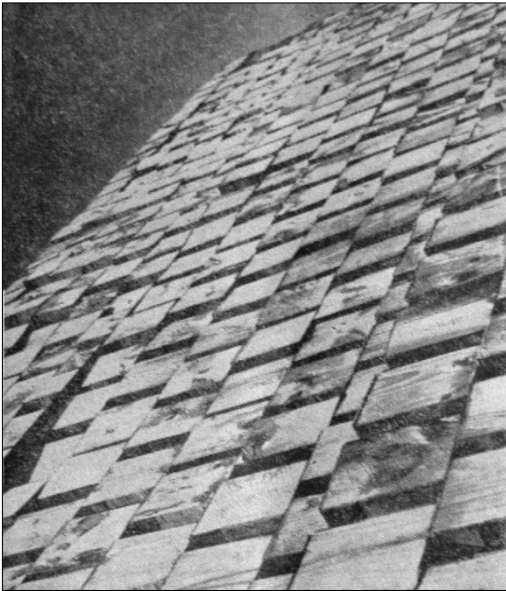
The New Zealand Fruitgrowers' Federation Ltd were approved a lease of the Reserve land and racecourse platform on Karamu Rd sth for a private railway siding and erected a narrow fruit grading shed 25ft wide by 47ft long with standing room for 33 - 40 wagons ready for the 1930 February start of the season. Trees were cut and the Morse wire moved. Karamu Rd sth was then 51ft wide. From its conception of the proposed Karamu Rd sth site in 1930 there were concerns of danger posed to passing school children. It was then suggested that Hastings St sth should be extended to provide school children with an alternative safe route to avoid the Fruitgrowers' operations, although it was derelict for most of the year. The racecourse platform still gave a good view on race days as the horses passed around the eastern side of the track. From 1930 and during its time there were many derailments at the siding due to the Fruitgrowers' staff pushing wagons full of fruit and the staff not applying the brakes where the wagons rolled over the trap points.



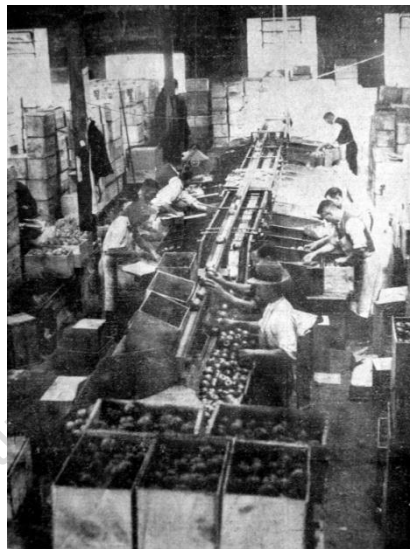
1929, Special Fruit train leaving Hastings Station, two engines, Russell St behind



1938 April, A lorry load of export New Zealand fruit leaving a Hastings packing shed containing a new type of fruit box which needs no nails



1939 January, Thousands of wooden apple cases made of pinus insignus stacked high in the yards of a Hastings fruit-packing firm ready for the fruit export season and a workman employed to operate the nailing machine during the off season



1939 April, Export apple sorting and packing at Hastings



1930's, Men pose on roadside loading dock doorway of the narrow grading shed at the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation rail siding on Karamu Rd sth, south of the Gas works near Pattison Rd. Shows parked Ford trucks carrying crates of fruit to be loaded on rail wagons, large macrocarpa trees line fence between yard and street, by Henry Norford Whitehead.



1930's, Looking south shows freight rail wagons alongside the narrow fruit grading shed platform at the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation siding on Karamu Rd sth near Pattison Rd. A Railway worker standing beside wagon (blurred), bicycle leaning against shed and dog on shed platform. Ford trucks carrying wooden crates on left with a homestead and stables behind, with large pine/macrocarpa trees line the track, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1948, later aerial view of the homestead and stables next the Hastings High School, note the northern facing Bay window

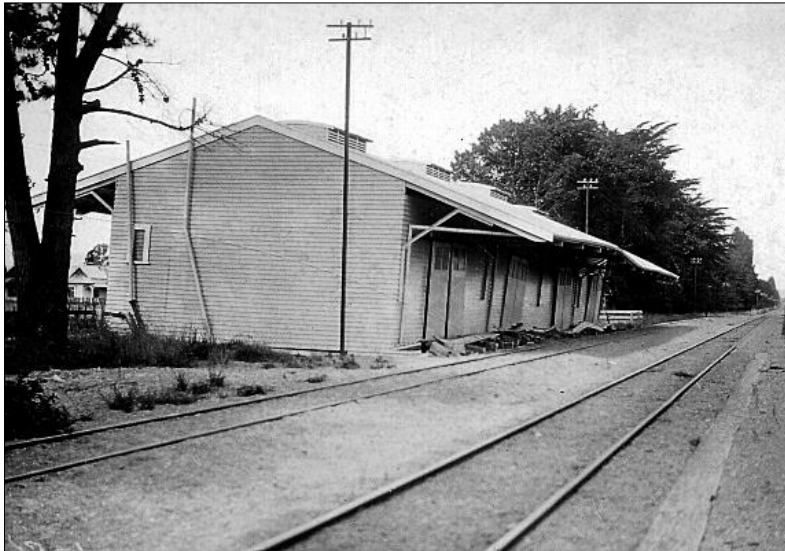




1930's, Two views along dangerous unsealed 51ft wide Karamu Rd sth - shows man with camera on road and men unloading crates from Ford trucks parked beside grading shed at Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation siding, two 1920s cars parked, line of telephone poles along road and new footpath with hedge and row of large macrocarpa and Poplar trees opposite Hastings High School, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1930's, looking north shows a group of workmen posing inside the narrow fruit grading shed (some in suit jackets and some in aprons) at the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation siding on Karamu Rd sth. Wooden fruit crates and conveyor rollers for loading crates on to rail wagons and old ford truck through doorway on right, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1931 post quake damage

1939 April, Fruitgrowing administrative circles have suffered a loss by the death of Mr **James Patterson Boyle** of Havelock North. Mr Boyle studied for the ministry at Knox College, Dunedin, and after his ordination was given the charge of the Presbyterian ministry at Warkworth, North Auckland, Mr Boyle resigned at the time of the war and on his discharge from the Army, immediately took up an orchard at Tematau, where he resided up to the time of his death. On his entry into orchard work, he identified himself with the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association, and had been sitting on the committee continuously for about 17 years. Two years ago he was elected vice-president. He represented the association on many occasions at fruitgrowers' conferences in Wellington. An elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, he was also superintendent of the Havelock North Sunday School. Mr Boyle was survived by his wife.

1944 January, The first **all-fruit train of 13 trucks** left the Hastings railway station on Sunday with a consignment destined for various centres. The occasion is generally regarded as heralding the height of the stonefruit season. Special Sunday fruit trains will be running for **another two months**.

1944 January, Amazing Apple Tree - There is an apple tree in Hastings which produces **nine distinct varieties of apples**. **Mr F. King, Nelson St**, the owner, said that the original stock was Northern Spy, but as he was dissatisfied with the crop, he decided 12 years ago to experiment with grafting, till every lateral on the tree differed from the original. "With a 20-bushel crop this season, the varieties produced include 'Granny Smith, Ballarat Seedling, Prichard Red, Sturmer, Kidd's Orange, Cox's Orange, Rome Beauty and two unnamed varieties. The tree is 25ft. high and has a spread of the same dimensions.



The Hastings Fruitgrowers' football team. Named in the photograph at the right hand end in the second row is Arthur Lambert. Also named in the photograph is James Wattie.

In 1954 the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association incorporated offices at St. Aubyn St had desires on creating new buildings at the old private J. N. Williams siding off King St nth on Sec 44 & 45 (113) next to R. Holt & Son Sec 46 & 47. Around 1962 the Hastings District Council was offered this Karamu Rd sth Railway Reserve leased land for economic

reasons to road widening purposes for the safety of passing school children. The old fruit grading building and rail siding were demolished soon after. I vaguely recall seeing them from Railway Rd.

The Homing Pigeon Club used the old fruit grading shed on Karamu Rd sth as a club room until it was demolished.

The Hastings State School and District High School -

1880 April, The Hastings School Committee have agreed to permit services to be held in the **old schoolroom** until the church contemplated to be erected by the Wesley Methodist body is built.

1880 June, From the Hastings School Committee, asking that a partition might be erected in the district school, separating the infants from the elder children. The Secretary was authorised to provide a curtain, such as he deemed necessary. From the same, asking whether the Board would sanction the appointment of a pupil teacher - It was resolved to grant the request if the committee formally recommended the appointment.

1882 December, Notwithstanding the heat, a gallant band of Thespians gave an entertainment at the Town Hall under the management of Mr McLeod with the laudable objects of getting funds for the school children's prizes and of amusing an appreciative public, or to put it more graciously of amusing the appreciative public and of getting the funds for the prizes. Unfortunately however the audience was by no means so good as the entertainment deserved. Why did not the appreciative public roll up in greater numbers? Firstly because this is a busy time just now and secondly because there was a counter attraction in the shape of an Orange ball.

1882 December, The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Hastings district school took place, Captain Russell before presenting the prizes gave an address in which he expressed the pleasure with which he had read the report of the Inspector of Schools as to the general moral tone and discipline of the school, and advised the children to maintain that discipline through life, as it would fit them for any situation which they might be called upon to occupy. He illustrated his remarks by a reference to Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" which the children's choir had sung at the Town Hall and hoped that they would think out the meaning of that poem, which taught that we all had a duty to perform, and that success in life could only be achieved by hard work, and that although there must be troubles and annoyances for us all, we must, if we work hard and put our shoulders to the wheel, be successful in the end. He reminded them that they came to school not merely to learn lessons but as a means of discipline. He then adverted to the special prizes which he had promised (1) For the seating of a pair of trousers, (2) for the best made night-shirt and (3) for the best darned pair of socks. These prizes were to be competed for by those children only who had competed for the prizes given by him for the whole district. Owing to some misapprehension of this condition there had been no competition this year and he therefore gave this explanation in order that there might be no mistake for the coming year. He remarked that some might consider the mending of a pair of trousers a very humble matter, but it was not so, as the practice induced economy. Now there was a false impression with many that economy was another name for meanness, whereas the reverse was the case, as those who denied themselves most and practised economy in small matters, were most able and willing to give money for the relief of others, or to invest it prudently for themselves or their children.

Captain Russell then distributed the following prizes : - Advanced VI. Standard I, Leslie Ellis ; 2, Louis Gallien. Standard VI. - Harry Lucas. Standard V.- I, Noah Watt; 2, Emma Cable; 3, Kate Webb. Standard IV. - 1, Elizabeth Jacobi; 2, Harry Caulton; 3, Frank Kenny. Standard III. - I, Wm. Wall; 2, Geo. Stevens; 3, David McGuire. Standard II - 1, Alice Catherall; 2, Wm. Vickers; 3, Lewis Macdonald. Standard I - I, David Joll; 2, Percy Hampden; 3, Eliza Donnelly. Mr Peter Ramsay's Special Prize for Best Attendance - Sydney North 396 attendances out of 410. Mr R. Wellwood's Special Prizes for Good Conduct - Senior Division: Mary Donnelly. Junior Division: Upsall Gray. Mr R. Wellwood's Special Prize for Neatness in Copy and Exercise Books - Emma Cable. Mr Peter Ramsay's Prize for Sewing - Standard IV Kate Webb, 100 per cent of marks. Standard III - Mabel Collinge 100 per cent, of marks, Standard II Minnie Catherall 90 marks out of 100. Standard I Alice Maddison 80 marks out of 100. Mr Birch's Special Prize for the Best Letter on New Zealand - Barry Lucas, the best letter, the production of Leslie Ellis having been disqualified by having been taken home before presentation to the teacher. Mr Birch's Special Prize for Grammar - Emma Cable. Mr Fitzroy's Special Prize for extreme neatness in general work - Emma Cable. Mr McLeod then addressed the children expressing his hope that those of them who had taken second or third prizes this year would, by extra hard work, manage to take the first position next year. The children gave some hearty cheers for Capt. Russell and the other donors of prizes and the school then broke up.

1883, Well Rd at the rear of the school section adjoining the Woollen Factory Reserve Sec 23 between Karamu Rd sth and Hastings St sth was a pathway that gave access to the later quarry, there was no housing on Well Rd.

1885 March, Mr Andrew Cuthbert left by the s.s. *Taiaroa* en route for Napier, he having been appointed second master of the school at Hastings.

1885, **Andrew Cuthbert**, a teacher b: December 1863 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, the son of Janet and John Cuthbert. He had six brothers and two sisters. His parents died in Timaru. Andrew Cuthbert was a violent second master, he moved up to Gisborne where died in December 1920 aged 56.

1886 July, The second master Andrew Cuthbert at the district school is in the doctor's hands, owing to having broken his collarbone while playing football.

1886 July, The School Committee have accepted the tender of Messrs Wellman and Atkins for painting the school fence and that of Mr Tong for the erection of a fuel shed.

1886 August, The Hastings district school is so **crowded that one of the classes has to be held outside** the building, the children standing on the damp ground, and the sun shining on their heads and books. There is no money available for enlarging the school-house, the population is increasing and education is compulsory. Slowly but surely our State system of education is breaking down of its own weight.

1886 October, From **Miss King**, Hastings, asking permission to take third-year pupil teachers papers. The Inspector said that raised a question for the Board's consideration. Miss King was only a second year pupil teacher. Others wanted to pass a year in advance, and he saw no objection if they did not expect salary in accordance with the examination passed. It was decided to grant the request, provided no alteration was made in the status of Miss King as pupil teacher.

1886 November, The visiting committee of the Hastings school (Messrs Collinge and Bennett) held their inquiry into the complaint made by Mr Sollitt against Mr Cuthbert. About a dozen witnesses were examined. The inquiry was private, but the result will be made known at the next meeting of the school committee.

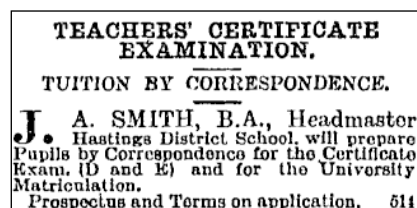
1886 December, The Hastings Star published several letters from parents about the brutal punishments being inflicted against their children at the State School – The **Head Master Mr A. J. Smith** wrote defensive demands to the Hastings Star **devouring vengeance** on the complaining parents and for the Star for printing such parent's opinions calling them a bad name and threatening to have all school printing done in Napier. At a committee hearing the second master, Andrew Cuthbert admitted striking the **Sollitt boys on the head**. Mr A. J. Smith admitted that Mr Cuthbert had signed under the name of C. Johnstone a belittling letter against the parents published letters in the Star.

1887 March, From Hastings, reporting failure of artesian well, and asking for a grant of £20 to sink a fresh well at a cost of £40.

1888 January, Two of our district school scholars - Willie Coles and Mabel Collinge have gained scholarships in the recent competition open to the district.

1888 September, The school committee held their monthly meeting. Present - Captain Russell, M.H.U. (chairman), and Messrs Fitzroy, Beilby, Benjamin, and Collinge. Miss Caulton resigned her position as pupil teacher owing to ill health, and her resignation was accepted with regret. The report of Mr .Smith, the master, stated that the attendance had been unsettled owing to the prospective opening of the Catholic school. After some discussion it was resolved that an arrangement similar to that in Napier be made with the police in Hastings for carrying out the clauses making attendance at the school compulsory. The Inspector's report showed that of 399 pupils, 5 were absent, 7 'excepted' 18 failed, and 180 passed. The report stated inter-alia - 'This school continues to show marked improvement, ns well in the efficiency of the instruction given as in general management and control' One very satisfactory paragraph is as follows : - "Throughout the departments good order and discipline are maintained without undue severity, and the tone of the school with respect to diligence and obedience shows marked improvement." A conversational discussion took place as to certain improvements desirable in the drainage of the playground, but nothing could be done for the present for lack of funds.

1888 December, Mr Smith head-master of our district school has got leave of absence for nine months and is presently going to visit England. At a previous meeting of the school committee it was resolved to appoint Mr Cuthbert to be temporary headmaster during Mr Smith's absence. The committee met yesterday and considered two applications for the temporary second-mastership - one by Mr J. Adams, recently arrived from England and the other by Mr G. Harvey of Havelock. The latter after some discussion, was selected.



1890 February, J. A. Smith, Headmaster Hastings District School.

1890 May, The Road Overseer reported the progress made with various works, and stated that the **quarry near, the woollen factory reserve**" seemed to be giving out."

1891 March, The Hastings district school committee met . Present - Messrs Fitzroy (chairman) Maddison, Beilby, George, Collinge and Beecroft. The headmaster reported that the attendance was abnormally low owing to many children being employed at the hop gardens. He pointed out that until Mr Cuthbert's successor was appointed a larger amount of work than usual would devolve upon the other teachers. He therefore recommended that as the second master's salary would be at the disposal of tits committee Miss Collinge and Miss Caughley should receive a bonus of £5 each, and Miss Stevens and Miss Roach £2.10s each out of the amount thus saved. The committee approved the

recommendation, and resolved to forward it to the Education Board. For the position of second master nineteen applications were received. Most of these were soon disposed of, the applicants being manifestly unsuited for the position. Several applications were, however, of first class order and were sustained by high testimonials. After long and careful consideration **Mr W. G. Martin of Woodville** was recommended to the Board for the appointment. Mr Fitzroy said that as the time for the races was approaching the committee would like it to be thoroughly understood that in future the school would be open on all race days, and he hoped that parents would see that their children attended the school upon those days.

1892 March, Dr. Faulkner requested to state for the benefit of any children with the whooping cough, that the purifier at the gasworks will be opened, when they may attend there. The salutary effects of this remedy have been proved at Napier. The gasworks will be opened on Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the benefit of school children suffering from whooping cough.

1892 March, Mr Smith, the head-master of the district school received a high compliment for the success of his pupil teachers. Mr Caughley recently appointed third master at Napier took one of the three medals offered by the Department of Education against 400 competitors. This teacher with Miss Caughley and Miss King obtained honours at the recent certificate examinations, particulars of which are published in the Gazette of February 22nd. The committee here have congratulated him upon the fact. One portion of his monthly report, however, is not so much a subject for felicitation, viz. that the attendance has of late diminished through the prevalence of whooping cough. But he can scarcely be held chargeable for this. Let us hope then that Mr C. H. Edwards, or his locum tenens in Hastings, will soon give us notice that the youngsters by inhaling some of the air, the name of which is known to scientists and which is released during some portion of the gas-making process, may help to send up the muster roll to its full number. One more fact which may be of interest to female pupils who have left school, that there are now vacancies for several girl trainees.

1892 July, The Hastings school committee met last night. Present - Messrs Maddison, Spence, McQuillan, Britton, Tong, Webber, Fritchley and Cook. Captain Russell, M.H.K., being away on leave of absence, Mr Maddison took the chair. A letter was received from the Education Board granting the committee's application for £10 .10s for gas stoves for the Infant department and for repairs to the headmaster's house The head-master wrote to the committee refuting an allegation that he had sold books to the children.

1892 October, Some idea of the progress of Hastings may be gathered from the fact that a few years ago 130 represented the total school attendance. Now the Catholic school alone accounts for that number and the **District School has an average of 420.**

1893 March, The new wing of the district school is now finished and in occupation of the second standard children. Even with this increased space there is only just enough room for the children, who have increased in numbers so much that the school is entitled to another mistress. In spite of some sickness lately the average attendance during the last month has been **420**. This last addition completes the original plan of the school, so that if more school space is wanted a new school will have to be built and it would be well for the Education Board to consider this possibility, as it is doubtful whether land will ever be cheaper than at present.

1893 April, The district school committee held their usual meeting last night. Present: Messrs C.A. Fitzroy (in the chair) Britton, Cook, Fritchley, Tong, Spence and Webber. The head-master's report was read and adopted. It stated that the attendance was on the increase and that the general state of the school was satisfactory. Miss Furniss a trainee was appointed a pupil teacher. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Cook for his services as secretary and it was resolved to present him with three guineas, Mr Beilby was elected auditor. The election of the new committee will be held at the school house on the 24th instant.

1893 May, The Road Overseer, The sloppy footpaths - There is a contract for taking shingle from the woollen factory reserve and the Council pit at 1s 5d per yard to repair the footpaths.

1894 November, The annual Hastings School concert was held in the Princess Theatre.

1894 July, With regard to the Makirikiri creek, the overseer reported that the water going from it across the woollen factory reserve was causing a great nuisance in Southampton St. As a remedy he suggested an open drain to Railway St. After some discussion the suggestion was adopted.

1895 January, As **the alterations** which are being made to the district schools cannot be completed within the time anticipated the holidays have been extended for an additional week, the school re-opening on the 4th of February.

1895 August, The Hastings Borough Council, the Road Overseer suggested that **Mr Tanner** be requested to **drain the woollen factory reserve.**

1896 January, The district schools re-open and as there is to be a redistribution of the teaching staff it is highly necessary that all the pupils should be in attendance. Parents will greatly assist the headmaster by making a special note of this and will see that nothing interferes with the children's return. For the encouragement of the children it may be stated that handsome prizes for best attendance will again be presented at the close of the school year. Mr Bowie, the recently-appointed third master of the district school, will commence his new duties with Mr J. A. Fraser at the Heretaunga school.

1896 September, This was in the early part of the month, and after a good spell of fine weather: and I attribute this in a great measure to the **lagoon in the Woollen Factory Reserve**. On the 20th August I took the levels of the water in the lagoon and the lower end of Oak Rd where it intersects Riverslea Rd and found the water was 3ft. 5in. above the road level; and I think undoubtedly the proper method of dealing with the whole matter will be to keep the lagoon water down as low as possible. This can be done by draining it into the Railway Rd drain (with the exception of two or three very low spots that would need filling up). The cost of this I estimate would be £1.17s 6d.

Some children going to the State School would often cross through 'Circus Paddock' later rear of the Fire Station near Hastings St sth and Eastbourne St east.

1897 January, **The old Hastings schoolroom on St. Aubyn St** was used for church services and elections etc for before being removed to the new school as part of the Infants classrooms for Miss Hodge's Kindergarten by Mr Smith; the builder.

1897 January, Mr Garnett is making rapid strides with **the erection** of the infants' school Karamu Rd sth. The building, when complete, will be an acquisition to our public structures.

1897 March, The new building for the accommodation of infants erected in connection with the District School was opened. The building consists of three class rooms capable of seating 200 infants, situated about 35 feet from the main building; with ventilation appointments, etc., all that can be desired. There was an attendance of 175 children to-day. It is a strange coincidence that to-day March 8th, is the same date on which **Miss Percy** began her duties in the Hastings school seventeen years ago.

1897 April, Miss Newton, is resigning her position of teacher in the local District School.

1897 June, Miss Margaret Newton, who occupied the position of second mistress at the district school married Mr George William Harden, they moved to Wellington.

1897 September, Mr J. A. Smith is to be congratulated on the flattering nature of the Inspector's report of his school. Of the **578 children on the roll**, 192 were in the preparatory classes and therefore ineligible for examination. Of the 381 pupils who underwent examination **328 passed**.

1897 November, From the Hastings Standard Office - Will the boy - bearing the name of Wall - call at our office and remove the stone that he deliberately heaved in at the front door during the dinner hour as he was proceeding to school. We promise him no harm, but the office boy has been sharpening his teeth all the afternoon and is now anxious to give the aforesaid schoolboy hydrophobia. We would like to be that boy's teacher at school this afternoon - he would stand up to his meals for the next fortnight.

1897, **Leonard Francis Pegler** was born in North Canterbury a pupil of Kaiapoi School and the Christchurch Normal School. He trained as a teacher at the Teachers Training Collage in Christchurch. He held several junior teaching appointments before coming to Hastings in 1897 with Mr J. A. Lynsksey to take the place of Mr W. G. Martin first assistant who was to visit England on holiday. On that occasion Mr Pegler stayed in Hastings only a few months returning to Canterbury to take up other teaching appointments.

1897 December, Mr Lynskey, who has been locum tenens in the Hastings district school during the absence in England of the second master, Mr Martin, was entertained by a representative gathering of football and cricket enthusiasts at Winsley's Cafe last night. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Thornton. Mr A. L. D. Fraser, President of the County Football Club, of which Mr Lynskey was an active member since his arrival in Hastings, presented the guest of the evening with a handsome silver mounted pipe, suggesting that the presentation was symbolical of friendship, for, in his new sphere of action, he could look through the clouds of smoke and see focussed the faces of the many friends he had left behind, whose unanimous wish was "Kia Ora."

1897 December, The health of Mr Lynskey was drunk with enthusiasm. In responding, Mr Lynskey stated that the oasis of his life would be his eight months stay in Hastings. Several toasts were honoured, not the least among them being the Press, the Standard coming in for more than ordinary eulogium. Suffice: The night was filled with music and the cares that infest the day folded their tents like the Arabs, and silently stole away.

1897 December, Mr H. N. Hudson, who has been performing, in conjunction with Mr Lynskey, the duties of second master in the Hastings District School, during the absence of Mr W. Martin in England, was presented with a silver-mounted walking stick, bearing his monogram by the children composing his class. The headmaster Mr J. A. Smith, in making the presentation, alluded to the many sterling qualities of Mr Hudson, who in replying, stated that he would always look back on his short stay in Hastings with feelings of the utmost pleasure. The children gave three hearty cheers for Mr Hudson, and the pleasant little ceremony terminated.



Edward Varley Hudson b: December 1874 in Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, Eng he came to NZ with his patents at an early age and was educated at East Christchurch Public School, In 1897 he was appointed to relieve the first assistant master of the Hastings District High School, went to Wairoa then Napier in 1899. In December 1900 at Hastings he married Grace Lillian Roach b: October 1874 in Wellington the daughter of Hannah and George Hamilton Roach. They had seven children at Hastings. In October 1902 Edward was the first Assistant Master of the Hastings District High School. He was captain Hastings rifles and a teacher of singing. Edward Varley Hudson died March 1939 in Auckland aged 64 and Grace Lillian Hudson nee Roach died August 1959 in Cambrian Hill, Victoria, Aus aged 84.

1897 December, Mr W. G. Martin accompanied by Mrs Martin and their child arrived in Napier by the *Flora* yesterday, and came on to Hastings in the evening. Their many friends in this district will be glad to hear that Mr Martin is in the best of health and that Mrs Martin's health has been wonderfully improved during her sojourn in England. Mr Martin and his family have been absent ten months and were spectators of the historic Jubilee procession, which impressed them with the wealth and magnificence revealed in the pageant. They occupied a seat near the Mansion House, from which they witnessed the Lady Mayoress present the Queen with a bouquet. Mr Martin has not a very exalted opinion of the Lord Mayor of London, at least as an equestrian, as his Lordship displayed a considerable amount of uneasiness in the saddle, and the dignity of the city was on several occasions jeopardised. The Queen looked fresh and well, as also did the Princess of Wales, whose hold upon the affections of the British people he states is boundless.

1898 July, Miss Joll has been appointed to succeed Miss George as pupil teacher at the Hastings school. Miss George retires from the school because she has received her full certificate.

1898 July, At the meeting of the Education Board, held in Napier, Mr James Adamson was declared the successful tenderer for the alterations to the Hastings District Schools.

1898 July, The Misses E. Hartshorn, Cooper and Staples of the teaching staff of the Hastings School, have succeeded in passing the pupil teachers examination recently held in Napier. The names are in the order of passing, and the number of marks obtained is in each case exceedingly creditable. We heartily congratulate the young ladies and the headmaster, Mr J. A. Smith, upon the result.

1898 July, Owing to an oversight on the part of the Education authorities the name of Miss Pickering, of the Hastings teaching staff, was omitted from the list of pupil teachers who were successful at the recent examinations held at Port. Miss Pickering is a promising young lady, and her success will be learned with pleasure by her many friends throughout the district.

1898 July, The fourth standard at the Hastings District School was under the Inspector's examination, only one (absentee) failure being recorded. Miss Fisher and Miss Hartshorn, the teachers in charge of this standard, are to be congratulated upon such a satisfactory issue.

1898 July, The infant rooms connected with the Hastings School are greatly impressed with the excellent work that has been achieved by Miss Percy and her capable staff of teachers. There are three class rooms in all, containing about 200 pupils. The work of training these "babies" is by no means a sinecure. After a year's work has been completed a large portion of the children are transferred to the first standard and Miss Percy has to commence *de novo*, as it were, to inculcate into the tenderest of minds the first rudiments of education. The result of last year's efforts has been simply astonishing. The youngsters appear to delight in their work, and at the same time observe the strictest discipline. Some of the writing and drawing done by the infants would put many a third standard child of a few years ago completely in the shade. Miss Percy very kindly put her charges through physical drill, action songs and music lessons, and our representative confessed to being pleasantly surprised at the brilliant performance of the youngsters, who were accompanied on the organ by Miss Robertson. Altogether the infant school appears to be well-conducted and capably managed, and should be a capital feeder for the main school.

1898 August, The oldest son of Mr J. A. Smith headmaster of the Hastings District Schools, met with an injury to his left wrist on Monday last consequent upon a fall from one of the bars in the gymnasium of the Napier High School. The injury is not of a serious nature, and the boy is progressing favourably.

1898 September, The Hastings district school was the scene of a most interesting ceremony, when the entire school and the teaching staff assembled in the main class hall in order to present Miss Disher with a souvenir of her connection with the school on the occasion of her approaching marriage. Miss Disher's entrance was the signal for loud and spontaneous cheering on the part of the children by whom Miss Disher is held in the highest esteem. Mr J. A. Smith, the head master presented her with a plated service consisting of a butter dish, tea pot, sugar basin and egg stand, on behalf of the staff and the children. In his address Mr Smith wished Miss Disher every happiness and success in her

future career, a sentiment which was endorsed by the cheers of all present. Mr W. G. Martin, in replying for Miss Disher, said the presents would serve to remind the recipient of the happy years she spent in the school and he stated that during her service she passed fully 180 of the children present through her hands from one standard to another. Before concluding Mr Martin called for three cheers for Mrs Hardinge (Miss Newton) an old teacher of theirs who was present at the ceremony and his call was heartily responded to. The teachers and visitors were entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs J. A. Smith at the conclusion of the presentation.

1898 September, Miss Pickering, who has been recommended for the position of second mistress in the Hastings School, is twenty-three years of age. She was trained at the Normal School, Christchurch and has the DS certificate. Miss L. Pickering the successor to Miss Disher will commence duty at the Hastings school on November 1st.

1898 October, At the last scholarship examinations in Hawke's Bay Miss Caroline R. Cooper was fifth on the list out of 90 candidates.

1898 October, The attendance at the Hastings school has been interfered with during the past month by the prevailing **epidemic measles**.

1898 October, Miss Mary Cooper, of the Hastings school, secured the highest number of marks (1104) of any first year pupil teacher in Hawke's Bay at the last pupil teacher's examination. 111 the second year teachers Miss Edith Hartshorn was fourth on the list.

1898 October, Mr Joseph Fritchley a member of the Hastings School Committee has very generously done some urgent filling work at the local school free of charge.

1899 January, Master John Dawson of the Hastings school, was among the twenty-six who qualified in all subjects at the Victoria University College scholarship examination. Considering that there were 144 candidates, the position of Master Dawson is very creditable and speaks well for the tutorship of Mr J. A. Smith. Only two candidates from the Napier schools qualified.

1899 December, Cr. Wellwood drew attention to stagnant water lying on the woollen factory reserve near the school. — The inspector of nuisances was instructed to take immediate steps to abate any nuisance.

1900 March, Mr G. H. Roach has kindly offered to present the District School with a flag, but it still remains for some generously disposed person to provide the necessary pole and halliards.

1900 March, The children of the District School were assembled in the playground during the morning recess to receive the flag which has been kindly presented to the school by Mr G. H. Roach. The flag was nailed to the building in order that, all the children could see it. The headmaster (Mr Smith), in briefly addressing the children, stated that Mr Roach's gift, had supplied a want which had been felt for a considerable time, and he was sure that both teachers and children alike would appreciate the donor's generosity. The flag is 20 feet long by 12 feet deep, and is probably the largest one in the town. It is proposed to fix a flag-staff immediately over the bell tower: the staff will have to rise between thirty and forty feet in order that the flag may clear the building. Following Mr Roach's public - spirited example, it would be a graceful action on the part of the townspeople to present the School with the necessary flagstaff and halliards

1900 March, Mr Bowie, the second assistant master, who had been appointed master of the Matamau school.

1900 March, Mr J. A. Smith and W. G. Martin the masters of the District School, intend holding evening classes during the winter months, for those lads wishing to receive instruction in the subjects required for standard VI. Arrangements will be made with Mr Hill, Inspector of Schools, to issue standard VI certificates to those qualified at the expiration of the term. We understand that the subjects of instruction will also cover the ground for those pupils desirous of preparing for the Junior Civil Service examination. Book-keeping (double and single entry) will receive special attention. There is no doubt that some profitable occupation for our lads during the winter evenings is greatly needed, and we confidently anticipate that the enterprise of Messrs Smith and Martin will receive the support it merits.

1900 May, The school flag staff was only erected this morning, and great credit is due to Messrs Tong and Holt for having the work completed in time to fly the flag in honour of the relief of Mafeking. The work was commenced at a very early hour this morning in anticipation of the good news.

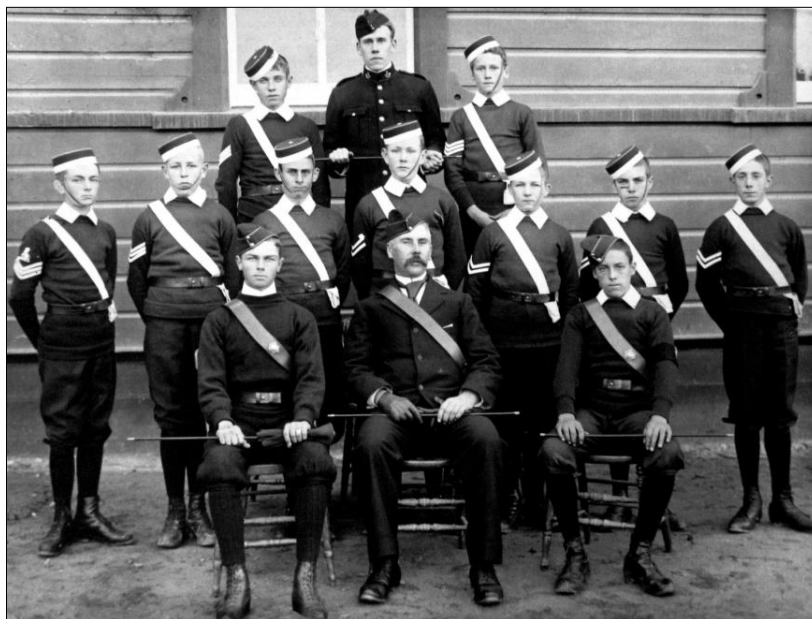
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1900 June, The boys attending the District school have been patiently waiting for the **long-hoped-for peace in South Africa**, and as Lord Roberts seems somewhat slow in bringing about a cessation of hostilities they have taken upon themselves the responsibility of aiding him in his laudable undertaking. To this end, Messrs Tong, Simmonds, Holt, and

W. B. Jones have furnished the youngsters with the latest model carbines and there is no doubt that when Oom Paul hears of the advent of such a formidable force he will throw up the 3ponge and surrender unconditionally.

1900 September, The District School flag was flying at half-mast to-day, out of respect to the memory of the Mr C. J. N. Russell, son of Captain Russell, M.H.R., a recognition which is most appropriate on account of the latter's good offices as Chairman of School Committee for many years.



1901 Hastings Central School cadets

1901 February, Miss Percy, the respected head mistress of the Hastings State school is serious ill. Miss Percy has only been ailing for a few days and we trust under the skill of Doctors Nairn and visiting Dr Cleghorn the anxiety of her many friends will be relieved and that she will recover rapidly.

Soon after his visit to Hastings, Dr. George Cleghorn MD from Whanganui died suddenly at his residence in June 1902 aged 51. Some hours before he attended a patient and retired to bed apparently in good health. He awoke later and told his wife he thought he was dying and asked her to send for another medical man. Before medical assistance arrived Dr Cleghorn died. The deceased had been suffering from 'angina pectoris, and death was not altogether unexpected. He had previously resided in Blenheim for 24 years.

1901 March, The district school in Hastings, headmaster Mr W. G. Martin.

1901 March, Chicken - A complaint has been made to the Chairman of the Hastings School Committee that the children, released from school for the the mid-day recess, are in the habit of racing backwards and forwards over the railway crossing at the Gasworks whilst the train is approaching. It appears the youngsters do this for the purpose of seeing which will dare to be the last to cross the line before the engine passes and they run great risk of their lives. It is to be trusted the school authorities will take the matter in hand and put a stop to such dangerous practices.

1901 March, The Hastings School Committee call tenders for levelling the school grounds. Tenders close next Saturday at noon.

1901 April, Mr McGaffin has almost completed the contract for levelling the Hastings State School grounds and the hillocks seem to have if disappeared by magic.

1901 April, The Hastings District School continuation classes commenced on Monday last, there being a good attendance. Persons desirous of taking advantage should communicate with either Mr J. A. Smith or Mr W. G. Martin at once so as to have the benefit of the full course. The classes will be held on each Monday and Friday evening from 7.15 to 9.15.

1901 April, Messrs Adam King and Thomas Thornton, of Hastings, presented, respectively, a cricket ball and bat for the best bowling and batting averages amongst the pupils of the local District School. The headmaster Mr J. A. Smith, presented the prizes this afternoon, Master J. McCarthy securing the cricket ball with a bowling average of 1.7 per wicket, and Master J. Aldridge carrying off the bat with an average of 13 6 runs per innings. Master D. Wilkins was close up for the bowling and Master Percy Martin with 11-8 runs per innings came second for the batting.

1901 May, **Boy Cadets required** - Mr J. A. Smith, head master. Hastings District School, has received the following telegram from the Government. " What number of cadets have you in your school, distinguishing between those in

uniform and those not, minimum height 4ft 6in, excepting boys who are officers or non-coms, with a view of their proceeding to Christchurch. Transport, housing, and rationing to be provided by the Government.

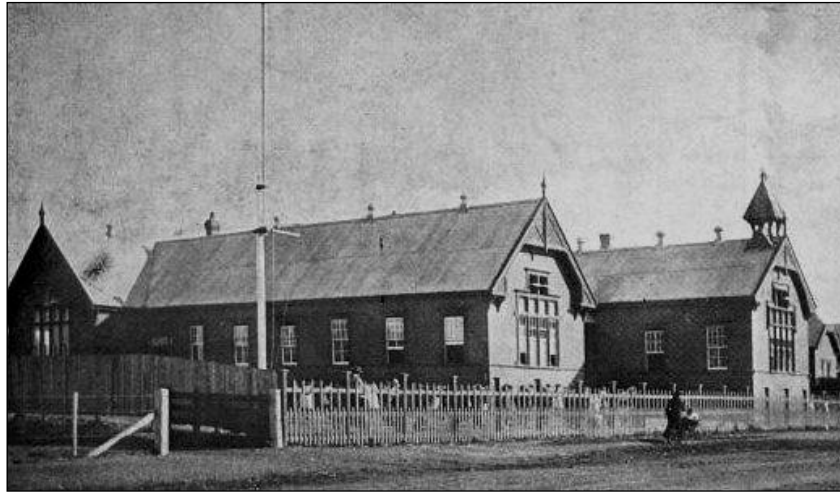
1901 June, The Hastings State School Cadets were paraded for inspection under Acting Captain, W. G. Martin, yesterday. The Government Inspector, Captain Loveday, expressed himself satisfied with the drill and efficiency of both officers and boys. The corps leave here for Christchurch on the 19th inst.

1901 June, Mr W. G. Martin of the Hastings District School, who goes to Christchurch in charge of the local cadets, received the following telegram from Mr A. L. D. Fraser, Wellington :- The Defence Department authorise me to instruct you that all teachers necessary to accompany cadets are to be included in pass under the head of officers. The District School cadets have got their new uniforms and looked quite smart when they march through Hastings under Captain Martin and their officers. The lads were erect soldiers with a clean regular stride, which would do credit to any corps in the colony, and Sergeant-Major Humphries is to be congratulated on the result of his training.

1901 June, All the sisters and the cousins and the aunts of the Hastings Cadets assembled at the railway station this afternoon to witness their departure for Christchurch in order to take part in the reception ceremonies for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York visiting the colony. The boys under their officers marched up to the railway station about half an hour previous to the arrival of the train and nothing but expressions of admiration could be heard amongst the large crowd, and, even allowing a liberal discount off the terms of praise as coming from the mothers and sisters of the young fire eaters, they certainly earned approbation for their manly bearing, soldierly swing, erectness and general military exactitude. **Captain Martin** put the District School Company through some manual exercises, which were executed simultaneously and with precision and the same may be said of the Church Lads' under Lieutenant Wall. When the train drew up it was found that the Napier contribution to the mobilisation numbered 234, including the Spit and Taradale and these with 53 Hastings School Cadets and 23 Church Lads brought the number up to the respectable total of 310 from this district. Notwithstanding the large crowd thronging the platform there was no confusion attendant upon the entraining of the lads who wheeled and formed, advanced and retired like seasoned veterans. As the train steamed out Mr W. C. Maddison called for three cheers for the boys, which was heartily taken up by the crowd and the lads returned the cheer enthusiastically. Three cheers were then given for the Napier youngsters and the cheers of the boys were heard dying away in the distance as the train whirled away on her journey south. Mr Martin and the officers in charge of the Hastings School cadets and the Church Lads' Brigade speak highly of the conduct of the boys during their stay in Christchurch. The officers received great assistance from Mr Land in caring for the lads, and Mr Martin says he could have done with one or two more to help in the work of organisation. In July 1901 The Hastings School Cadets paraded for inspection and the commanding officer, Captain Martin, expressed himself pleased at the soldierly bearing and general smartness of the lads. In August 1901 Mr Hill, inspector of schools, inspected the Hastings State school cadets yesterday afternoon, and expressed himself highly pleased with their appearance and proficiency in drill. He congratulated Captain Martin upon the marked success which attended his efforts to bring and maintain the standard of efficiency attained, and trusted the lads would respond to their officers by taking an active interest in their work. In August 1901 Mr W. G. Martin captain of the Hastings District School cadets has received a letter from Colonel Wood, suggesting a meeting of the Hawke's Bay school cadet captains to discuss matters re **compulsory drill and cadet** business generally. In November 1901 Many of the older cadets having left school, the corps of the Hastings district school is being recruited from the lower forms, and the lads are making great progress under Captain W. G. Martin and Lieut Martin.

1901 July, A football match was played on the Heretaunga School Grounds between a team from the District School and the Heretaunga School 11, resulting in a win for the latter by 18 points to nil. For the private school Danvers kicked a penalty goal, W. Ellwood secured three tries and Potts and Hunt one each, whilst the more prominent players on the other side were McLellan, McCorkindale and Love.

1901 August, **The district school Lagoon** – *Dear Editor, The teachers of the District School would be doing a great kindness to the parents of the scholars if would taboo the lagoon adjoining the school playground on the same principle as the new playground has been protected. The children arrive home (at least mine do) wet from head to toe, the result of their operations in the lagoon. I know that Mr J. A. Smith only wants a hint to stop this trouble. I am, etc., Parent.*



1902 July, the Main State School on Southampton St with flag pole

1902 November, At the district school near the gas works, the latrine need altering. The pit is too deep, and the flush is ineffectual. I recommend that one of Williams' patent latrines be fitted without delay, provided with an automatic, flush tank. That a **windmill** be erected to pump the water up to the flush tank. That a properly constructed disconnecting chamber is built to disconnect the drains from the sewer.

1903 August, A windmill and 2 X 800 gallon water tanks were erected at the Hastings State School

1903 December, Hastings continued its prosperous course and addition after addition to the school was found necessary, the last of these being an infant school capable of accommodating 200 children. While the tide of prosperity was in full flow, the Catholic community established its own school, which has now an attendance of about 250 pupils. When this school was opened, about 100 children left the State, school to join it, but the loss was only temporary, and the State school now numbers over 600 pupils. Within the last six months a suburban school has been opened a Mahora, and notwithstanding the fact that it has a roll of over 70 pupils, the attendance at the Main School has not been sensibly affected, The beginning of the coming year will see the erection of a Technical School, in which carpentry, cooking, dressmaking, type writing, shorthand etc., will be taught which marks the latest stage of development. The establishment of a district High School is at present in progress, and every effort is being made by the committee to have the High School Department opened in February next.

1904 April Mr W. Wilson, second assistant master at the Hastings District School, resigned his position in order to devote his whole time to completing his degree, proceeded to Wellington this morning to commence his studies.

1904, **Arthur Richard Cullen**, a pupil teacher in the Hastings District High School was appointed second assistant master, he was born in Napier in November 1881 and educated at the Hastings District High School and he married in Hastings January 1912.

1904, The first Hastings District High School arose through the Hastings Borough Council – with Mr J. A. Smith the first master and secondary teacher with 41 pupils in wooden buildings at the rear of the State School on Karamu Rd sth opposite the Gas works. It catered for secondary and largely commercial night classes in dressmaking, carpentry, and cabinetmaking classes, then shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping and cookery, later maturation, arithmetic, woodcarving, leatherwork, stencilling, wool-classing, drawing, and plumbing were instituted with a laboratory.

1904, When a secondary division was attached to the Hastings Borough School Mr L. F. Pegler was appointed first master in charge when the then headmaster J. A. Smith was appointed assistant inspector of Education Board. Three years later Mr Pegler assumed control as headmaster and took charge of both secondary and primary division.

Mr E. Varley Hudson,
TEACHER OF SINGING, VOICE
PRODUCTION & MUSICAL
THEORY.
HAS RESUMED LESSONS.

MR HUDSON'S Singing Class
for Adults will open at the
District High School, Southampton
street, on THURSDAY, Feb. 16th, at
7.30 p.m.
Including members that have not
yet sent in their names are requested
to do so at once. 1765

1905 February, E. Varley Hudson Music teacher at the District High School, Southampton St



1906, Hastings looking south east over Railway line and Railway Rd and Southampton St, with the Main State Schools (established 1887) with the wooden Infants school 1897 opposite the **gas works** on Karamu Rd sth, poss further south the Hastings District High School wooden building, taken from the Presbyterian Church steeple by Brown & Ross for NZ Cyclopaedia



The Hastings Gas Works (established 1887) shows on right edge shows the State School Infants Classrooms 1897



The teacher's residence on corner of **Southampton St** and Karamu Rd with the Hastings main State School on left, with windmill and tall water tank stand behind, opposite the gas works

In 1907 Mr Leonard Francis Pegler, succeeded Smith and was appointed Headmaster of the Hastings District High School with J. T. O. Stephens secondary teacher.

In 1907, The schoolboys dug down 3ft for the first swimming pool with pick & shovel then barrow along planks to men

awaiting with scoops and trays to cart it away. Pegler was largely institute in getting the first swimming baths funded and constructed in 1908, dedicated to the previous Chairman of the School Committee for 9 years and a member of the Hastings Borough Council for six years – Mr William Charles Maddison who died in office March 1908, his wife Mary Maria died January 1930.

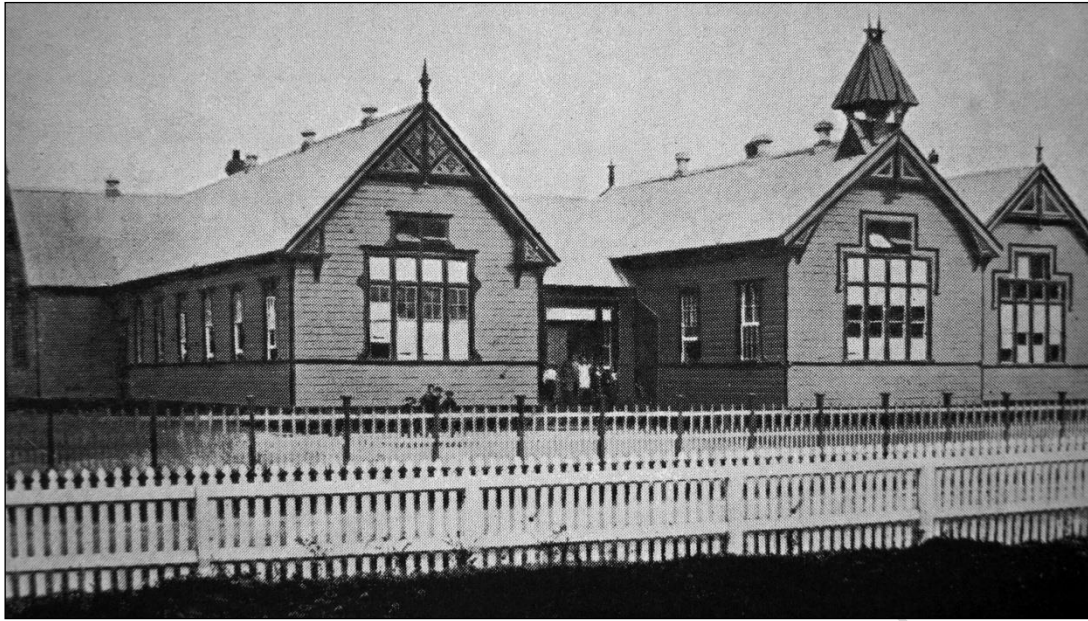
1907, The Hastings High School or the Hastings Technical High School operated from the wooden building on Karamu Rd sth

1907 March, The contractors are making steady progress with the new brick building for the secondary department of the Hastings District High School.

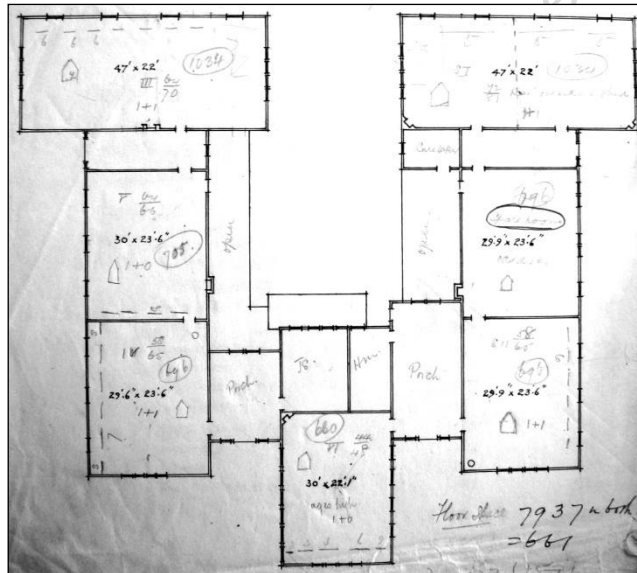
1907 March, **Valedictory to Mr J. A. Smith** at Drill Hall, teachers and pupils of the Hastings District High school assembled to bid farewell to the headmaster Mr J. A. Smith who has been appointed Assistant Inspector for Hawke's Bay. Mr E. V. Hudson on behalf of the teachers, parents and children presented Mr Smith with a large copper mounted writing desk and a handsome easy chair. Mr Hudson said that Mr Smith had been connected to the school for 23 years. In that time the school had grown from one room to such a size that an infant department in a separate building was required. A carpentering room was also added, and a District High School was in course of erection. Mr and Mrs Smith had had an uphill fight for the advancement of the school, but now it must be gratifying to hem to know that it was now one of the largest in the colony, one with which teachers and scholars should be proud to be connected. Mr Hudson also referred to the help given to the school by Mrs Smith in organising functions held to assist the finances of the school, and presented her with a solid silver salver suitably inscribed. In concluding, Mr Hudson wished the recipients long life and prosperity. Mr Smith in returning thanks said that he had seen many teachers leave the school for other places, but he had never realised the sorrow attached to a departure until today. The Hastings School had always been a big one and he was confident it would continue to be so. He thanked those assembled for their presents, which will recall many pleasant memories of their connection with the school. After the ceremony, the recipients were entertained at afternoon tea by the lady teachers. The writing desk and chair were the work of Messrs Phillips and Wright and reflected a great credit on that firm, Mr Smith commences upon his new duties next week.



1908, The new extended Hastings State School Hastings on **Southampton St** east with a large number of pupils and a small group of patriotic post-Boar-War boy's school cadet's in uniform on the footpath, summer time with many windows open



1908, The new extended Hastings State School on **Southampton St** east with a few pupils and new white fencing outside Drill Hall



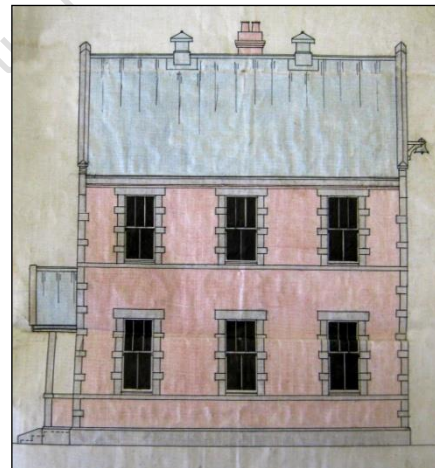
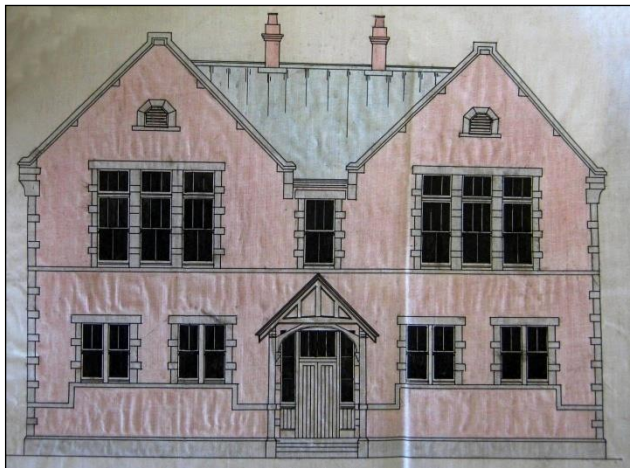
Floor plan of the two main wings only



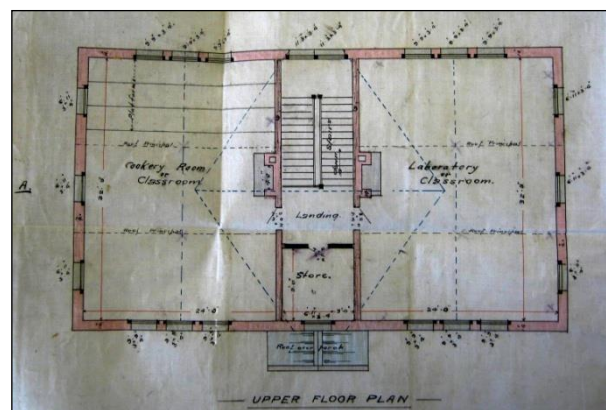
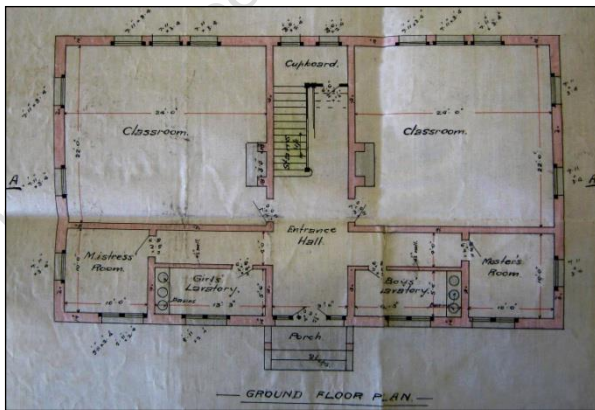
A later photo shows extra side windows added to the original building, by Lovell-Smith

1908, It was mainly through Pegler's efforts that hundreds of pounds were raised for the benefit of the school. Under his guidance the school grew in size and in 1908 it had the largest number of pupils of any school in the province.

1908, Hastings School now had a roll of 700.



Plans for the new two story brick High School at Hastings with assembly bell attached to the rear wall



Floor plan shows ground floor 2 Secondary Classrooms, with upper Cookery Room and Science Laboratory with a Govt grant of £2,400

Hastings High School –

The wooden Woodwork building erected in 1904 Karamu Rd sth, new additions to the rear of wooden woodwork were planned in July 1916 for cooking.



1908 March, The new two story brick High School Hastings with a roll of 60, it was officially opened in May by the Minister for Education the Hon Geo Fowlds. Situated close to the bed of the old Makirikiri creek on Karamu Rd sth, opposite the Gas Works, shows the old wooden Woodwork and Cooking building left erected in 1904, George Frederick Roach was chairman of the HDS, W. C. Maddison was the late chairman



Postcard photo of the new two-stored brick building erected and opened in March 1908 opposite the Gas Works on Karamu Rd sth for a separate secondary District High School



1908 May, Empire Day celebrations with Sir William Russell, Chairman of Hawke's Bay Education Board, addressing the scholars at State Central School grounds and salute the flag opposite the Hastings Drill Hall (without date) on **Southampton St** east, shows a windmill behind a two-storied building on Warren St possibly the Manor Boarding House 28 rooms which burnt down Feb 1918, by Rembrandt Studio's, Hastings of Poll & Rackman



1908 May, Empire Day celebrations His worship the Mayor of Hastings T. J. Thompson addressing the scholars with the Headmaster Mr L. Frank Pegler, B.A., the Chairman of the School Committee Mr George Frederick Roach and members of the School Committee gathered, also shows the future Borough Council yards unfenced and **Southampton St** east, by Rembrandt Studio's, Hastings of Poll & Rackham



1908 May, Empire Day celebrations of school children at the State Central School grounds opposite the Hastings Drill Hall on **Southampton St** east at right now HDC, shows another windmill further up on Warren St above the Drill Hall lean-to and a two-storied building on Lyndon Rd east possibly Dr Thomas McKibbin's residence - now Library grounds and cottage of Edwin Watkins a Saddler on Southampton St



Patriotic post-Boar-war boy's military school cadets on parade at the State Central School grounds opposite the Hastings Drill Hall 1909 on **Southampton St** east, the future Borough Council yards now with wooden fence, shows a windmill behind a two-storied building on Warren St possibly the Manor Boarding House 28 rooms which burnt down Feb 1918, and the distant Catholic Church steeple

1908 October, Hastings Swimming Baths - Tenders are invited for the erection of swimming baths at the Hastings District High School. The bath, which is to be built of concrete, measurers 40ft x 75ft and at its deepest end the bath will have a depth of 8ft, gradually shelving back to a depth of 2ft 6in. On the eastern side several dressing rooms are provided and a verandah fronting about half the length. Ample seating accommodation has been provided on the western side. The bath will be supplied from four 3in artesian wells, continually flowing, so as to ensure a plentiful supply of pure fresh water. The secretary of the bath fund, Mr L. F. Pegler, will be pleased to receive subscriptions from persons desirous of subscribing towards the cost of erection.

1908 October, The contract of the school bath has been let to Messrs Curd and Whatman who have begun their work. Application has been made for the Government subsidy on money raised and some £550 should be available. It is expected that the bath will be ready for the formal opening early in December.

1908 October, Furniture is still wanted in the High School rooms, especially in the teachers' rooms, which are absolutely empty. Plumbing classes have been begun, though with a very small attendance.

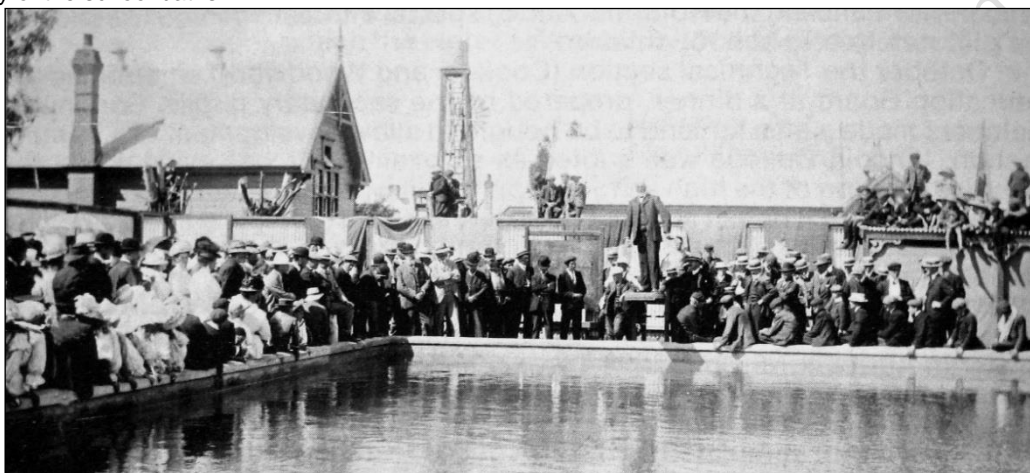
1908 November, The new school baths are rapidly approaching completion, the concrete work is almost finished and well sinking operations are about to be commenced. Early in December the baths should be ready for opening.

1908 November, In all probability the annual breakup of the Hastings- District High School will take place on the 15th of December, instead of the 19th as in past years. On moving in the matter at last night's meeting of the School Committee,

Mr E. Basil-Jones pointed out that the work in connection with fruit picking by children had grown to such an extent that it was absolutely essential that the farmers of the district should be enabled to have the assistance of the children as early as possible. The closing of the school five days earlier than usual would really prove a benefit as far as the school is concerned, as the attendance during the last week was usually so poor that it told severely against the average attendance. A week before the school closed last year there were **70 children employed at the Frimley orchards.**

1908 December, The School Swimming Bath is now practically completed and all that is required to be done before bringing it into commission is to finish the work in connection with the appointments. Mr Pegler the headmaster is hopeful of arranging for the formal opening to take place on the day the School breaks up, probably Tuesday, December 15th. The thanks of the whole community are due to Mr Pegler and his associates for the manner in which this most valuable work has been brought to a successful issue.

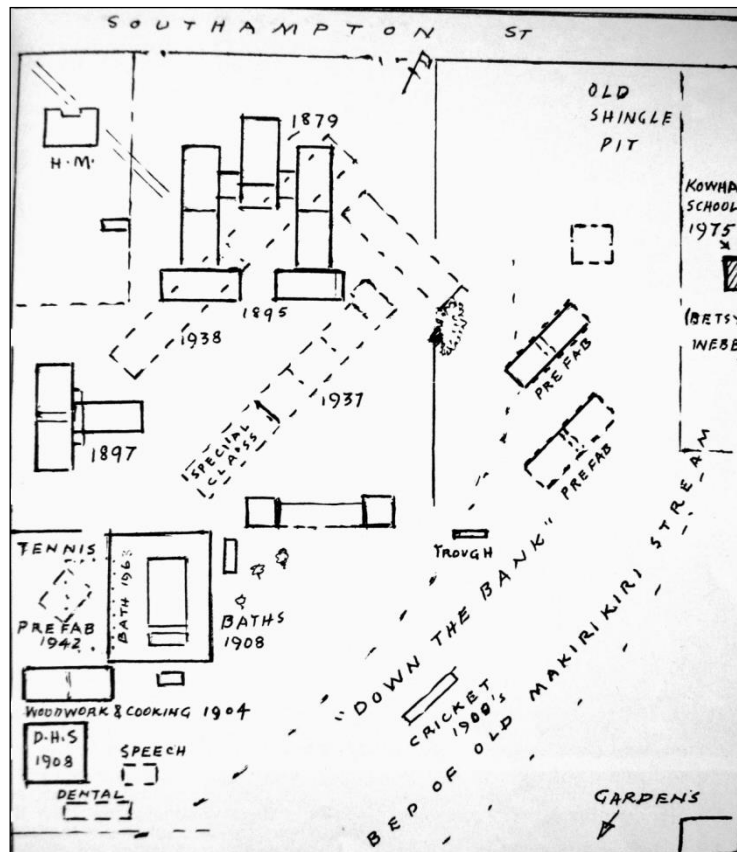
1908 December, The Hastings Swimming Club in appointing Mr G. B. Mackay as one of its Vice-presidents, secured a good officer. 'Mac' is an adept in the art of swimming and on one occasion he spent two and a half hours in the ocean struggling to save the life of a comrade who was capsized out of a boat with him. "I love the water" says Mac" and could eat my meals while swimming," Three more medals have been donated towards the competitions at the opening of the Hastings swimming baths. Mr Ribband an expert diver and swimmer has consented to give an exhibition of the art on the opening day of the school baths.



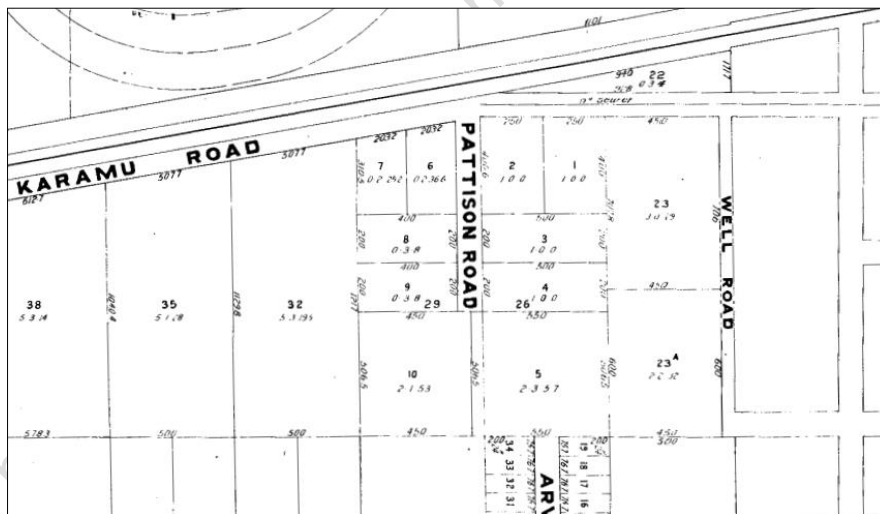
1908 December 19th Opening of the Hastings State School Maddison Memorial swimming baths by the Mayor T. J. Thompson, and George Frederick Roach chairman, looking north shows the rear wing of the Infants school 1897 behind with the water tank tower and windmill. Later in 1919 a new swimming club was formed at the Maddison Baths named the Heretaunga Swimming & Life Saving Club, and then electric lights were installed and Learn to Swim classes.

The entrance door to the baths was smashed open by the Fire Brigade to get an emergency supply of water to fight nearby fires, later special emergency access was provided. The baths were later damaged in the 1931 earthquake and repaired.

1911 January, Owing to the alterations in the latrines not being completed, the Hastings District School will not re-open until Monday, February 13th. Under ordinary conditions the school would have reopened on Monday, 6th February.

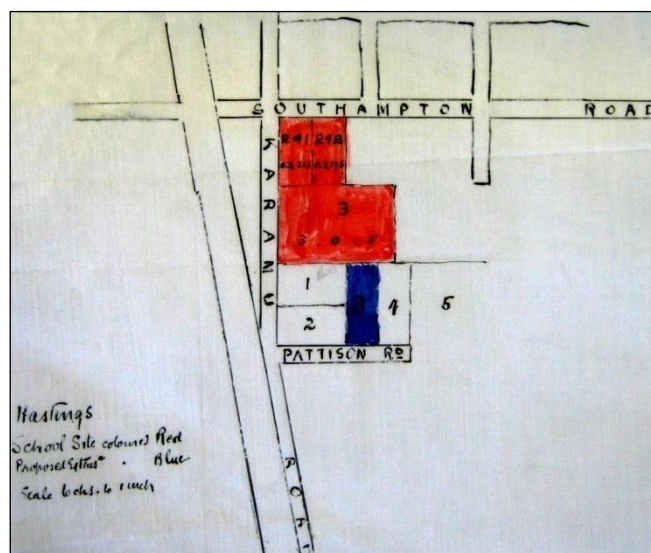


Over a boundary fence there was the lower creek bed playground and arrow to the Gardens



Well Rd was an early pathway to the Karamu Pathway at the Makirikiri ford. It was a dirt pathway along Sec 23 which gave direct access to and from the end of Hastings St sth - as far as Hastings St sth originally went. Well Rd pathway adjoined the proposed woollen factory reserve and was never properly formed by the council as it did not align with other Hastings east streets; there was no housing on Well Rd. In May 1893 a contract was approved for taking shingle from the woollen factory reserve quarry at 1s 5d per yard to repair the footpaths, which later caused a lagoon. Well Rd was later replaced after Mr Pattison built his big house in July 1896, poss on Sec 4 and his road was named Pattison Rd - a short distance south from Well Rd. Pattison Rd was properly formed by the council in May 1907 and became a public road in February 1910. The old Well Rd pathway was absorbed to become part of the Hastings Public technical school site, adjoining the excavated woollen factory reserve

In the 1960's we attended woodwork with Mr Hingsman and the girls had cooking classes in a long old narrow building - poss placed on the old Well Rd site off Karamu Rd sth at the rear of Central school. The footpath to the woodwork / cooking rooms on the south side sloped down to the old excavated woollen factory reserve site, with new pensioner flats built across on the southern side. The woollen factory reserve site is now filled-in with new buildings. A remnant of Well Rd still exists from the Hastings St sth entrance to Central School and to the old Small Bore Rifle Club room and range.



1914 June, The Hastings Technical High School purchased blue Lot 3 of section 23 & 29 East Hastings for agriculture science purposes, £200. The Hastings Technical High School agriculture plots off Paterson Rd had no less than 9 different varieties of grasses all labelled were transferred to the agricultural plot in the new high school premises.

1913 July, Much sympathy will be felt for Mr and Mrs A. Bullen of Hastings in the death of their daughter Jean, aged twelve years. The little girl was **vaccinated at the Hastings District School** about ten days ago and the inoculation was certified as having been successful. She was at school as usual on Friday last, but on Sunday afternoon complained of feeling unwell. In the evening her condition became worse and yesterday morning she was overcome by a fit of convulsions in which she remained till about 1.30 when she died. Dr. Story had previously been called in, but deceased never regained consciousness. It was stated in town this morning that death was due to blood-poisoning setting in after vaccination, but Dr. Story states that the convulsions were brought on by a disordered stomach, and the cause of death was not in any way connected with the vaccination. Mr Bullen has expressed himself as being satisfied that the vaccinations at the school were performed skilfully and that every precaution was taken to protect the children from risks of blood poisoning. An inquest will probably be held to-morrow.

1913 September, Caretaker - Hastings School has a roll of 890, there is the main school of six class rooms accommodating around 600, an Infants School of three classrooms accommodating 240, a High School and Technical School with 40 – 50 pupils, besides the Evening and Saturday classes, with Woodwork and Plumbing in another building, a large swimming pool and two pieces of land set aside for agriculture deems the necessity for a live on site Caretaker to undertake the daily duties and to safeguard the property, including holidays. Committee proposes he live in the Headmasters residence on Southampton St and the Headmaster to be given the standard living away housing allowance, J. A. Miller, Chairman.

1914 June, Settlers residing east of Riverslea Rd and Havelock Rd Hastings who are interested in the erection of a **school on the Parkvale estate** are requested to attend a meeting to be held at Mr T. Miller's residence, St. George's Rd, but this new school did not eventuate until February 1919

1915, Mr Pegler an excellent organiser and an enthusiastic worker for the school with the assistance of A. A. George brought into being what was later known as the Hastings District High school, Drum and Fife Band. The band gave a valuable service to both the school and the town, but during the 1914-18 war it had to cease its activities. Mr Pegler was keenly interested in football and was a prominent referee.

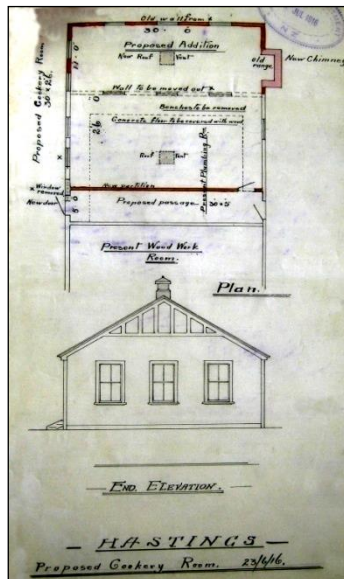
1916 April, Miss Cora Maney daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Maney, Hastings and a member of the teaching staff of the Hastings District High School, is now in the Napier Hospital for the purpose of undergoing an operation for a throat trouble.



1916, Hastings Central School on an excursion field trip on the Hastings Havelock bus



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1916 July, Plan of new additions to the rear of wooden woodwork and cooking rooms, built 1904

1917, Open-air classroom with blackboards attached to exterior classroom walls were proposed for the Hastings High School, but due to WW1 and lack of funds did not evolve

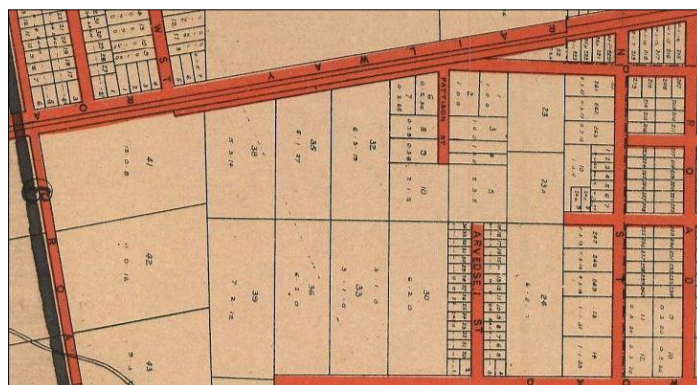
David Cowan taught fifth standard at Hastings Central School charged in October 1924 aged 42 with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16.

1918, Due to the overcrowding at Hastings School a new **side-school** at Parkvale was started with a temporary School operating in February 1919 at the Hop Kiln.



1919, Std 4a Hastings District High School

1919 March, post WW1 around 92 secondary old boys served overseas with 16 dead, followed by the influenza epidemic. The District School roll was now around 900, Std VI were temporarily housed in the Kings Theatre now owned by the Borough for the proposed Civic Square. Mr G. F. Roach chairman HBEB urged the disestablishing of the Hastings Borough Council's High School under Pegler and the establishment of a proper separate Education Board **Technical High School**, as the High School could not give the commercial, engineering and other courses of study the scope of other Technical Schools. First they had to raise subscriptions for the purchase of a site, because the department would only consider it **if the district people were to provide a site with road frontage** - being a necessary requisite, after that the department would erect a school. Land was given at the end of the Karamu Rd sth past Well Rd Pattison Rd at the end of the row of railway poplar trees - as far as Karamu Rd sth went then and extra land at Sec 38 was quickly obtained.

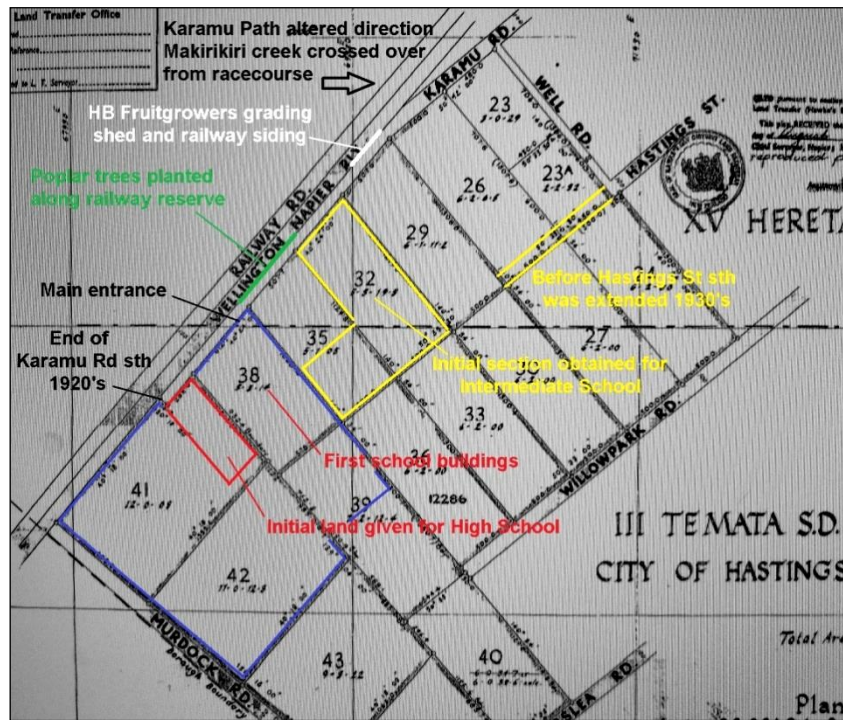


Hastings St sth originally went as far as Well Rd and Karamu Rd sth as far as the new Technical High School new property

1920 February, New Hastings Technical High School site - The Mayor said that the site selected and approved by the Department was the property of 10 acres, belonging to **Mr J. Cullinane of Karamu Rd south**, the option over which had been extended to the 28th inst.

1920 February, The new Parkvale School was opened saw a drop in roll at the Hastings **Central** School, Headmaster Mr J. F. Pegler stated - From a roll of 790 in December last, 330 including about 60 Standard 6 pupils, with admissions in the neighbourhood of 50, so that the primary roll is now 510.

1920, A new Hastings Central School teachers room with library and a masters office in the main building



In March 1920 an additional 9½ adjoining acres for a new High School (Sec 41) further south along Karamu Rd was acquired through Mr Arthur Anderson - to total 20 acres - Sections 38, and 41. Later Sec 41 and part of 39 was obtained. The front part of Sec 35 was the later racehorse stables. Section 32 was obtained for a new Intermediate School then part of Sec 35 and Hastings St sth was extended and Karamu Rd was extended further south to reach Murdoch Rd



The first Hastings District High School on Karamu Rd sth opposite the Gas Works 1921, fence removed, front flag pole, later damaged in the 1931 earthquake and demolished

1921 February, The filling in of the lower playground at the Hastings District High School has almost been completed to provide a playing area. Near the old Makirikiri creek bed.

1921 March, Karamu Rd sth extension to Murdoch Rd land given by Mr J. H. Harris, at present Karamu Rd comes to a blind end and will be necessary when the new Technical High School is erected.

1922 April, Mrs Tosswill has presented the Hastings Technical High School with some valuable choice bulbs and some necessary fences have been erected to prevent damage to the flower beds.

1922 July, Mr R. D. Sutherland late chairman of the Hastings Central School committee

1922 August, Hastings Technical High School Mr W. A. G. Penlington, the school now has a complete staff. W. L. Dunn Secretary.

1922 August, The Hastings Central school committee aided by many willing helpers is making every endeavour to prepare the **Drill Hall** in such a way that will give satisfaction to the usual large number of patrons for the adults dance to raise ever-needed funds for the school. To prevent the inconvenience caused by the rush on the supper room doors, special barricades are being erected so that queues may be formed. It is expected the floor will be as good as ever if not then the fault of the gangs of school boys who are daily polishing it with a heavy sandbag worked up to its former smoothness when dances were held there. A huge attendance at the Hastings Central School children's dance augurs well for another successful gathering for the up-coming adults dance.

1922 September, Mr A. D. Ross chairman Hastings Central School Committee received news that a request by Mr L. W. Pegler headmaster is to be relieved so he can take up duties as relieving inspector in place of Mr J. Brunton who is on sick leave. Mr Renton the second master at Central School will act as head teacher during Mr Pegler's absence and a relieving teacher will be added to the staff to assist with the work generally.

1922 September, At Hastings Central School the staff met to bid farewell to Mrs Tindall whose services are no longer required at the school on account of a slight reduction in the average attendance. Mr L. F. Pegler headmaster and first assistant Mr W. Renton.



1920's, Hastings Central School children's metaphor practice, looking east towards Hastings St sth where the Makirikiri creek passed around, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1922 October – Hastings primary State School name was changed to the **Hastings Central School**, while the adjoining Hastings District High School separated to form its own establishment. Pegler declined the Technical Headmaster - no remuneration and he resigned from the Hastings Central School in March 1924 and was succeeded by John A. Banks till 1932.

1922 October, The Hastings High School became the **Hastings Technical High School** for Boys and Girls under the new headmaster - Mr WAG Penlington a distinguished Great War vet from Akaroa while they were still being housed by Hastings Central School. Penlington introduced "Akina" - strike hard as the motto and the "Huia" as the emblem - a bird esteemed by Maori for its nobility and appropriate for co-ed school because they hunt in pairs.

1923 July, Most of the pupils at the Hastings High School study French and with a view to making that study more interesting for them, the headmaster Mr W. A. G. Penlington recently wrote to the headmaster of the high school at Lille, France, suggesting that French children studying English should correspond with some of the Hastings boys and girls.

1924 January, **Mr F. J. Wilson** M.Sc has been appointed science master to the Hastings High School and will take up his duties at the opening of the new term. He commenced a brilliant scholastic career by winning Junior and Senior National Scholarships. He obtained B. sc. degree of the New Zealand University. Mr Wilson served with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and after the armistice was granted a special scholarship to enable him to continue his studies in science. He was recently awarded the M.Sc degree of the University of Manchester.

1924 February, **Mr L. F. Pegler resigns** – The Hastings Central School committee met where the headmaster Mr L. F. Pegler presented his monthly report - roll at close of 1923 – 591 ; withdrawn (including former S 6) 94; admitted 77; present roll 574; average attendance 539. Staff – Mr J. H. Menzies has taken up the position of 2nd male assistant, vice Mr D. Cowan, the vacancy formerly being filled by Mr Driller, Mrs A. Hawley occupies the position left vacant on the departure of Miss Shearer to Canada and pending Miss Grey's return. Two junior mistresses (Misses V. Hankin and A. Lloyd) were added to the staff owing to increase of attendance last year and Misses Burne and Heffernan and Mr Jackson of the pupil-teacher staff were replaced by Misses Budd and Miss Hay. Fulbert Picket obtained a scholarship in the junior scholarship examination and Jean Clarkson passing the Junior Free Place. Mr L. F. Pegler stated he had received official confirmation of his appointment to the position of headmaster of the Waimate District High school from 1st April and has tendered his resignation. Pegler had twenty years residence in Hastings.

1924 March, Farewell given to Messrs L. F. Pegler and F. A. Garry headmaster of Parkvale - Mr Arthur Cullen presided, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr W. Bird and Mr G. F. Roach.

For some years later Mr Pegler was been teaching at Wesley Collage in Wellington though he had retired actively from teaching some time ago. **Leonard Francis Pegler** died July 1946 at Wellington aged 72. He left a wife.

1924 June, Mr and Mrs D. A. Strachen was farewell at Hastings by the NZ Teachers Institute after eleven years in HB prior to his leaving for the South Island. The president Hastings branch Mr A. R. Cullen and his wife, Mr F. A. Garry, Mr G. F. Roach chairman, Mr J. Brunton school inspector, Mr G. McKay MP. After spaces etc dancing was resumed under the direction of F. Bell to the music of Miss McNab

1924 July, Central School building **40 years old** wooden building design is obsolete and overcrowded it is fast becoming dilapidated and **perforated with borer**, there was no assembly hall fire safety all three classrooms converged into one porch – a new up-to-date building necessary A. W. Parkinson chairman school committee and L. A. Denton chairman Education dept, B. M. Kessell, H. Price, Mr Henderson, C. G. Cunnold, D. T. Gigg.

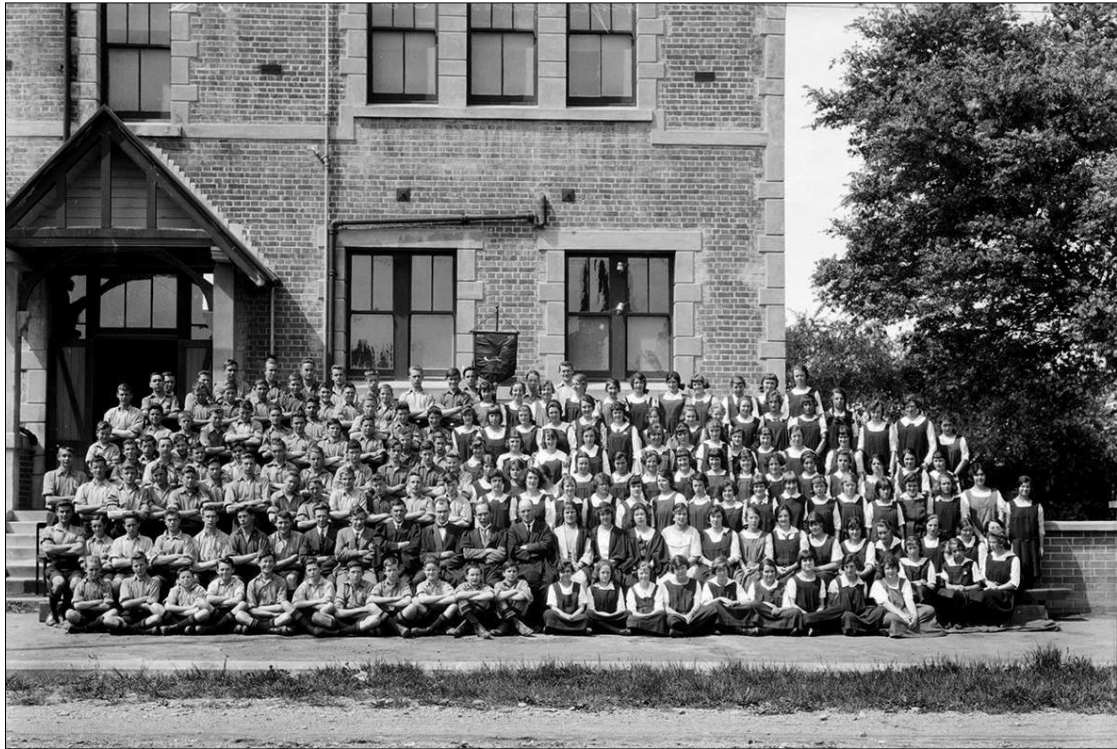
1924 August, Miss Georgina Gray of the Hastings Central School teaching staff who has been resident in Montreal and Winnipeg and England for about eighteen months has returned to Hastings.

1924 September, Death, Tindall - At a private hospital Hastings, Gertrude the dearly beloved wife of William J. Tindall, woodwork instructor at the Hastings Technical High School aged 34. Mrs Tindall of Ellison Rd came to Hastings about five years ago to join her husband and for a time she was a member on the teaching staff of the Hastings Central School. She afterwards acted as relieving teacher at Mahora North and Nelson St, Napier. She took a keen interest in social matters being an active associate of the Hastings Girl's Friendly Society. The flag at Central School was flown at half - mast out of respect to the memory of her. The funeral left her late residence for the Hastings cemetery. Rev R. T. Hall conducted the final rites. A large representative gathering of citizens assembled to pay a last tribute of respect, a wreath from the children of Central School was laid on the mound.

1924 October David Cowan aged 42 taught fifth standard at Hastings Central School was charged with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 committed seven years ago at Hastings Central School where he taught fifth standard.

1924 October, The Baths Committee of the Hastings School met to consider applications for position of caretaker, ten persons having applied for the position. Mr T. Wilson was appointed caretaker for the coming season. The opening date was left in the hands of the chairman and secretary to arrange according to weather conditions.

1924 October, Miss Leslie M. Reading of London and lately of the teaching staff of the Hastings Central School left to marry Eric Murray Mathewson.



Hastings first Technical High School, Karamu Rd sth opposite the Gas Works shows students and staff in front of the school building 1924. WAG centre with aprox 9 Staff and pupils outside with Akina emblem banner rear of a huia and the word Akina,, this building was later damaged in the 1931 earthquake and demolished

1925 April, Miss Jean Entrican only daughter of Mr J. C. Entrican of Stoneyfalls Mount Albert, she held a bachelor of arts and was for some time on the staff of the Hastings Technical High school as teacher of language. In April 1925 she married the Rev James Baird of Kent Terrace Church, Wellington.

1925 April, Farewell was given at the Hastings High School for to Mr S. H. Wilson MSc who has been appointed assistant analyst in the Dominion laboratory. The Director Mr W. A. G. Penlington spoke of the excellent work Mr Wilson has done for science at the school and the science club in making the wireless set. Head prefect C. Colwill thank Mr Wilson on behalf of the pupils. Mr K. W. Ellicott has been appointed to the position of the staff rendered vacant by Mr Wilson's resignation; his work will be mainly in the direction of English and Art. Mr H. Bevin B. Agr will be in charge of the boy's science courses.

1925 August, During the weekend the first successful communications was established through the Hastings High School wireless set, the transmitting stations at Taihape and Hastings being heard. This achievement is a distinct credit to the boys who under the supervision of their science master have made practically all the apparatus required.

1925 September, Mr and Mrs L. F. Pegler spending a holiday in Hastings return to Canterbury. During his stay Mr Pegler was unfortunate in being prostrated by an attack of influenza which kept him indoors and is fit and well again.

1925 November, Mr E. A. Coxon student teacher at the Hastings High School has passed Section 1 of the examination for Handicraft Teachers Certificate. He heads the list for the Dominion being the only candidate to pass in all subjects.

1925, December, Mr L. F. Pegler for many years headmaster of the Hastings Central School and now headmaster at Waimate was taken suddenly ill and was hurried to a hospital where an operation was performed for appendicitis. Later a germ seems to have got into the wound and he developed a temperature when his position became serious but he got better. However news was received by his relatives in Hastings that Mr Pegler had had a setback but as they heard nothing and believe he is progressing favourably again. Mr and Mrs Pegler hope to visit Hastings about the New Year.

1925, December, Some parents inquiring about the cost of school books - The principal of the Hastings High School states the actual text-books required by a first year pupil in 1926 cost in average cases 26/- The amount may be a few shillings more or less according to the course chosen. A certain number of books can be obtained second-hand through the school book exchange. The above estimate does not include the cost of exercise books and writing materials.

1926 January, Mr and Mrs L. F. Pegler of Waimate are on a visit to Hastings, Mr Pegler who has been ill recently is looking well and rapidly regaining his normal health.

1926 January, The area involved in Messrs **A. Reid's and M. Mason's properties the subdivision** of which if it eventuates will do so much to open up the district between the blind end at the south of Hastings St and the Hastings

High School amounts approximately to 15 acres. It will enable the High School and both Arvedsen St and Pattison Rd will be connected with the Hastings St extension.

1926 February, Three pupils of the Hastings High School - M. Ashcroft, I. Mackenzie and F. Whimp have been awarded higher leaving certificates for proficiency in studies beyond matriculation standard.

1926 May, Central School Jubilee - List of known ex-pupils in order of decades - 1875 - 1885 - Mrs Townshend, Mrs duff, Mrs Warren, Mrs Tymack, Mr J. Collins, Mr G. Love, Mr T. Keith, Mrs English, Mr H. C. Ebbett, Mr G. J. Hunter, Mr W. W. Lincoln, Mrs Mills, Mr F. Collinge, Mr Geo Ebbett, Mr C. F. Warren, Mrs Mary Jones, Mrs Heaps, Mr R. A. Wellwood, Mr H. Chapman, Mrs J. Macdonald, Mrs J. Goodwin. 1885 - 1895 - Mrs S. Jones, Mr E. Wall, Mrs Bryant, Mrs e. Wall, Mrs Connop, Mr E. Love, Mrs t. A. Hill, Mrs Thorpe, Miss D. Wyatt.

Mr D. T. McCormick present headmaster of Central School suggested that any funds raised might be devoted towards providing a memorial to ex-pupils who fell in the South African War and the Great War

1926 June, Miss Bella Robertson who was a teacher at the Hastings Central School some years ago (1898) and who was a prominent member of the Hastings Operatic Society of that time and well known in musical and dramatic circles has just returned to New Zealand after a tour of great Britain and the Continent of Europe. She is at present on a visit to Hastings as the guest of Mr and Mrs Barton Hobbs.

1926 July, Mr and Mrs Hickson of Hastings left for England where they intend to resume residence after an absence of twelve years spent in Hastings. Mr Hickson was for many years caretaker of the **Hastings Central School** and latterly he had charge of the **Drill Hall**. Mr Hickson a genial and well informed old gentleman and his wife a kindly lady.

1926 July, J. R. Kirk writing to the Hastings Borough Council for the Hastings (England) Education Committee said they had reorganised their school system into secondary senior and junior schools. The central school having the best of the elder elementary scholars, had won the New Zealand flag sent the committee by Hastings (NZ) many years ago and they would like to know what could be done for the younger children - it was suggested that a set of photographs of prominent buildings in Hastings might be acceptable to the English school authority and it was recommended that the Council communicate with the committee enquiring whether they would prefer a flag or pictures as suggested or both - the Mayor said the pictures would be framed with silver plates attached for the inscription of the names of winning schools who would hold the pictures for a period which would be an advertisement for Hastings. Of course both the flag and the pictures could be sent if desired.

1926 August, Mr J. R. Kirk was elected deputy chairman of the Hawke's Bay Education Board.

1926 August, Miss Georgie Gray of the Hastings Central School staff has resigned her position in order to take up a post at the Thorndon Normal School Wellington where she will have charge of the Special Opportunity Model in September.

1926 December, Mr E. A. Coxon of the Hastings Central School teaching staff left for Christchurch on holiday.

1926 December, Mr H. Smith assistant master at the Hastings Central School.

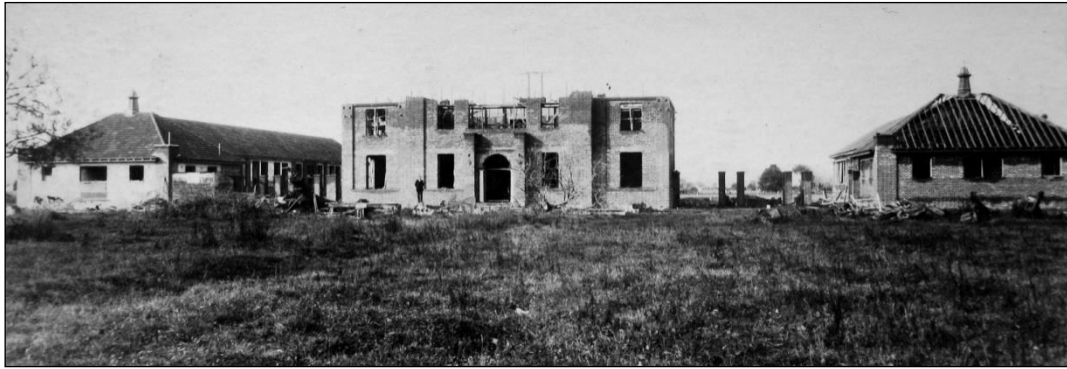
1926 December, Master Eric Spencer Clapham the son of Mrs Clapham and the late George Spencer Clapham of Hastings was awarded the dux of the Hastings Central School.

The new Hastings Technical High Schools' main building and two wings were built on Section 38 of Karamu Rd sth.

1924 October, The contract for the Hastings Technical High School was signed and the building will be started at once. Messrs **Macdonald Bros of Hastings and Waipukurau** being the contractors.

1925 February, The erection of the new high school in Karamu Rd sth is proceeding well. The foundations have been completed and the brickwork is well in hand. Two white Doric columns mark the commencement of what will be a very striking entrance. The department has approved a grant of £400 for the laboratory fittings and £300 for additional furniture.

1925 July, Mr M. McLeod senior inspector of schools in Hawke's Bay has accepted a similar appointment in the Canterbury district was given a farewell, Mr G. F. Roach, Messrs J. R. Kirk and W. Cuthbertson. Dr. McBraith succeeds.



The building of the new co-ed Hastings Technical High School in 1925



The three buildings of the Hastings Technical High School roofed in vivid red tiling set back 150 yards from the road on 20 acres shows a macrocarpa tree behind. Central block, ground floor, administration rooms, upstairs. The buildings connected by covered loggias roofed in oiled jarrah, entered through a massive doorway supported on either side by Grecian pillars the inner hall being reached through large glass swing doors. The Girls classrooms on the east wing and Boys classrooms on the west wing, science laboratories, entirely of brick and central heating, and modern lighting and ventilation. 66 electric lights, the science laboratory will furnish 1200 candle power. A certain portion of old furniture will be used, but a considerable number of new desks are being made in readiness for opening day.



1925, November, A photograph of the new Technical High School buildings for Hastings is to be place on view in the educational section of the Dunedin Exhibition.



1926, the Hastings co-ed High School, shows the Main building of a Cape Dutch design with Doric pillars, with long grass in front



1926, The Hastings co-ed High School, long grass, wire fence

The new Hastings High School – At the southern end of Karamu Rd past the present inadequate High School building with 85 yards of frontage. The central two story building with wing buildings either side, playgrounds for three football fields, six basketball courts and cricket pitches between the football fields. £700 is available for furnishings and additional equipment. The school agriculture plots in the present location off Patterson Rd have no less than 9 different varieties of grasses all labelled which will be transferred to the agricultural plot in the new high school premises. Typical fruit trees – apples, plums, peaches etc will also be grown on the high school property and farm fodder samples. Subjects from practical woodworking, cookery, dressmaking to Latin, English, Trigonometry and higher Mathematics.

1926 January, Hastings High School new staff - Miss E. M. Duff MA and Mr T. Nelson BA have been appointed to the staff in place of Miss A. L. Grant and Mr R. H. Bevin who have given up teaching for the time being. Miss Duff is well qualified for her position as language mistress. She obtained honours in English and Latin and took a course in French at the University of Grenoble France. Her teaching experience has been gained at Columbia Girls College, Wellington Girls Collage and at the Cambridge and County Girls School England. Mr Nelson BA who will be responsible for the boys science work takes a keen interest in sport. In football he represented Wellington College and was captain of the wellington Training Collage team. He also represented those institutions in cricket and so will be of great assistance in the outdoor work of the school. Principal W. A. G. Penlington.

1926 January, The Official opening of the Hastings high School was postponed.

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL WILL REOPEN in the NEW BUILDINGS, Karamu road, on TUESDAY, 9th February, 1926.

The School provides broad general courses, as well as special courses for pupils desiring to sit for the usual public examinations.

With the opening of the new buildings, situated in extensive grounds, parents can rely on their children being educated under the most favourable conditions.

Additional teachers have been appointed, and a complete staff will be available for the reopening of the school.

The Principal will enrol pupils at times to be advertised.

W. L. DUNN,
Secretary.
Education Office, Napier.

1926 February, Since the Hastings High school opened this year the roll number has been steadily increasing and there are now 254 pupils. This number entitles the school to a second additional teacher and a master is being advertised for. Miss H. Taylor is joining the staff temporarily.

1926 March, Members of the Hastings High School Old Pupils Association will in future be distinguished by a neatly executed badge made in the style of a tiepin, displays the school emblem a huia and the motto Akina in silver on a ground of red enamel.

Hastings Technical High School opened -

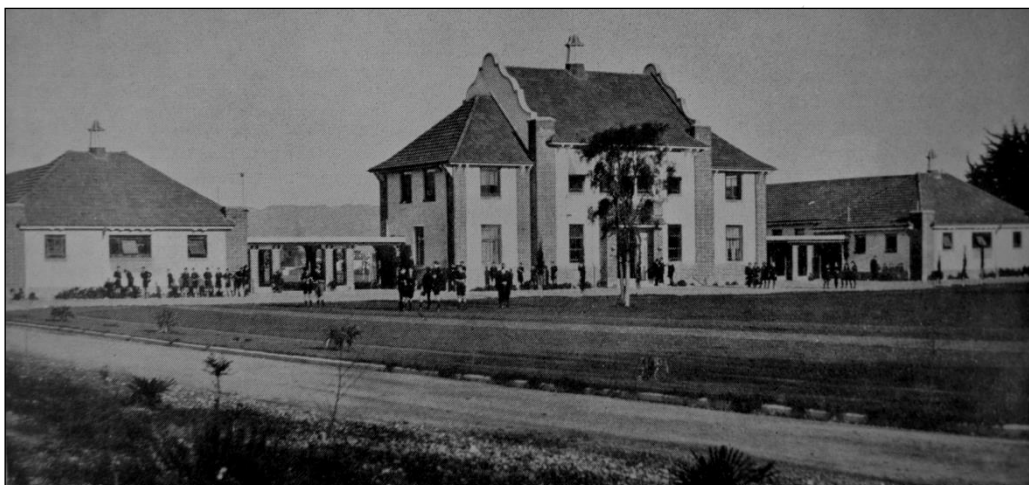
1926 March, The official opening of the Hastings High School by the Hon. Sir James and lady Parr.



1926 March, The new 'Hastings Technical High School' was officially opened by the Minister of Education Sir James Parr, Mr G. F. Roach chairman of the HB Education Board. Principal Mr W. A. G. Penlington The new building and equipment costing £19,500, building designed by Penlington's brother George to the Cape Dutch design with Doric pillars, the Superintendent of Technical Education Mr W. S. La Trobe was also a competent architect; he resigned 1938, by Lovell-Smith



1926 March, The official opening ceremony speech by the Minister of Education Sir James Parr with boys sitting one side and girls the other, by Lovell-Smith



1926, The Hastings co-ed High School, shows entrance driveway and trees planted

1926, The 'Technical' part of the school name was dropped soon after opening in preference for the **Hastings High School**. There were 246 pupils, just over half were boys and the rolls steadily increased. The school now had **20 acres of grounds**

1926 April, the annual sports of the Hastings High school will be held on the school grounds Karamu Rd sth. Throwing a cricket a ball was won by P. Graham with 87yds, 6ins.

1926 May, the principal of the Hastings High School considers a knowledge of domestic electricity should form part of every girls education. A party of girls visited Messrs Lawrence and Hansen's establishment the manager explained the application of the hydro-electricity for household needs and aided by his assistant demonstrated the working of all kinds of domestic lighting heating appliances. The girls were keenly interested.

1926 May, Hastings High School will be reorganised under the new regime and will consist of a principal and ten assistants an increase of one. The Education department has granted an additional 50 chairs and 20 desks which are badly needed. The expenditure of £86 has been approved for the purchase of equipment for the newly-inaugurated industrial course which will include sheet metalwork, trade drawing, blacksmithing and concrete work., A further sum of £80 has also been authorised for various fittings and furnishings to the building.

1926 June, Miss M. Burden of the teaching staff of the Hastings High School left for Auckland where she has been appointed to a position of the Junior High School . A large gathering of the High School girls assembled on the railway station to bid her good-bye.

1926 July, The senior girls of the Hastings High School in connection with their course in home craft spent an interesting afternoon at a demonstration of gas cookery given by Mrs Bark, demonstrator for the Napier Gas Company. A short lecture was delivered and the merits of modern gas stoves. In an incredible short time, batches of scones, buns and

small dainty pasties were mixed up, cooked and ready for consumption. The demonstrator then drew the attention of her listeners to the various types of gas heaters now on the market, thereby bringing a very enjoyable and thoroughly instructive afternoon to a close.

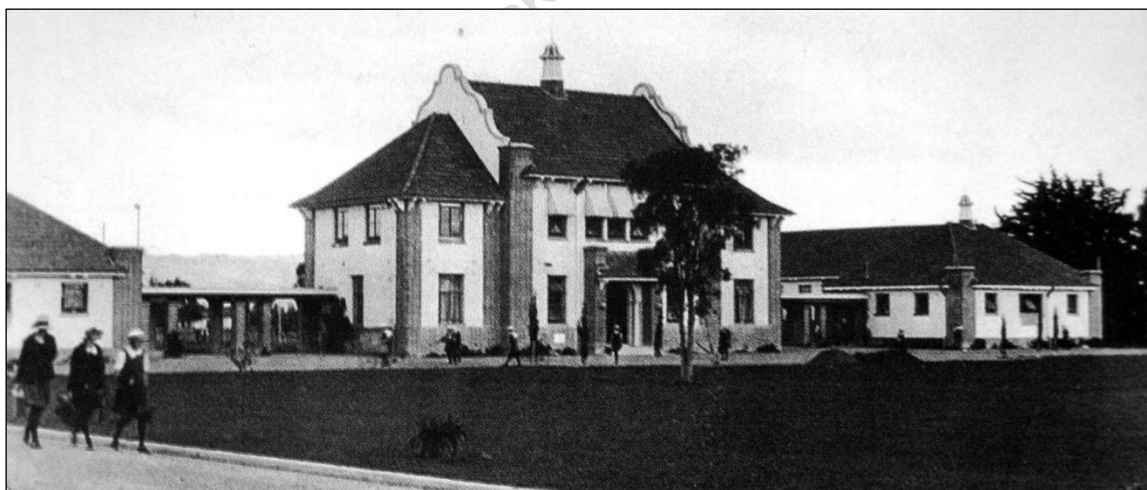
1926 September, The father of Miss Eileen Gallagher of the staff of the Hastings High School - Joseph Gallagher died an old and respected resident of Auckland died. He had fought in the Maori War and for many years conducted the lake Hotel and subsequently The Spa Hotel at Taupo, retiring 20 years ago to Auckland.

1926 December, Miss Gwenda Griffiths who has achieved the distinction of being this year's girl dux of the Hastings High School is the daughter of Mr and Mrs J. B. Griffiths of Gascoyne St Hastings. She entered the school at the beginning of 1923 and passed the Public Service Entrance examination at the end of 1924. This year she sat for her matriculation. She is aged 18.

1926 December, Master P. Clifton who was awarded the special prize for the Hastings High School this year is the son of Mr C. Clifton, Eastbourne St Hastings. He is prominent in both cricket and football and is a sergeant-major in the school cadet company. This prize which is not only for success in actual sports but for general qualities of sportsmanship awarded on a vote of the boys of his school and Master Clifton won it this year by a large majority.

1926 December, Principal Mr W. A. G. Penlington reports on the years operations - The High School opened on February 9th with a attendance of 246 pupils. Of this 126 were newly enrolled. During the year there were 16 further enrolments with a total of 142 new pupils and 262 pupils altogether. The number of enrolments was 43.4 per cent higher than in 1925. The average number of pupils on the roll throughout the year was 238 and the average daily attendance 218 or 91.6 per cent. The average roll number was 27.3 per cent higher than in 1925. We were fortunate this year in passing through the winter months without much sickness, 244 pupils held Free Places and the remaining 14 paid for their tuition. The average number of boys on the roll was 125 and that of girls 113. at the end of the year the roll number had fallen to 203, the decrease being due mainly to pupils leaving during the year in order to take up employment. Courses of instruction - the courses taken by the new pupils were :- General or professional 66, commercial 44, industrial 14, agriculture 9, domestic 9. The industrial course which was commenced this year has proved successful although the work was hindered a good deal owing to the late arrival of equipment. It comprises physical science and elementary workshop practical instead of French and is well suited to certain types of boys. The following figures show the numbers of boys and girls taking each course :- General and professional Boys 76, Girls 59. Total 135.

1927 March, The annual sports of the Hastings High School was held at Nelson Park. The programme is a long one some event are being held beforehand . P. Graham broke the school record for throwing the cricket ball with a fine throw of 99 yards. 2ft. 9in. The next best was b M. Cameron with 88 yds 2ft 7in. The record throw in Hawke's Bay was made by Mr T. Atkinson a teacher at the school at 114½ yards.



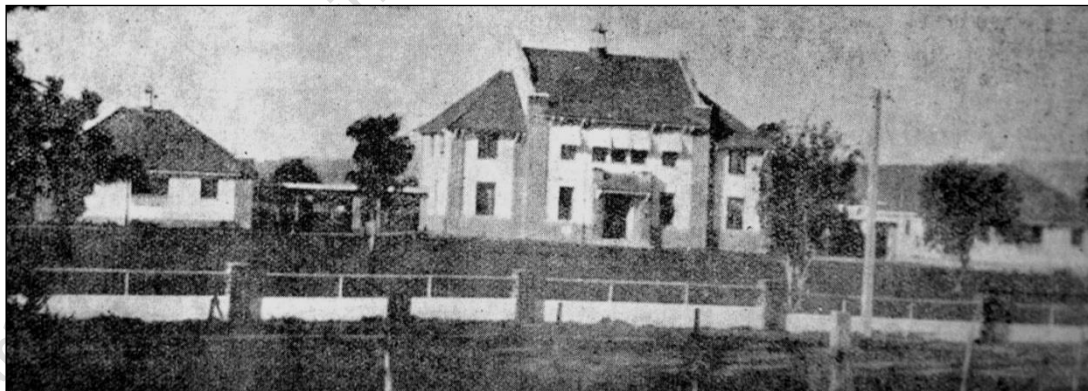
1920's, Hastings High School with the girls wearing Panama hats



1920's, The Hastings High School taken from the gate shows the Main building of a Cape Dutch design with Doric pillars, the east wing and west wings, girls playing tennis and sapling trees planted and the extended Karamu Rd sth



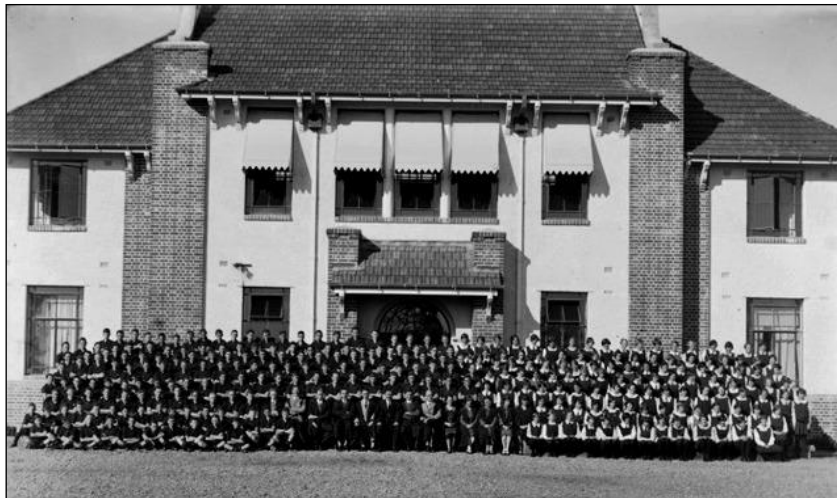
1920's, The Hastings High School frontage from the gate with trees planted



The Hastings High School frontage taken from the railway line



1928, Hastings High School with spectators at top left open window, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1920's, Hastings High School teachers and pupils, by Henry Norford Whitehead

While the boys were having their military cadet training at the rear, the girls would prance around doing folk dancing and singing on the front lawn.



1929, Cadets parade with the giant gum, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1929, Cadets parade with colours, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1920's, Hastings High School with Officers dressed for Cadets, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1929, Reunion Hastings High School with the Akina flag depicting an extinct native female long beak **huia** and tree behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1930's, Hastings High School assembled with huia flag for dignitaries arrived by car, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1930's, Hastings High School assembled with parents, summer umbrellas for dignitaries, the huia flag, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1930's, The Hastings High School assembled with parents, summer umbrellas for dignitaries, the huia flag, by Henry Norford Whitehead

A horse-stop made of concrete and iron pipes was installed at the front gate - presumably WAG Penlington did not want the district kids riding their ponies up the main entrance to his headquarters ! It was noted in many school histories - as in the Hastings Central School in the event of the 1931 quake – the kids still rode their ponies to school and the ponies all reared up and raced around the school paddocks at the Quake.



1931 February, Quake damage to roof



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1931 February, Quake repairs to roof

1931, The initiation of the third form boys by the older Bully Hastings High School boys was in progress at the horse trough near the Willow trees when the quake struck. Following the 1931 earthquake Penlington took strict control of the town from his headquarters at Drill Hall – he did not allow the visiting journalists much freedom. New classrooms and a laboratory were later added

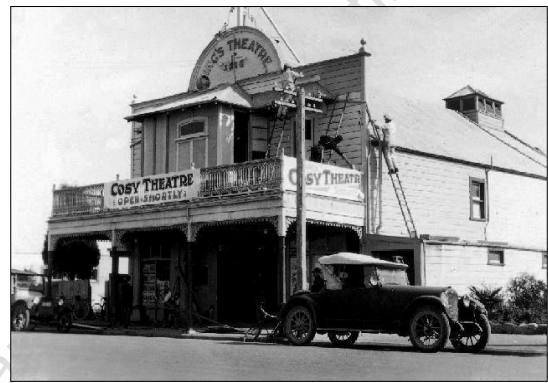
1932 March, The principal of the Hastings High School (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) reports as follows for the month of February : - "Attendance - Further to my preliminary report of February 11, I have to state that the roll-number to-day (March 1) is 461 (205 girls and 256 boys) in addition to which three girls have enrolled but will not commence attendance for a few days to come. In consequence of this roll-number, the school increases two grades this year and is entitled to the appointment of a second additional teacher. "Owing to the difficulty of obtaining employment, permission has been renewed this year for pupils who failed to obtain senior free places to be granted an extension of their junior free places; six pupils are attending under this concession. "Physical Training - Three days of the opening week were devoted to physical training. We were fortunate to have the assistance of **Miss Blackbourne** physical instructress in the Wellington education district who demonstrated the new system of physical training to the girls. On the last afternoon the various squads of girls and boys gave a demonstration of physical drill and folk dancing, which was witnessed by a fair number of visitors. This method of commencing the school year again proved successful, and I hope that we shall make it a regular custom. **"Equipment - A good deal of useful equipment including science apparatus, has been received from the now disestablished Maori Agricultural College.** We find ourselves very short of seating accommodation and shall have to obtain more desks as soon as possible. With a view to assisting to provide text books to pupils in difficult financial circumstances, the department offered to distribute such volumes as could be spared from its library. I made application and received a parcel of books which will be useful to the senior pupils. "The new buildings are now nearing completion and we shall be very pleased when we can occupy the classrooms and **finally abandon the tents.**"

1934 November, The ole King's Theatre was removed to the Hastings Technical High School

1934 November, **Mr Alfred Rushbrook** a Hastings resident while working on the old King's Theatre which is now being reassembled on the High School grounds suffered painful injuries as a result of a mishap which occurred when a section of the building was being placed in position. it appears that a wall fell and caught Mr Rushbrook on the back and shoulders. He was afterwards removed to the Napier hospital where an X-ray examination was made. The exact nature of the injuries is not yet known, but an improvement in his condition was reported.



The wooden King's Theatre built on Karamu Rd sth (Civic Square) built by H. A. Wilson, builder July 1910 for the Hastings Permanent Picture Coy Ltd. R. Sorenson manager, it could seat 900



King's Theatre on Karamu Rd sth After the February 1931 Quake

The old wooden Kings Theatre was moved to the Hastings Boys High School to become their Assembly Hall, along with carved oak seating, lectern and gramophone and records. The empty section at 211 Karamu Rd sth was the last property to be acquired by Borough for the Civic Square where an Oak tree was planted on Coronation Day.

In July 1934, The Hastings High School League tender for the King's Theatre was accepted by the Council contending that Hastings generally would be better served by the council considering the worthy cause involved, rather than the question of a small financial loss, the Hastings Borough Council decided to accept the tender of the Hastings High School League for the demolition and removal of the King's Theatre, though the highest tender was over £100 in excess of that accepted. Supplementary to its tender of **£100** the League wrote to the council stating that it was anxious to secure a suitable building for a temporary assembly hall at the High School, the need for which was urgent, and as the King's Theatre was being offered for sale and was considered suitable for such a purpose, it had been decided to put in a tender. The League however hoped that the council would take into consideration the fact that it had a very limited sum at its disposal for the re-erection of the theatre as an assembly hall and hoped that the council would assist the project by accepting even a smaller sum. "As one who is actively associated with the educational welfare of this district I must say that I have every sympathy with the request of the League," said the Mayor, Mr G. A. Maddison. "The erection of an assembly hall at the Hastings High School is definite necessity. It is a necessity at any secondary or post-primary school. They have no place at all where the pupils of the school may be assembled all together for the purpose of lectures or addresses, and it is really essential that they should have such a place, for lectures play an ever-increasing and important part in the educational system to-day.

In November 1934, The removal of the old King's Theatre is a step further towards scheme which the Mayor Mr G. A. Maddison outlined in 1929 for **converting the whole block into a civic square**, providing a beauty spot practically in the centre of the town. Mr Maddison stated this morning that it is intended to prepare a comprehensive layout of the whole square which will, provide for the purchase of the land owned by the estate of the late A. A. George. The serious illness of the reserves superintendent, Mr W. W. Adams, had delayed attention being given to the preparation of a beautifying scheme for the square, which it is hoped will be a worthy attraction to the town, besides being a delightfully restful spot to business people and those engaged in shops or offices during the luncheon hour.

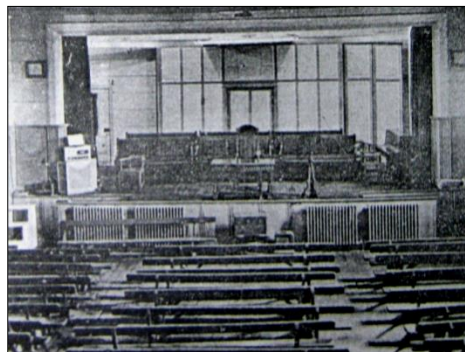
Hastings High School – The tender of £100 for the King's Theatre building and through the generosity of the Borough Council this offer was accepted, **tenders** were called for the removal of the building and re-erection on the school grounds and the lowest tender that of **Mrs P. E. Rockell for £350** was accepted. The building is now in the course of re-erection. Owing to our funds being insufficient, the Board of Governors has kindly consented to lend us £55 until such time as we have raised further funds. **Mr R. Natusch** very kindly offered to act as honorary architect in connection with

the building and his services in this connection have been invaluable. Our best thanks are due to both Mr Natusch and the Borough Council.

In September 1934, The actual removal of the old King's Theatre to its new site on the Hastings High School grounds was commenced. The first section which was mounted on a trolley was hauled down Karamu Rd by a tractor. The removal was carried out during the early hours so as not to interfere with the general traffic. In hauling the section of the building already jacked up on to the trolley some difficulty was occasioned. Owing to the height of the structure several telephone lines which got caught were carried away. By means of an extension the height of the wires on one of the poles has been raised by several feet in order to allow the remainder of the building to be removed without further interference with the wires. The building is to be moved away **in five sections** and it is expected that this work will take about a week to complete. The timber generally appears to be in a fair state of preservation and will be serviceable for many years. The section removed to-day was taken **by a side-road leading on to the playing fields** and some difficulty in towing it over the final stage was experienced owing to the fact that the traction-engine became bogged in the softened ground. The building will be re-erected in almost its original form but will of course be renovated and painted. As the school's assembly hall it will have a stage and a gallery, and three rooms will be built under the gallery. One of the three will be used as a room for girls' handicraft classes.

1934 November, As a result of the assembly hall and its anti-rooms they will be able to use the big room upstairs in the main block as a library; it being equipped now, said Mr W. A. G. Penlington principal of the school when speaking at the Hastings High School Old Pupils Association meeting. Also they will be able to use one of the school rooms now used as a classroom as a geography laboratory, this will be one of the first of its kind in the Dominion. They will also be able to have art classes and a girls workshop where among other activities, physical culture classes will be carried on. This branch of school life is already being splendidly carried out under the guidance of Mrs E. S. Craven, but even better work will be able to be done when as a result of the assembly hall this workshop can be used. Continuing Mr Penlington said that of course the main use of the assembly hall would be that it would provide a means of assembling all the pupils together for '**haranguing them**' (punishing, pontificating more like) No doubt many of you will remember how in pre-earthquake days he use to get them in the big room upstairs and tell them of the affairs of China and such like he said smilingly. Well when the hall is finished he will be able to continue those talks. Mr Penlington said the assembly hall was rapidly taking form and he felt sure that when completed it would be of immense value to the school. He said the balance sheet showed the old Pupils association had put £35 aside as a fund for the furnishing of the hall and they add a further £10. He was very great full to the members for this generous action and hoped it would prompt more old pupils who had passed through the school knew how the lack of an assembly was keenly felt and realised what a great asset such a hall was going to be to the pupils and staff.

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1934 November, The exterior and messy interior of old Assembly Hall, once the Hastings Kings Theatre from Civic Square opposite the Hastings Library, much as I recall my first year 'haranguing' assembly by Crist in 1967

For further information see - the 6. Hastings 1931 - 1937 file: – King's Theatre from page 466



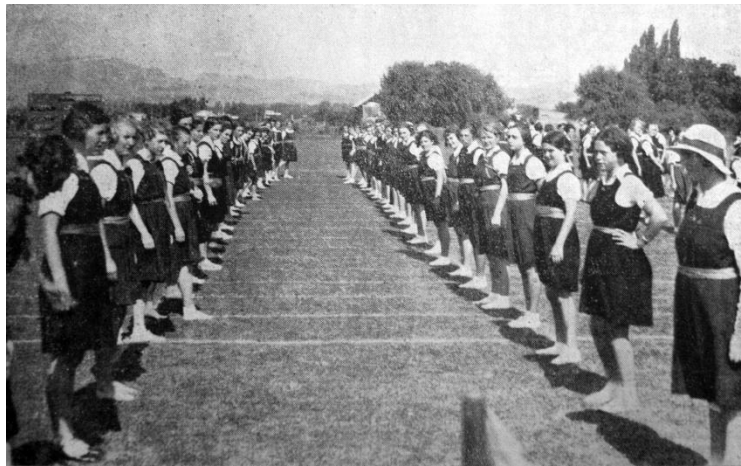
1936, Tall cypress tree



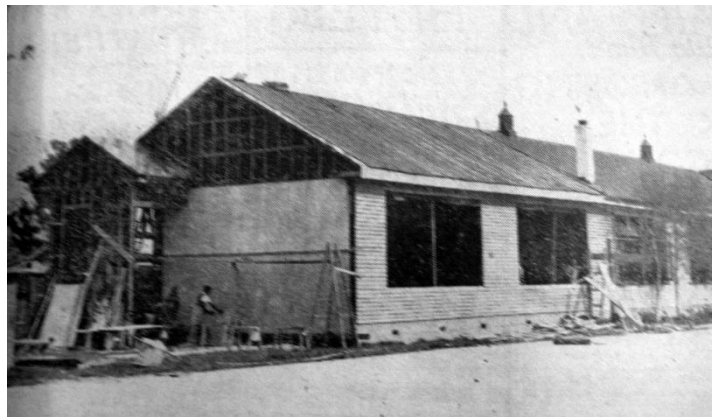
1937 July, The Hastings High School, Tall cypress tree and Ivy



1937 July, The Hastings High School



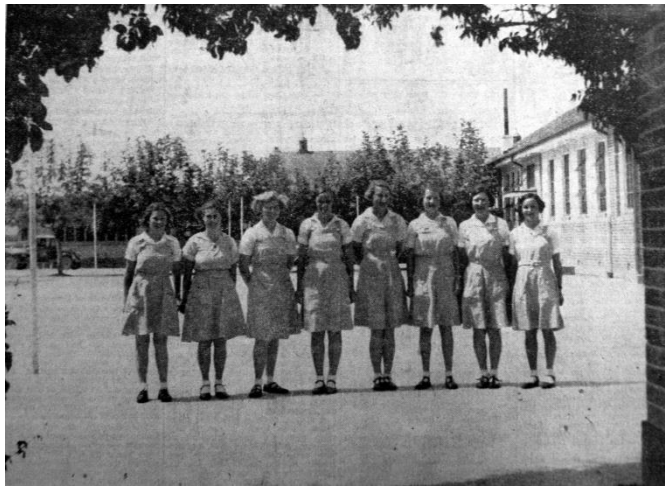
1938 March, Passing the ball at the Hastings High School annual Athletic Sports shows building and score board distant left



1938 October, Classroom extensions for fifth form students at Hastings



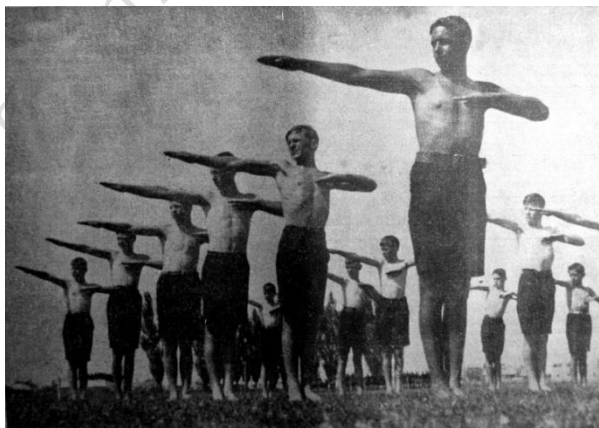
1938 November, the new summer frock uniform for the Hastings High School right which is the first of its kind in the Dominion, the old uniform on the left



1938 November, The new summer frock uniforms introduced for the Hastings High School



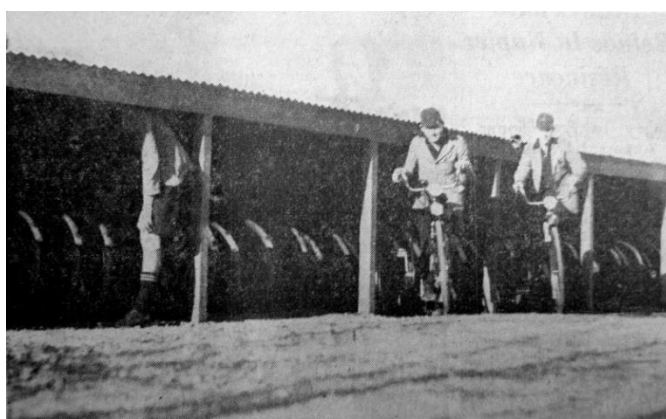
1939 February, A new year begins at the Hastings High School



1939 February, Keeping Fit, physical training at the Hastings High School



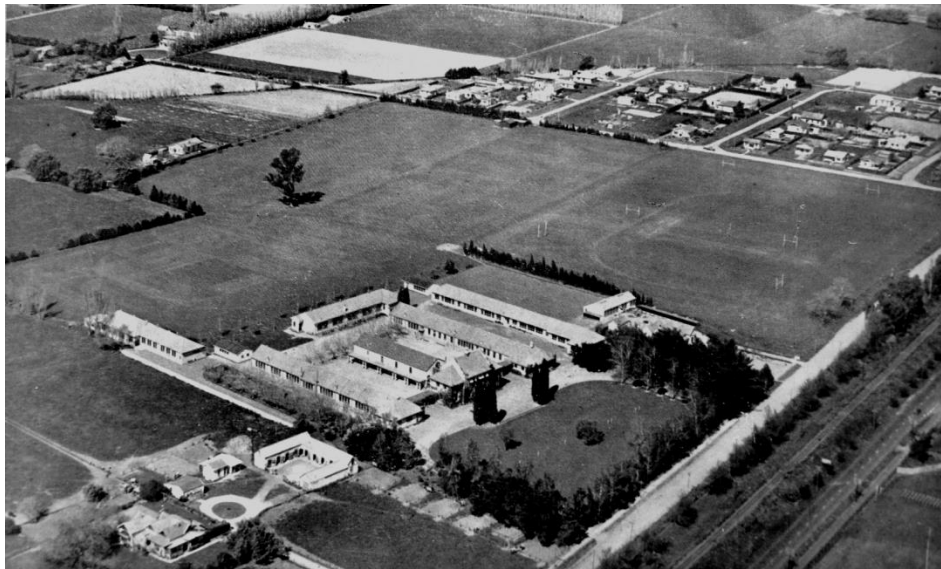
1939 February, While the boys do military training the girls in summer uniforms do folk-dancing and sports in the front of the Hastings High School



1939 July, Section of the long bicycle shed at the Hastings High School. 270 cycles each day causing some traffic problems, sheds still there in 1967



1945 December Dux Shirley Hannah and G. M. Will, with Principal W. A. G. Penlington



1947 aerial view of Hastings District High School, shows old Kings Theatre Asseble Hall, with empty Intermediate School grounds behind the stables

1947 June, The new Hastings High School buildings are nearly ready. The girl's new domestic science wing and the boys new engineering block Commenced 12 mths ago shortages of materials and fittings had delayed the work considerably. These buildings are claimed to be the most up-to-date of their kind in the Dominion. The domestic science block runs parallel with the far south wing of the school and is of equal length. The outer structures are concrete and of the most modern design. Inside a corridor runs practically the entire length of the building, classrooms open off it. A double door at the end of the building gives access to a spacious cooking room. At the far end of the cooking room is a modern kitchenette and laundry complete with washing machine. Another door leading from this room gives entrance to an up-to-date dining room with sideboard and table and chairs where the girls may dine on their own cooking. Other rooms in the wing are a dressing room, commercial department for shorthand and typing, a girl's sickroom and a clock room and two additional classrooms. The boys engineering block is actually an addition to the old engineering building. This addition however makes quite a large sized building being almost as long again as its original length. The outer design is the same as that of the older section. Inside the most modern architecture has been used, and abundant light is let from the tall windows that line each side of the room. Air conditioning which may be regulated to the weather has been installed. Another feature which is not generally seen in schools is fluorescent lighting. A large double door with a concrete ramp leading away from it allows a motor lory to drive its loads of material right into the room. Although no new additional machinery has yet been added, the older machines have been thoroughly overhauled and painted, giving them a smart appearance. Besides the spacious built-in lockers, there is an office for the instructor and a store room. The older building is being used for both engineering and woodwork and when this new section is completed additional room will be given to each class.

Hastings Boys High - an art teacher Russell Williams and Trevor Linyard at Boys High School. The Hastings library has two paintings by Russell Williams. In the library's archive there is a notebook on the history of Hastings compiled by Trevor Linyard in 1956. It has a few photos of churches and buildings. He was a boy who had collected all sorts of info on Hastings and presented his book to mayor Bate to commemorate Hastings' City status.

The girls left for their own High School on Pakowhai Rd in 1956 and it then became the Hastings Boys High School.



1930's, Looking south along the unsealed 51ft wide Karamu Rd sth towards Poplar trees distant and the Technical High School from the Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation fruit grading shed and railway siding near Pattison Rd shows telephone poles along both sides of the road with square school sign distant, a new footpath and hedge by Henry Norford Whitehead

From its conception of the proposed new Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Federation fruit grading shed and railway siding on Karamu Rd sth site in 1930 - there were concerns of the **danger to passing school children**. It was then suggested that **Hastings St sth should be extended** to provide school children with an alternative safe route to avoid the Fruitgrowers' operations.

Hastings Central School -

1927 March, Death, Burne - At Raetihi Hospital, Miss Laura Maud the beloved daughter of Mrs J. W. Burne of Railway Rd Hastings aged 15. Genuine sorrow was felt by staff and pupils of Hastings school she being well advanced in her studies and foremost in sport. She left last term and went to Raetihi where her parents were taking up their residence and had contracted flu with fatal result. The first portion of the burial service was held at Mrs Alex Ross Southampton St for the Hastings cemetery and was attended by a large gathering of the teaching profession of which she was a popular member. As the cortege and as the procession passed, children from Central School formed in lines stood in reverent attention, the school flag flying at half-mast. Rev T. Keith Ewen officiated.



The old Hastings Technical High School on Karamu Rd sth opposite the Gas Works



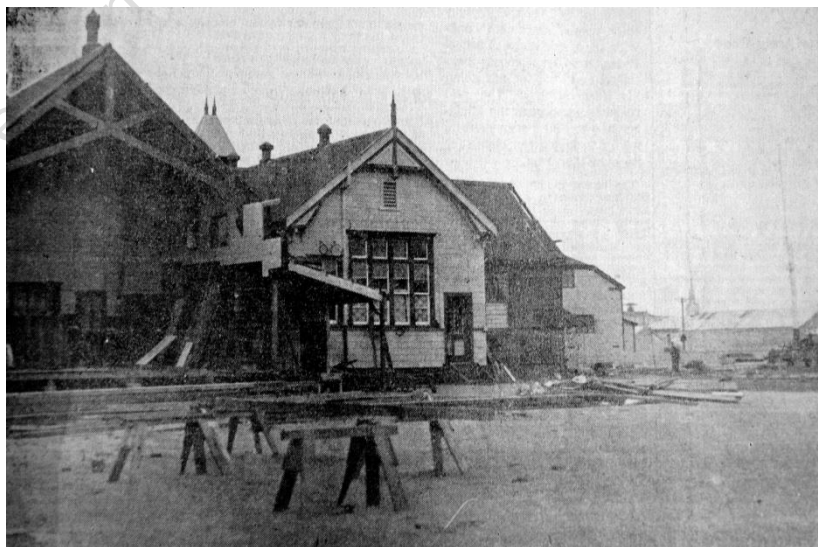
1931 February, The old Hastings Technical High School on Karamu Rd sth opposite the Gas Works demolished in the quake The sign on the left side of the door reads: School Dental Clinic; sign on the right side: Nurses, by Richard Savage



1931 February, The old Hastings Technical High School on Karamu Rd sth, with the woodwork and cooking building at left edge survived, the brick fence poss still exists, by Richard Savage

1935 October, The **diamond jubilee** of the Hastings Central School is to be celebrated early in November. The celebrations commence on the 3rd and finish on the 9th, and a most interesting programme has been organised. All ex-pupils are invited to attend.

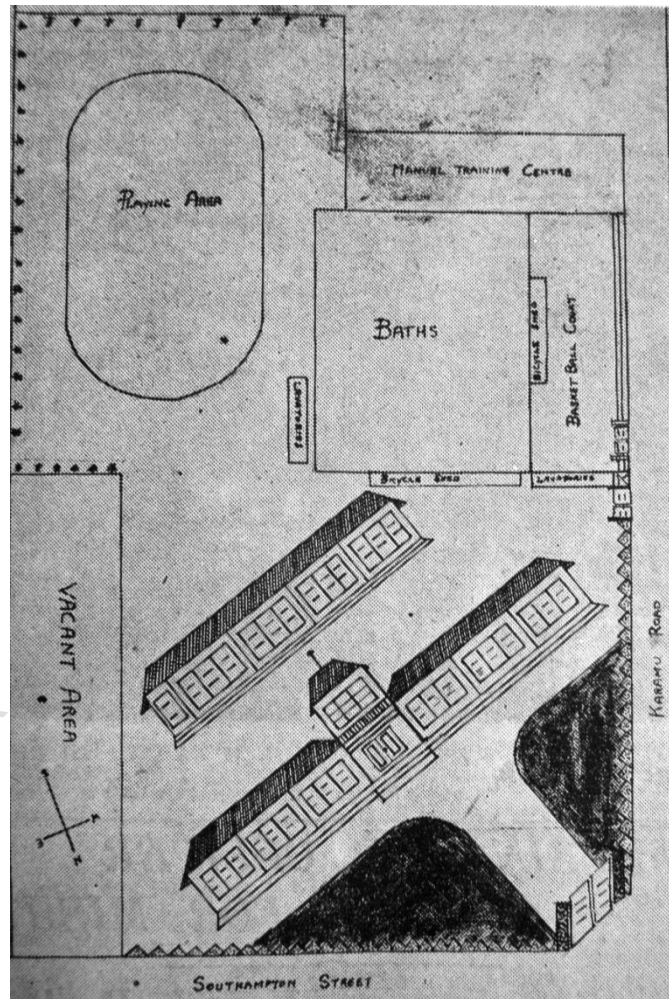
Sixty years ago the first State School that Hastings had was erected and on the opening day, under the headmastership of Mr W. O. McLeod, the school opened with a roll of seven pupils, four of whom were the children of Mr H. V. Chapman. Hastings was then practically a name; houses were few and widely spread over the plain. The cutting up of the first block of land by the late Mr Francis Hicks for closer settlement in the borough, led to the establishment of the first school in Hastings. The celebrations of the diamond jubilee of the Hastings Central School, which was founded 60 years ago with an opening attendance of seven pupils, began yesterday with a thanksgiving service, which was attended by **2500 people**. The address was given by the Bishop of Waiapu (Rev. Dr. Williams). There was a procession through the town to the racecourse, where the service was held. En route a halt was made to lay a wreath on the **Cenotaph** in memory of old Boys who fell at the war. Many ex-pupils from distant parts of the Dominion are visiting the town to take part in the celebrations, which will continue throughout the week, and included a ball, sports processions and a dinner. The thanksgiving service yesterday was given a tragic touch by the collapse and subsequent death of Mr **George David Love**, who had been carrying the banner of the oldest decade of pupils leading the procession. The head of the procession had just reached the grandstand on the racecourse when Mr Love collapsed. He was taken to the hospital adjoining the racecourse, but died 20 minutes later.



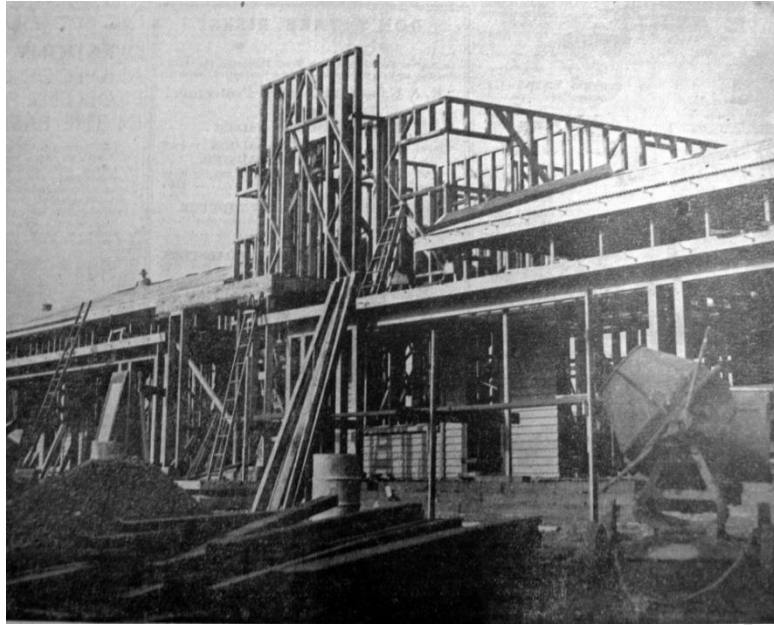
1938 May, Reconstruction of Central School with Drill Hall, council yards and Catholic steeple background



1938 May, Progress on the reconstruction of the new Central School looking towards Warren St shows the old and the new foundations with Drill Hall, council yards and Catholic steeple background



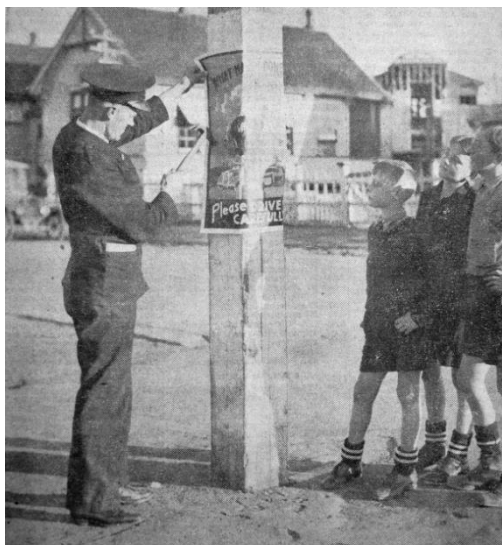
1938 June Plan of the improvements and reconstruction of Hastings central school, shows the Manual Training Centre still adjoining the baths, later moved further south



1938 July, The Hastings Central School new main building well under construction



1938 July, Happy girls of the Hastings Central School



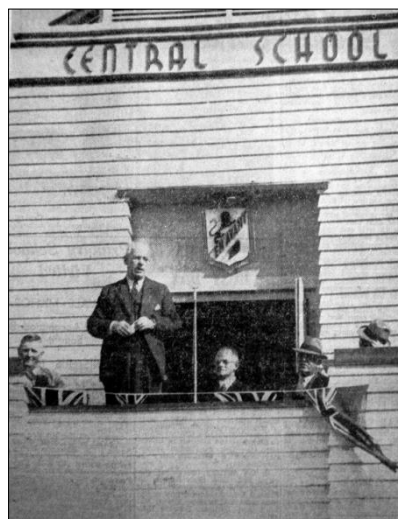
1938 August, A traffic officer hanging a Please Drive Carefully poster to a lamppost opposite Central School



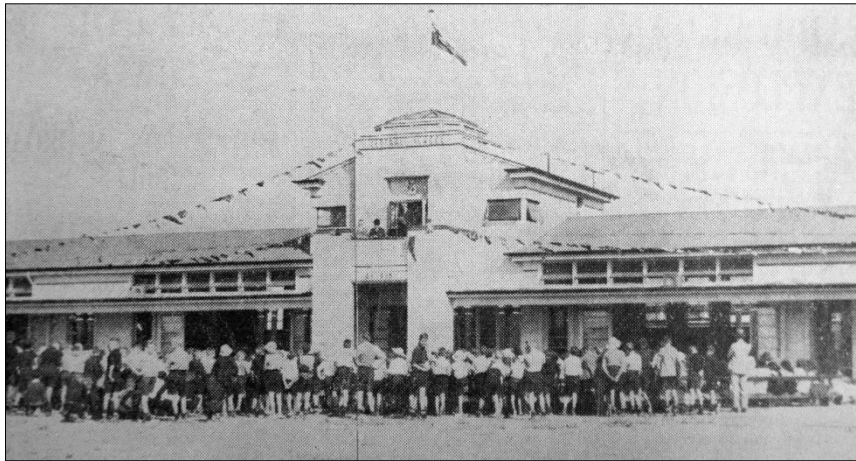
1938 August, Hastings school children on the veranda of the racecourse grandstand as a temporary classroom



1938 December, the corner of old school buildings being demolished to make room for the new Hastings Central School, by Evening Post



1939 April, Opening ceremony for the new Central School building Hon P. Fraser with E. L. Cullen MP and Mr W. S. Bennett and the Mayor G. A. Maddison



1939 April, Opening ceremony for the new Central School building



1939 May, Play time at Central School Hastings means jumping to keep warm on cool days



1939 October, Hastings Central School annual fancy dress ball at the Assembly Hall, shows a small group of hundreds that attended



1939, Hastings Central School officially opened by the Hon P. Fraser, also shows the roof with finial of old wooden Infants School building 1897 with finial far right



Central School Hastings 1940's with trees planted, by Dave William

1945 September, Hastings Central School - With the school pupil roll at 748 two more prefabricated classrooms were erected and in use for primer four. Headmaster C. J. Bishop says the rooms are warm and well built to catch the sunlight, windows along one side equipped with two stoves in each for heating, ample cloak room entrance between the two. The section where the two new classrooms have been erected will be laid out as concrete basketball courts. A prefabricated classroom was erected last year for standard 4.

In 1958 Mr Garrett was the works manager at the Hastings Gas Co Ltd Southampton St east, in September 1962 the old Retort House was demolished by Mr T. Greig and in 1964 a new all welded steel single lift spiral guiding gas holder tank was ordered from Leeds England and installed but it did not reduce the pollution. There were already 2 complaints from the Central School Headmaster in 1961 regarding the heavy air pollution affecting the health of school children - thick black smoke and soot nuisance on the school buildings and surface of the swimming pool etc. A petition organised by Mrs I. R. Mustchin with approx 125 signatures in 1964 and a letter from Mrs V. A. Rodgers of Pattison Rd in 1966 were sent to the Health Minister.



The old Hastings Central School Infants building 1897 just before removal from Karamu Rd sth to the Tukituki Valley



1962, the old baths at Central School were demolished and new Maddison Memorial baths opened - 27½ yards long and 14 yards wide, graded from 3ft to 4ft in depth alongside Karamu Rd sth, contractor Mr T. Hall, a heating system was installed in 1969

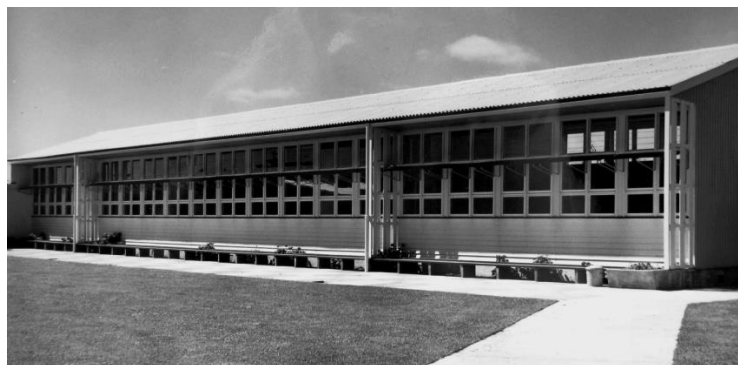
1956, The girls left the High School for their own Hastings Girls High School on Pakowhai Rd.

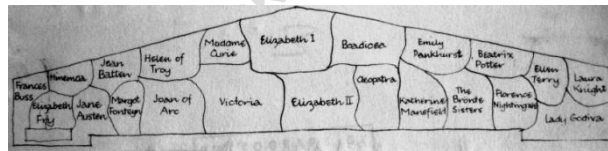


The new Hastings Girls High School on Pakowhai Rd, by Desmond Fear in 1957



The Hastings Girls High School on Pakowhai Rd with Frimley Park behind and state housing foreground by Russell Ore, Miss C. M. Miller was the principal; Colin Beck did several jobs there, the big Library was built around 1967 by T. G. Wrightson, new accommodation built 1971 by Hulena Brths Ltd, the Gymnasium extension 1978 by Usherwood Brths and the big Library around 1967 by T. G. Wrightson





Hastings Girls High School buildings and Assembly Hall, mural wall of famous women, the Hall was extended 1978

The Hastings Voluntary Fire Brigade –

1885 September, The fires that have occurred in the neighbourhood lately have made some of our settlers anxious for the arrival of the **fire engine** which has been purchased in **Wellington** for this town, and to see a fire brigade organized and up to their work. letter- *It occurred to me the other day that it would be a good idea to have **a few hand grenades** placed in different parts of the town in lockers, so that the night-watchman or constable could get them readily in case of fire breaking out; in fact, he might go about with **a couple slung on his belt**. These might be the means of stopping a fire before it had done much damage. The cost would be but little, and the benefit to be derived might be great.*

1885 December, The Hastings Town Board - It was resolved to accept the offer of the Napier Fire Brigade for the supply of hose for their engine at 9d per foot and couplings at 15s per set. Moved by Mr Ellis, "That **Mr Tong** be appointed to take charge of the fire-engine and appurtenances, and form a Fire Brigade as soon as possible." - Carried.



A young Mr Samuel T. Tong in his Fire Brigade uniform

1886, The first monthly meeting was held at Kelly's Hotel. The chair was taken at the initiatory meeting by Mr S. T. Tong, who was elected the first superintendent. Mr **Arthur J. Faulknor** being next in command and the present lieutenant occupying the position of the first branchman.

The fire fighting apparatus consisted of the manual engine and about 20ft of hose and **the station was one of Mr W. A. Beecroft's loose-boxes at the rear of the Railway Hotel**. Here the brigade used to first assemble. During the first two years no less than forty people were elected members of the brigade, but after a couple of hours at the manual, it used to sicken a great percentage of the enthusiasts in that half had tendered their resignations. The only water supply then available for fire fighting had to be pumped from **four sump holes** situated near the main street and which were filled with artesian water.

There were the official Firemen, The Volunteers, The Branchmen, The Fire Police; the service was later named the Hastings Volunteer Brigade, then the Hastings Fire Board.

1886 January, HASTINGS TOWN BOARD. From hon. sec. Hastings Fire Brigade, asking the Board to take such steps as necessary towards procuring a water supply for the use of the Brigade in case of fire: also asking the Board to grant one load of limestone sand to be used as a top dressing for **engine-shed**. Resolved - that the Board form a committee to take steps for the erection of a tank as recommended by Mr Rochfort in connection with his drainage scheme for a flushing drain, such tank to be constructed so as to be capable of being used, in case of fire, by the Fire Brigade. The load of limestone was granted.

1886 January, One of the first things our town authorities should see to is getting a proper supply of water for the fire-engine in case of fire. We have now a **fire-engine and a Fire Brigade**, but both are useless until we get a supply of water that can be used in case of necessity. It has been proposed to erect a large reservoir on the Athenaeum reserve (Market St) (which can also be used as **public baths**) and to connect with a six-inch pipe to be laid along the main street with junctions at all the cross streets the estimated cost of which is, I believe, about £1200. If this idea is carried out the revenue derived from bathers in the baths should nearly pay the interest on the whole outlay, besides being a great boon to the town. Something of the sort must be done, and the sooner it is done the better. Should a fire break out in the township the settlers would look very foolish with the fire-engine and no supply of water to use.

1886 February, Our Town Board are having two tanks sunk in Host Caulton's back yard, into which two artesian wells can flow, so that in case of need there will be a supply of water for the fire engine should a fire break out in that part of the town. This is only a temporary precaution until the Board have carried out their permanent scheme of water supply.

1886 February, HASTINGS TOWN BOARD - Proposed by Mr Foreman and seconded by Mr Ellis "That the sum of £25 be voted towards the Hastings Fire Brigade."

1886 May, A well attended meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held in Kelly's Hotel. The business was to elect branchmen and new members. For the former Mr W. Beck was chosen and Mr W. Keith assistant branchman.

1886 June, A well attended meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held at Kelly's Hotel, Supt Tong in the chair. The business was to elect branchmen and new members. The resignations of Messrs J. Keith and T. Anderson who have left for the Kimberley were accepted. Three new members were nominated. It was decided to hold a committee meeting to consider the advisableness of **insuring the engine and shed**.

The Fire Brigade had a wet drill on Thursday night, notwithstanding the sloppy state of the roads and the rain overhead. The engine was run down to the fire supply well at Caulton's, the suction fixed, and enough hose run out to reach the railway side of Kelly's hotel, over which a powerful stream was pouring within a few seconds. The hose was then disconnected, made up, returned to the engine, and afterwards run out again in another direction with equally good results. The gear, before being returned to the shed, was all carefully washed and put away in first-class order. Before leaving, the measure of heads was taken in order to be fitted with helmets which will shortly arrive from home.

1886, Hastings Fire Brigade's wet drill at Caulton's Pacific Hotel down Market St sth

1886, The Hastings Fire Brigade later met in a **small hut behind Caulton's yard of the Pacific Hotel** down Market St sth where there was a large watertank available filled from two artesian wells, with Mr S. T. Tong the first captain.

1886 July, The ordinary monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held at Morgan's Railway Hotel. Superintendant Tong in the chair. A balance of around £14 passed for payment.

1886 July, The monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held at Kelly's Hotel Superintendant Tong in the chair. Messrs Chapman, Hewitson and Anderson were elected members.



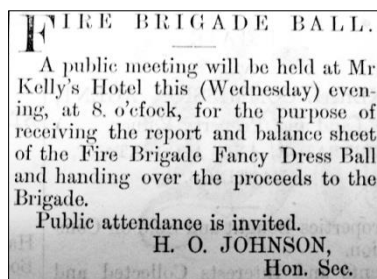
Thomas Henry Stewart in May 1946 who joined the brigade when it formed in 1886 at right is the hand pump with which the brigade fought fires in the early days

1886, **Fire Bell**, Cr. Tong moved that the Borough Council provide a firebell for the borough, the bell to be not less than two hundred pounds in weight. Seconded by Cr. Foreman. Cr. Ellis thought that the Council should be asked to provide only half the cost, the other half being raised by subscription. Cr. Foreman thought that Cr. Ellis had taken a miserable view of the case, as the whole cost would not exceed five-and-twenty pound ? Cr. Ellis called Cr. Foreman to order. He objected to being called miserable. The Mayor ruled Cr. Foreman not out of order. Cr. Fitzroy would support Cr. Tong's motion. He thought it very necessary to obtain a bell. Cr. Luckie would support Cr. Tong's motion, even if a larger amount than named were required. Cr. Tanner proposed, and Cr. Luckie seconded, that Cr. Tong be authorised to obtain the necessary bell. The fire bell tower was erected on land leased from the Railways since January 1886.

1886 April, Some time ago a subscription was started with the object of providing the town with a fire-bell, as it already had a Fire Brigade added to its local accessories, how much was subscribed I know not, but I do know that shortly afterwards **a fire-bell was presented to the Brigade by a gentleman in Napier** (H. Williams) The bell has ever since been stowed away in the engine-shed, or some other equally inaccessible place, instead of being, placed in position. Another list was started for the purpose of hanging the bell. What has become of the funds, if there were any ; and if

there were none, why is not an effort made to get the bell erected ' The site has been granted by the railway authorities, the bell has been obtained for nothing; surely the public can find the fittings and have it put up. Now that we have had evidence of its requirement in the fire at Dennett's Albert Hotel, perhaps steps will be taken in the matter. Although this was a trifling fire, it would have been much worse had assistance not been at hand, and the fire occurred somewhat early in the evening.

The engine-shed was situated off Eastbourne St east behind the Borough Council Offices



1886 May, Fire Brigade Ball

1886 May, The Late Fire Brigade Ball – A meeting was held in Kelly's Hotel to receive the report and balance sheet in connection with the Ball in aid of the fire brigade. Mr R. Wellwood was voted to the chair and the Hon. Sec. Mr H. O. Johnson read the committees report as follows – We have much pleasure in congratulating the public of Hastings and neighbourhood in being able through the success of the ball to hand over to the hon. treasurer of the Brigade the sum of £61.6s.5d being the net proceeds of the entertainment. The expenses amounted to £29.14s.7d making the gross receipts £91.11s.

1886 May, The monthly meeting of the Hastings fire brigade. There was a good attendance of members, Supt Tong in the chair The business was the ordering of necessities from Eng. It was resolved to order from Messrs Merryweather and Sons a supply of hose, branches, Junctions, buckets, belts, hatches etc to the amount of £50, a draft for which will be forwarded by the next mail. Three new members were elected and decided to hold a wet practice next Thursday.

1886 May, The Fire Brigade had a wet drill notwithstanding the sloppy state of the roads and the rain overhead. The engine was run down to the fire supply well at Caulton's Pacific Hotel the suction fixed and enough hose run out to reach the railway side of Kelly's hotel, over which a powerful stream was pouring within a few seconds. The hose was then disconnected, made up, returned to the engine and afterwards run out again in another direction with equally good results. The gear, before being returned to the engine shed was all carefully washed and put away in first class order. Before leaving the measure of heads was taken in order to be fitted with helmets which will shortly arrive from Eng.

1886 May, During the recent Fire Brigade practice a well known Boniface came up and observing the somewhat exhausted condition of the men at the manual, proffered his assistance which was gladly accepted, no sooner had he put his hand to the pumping handle than a crash was heard, and on going to ascertain the cause it was found that a pane of glass in the window of a billiard room close by had been driven to the opposite side of the room, one of the gentleman playing in the room at the time was knocked down, whether by the water or otherwise is not quite certain and the other was carried out in a fainting fit. The marker has since been laid up with *cholera mortuus*. It was of course concluded that all the credit of obtaining such a powerful stream was due to the dispenser of a local beer, but on thoroughly debating the matter afterwards it was found that the publican who assisted never drank beer. The result of the argument was therefore a victory for the **blue ribbonites**, who constitute the majority in the H.V.F.B.

1886 May, There was no brigade practice due to the unavoidable absence of Superintendent Tong, so the members of the brigade employed themselves usefully in repairing the hose etc

1886 August, The ordinary monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was now held at Morgan's Railway Hotel, Tong was in the chair, four members were absent.

1886 September, Superintendent Tong of the Hastings Fire Brigade tells me that he expects the **new outfit and gear** for the Brigade to arrive at the end of this week, as the *Tainui*, that brings the fixings for the Brigade arrived at Port Chalmers last week. The order for the Brigade's new gear has been executed by Messrs Merryweather and Sons, the celebrated engineers, which is a sufficient guarantee that the goods will be of the best description. All that is now wanting to make the Brigade appliances complete, is the building of the **proposed tanks** for the water supply.

1886 October, Superintendent Tong's firm possibly built the first wooden tower erected at the Railway Reserve on Heretaunga St to a height of 10 feet and cost of £20 for the installation of the fire bell.



Heretaunga St west 1890's at the Railway crossing shows Beck's store behind the first **small fire bell tower** with stop sign foreground and cat below

1886 October, Superintendent Tong **rang the fire-bell** for the first time since it was **placed in the tower** and the members of the Brigade shortly after mustered in full force. The locality of the fire seemed to be in the direction of Riverslea house. Several of the Brigade procured horses and proceeded in the direction of the fire, but returned shortly afterwards, the fire being too far away to render any assistance. It was thought that the **old mill** on the Havelock Rd was the scene of the conflagration. The debut of the fire-bell was not by any means a success. The anticipated deep tones were not heard; only a harsh crackled noise was produced by the praiseworthy exertions of Superintendent Tong. It is surmised that owing to the long inactivity of the bell, and the draughty state of the town, that the bell is suffering from a protracted cold.

THE HASTINGS FIRE BELL.

TO THE HASTINGS CORRESPONDENT OF
THE "HERALD."

PER FAVOR OF THE EDITOR.

Before very long you will hear the ding
dong
Of the fire-bell now being erected by
Tong.

On a section which suits it very well,
Right opposite Kelly's fine hotel,
You may see the long forsaken bell,
Ready to call all hands to—well
Do their very best—each man—
To burst up "Ellis's water-can."

Louder than the tinkler at each hotel,
Will sound the "Williams," alarum bell;
And although St. Matthew's may sound
out strong,
*Twill be but a shadow to our ding-dong.

Carpe diem. A.A.G.

1886, Hastings new Fire Bell, Alfred Amory George, The Hastings Star

1886 October, The Hastings fire bell proved totally inadequate to giving an alarm of fire and the Borough Council will have to take steps to provide a proper article. The bell is right enough when rung in the ordinary way, but will not do for a fire bell. The fire engine and appliances and also the belfry had been provided by private subscriptions. They wanted a fire bell that could be heard a couple of miles and the belfry raised to a proper height. Cr Tong did not agree with Cr Tanner that the bell was not benefiting anyone outside the centre of town. If Cr Tanner had seen the brigade scampering thought his paddocks when Riverslea homestead was thought to be on fire he would change his mind. **The Brigade property was valued at £175** out of which the Town Board had only contributed £20. The motion of £30 be voted, was carried unanimously. Cr Tong would select a new suitable bell.

1886 November, The Hastings Fire Brigade had a full muster at the engine shed. It was arranged that the Brigade go into practice immediately, and on Saturday a selection will be made of the best team of five members with two emergency men to compete at the coming competition at Farndon. The secretary received a letter from Messrs Merryweather, stating that the Brigade outfit would arrive about Christmas, it having been shipped in the *Alaskie*. Our Brigade are taking a keen interest in the coming competition and will make it lively for the other teams.

1886 November, The ordinary monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held on Tuesday evening at the Bail way Hotel, Superintendent long in the chair. A letter was read from the United Fire Brigade Association, enclosing a list of subscriptions received for Captain King to the amount of £105. 14s. 6d. Messrs Merryweather of London, wrote advising that the plant and gear ordered by the brigade had been shipped in the *Asterion*. It was resolved to send a team to competent Farnon on the 9th instant.

1886 November, A team from the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade will enter for the competition at Farnon Park on the Prince of Wales' Birthday and intend to do all they know to make things lively for the teams from Napier and the Spit that will enter.

1886 November, A special meeting of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade was held at Kelly's Hotel at half past seven o'clock last night, for the purpose of considering the advisability of celebrating the anniversary of the Hastings Fire Brigade by having sports and a ball. There was a large attendance of the Brigade, S. T. Tong in the chair. Proposed by A. Faulkner, "That a Fire Brigade competition and sports be held to celebrate the **anniversary** of the Brigade." Seconded by G. Goldsborough, and carried. A committee of seven members of the Brigade was appointed to carry out the details, viz., Messrs Faulkner, Brausche, Goldsborough, Stewart, George, Smith and Keith. It was proposed and carried that the Hastings Brass Band be asked to perform on the day of the anniversary. The committee arranged to meet this evening at Kelly's Hotel to arrange details for carrying out the programme for the sports. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

1886 November, The Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade **anniversary sports** promise to be a great success. The Committee are going into the affair with a will; subscription-sheets have been distributed, and are getting a liberal response from the residents and tradespeople. It is the intention of the Secretary to apply to Mr **Thomas Tanner for permission to use his Queen's Park**, which is an admirable place, being in close proximity to the town, and beautifully sheltered, a splendid spot for picnic parties.

1886 December, The Fire Brigade had a full muster on Friday evening and made a plentiful distribution of water in the vicinity of the bell tower in case of accident by fire from the pyrotechnic display which took place at about eight o'clock, Superintendent Tong being MC, and well did he carry out his duties by sending aloft at short intervals, rockets, bombs, squibs, and other sorts of fireworks, to illuminate the heavens, to the great delight of those assembled, particularly the crowds of juveniles who greeted the appearance and disappearance of each rocket with loud expressions of delight. The top stage of the Hastings **firebell tower** was the place where the fireworks were let off from. The Hastings Band visited several parts of the town and played various well-selected pieces of music during the evening.

1887 January, The Hastings Fire Brigade held a meeting yesterday at Kelly's hotel, Superintendent Tong in the chair. It was decided to send Superintendent Tong as a delegate to the Dunedin Conference. The following officers were elected: Sub-superintendent, Mr A. J. Faulkner; foreman No. 1, Mr W. Keith; foreman No. 2, Mr A. A. Stanley; branchman No. 1 Mr J. Smith; branchman No. 2, Mr T. Stewart; assistant branchman, Hansen (No. 1) and C. Brausche (No. 2). A vote of thanks to the secretary closed the meeting, after which the prizes won at the recent sports were presented as follows: - Silver medal presented by Sub-superintendent Faulkner, Branchman Smith; writing-desk (special prize) presented by Mr Ellis, Foreman Stanley; photographic album presented by Mr Naphtali, Fireman Goldsborough; a pair of trousers presented by Mr Lys, foreman Keith; fish slice and fork presented by Mr Caulton, Branchman Smith; wire spring mattress presented by Mr Simon, Foreman Keith.

1887 January, A meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held at Kelly's hotel, Superintendent Tong in the chair - It was decided that the brigade should take part in the Napier breakwater demonstration. It was also decided to send to Dunedin a team composed of the following members:- W. Keith, W. Beck, A. A. Stanley, C. Brausche, G. Goldsborough, J. Smith and T. Stewart.

1887 January, HASTINGS FIRE BRIGADE ANNIVERSARY - The sports that were held in the **Queen's Park** to celebrate the anniversary of the Hastings Fire Brigade were, as I predicted, as successful as anything of the kind that has been held in Hawke's Bay. The Queen's Park is situated about one mile from Hastings by road, and it can be reached in much less distance by taking a short cut across Mr Tanner's paddocks. The place chosen for the sports was admirably selected, as it adjoined a large plantation and a fine view of the sports could be obtained without leaving the shade of the trees, which owing to the heat was a great advantage; A refreshment booth was erected under the shade of some large pine trees, and cooling and non-intoxicating drinks were supplied during the day at a moderate charge. Mr Kessell was judicious in his selection of an equally cool spot for the sale of a quantity of delicious ripe fruit; Mr R. Thayer also appropriated a shady place in the plantation where he had tables covered with all sorts of tempting eatables. The sports committee had tents erected for the convenience of those taking part in the events. Swings were also provided for those that chose to take a fly through the air. On the borders' of one side of the plantation, "**Aunt Sally**" held high jinks, and got knocked out occasionally, The **rifle shootists** had also an opportunity of displaying their accuracy and kept "Sally" company. Parties of men, women, and children camped under wide spreading trees, and enjoyed themselves and their lunch immensely. The Hastings Brass Band, as usual, formed one of the leading features of the day's sports, and discoursed music at intervals to the great enjoyment of those present. "**Kiss in the ring**" as usual, was patronized; the "**yum-yum**" business has a special charm of its own; some of the actors must have laid in their winter supply of kisses. "Jolly Miller" was also in good demand, and afforded a lot of amusement. The arrival of the half-past eleven **train from Napier** brought a number of visitors, and also the members of the **Spit Brigade** that were to compete in the sports. At noon all Hastings were on the ground, besides a number of people from outlying places. In complimenting the committee

that so successfully carried on all the details that made the Hastings fire Brigade anniversary sports so remarkably successful, I win not individualize anyone, suffice it to say that each and everyone that took part in arranging Saturday sports may, without flattery, be deservedly congratulated on the termination of one of the most successful sports that has been held in Hawke's Bay, and at the same time the most enjoyable days outing the Hastings folk have ever had. Not a single hitch occurred to mar the day's enjoyment.

The following are the results of the different events: - Anniversary Handicap, of 150, 300, and 440 yds: 1st prize, £6 10s; 2nd, £2.10s; 3rd, £1. 1st heat; Buttler 1 Smith, 2; Lyons, 3 ' Engine practice; 5 men; 2 teams - Spit team, Lucas, Siddles, Barry, Connor, Labroon - Time 42 half secs; Hastings team, Smith, Goldsbrough, Hansen, Brausche, Keith - Time 36secs. 2nd heat Anniversary Handicap, 300yds. Butler, 1; Smith, 2; Lyons, 3; Vaulting withpole.—Macfarlane.1; Toto, (native), 2. 'This was one of best events of the day, the vaulting being excellent.' Boys' Race.—P. Allen, 1st; C. Fritchley, Girls' Race. - Ada Stublely, 1st; Lily Waldren, 2nd. Engine Practice for 1 man; open to all comers; dry - 3 men from each Brigade. - J. Smith, 38 sec.1; W. Keith and Barry 39 sec. (tie); in the runoff Keith, 37 .4-5 secs took second place, Barry, 39 4-5secs. 3rd. Maiden Race - F. Collins 1; O'Leary 2. 'Throwing Cricket Ball' - Nicolson, 96yds 2ft .3in, 12 entries, Queen's Park Handicap.- Siddles, 1; Brausche 2; Coloquon, 3. Anniversary Handicap, 3rd heat 400yds - Butler, 1; Smith, 2; Lyons, .3. One-Man Drill (Hastings Brigade only) - Smith, 33secs. 1; Stanley, 39secs 2; Goldsbrough, 40secs., 3; Keith, 41secs. 4 The Hastings Fire Brigade won the tug of war.. This event caused a lot of amusement, and a lot of strength was expended before the event was decided. The **Greasy Pig** was caught by a boy named Cheer. The pig was enlarged to a full field, but had a short run, as he was surrounded by the enemy.

At the station the horses were stabled directly in front of the engine, the sound of the clanging of the fire bell would send them shivering and while they were being harnessed to the steamer they would rear madly until the doors were thrown open. The clanging bells of the steamer were later replaced by the wailing siren.

<p>FIRE BRIGADE TELEPHONE BELL SIGNALS.</p> <p>IN CASE OF FIRE RING UP NO. 65.</p> <p>Short ring means not less than 5 turns of the Handle.</p> <p>Long ring means not less than 10 turns of the Handle.</p> <p>One short ring ordinary conversation.</p> <p>Two, false alarm.</p> <p>One long ring—Come at once. Ring out Brigade.</p> <p>To call attention continue ringing till answered. After being answered, give the signal. All signals to be repeated. Ringer to give locality.</p>

1887 January, Fire Brigade Telephone Bell Signal - No 65

<p>H.V.F.B.</p> <p>ALL persons having accounts against the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade are requested to forward them in time for meeting TO-MORROW (Tuesday) NIGHT.</p> <p>W. BECK, Secretary.</p> <hr/> <p>H.V.F.B.</p> <p>THE First Annual Meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade will be held at Kelly's Hotel at 8 o'clock TO-MORROW (Tuesday) NIGHT.</p> <p>W. BECK, Secretary.</p>

1887 February, W. Beck, Secretary

1887 February, the **fire-bell** was now erected

1887 March, The work of strengthening the **fire-bell tower** was commenced, the first fire bell was knocked out in one round, this present bell will take a lot of punishment.

1887 March, It is proposed to move the **fire-bell tower** from its present site, which can only be regarded as temporary, to a permanent one. When this is done the tower probably be made higher so as to afford a better 'look out'.

1887 March, The new **fire-bell** was tried and was very plainly heard a mile and a half off. The assembled auditors gave three ringing cheers for the new chum.

1887 March, The Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade pumped out of Mr Caulton's fire water tank for nearly an hour and throwing 90 gallons a minute which made very little impression on the supply. There are a number of wells around Hastings that could be led into fire water tanks in the same way. The fire brigade's wet drill threw water over Caulton's Hotel on to the third shop up the street, then from Kelly's Hotel it was thrown over its roof.

1887 April, Hastings Fire - About 8 o'clock last night the Hastings **fire-bell gave its maiden ring**. The brigade soon assembled and under the superintendence of Sup. Tong quickly proceeded to the scene of the fire, which was a two roomed whare belonging to **Mr T. Kelly**, with a lean-to in a paddock adjoining his garden. The fire quickly burnt it to the ground, and also destroying, a quantity of onions, which were stored in the lean-to. A strong wind was blowing at the time. This is the first fire in Hastings since the brigade got into working order.

1887 April, **The new fire bell rang out its first alarm**, several members of the brigade were about the street at the time. as the reflection had been seen for some time before the bell rang, it was thought to be a hoax and consequently all the members of the Brigade did not arrive with that speed which would otherwise have been the case. It is stated that the fire had been burning fully half an hour before the bell rang and this is not to be wondered at, as it is a common and very dangerous practice to light fires of weeds and rubbish about the town at all hours of the day and night. Owing to the apparent distance the engine was not taken out, but each man rushed off with a canvas bucket. The scene of the conflagration was **a whare in Mr John Kelly's section**. The building was used principally as a storehouse and at the time contained a large quantity of onions, harness etc. the damage is estimated at about £45. Some members of the Brigade were left in charge until the embers had been extinguished.

1887 June, The Fire Brigade requested from the Borough Council a street map showing positions of all artesian wells and other sources of water in the town for fighting fire; a tracing would be made and provided.

1887, Borough Council were given sections by Tanner - 152, 157 and part of 151 east Hastings for filling in and the building of Council Chambers - Mr Luckie stated - **The Fire Brigade also required a place for its engine and there was a shed upon the section which could be utilised with very little expense.**

1887 June, The Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade first annual meeting - The election of officers – Superintendent Tong, Sub-Superintendent Faulknor, Foreman No 1 - W. Keith, Foreman No 2 - A. Stanley, Branchman No 1 - J. Smith, Branchman No 2 - T. Stewart, Assistant Branchman No 1 - O. Hansen, Branchman No 2 - C. Brausche. The Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade's new gear also arrived.

1887, The Athenaeum – An application having been received from the committee from the Hastings Fire Brigade for permission to **erect an engine shed on the Athenaeum section**, the application was acceded to and a frontage of 17ft has been rented to the Brigade at a nominal rental of 6d per month, the shed to be removed at a months' notice.

1887 June, The Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade decided to send a team to the Intercolonial Demonstration competition at Dunedin – Superintendent Tong appointed delegate with Wm Keith, Wm Beck, A. A. Stanley, A. Brausche, Geo Goldsborough, J. Smith, t, Stewart, and O. Hansen.

Hastings Fire Brigade.		
The first annual meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held at Kelly's Hotel last evening. There was a full attendance of members, Superintendent Tong being in the chair.		
The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.		
A letter from the Militia and Volunteer Office was read, and the secretary authorised to forward the required information.		
The following balance-sheets were read and adopted :—		
ASSETS.		
To engine	£	s. d.
„ hose, ladder and torches	64	17 0
„ suction, hose belts and helmets (to arrive)	25	10 0
„ silver badges	61	1 2
„ bell tower, etc.	1	10 0
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1887 June, The first annual meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade

1887 July, Hastings Borough Council - From the secretary of the Hastings Fire brigade stating that Mr **Beecroft** required the shed for his own use and asking the Council for the **cement shed** which the Brigade proposed to move to the Athenaeum section. Mr Tong said the matter had been under consideration and he thought they could get the cement

shed as the brigade would have to pay rent if they stayed where they were. He thought the best thing would be for the Council to take over the Brigade. There was property to the value of £206.

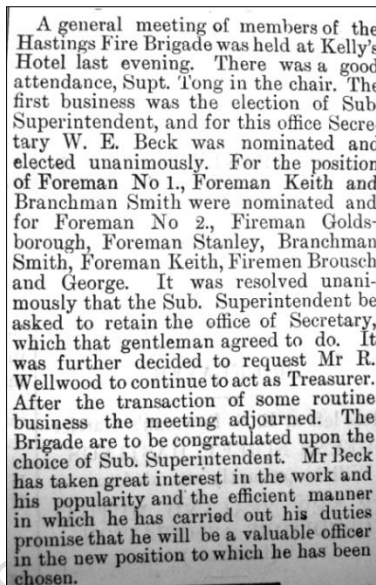
1887 July, The Athenaeum Committee held a meeting and decided to grant part of their section Market St sth for the use of the Fire Brigade at a nominal rental. We are glad they have done so as the position is about as good as could have been procured. The erection of the shed will be undertaken shortly.

1887 August, Mr Northe the foreman for Mr Tong commenced the erection of the Engine Shed for the Fire Brigade

1887 October, The new Fire Brigade station Market St sth is receiving a needed coat of paint.

1887, The Fire Brigade held a very successful wet practice. The engine has been thoroughly overhauled and proved to be in capital working order, a jet being thrown clear over the Pacific Hotel.

1887 November, Out of the £450 worth of gear owned by the fire brigade, the Council have contributed 500ft of hose and £20 when the engine gear was bought, in all £70. The balance has been raised by public subscriptions, fancy balls. The water supply is of course a serious matter, but with the length of hose now on hand the brigade can protect most of the houses in the centre of the town within a radius of 1000ft. **The sources of water available are Caulton's well, the Makirikiri creek by the Protestant Hall and the lake on the racecourse.** When the Council have raised the proposed loan, an ample supply of water will be had from stand-pipes at various parts of the town.



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1887 November Hastings Fire Brigade General Meeting

1887 December, The Fire Brigade have erected an apparatus for drying their hose. It consists of a long pole fitted with ropes and pulleys which enable the hose to be pulled up and fully exposed to the air. We notice also that the engine station has been adorned with a pole and flag, but it is not a very imposing affair.

1887 December, **Mr Cable's tender for putting down 3 tanks** for the use of our Fire Brigade has been accepted, the price being very satisfactory. When these tanks are down the thickly populated part of the town will be well supplied with water for extinguishing purposes and the brigade will, if it is possible, go more heartily into practice knowing that their proficiency can be put to practical use. Messrs Cable & Co are busy excavating the first tank for storage of water for fire prevention purposes. The tank is situated just at the back of the engine room at Messrs Beck's mill.

1888 January, HASTINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE. The annual meeting of the brigade was held at Kelly's Hotel on Friday evening, Superintendent Tong in the chair. The accounts showed a balance £4 16s 5d, and a balance of assets over liabilities of £219 8s 5d. The report and statement were received and adopted. The election of foremen and branchmen then took place and resulted as follows: - Foreman No. 1, Foreman Keith (re-elected); Foreman No.2; Fireman Goldsborough Branchman No. 1, Fireman Brausche; Branchman No. 2, Fireman Stuart. Fireman T. Waterworth and A. Percy were elected as assistant branchmen. Mr Welsman was elected a member of the brigade. A gratifying ceremony then took place, Superintendent Tong presenting to Mr W. Beck a handsome **gold medal**, which had been subscribed for privately by the members of the brigade. Addressing Mr Beck, Mr Tong said that he had much pleasure in presenting the testimonial on behalf of the brigade, and that he hoped Mr Beck would accept it as a testimony of the esteem in which he was held by them. The Superintendent then pinned the medal on Mr Beck's coat amid general applause. Mr Beck said that he was so taken by surprise that he could not find words to acknowledge the gift suitably, but he had always been very happy to do what he could for the brigade, and would have much pleasure in wearing the medal. He hoped that they would always continue to work together in harmony as they had hitherto done. (Applause). The medal was (like the other medals for the prizes) made by **Mr Shanly** jeweller, and certainly does him great credit.

On one side is a fireman's helmet with crossed axes, and on the reverse the following inscription: - "*Presented to W. E. Beck, by the members of the H.V.F.B. as a token of esteem, 1888.*" Mr George proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was duly responded to. The next business was the distribution of the prizes won at the recent spoils: - One-man competition, first prize a silver medal C. Brausche; second prize a silver medal W. Keith; two special prizes, Goldsborough and Hansen. Single event, open to all comers, first prize, gold sleeve links presented by Mr H. O. Caulton, Foreman, Keith; second prize, glass flower vase presented by Mr Simon - J. Smith. Fireman's race, first prize, a handsomely caved meerschaum pipe presented by Mr Dennett, fireman Smith; second prize a gold ring presented by Mr A. Fraser, Fireman Brausche. The second prize for the five men drill (a handsome vase presented by Mr H. Williams) was drawn for and was won by Foreman Keith. At the conclusion of the proceedings Mr Beck invited the company to "give it a name," and the waiter having been instructed accordingly, all present drank the popular secretary's health, which done, one of the reporters proposed "The health of the officers and men of the Hastings Fire Brigade," stating that he hoped it would be long ere the town required their services, but that when it did he was sure they would be "all there." Superintendent Tong, in responding, said that he had the satisfaction of knowing that none of his men were afraid of their work, and that they could torn out smartly when required, and he had no doubt they would always do their duty.

1888 January, The **new fire prevention tanks will each hold 8000 gallons**. The contract price was £4.5s each at which rate it would not ruin the Borough to put down a few more.

1888 January, The Fire Brigade have placed a **notice board at the Engine Shed** and from it we learn that there will be a "wet" practice. The Brigade intend to take their gear up to the racecourse and while practising perform the useful work of watering the lawn and saddling paddock.

1888 February, A special meeting of the fire Brigade to be held in the engine shed.

1888 February, Messrs Tong, Humphrey, Hansen and Waterworth were selected to represent the Hastings Fire Brigade at the forthcoming demonstration in Christchurch.

<p>H. V. F. B.</p> <p>THE GENERAL MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, the 7th inst., at 8 o'clock. The monthly inspection to take place at 7.30 same evening. W. E. BECK, Hon. Sec.</p>

1888 February, General Meeting, W. E. Beck, Hon Sec

1888 September, A football match was played in Mr Rainbow's paddock between the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Volunteers. After an evenly contested struggle the Salamanders won by two points. Mr Taiaroa was the captain of the brigade team and Mr L. Ellis was captain of the Volunteers. The new hose reel for the Fire Brigade (bought out of the proceeds of the fancy ball) is to arrive here

1888 September, Mr J. W. McDuff of Whanganui has just completed making a hose reel for the Hastings Fire Brigade. This is the fifth reel of the kind that Mr McDuff has turned out for brigades in other parts of the colony.

1888 December, Our fire brigade had a lively time of it, their being two calls. The first ring was at five minutes to 3 o'clock, some grass having caught fire, or been set fire to a section near the school-house. The brigade turned out very smartly, but by the time they got to the conflagration it was dying a natural death. Shortly before 5 o'clock the bell rang out again, and again out came the engine only to go back when it was discovered that the summons was for a chimney fire at Messrs Myhill and Musson's.

1888 December, At the recent fire our Hastings brigade had 900 feet of hose run out and Sub-superintendent Beck says the supply of water was the best they ever had.

1888 December, In one of the large front windows of Beck's store are displayed the prizes that have been presented to the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade for competition. The prizes comprise a large number of useful and ornamental things, which no doubt will cause keen competition. Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade annual sports to be held at the racecourse again - The Egyptian horse race on the lake promises to be the most amusing item in the programme. There is a good depth of water in the **racecourse pond**, so there is no danger of the competitors in the swimming match sticking in the mud, as one unlucky starter did last year.

1889 June, The Hastings Borough Council meeting - With regard to the matter of fire prevention it was decided that a sufficient number of wells be sunk, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk prepare a plan showing the position of wells and tanks and report thereon to a meeting of the committee to be held next Monday evening; also that the Mayor, fire inspector and Town Clerk report to the next meeting of the committee on **the cost of a steam fire engine and 500 feet of hose**. The sites for three lamps were fixed, and it was resolved to take the necessary steps to compel persons who have closed their closets to re-open them.

1889 June, A meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Hastings Borough Council was held last evening. Present - The Mayor, and Councillors Bennett, Wellwood, Foreman, Murdoch, and McEwan. The Mayor said that the meeting was

called for the purpose of considering the report of the subcommittee re water supply, and the best means to adopt for the safety of the town in case of fire. The report was read, which suggested the forming of other tanks besides those already in use, and the sinking of another artesian well, the estimated cost of which was £85 ; also recommending the **purchase** of a **steam fire engine**, with the necessary requirements, which was estimated to cost £560. The Mayor said that the cost, which would be altogether £635, was very little in comparison with the good it was likely to do in the way of saving property and in giving greater security to householders. They had an offer from the Invercargill Borough Council of a second-hand engine, capable of throwing 340 gallons per minute, but he would suggest obtaining one made by Shands, Mason and Co., which was calculated to throw 260 gallons per minute, which contained all the latest improvements' and would, with the gear landed at Hastings, cost £550. He did not believe in second-hand goods. **Mr Tong**, Inspector of the Hastings Fire Brigade, who was present, was asked his opinion. He strongly **advocated the Invercargill engine**, which was one constructed by **Merryweather and Sons**, as he considered they were the best makers, and the engine was only being disposed of because they now had a high pressure water supply in the borough, and did not require the engine. Cr. Wellwood moved, seconded by Cr. Foreman, "That clause 1, which advised extra tanks and the water supply, be recommended to the Council."- Carried. Cr. Foreman moved, and Cr. McEwan seconded, "That a steam fire engine as proposed be recommended." Cr. Bennett thought that the tanks that were proposed would not be sufficient to feed a steam fire engine for more than a few minutes. Cr. Murdoch pointed out that the whole of the benefit to be derived by the scheme would be by the town alone, and he thought that it would be unfair to tax the large outlying portion of the borough for what they could derive no benefit from. The Mayor pointed, out that the revenue derived from the Main Street of the town including **hotel licenses was £337**, and that the expenditure on the Main Street this year had only been £42. Cr. Wellwood did not think the borough were as yet in a position to go to the expense of a steam fire engine. He would be glad to see one here, but he thought they should first look to their roads, which would this winter require a lot of expenditure to keep them in good order. The Mayor thought he could show that they were in a position to go to the expense. They had within the last eighteen months reduced their overdraft by £1000, and had also reduced their rates from one shilling to nine pence. Cr. Foreman was strongly in favour of a steam fire engine, and would move "That it be recommended to the Council if at the next meeting the ways and means could be shown of obtaining it that were satisfactory to the Council." This was seconded by Cr. Wellwood and carried.

The new Shand pump – one of the most powerful in the colony, bought at a time when Hastings was being called “a flame-be ridden town of Blazes” Later used as an emergency in the engine room of Tomoana Freezing Works.

There were three separate units to the Hastings Fire Brigade – The brigade members, the volunteers and the fire police.

1889 October, HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL – HASTINGS FIRE BRIGADE. On this matter being called on Cr. Murdoch reported that a meeting of the committee appointed to consider the application of the fire brigade had been called for that evening, but that the only members of the committee who attended were Cr. Foreman and himself, and that having discussed the matter with Secretary W. Beck, who had been good enough to attend, they found that the brigade wanted **1000 feet of hose**, two signal lamps, another street lamp at Faulkner's corner, and a subsidy of £50 a year, and that they were of opinion that these should be granted. Cr. Fitzroy objected to the informality of the report, and moved "That it be an instruction to the committee to hold a meeting to consider the matter and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council." The motion was seconded by Cr. Williams and carried.

1890 November, **Mrs Mary Moroney's Swimming Baths** opened in Nelson St, providing a large supply of water for emergencies.

1890 November, From the Hastings Fire Brigade, asking the Council to grant them a yearly allowance of £20 or £25, and stating that the Brigade had outstanding debts to pay.

1890 December, HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL - The report of the committee appointed to confer with the Hastings Fire Brigade was read and dealt with as follows : — Clause 1, recommending that a working allowance not exceeding **£50 a year**, beginning on the 1st January 1891 be granted to the brigade, was adopted.

1891 January, WATERING STREETS. Cr. Foreman having suggested a site on the railway land for the proposed well it was moved by Cr. Fitzroy, and seconded by Cr. Murdoch, "That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Railway Commissioners, asking permission to **sink a 3-inch artesian well and erect watertanks** (for the purpose of providing a supply of water for watering streets and extinguishing fire) on that part of the railway land situate at the junction of Heretaunga St with Railway Rd opposite Jull's Hastings Hotel."— Carried.

1891 July, Fire Inspector S. Tong stated the Hastings Voluntary Fire Brigade was disorganised – it disbanded and reformed under the direct control of the Borough Council.

1891 July, A meeting of the Hastings fire brigade was held last night at Mr Caulton's hotel, when Mr W. Beck was unanimously elected by ballot to be captain, he is a capable and experienced man, and it is to be hoped that his appointment will be welcomed by nil parties as a solution of the recent difficulty.

1891, A dispute developed between Captain W. E. Beck and Superintendent S. Tong and a witness letter by Cr H. H. Murdoch – resulting in 3 officers leaving.

1891 August, Fire Brigade dispute - Mr George gave his version of the history of the original brigade - from November 1885, stating that the **engine was bought by public subscription**, and that the brigade had gone on to acquire uniforms and plant. He then referred to the **deed by which the engine and plant were taken over by the Council**, and

alleged that that deed was not drawn in accordance with the wishes of the members who had signed it, they having made a reservation as to the free use of the plant, and the said deed was signed on that assurance and given by their officers. On being asked where the officers got that assurance, and why they had not protested to the Council before signing. Mr George replied to the effect that there was no one to whom they could protest. Moreover, the consideration money (10s) had never been handed to the brigade. The rest of his remarks dealt with the dismissal of Captain Tong and other matters. Fire Inspector Tong stated that he had never been appointed by the brigade, and that the plant had never been in possession of the brigade, in support of which statement he read a resolution passed by the late Town Board requiring him to take charge of the engine, and to form a brigade. The engine was in his charge from the first. He contended that the proceedings at the meeting at which he had been called upon to resign were informal, the voting having been by ballot, instead of by open voting, as provided for by the rules of the brigade. Then ensued a dispute between him and; Mr George as to a certain account which witness objected to as exorbitant, and Mr Shanly was heard to prove Mr George's contention that the said account was not exorbitant, Mr Tong then stated his reasons for considering that the brigade was in a disorganised state. After the discussion of various bye issues, Mr Tong stated that the fulfilment of his duties in the brigade had cost him £40 a year; that he had attended more drills, etc, than any other man in the brigade; that the opposition to him was got tip by some four members; that he had done his duty to the Council as far as he could; but that if that body had no confidence in him he was perfectly willing to resign. Cr. Tanner made a conciliatory speech in which he characterised the dispute as "a storm in a teapot," quoted Dr. Watts to the effect that "birds in their little defects agree," and urged that ornithological fact as a reason why the disputants "should shake hands all round." He suggested that Mr Tong should resign his position as Fire Brigade superintendent, retaining his office of fire inspector. He would then have a body of men who would enrol themselves under him as a fire police and that would be a peaceable solution of the difficulty. The Fire Inspector asked what in that case would become of the new Fire Brigade which he had organised, and which included some of the former brigade? He would not mind taking back all of the old brigade, less four members who would not work with him. Cr. Fitzroy moved, "That the Council now go into committee." Cr. Land seconded the motion, which was carried, and the public withdrew from the Council Chamber. A long debate then ensued, and at about 20 minutes to 12 o'clock the public were readmitted, and the following resolution (carried by five to three) was read by the Town Clerk: -"That this Council accept the services of such ' members of the old and of the new fire brigades as shall be recommended by Fire Inspector Tong as suitable firemen; and that until further notice such persons shall be held to constitute the municipal fire brigade, and as such shall receive from the Council any subsidy that may be voted, and that such brigade shall forthwith elect their own officers."The meeting then closed. Having regard to the importance of the subject, and the interest which it excites here, I have given the main features of the evidence and the debate, with only such compression as I consider necessary owing to the crowded state of your columns.

1891 September, Special Meeting of the town Council - Resolved, "That notice be sent to all members of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade to deliver to the Town Clerk within seven days from the date of such notice all uniforms or other property belonging , to the Council. And if such uniforms or other property be not delivered within the specified time, legal proceedings to be taken by the Council for the recovery of the same." Resolved unanimously, " That the resolution of the 18th of August appointing Fire Inspector Tong to submit the names of persons willing to form a Brigade be rescinded. That with the view of an amicable settlement of the difficulty, Captain W. E. Beck be requested to confer with fire inspector Tong, and that they should jointly submit to the Council, at its next meeting, a list of persons willing to serve as a Volunteer Fire Brigade; and that, in case of any dispute arising between Captain Beck and Fire Inspector Tong as to the selection of the men, that His Worship the Mayor be requested to arbitrate between them."

1891 October, Cr. Foreman moved, "That in addition to the work specified in the waterworks committee's report a **small tank of 20 gallons be sunk** and that the two artesian wells be finished **with a connection to allow the suction hose of the fire engine to be attached thereto**, so that water may be pumped direct from the wells in case of fire."- Carried.

1891 October, The Hastings Fire Brigade. THE TROUBLE SETTLED AT LAST. A special meeting of the Borough Council was held last evening. Present - The Mayor (Mr W. F. Burnett) Crs. Tanner, Fitzroy, Foreman, Hughes, Linney, Beilby, and Wellwood. The Mayor suggested that strangers withdraw, as an important letter from the Borough solicitors' would be considered. Crs Fitzroy and Tanner objected to the exclusion of the public, but submitted on further explanation by the Mayor. The Council went into committee for three hours and finally resolved to accept the Brigade's solicitor's draft of a deed to settle the difficulty, with modifications by the Borough Solicitors, Messrs Williams and Loughnan, and **to recognise the Brigade and allow them the use of plant**. An amendment that they be sued to recover the plant was lost. It is expected this will satisfactorily settle the relations between the Council and the Brigade which have been strained for some time.

1891 November, The fire brigade made the experiment suggested to the Council by Mr George. They took the fire engine to the three-inch artesian well at the corner of the Havelock Rd and Willowpark Rd and having connected the hose to the well proceeded to pump, when it was found that the ordinary flow was so increased as to supply two branch-pipes. This result was considered satisfactory by the council present and promises well for the extinction of fire by means of the wells at Jull's corner.

1892 January, A special meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held last night at Jull's Hotel. Present - Captain Beck, Lieutenant George, Messrs Goldsborough, J. L. Stuart, J. Oliver, T. Stewart, E. Humphry, L. Anderson, R. Jeffaries, A. Percy, H. Symonds, C. Brausche, and H. Gigg. An apology was received from Mr H. Stanley for his absence. Lieutenant A. A. George was requested to preside. The Chairman mentioned that the object of the meeting was to **bid farewell to Captain Beck**, and on the conclusion of an appropriate speech he presented him with a handsome **clock**. Captain Beck said that he accepted the handsome clock before him with the greatest possible pleasure, as affording him another proof of the cordial good feeling that existed, and had always existed, between himself and the Brigade. During the evening

feeling reference was made to the absent members, one of whom (Mr A. A. Stanley) is dangerously ill with rheumatic fever, and others were attending him. During his illness one, and sometimes two firemen have been sitting up with him, a fact that speaks for itself for the maternal feeling the members have for each other.

1892 February, The adjourned meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade took place at Stuart's Hotel last night, Lieut A. A. George in the chair. Notice of motion was given that the Association be recommended to take in consideration the adoption of the fireman's half **Wellington boot** instead of the **Blucher** now in use. Lieut. George was appointed delegate to the Conference at Christchurch. The team for the competition will be selected during the month. Proposed by Fireman Percy, seconded by Fireman Stanley, "That the question of the election of Captain be postponed until the next monthly meeting." It was resolved to ask **Fireman Brausche** to resume the duties of **engine-keeper** upon the same terms as formerly.

1892 March, The Hastings Fire Brigade held their ordinary monthly meeting last night at **Ruddick's Carlton Hotel**. Messrs Catherall and Fritchley were unanimously elected members The principal business was to elect a Captain of the Brigade, which office was rendered vacant by the **resignation of Mr W. E. Beck**. Several gentlemen outside the Brigade had been spoken of as Captain, but they objected to oppose anyone at present a member. Ultimately the choice fell upon Mr C. Brausche, who has proved himself an efficient fireman and holds the Association's silver medal for long service. Wishing Captain Brausche a long and prosperous term of office. After transacting some routine business, the meeting adjourned."



Captain Charles Gottlieb Zwirnmann Brausche

1892 April, It is pleasing to note that the Fire Brigade is in a satisfactory condition under Captain Brausche and everything lately is working harmoniously, a fact noticeable at the last monthly meeting. An effort will be made **to raise the look-out tower and belfry by some fifteen feet**. One of the reasons in that the firebell is not audible enough in its present position, if the wind is contrary.

TO CARPENTERS.

TENDERS are invited till **SATURDAY NEXT, 12th August**, for Alterations and additions to the Hastings Fire Brigade Station. Plans and specifications can be seen at my Office, Karamu road, Hastings.

SAMUEL F TONG.

1893 August, Four tenders for **additions** to the Hastings Fire Brigade station were received. That of Mr Russell of Market St, was accepted, the amount being £76. The work includes the accommodation for the steam fire engine and the long desired and necessary meeting room for the brigade.

1893 October, The Hastings Fire brigade is entering upon a new phase in its career. The **new premises** are nearly, if not quite ready for occupation, Mr T. Russell having completed his contract. Besides accommodation on the ground floor for the steam and manual engine, there is upstairs a comfortable meeting room for the members of the Brigade. In anticipation of the arrival of the steamer, they have been having special practice this week.

1893 October, **The new fire engine house is just completed**. It is 28ft x 24ft and will contain the steam fire engine and the manual. Upstairs is a comfortable room for the brigade to meet in. The house is built of totara and is a credit to the contractor Mr T. Russell.

1893 October, After a successful practice of the Hastings Fire Brigade yesterday a committee meeting was held, at which it was decided to obtain tenders for the gas and other fittings required for the more comfortable furnishing of the meeting-room.

1894 January, The following team has been selected to represent the Hastings Fire Brigade at the forthcoming competition in Napier - Captain Brausche, Foreman Keith, Branchmen Anderson and Chapman, Firemen Symonds and Catherall (emergency)



1894 February

1894 January, The Hastings Fire Brigade's **new engine "The Deluge"** is on board the *Duke of Sutherland* which has arrived at Auckland, and it will be shipped to Napier as speedily as possible. It was suggested to the Hastings brigade that the engine should be given a trial here first before it was sent on, but the local men prefer to have the trial made at Hastings.

1894 February, A preliminary trial of the new steam fire engine was held on Saturday, No accurate opinion as to its merits can yet be formed, as the engineer needs time to become thoroughly acquainted with its somewhat complex mechanism. It throws an enormous jet of water and it is generally thought it will be very satisfactory. On Wednesday there will be a public exhibition of its powers on the racecourse, when a house will be erected and set on fire.

1894 February, The Fire Brigade demonstration to take place on Wednesday evening promises to be one of the biggest affairs ever held here. The torchlight procession will start about 7.30 from the brigade station, the Hastings brass band heading it and being followed by the new engine, drawn by a team of four greys lent by Mr Beecroft, by the big manual horsed by Mr Fritchley's team, by Dr Linney's fire engine, by the brewery fire engine and last, but not least the Darktown fire brigade engine will bring up the rear. On reaching the racecourse, where the public trial of the engine is to take place, there will be a grand display of fireworks and the park will be brilliantly illuminated and a water display given. The programme includes the gallant rescue of a 'half charred female' by the Darktown fire brigade, so that some good fun may be anticipated. In view of the demonstration the usual half-holiday sports will not take place.

1894 February, Probably the most interesting public function that Hastings has ever beheld was celebrated. The need of a good steam fire engine in this city was only too well known and when those in authority finally settled that Hastings should become the possessor of one. After many anxious fears on account of its somewhat delayed appearance, it has arrived and it has had its private and in public trial. It has been weighed in the balance and found to be "up to date." At precisely at 7.30 the procession started from the brigade station in the following manner:- The town band, headed the occasion by a stalwart drum-major, followed the **£1000 steam fire engine**, drawn by a splendid team of greys kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Beecroft; Then the Hastings manual horsed by Mr Fritchley; the brewery manual; and finally the Darktown Fire Brigade, their accessories, and the brigade men carrying torches. The route taken was up Market St, across the Karamu Rd and Heretaunga St to Nelson St and thence to the paddock entrance to the racecourse. The appearance of the procession lighted by torches and coloured fires was very picturesque, and the eccentricities of the Darktown Brigade were highly appreciated by the enormous crowd who followed the procession. There were one or two slight casualties en route. The team of greys being somewhat unaccustomed to the flare and explosion of the Roman Candles made strenuous efforts to impede the progress of the engine, but willing hands making light work, the engine for the nonce become impelled by manual power. At the corner of Nelson St, the hero of a hundred fights, the brewery engine came to grief and stopped for weal or woe. Whether because its nose was put out of joint or only as wheel, there was no time to ascertain. An enormous concourse of people found their way on to the ground, some honourable payment, others without honour or payment. Whilst the engine was being got in readiness the Darktown Brigade did their level best to amuse the onlookers, the band played several popular selections and at intervals some good fireworks were displayed. The engine being in readiness, full team having been generated in seven minutes, his Worship the Mayor Mr George Ellis mounted to the driver's seat and amidst great applause delivered an appropriate speech. He said that he held a very proud position in presiding at the trial of the new fire engine. **Had they possessed such an engine twelve months ago many thousands of pounds would have been saved.** However, after their great losses they determined to bestir themselves to look after their interests. He was pleased to tell them that Hastings could now boast of an engine than which of its class and capacity there was no better in the world. Some would say that it was money thrown away, but he denied that. It was money well spent, for now the citizens could go to bed in comfort and security. In addition to that it would cause a reduction in the rates of premium for insurance, a state of things which every business man in Hastings would welcome gladly. Hastings now occupied the position of being the only town in Australasia, its size and resources being taken into consideration, which had such a complete and valuable plant of fire-saving appliances. He would also add that the citizens should feel a real and proper pride in their fire brigade, whose services were so willingly rendered, and in their new acquisition which he would now christen **"The Deluge"** to celebrate which he called for three hearty cheers. His Worship then broke a bottle of wine upon the wheel of the engine carriage, and three hearty cheers

were spontaneously given, closely followed by another salvo for the Mayor. At the conclusion of this ceremony a grand water display was made a fine stream of water from four hose pouring upwards to a height of about 70 feet, which being illuminated by coloured magnesium torches showed to great effect. Trials of various nozzles and sprays were made and all appeared to be most satisfactory, the jet from a smaller nozzle rising to a height considerably more than 100 feet, the engine pressure being about 120lb. During the intervals some rockets with coloured stars were sent up, illuminating and giving a fine view of the large assemblage and the course. The engine was backed against the lake under the willows, and the fiery snortings emanating from her funnel and the fierce glow of her furnace helped, with the other illuminations mentioned, to make a most striking picture, the tout ensemble of which would be hard to beat. After the engine display a most laughable performance was gone through by the Darktowns, who effected the gallant rescue of a female from a scrim house which refused to burn. Whether their attempts at arson or or at salvage were most appreciated it would be hard to say, but they were genuinely funny in both, and the fun reached the culminating point when a hose from the real engine was turned on as a surprise, knocking the darky actors and their "practicable" house into smithereens. There were large number of visitors present, amongst whom were Inspector Waterworth, Sub-inspector Gilberd, and Lieutenant Grundy, whose assistance was welcomed. Engineers Livesay and Leipst appear to be getting a full knowledge of "The Deluge," judging by the working last night, which was very fairly under control and Engineer Fothergill of the Napier Brigade was there to render his kind help in case of need. With the exception of the omission to have a man stationed at one of the entrances to the ground, by which omission the total receipts were lessened, the whole arrangements reflect great credit upon Captain Brausche and his able lieutenants. The sum received at the gates and subsequently from those who had not paid on entering, was £21 9s 7½d, which after payment of the expenses, will leave a good ram towards the object for which the demonstration was organised, viz, the payment of the final charges for freight, &c. PS - The procession floats in the parade from Newbign's - Brewrey and the Natives from Paki Paki - the Darktown Brigade.

1894 April, There are some very good suggestions in the annual report of the Hastings, Volunteer Fire Brigade, to be presented to the Borough Council. Experience gained at the practices of the steam fire engine which have been held has shown the necessity for the formation of a fire police and salvage corps, and the Council to give what encouragement and support it can to this end. The suggestion of two members of the Borough Council should be appointed a permanent committee to act with the brigade is also an excellent one, as more interest would be in the working of the brigade by the Council, and would probably lead to greater efficiency. The strength of the brigade is reported as 23 officers and men and three messengers, but it is considered highly necessary to increase the effective strength, and as the difficulty of doing so has been heightened by a new rule of the United Fire Brigade Association only allowing of men over 21 years of age joining, it is hoped that some who can spare the time will have public spirit enough to come forward to assist in work which is of the highest benefit to the community. Reference is made in the report to the recent alterations and improvements at the station, a very comfortable room for the use of members having been provided.

1894 April, **Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade and Salvage Corps** - A meeting was held in Jull's hotel with a view to the formation of a volunteer fire brigade and salvage corps. A large number of citizens were present and Mr Tyerman was unanimously voted to the chair. The chairman stated the purpose for which the meeting was called and said that he had asked Mr Smith one of the lieutenants of the Napier Fire Police Corps to explain the duties of such a body. He further said that a great many promises had been given by gentlemen willing to join the corps when formed, but that some of those who had promised were unable to attend the meeting, being absent on business. He understood from the Fire Association that one reason why the fire premiums were so high in the town was due to the absence of any such body to assist the fire brigade. Mr Smith gave a very clear outline of the duties of the officers and men and of the appliances which would be required, and said that a corps of 20 or 25 members with a captain and three lieutenants would he thought be sufficient. He recommended that the fire police should be under separate management from the brigade and the funds kept distinct, whilst it would be the duty of the chief officer of the fire police to report himself to the Fire Superintendent and act in entire concurrence with the fire brigade. He dwelt on the necessity of the men keeping cool under any emergencies and of obedience to the officer in charge. Mr B. L. Knight proposed and Mr Reynolds seconded the motion that a Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade and Salvage Corps should be at once formed. This was unanimously carried and the names of seventeen gentlemen were at once given in. It was decided that members should be elected in ballot. Mr George, secretary of the Fire Brigade, offered the use of the brigade's rooms at the station for meetings of the fire police. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr Smith for his kind assistance was accorded and also to the chairman for presiding. The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday evening next, when further names will be submitted and the officers elected.

1894 April, **The Hastings Fire Police and Salvage corps** were established at a meeting held at Jull's new hotel. Mr W. J. Tyerman was elected captain with Messrs Newbigin and Hunt as his lieutenants and Mr E. S. Goldsmith of the N.Z. Clothing Factory secretary and treasurer. The following gentlemen composed the corps at its inspection :- Messrs J. Reynolds, W. Pepper, H. K. Thomson, W. Maddison, G. F. Roach, M. F. Cottle, B. L. Knight, C. Young, G. Faulknor, W. H. Bowler, W. A. Carter and W. E. Beck. In the following year Mr S. Charleton was appointed a third lieutenant.

1894 April, A special meeting of the Hastings Borough Council was held principally to consider reports from the fire committee and Captain Brausche in reference to the working of the steam fire engine. It was resolved that Messrs Leipst and Metherell be appointed engineers to the Council, the fire committee to arrange as to the question of terms.

1894 May, The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Brigade was held when after the usual routine business had been conducted Captain Brausche read a paper on the subject of the working of brigades, which was very well received. A suggestion was made that the annual fire brigade ball should be held under the auspices of the brigade and the newly established fire police corps. As it is not the intention of the police to incur any great expense for the present

necessitating any special call for funds, and as the funds of the fire brigade would probably be weakened if the arrangement proposed was carried out, it is doubtful it will eventuate.

1894 May, An inquiry into the details of the alleged accident to the steam fire engine was held yesterday afternoon before the Mayor and the fire committee, who after hearing evidence decided to postpone making known their judgment until the next meeting of the Borough Council.

1894 May, The newly appointed fire committee have a somewhat anomalous undertaking before them. A slight accident having occurred at a practice of the fire engine some three weeks since, a meeting was held and two of the brigade were appointed as engineers, the engineer in charge at the time of the occurrence being requested to send in his resignation. This he objected to do, on the ground that although inadvertently a tap which should have been opened was allowed to remain shut, he saw the mistake in time to remedy it and that absolutely no harm had been done to the engine; farther, that he had not been asked to give any explanation. His letter being read at the last Council meeting the matter was referred back to the fire committee. No resignation having been tendered, **two additional engineers having been appointed**, and the position of honorary chief engineer being ably filled by Mr W. B Jones, the Council are well provided - **four engineers to one engine.**

1894 August, The ordinary monthly meeting of the fire brigade was held last night, Captain Brausche occupying the chair. A medal for long service is to be obtained from the association for Foreman W. Keith. It was also resolved that clothing and any other property of the brigade now in the possession of the members should be handed in on Thursday on the occasion of the monthly inspection. Clue new member was proposed.

1894 September, A few members of the **recently-formed fire police corps** came in for a fair amount of 'chaff' owing to their non-appearance at the fire in Miller St on Friday morning. On their behalf it may be stated that they all lived to windward of the fire bell and as the only members of the brigade (four in number) who were also absent lived in the same direction, it can be taken for granted that the strong wind which was blowing effectually carried the sound away from their dwellings. The fire burned so fiercely while it lasted that it was possible to read a newspaper by its light on the railway crossing.

1894 December, The nomination of the officers for the ensuing year was the principal business transacted at the ordinary monthly meeting of the fire brigade, which was held at the station last night. Captain Bransche occupied the chair. The following appointments were made:- Captain Bransche; lieutenant and secretary, A. A. George; treasurer S. Poppelwell; foremen of steam engine, A. A. Stanley and W. Keith; foremen of hose-reel, A. A. Stanley, W. Keith and L. Anderson; foremen of manual engine E. Humphrey and S. Poppelwell. The programme for the annual sports meeting on New Year's Day, which is to include about 24 interesting items, chiefly events in, on, and around the lake in the Jockey Club's ground, was submitted and approved. One good stipulation has been made in reference to the aquatic events, which provides that **all competitors shall be clad in proper bathing costume, and gives power to the judges to order any person off the ground who shall not be sufficiently attired.**

1895 May, The fire brigade are just now (with the fire police) the lions of the hour. On Friday night they were called out and found some tons of charcoal in a **two-storey store facing Eastbourne St** on fire. They put it out, but burning charcoal is nasty stuff to deal with. The large store was full of mouldings and other building materials, and a report that there were **a few tons of dynamite, powder and kerosene stored upstairs**, kept the public at a respectful distance. The captain of the brigade was nearly suffocated with the charcoal fumes and was got out of an upstairs window with a ladder. On Saturday afternoon a report that **Gorman's Carlton Club Hotel** was on fire caused intense excitement, as a volume of black smoke was blowing across the street. Several members of the brigade were about and had steam up under seven minutes, and everything ready for a big job, but it didn't come off. Someone had thrown a glass of spirits into the grate, and had set the chimney on fire, and as the chimney was shaken by an earthquake some time ago the smoke made its way between the bricks and filled several rooms with smoke. All cause for alarm was soon allayed. A rather interesting incident occurred during the fire at **Faulkner's coach factory**. The brigade have a branch pipe they call the "**baby**," which delivers a stream one and three-quarter inches in diameter - that is a little more than waterway in the couplings in Wellington. "**The Baby**" was turned on to a brick chimney and it knocked the bricks out as if they had been nothing more than plums in a pudding.

1895 July, The position of Hastings as regards fire insurance certainly seems an extraordinary one, as possessing the very newest fire appliances and an active brigade, there is really no reason why insurers should be charged more than in other centres where they have not such appliances or at any rate no better, and the rates are much lower. There can be no question after the experiences at Faulkner's fire that the supply of water now to be obtained **by the use of the sewer as a reservoir is an adequate one for an emergency**, provided there is no breakdown of the engine, which should not now be feared with the experience gained by those in charge. The one thing needful for the quicker working of the engine, viz., the appointment of a resident engineer at the fire brigade station, might well be considered by the committee appointed to watch over the interests of insurers as a first step towards reassuring the fire companies and to obtaining what is desired.

1895 September, We have had representatives from several insurance companies up here recently trotting about with a tape line trying to find out something. In conversation with one of them, he suggested that steps ought to be taken by the fire brigade to show what can be done with the present plant in case of emergency, having in view the proposed reduction in the present scandalous tariff. I pointed out that it was hardly convenient for the firemen to be always trotting about with their plant to amuse a few underlings who had no more to do with the tariff than the man in the moon, and that as a matter of fact that iniquitous ring known as the Insurance Association were perfectly aware that the Hastings Fire

Brigade and Fire Police not only had one of **the very best plants in the colony with an inexhaustible supply of water, but they had also more than fifty men trained to the use of the various appliances and capable of being on the spot within three minutes, day or night, of an alarm being given.** That they had also members of the brigade sleeping on the station, and the sluices had been made absolutely perfect. If it is necessary to say again what has been said and done numberless times before, let it be said. I have made most careful inquiries, and this is what the brigade can do, and will guarantee to do at any time. **Should the bell ring they can get two jets off the manual engine on to any building in the main portion of the town in five minutes, and in from eight to ten minutes they can throw ten more jets with the steamer over any building in the town, or they can throw a stream two inches in diameter ninety feet high and keep it up as long as the town supply of coal and firewood will last.** As I noted last week, **four jets can be put over the tower of the Carlton Club Hotel (which is five stories high) or the spire of the Catholic Church (which is the highest structure in Hastings)** The ring may make up their minds to this, that the business people intend to have a very substantial reduction on the present rates, and no amount of humbug or silly excuses on the part of the insurance offices will avail; so they may as well come to the point at once. Arrangements have been in progress for some months by which the rates can be reduced by at least half, and unless the present companies make an equal reduction others will be found to do it—and it is just as well the Insurance Agents' Union should be made to understand so at once.

1895 October, The fire committee reported that in reference to Messrs Webster and Stuart's complaint of damage done to the Albert Hotel by the fire brigade practice, they found that the chief officer's instructions had not been complied with, but that Messrs Webster and Stuart were now satisfied that the matter was an accident owing to the condition of the gutters. They recommended the purchase of four 25-foot lengths of leather hose from London at 3s.4d a foot, also 500 feet of canvas hose at 9d. They enclosed plan for new belltower 40 feet high, to cost £18, and notified that Moroney's baths had been empty for two months contrary to agreement. -The recommendation with reference to the hose was adopted, The Council decided to erect a bell-tower, and to write to **Mrs Mary Moroney** and ask her to keep the baths fall.

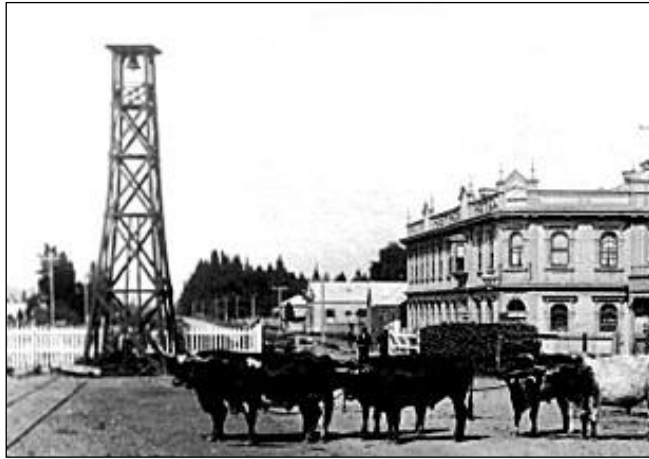
1895 December, Soon after the arrival of our celebrated '**Deluge**' the fire engine so named, one of our worthy citizens was fully convinced that serious damage was done to it at one of the trials. He wrote a letter to the Council about the matter, but failing to send it through the proper source it did not reach the Council Chamber until the last meeting of the Council. The letter and a quasi report were considered in committee and as a result an investigation of the engine will be made by a thoroughly competent fire engine engineer at an early date.

1896 January, The **new fire-bell tower** is nearly ready, and looks a substantial off. Mr Brausche the contractor has decided to re-build it entirely, instead of altering the old one. The pattern of the new one is a reminder of the general form of the Eiffel tower. It will no doubt carry the sound much better than at present, but some people are thinking that a larger bell may be needed.

1896 January, The new firebell tower is finished, with its neat roof and surmounting flagpole, it presents a very respectable appearance and reflects great credit upon Mr Brausche, who has made a thoroughly workmanlike job of it. The old tower suffers very badly by comparison and the sooner it is disposed of the better. The new tall Hastings **fire bell** had a tone of **B. sharp**

1896 January, The alarm naturally created in the public mind has been by no means abated by the report of **Detective Kirby** that there were "no suspicious circumstances" in connection with the incipient fire discovered on **Mr Lys' old premises.** The facts are that a townsman was attracted to the spot late at night by the reflection of a blaze, that he placed his hand in an aperture and withdrew a quantity of blazing rubbish of an inflammable character which, owing to its position could only have been placed then deliberately. Further investigation proved that a three-inch wall plate had beset slightly charred and the lining, a three inch "rat board," considerably so. **Sergeant Mitchell's** report is that "the work might be that of a person seeking notoriety." This is hardly more satisfactory in its way than Detective Kirby's declaration that the circumstances were not such as to arouse suspicion. We can well understand that the police have been unable to obtain a clue to the incendiary from the small amount of material at their disposal, and we should have preferred an honest declaration to that effect. The many fires of mysterious origin which have occurred of late point directly to the existence of a fire-raiser and residents will do well to exercise the greatest vigilance to keep this individual in check and protect their hearths and homes from destruction.

1896 February, Mr Blackwood, Government Inspector of Boilers was at Hastings yesterday. He inspected the steam fire engine at the shed and afterwards saw it **working in Webster and Stuart's Albert Hotel yards.** It is his intention to have the engine taken to pieces for a thorough inspection. The safety of the township so entirely depends upon the steamer that it will be a satisfaction to the residents to be assured that the steamer is in first-class order. It is said that a sister engine has been purchased for Sydney and that there is no other so complete in New Zealand.



Due to the increase of high buildings and township area of expanse a new taller and louder fire bell was required – shows the **new tall fire bell tower** with a tone of **B. sharp** on the Railway Reserve opposite the new Hastings Hotel presented by Mr H. Williams around 1895. The old small tower fire bell was put up for sale in January 1896.

Mr Joll the nightwatchman would climb the tall bell tower on a clear night to scan the district for any sign of a blaze.

1897 February, The **old staging in Market St** used for fire drill was blown away and was then carted away – the volunteers had not yet formed a camp but intend to do so, a site chosen being Mr W. Stock's grounds at Stortford Lodge.

The Fire Brigade were later stationed in a two-storeyed wooden building in **Eastbourne St east behind the Borough Council Chambers** – near where the Municipal Electricity Power Pumping Station was later built.

1897 July, FOR THE GOOD THAT WE CAN DO. Sir - I notice in your Saturday's issue that you state the Fire Brigade was 22 minutes in reaching the fire in the Maori whare in Warren St. That may seem a long time to those interested time - keepers but to the members of the brigade it does not. In the first place the steamer only weighs something over three tons, which is a very small weight for **ten men to drag it about ten chains**. (Eastbourne St) Secondly, the fireman's first duty is to run to the shed; on arrival there be very often can gain no information as to the situation of the fire, so two or three minutes may easily be lost before leaving the shed, and that was lost on Saturday. When under weigh we were stopped by the Mayor and more time was lost; and then on getting down to the fire we found the trap door over the manhole almost a fixture, it taking three men to lift it off". All that took time. Thirdly, taking into consideration the distance some of the men had to run to the shed, 22 minutes is soon taken up when it is considered that the walls and two back rooms of the oldest building in Hastings are still standing the work of the Brigade cannot have been so bad. My friendly advice to those interested timekeepers is for the future to lend a hand at pushing or pulling the engine to the scene of the fire. By inserting the above you will oblige yours truly, **Foreman - E. Humphrey**.

1897 August, In all up-to-date towns in the colony when a fire alarm is given **signals indicate the direction** of the outbreak. In Hastings the firemen and the general public are left in the dark, and unless the blaze is in the main street much time is lost in getting information as to its whereabouts. It would take the members of the Borough Council about five minutes to remedy this. All they have to do is to **divide the Borough into four wards** with the intersection of Karamu Rd and Heretaunga St as a basis, and notify that a certain number of tolls represent a certain ward, with an additional signal for a fire outside the borough boundary. These signals might be advertised and posted in a prominent part of the bell tower, so that when an alarm is given the members of the Brigade may move in the right direction. We hope to see the Borough Council consider the question at their next meeting.

1897 September, We direct the attention of the Fire Brigade to the danger of leaving the doors of the station open after the engine has proceeded to a fire. From the doors project two beams, which cannot be seen on a dark night and a person running on that side footpath to a fire might easily collide with one of the arms and nothing short of a serious accident would be the result. We hope the Brigade will take the hint and mitigate the danger. Eastbourne St east

1898 January, APPOINTMENT OF FIRE INSPECTOR. NOTICE is hereby given that the Captain and Lieutenant of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade are appointed Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Inspector, respectively, for the Borough of Hastings. J. COLLINGE, Town Clerk. Hastings, 3rd January, 1898. BOROUGH OF HASTINGS,

1898 March, John Collinge, Clerk for the Borough of Hastings accepted the offer to renew the portion of Railway lease occupied by the Council as a site for **underground water tanks and well on Railway Rd**, for a further period of seven years @ £2 annual.

1898 May, Hastings Fire Station was connected by telephone

1898 June, The Hastings Fire Brigade have arranged to take over the **Pioneer Foundry premises on Heretaunga St.**, owned by Mr T. Doney, to be used as a fire station. This will give the Brigade a more prominent situation, besides affording more room for their engines and plant.

1898 July, The Hastings Fire police corps has now twenty-five members. A committee of the Hastings Fire Brigade has been appointed to conclude the purchase of Mr T. Doney's premises for a brigade station.

1898 July, It is a pity some of the local doctors cannot see their way to deliver a series of lectures on first aid to the injured, to the Hastings Fire Police. In the danger and confusion of a fire it would probably be the means of saving valuable lives, if this body were qualified to treat an accident temporarily until the arrival of medical assistance', and it is to be hoped some of the local practitioner may see their way to take the matter up in the interests of human life

1898 August, The monthly meeting of the Fire Brigade was held last night, Captain Brausche in the chair. The officers had no report to make. Engineer Livesay brought up the question of the useless ringing of the bell for the **fire at Stortford Lodge stables**. He and others turned out. The question was whether it would count as a muster. After some discussions, the chairman said the question had been thrashed out before, and it had been decided that if the bell was only rang once it counted as a muster. It was very difficult to prevent people ringing the bell on any alarm of fire. He would instruct the night-watchman to ring the bell himself in case of fire. It was the night-watchman's place to ring the bell. Mr Williams, caretaker, said boys gave him a lot of trouble at fires by ringing the bell.- The chairman called attention to the fact that the proprietor of premises the Brigade had recently saved had not so much as sent a letter of thanks. The treasurer Mr S. G. Poppelwell announced that the sports account showed £17 12s 9d cash in bank. The sum of 11s.6d was voted for expenses at Mr Matthews fire. New members: Fireman Flynn from Timaru was introduced to the Brigade as a member and Messrs John Smith and W. Furniss (for some time messenger) were proposed as candidates. The rest of the business was of a private nature and was transacted in committee.

1898 August, Mr Daniel O'Reilly has asked permission to plant some **shrubs around the water tanks** at his own expense. First of all the fencing should be attended to. Why cannot the rusty old tanks be moved to the other end of the plot and raised upon the ground in a similar manner to the railway tanks? The water has to be pumped into them and the labour of pumping would be only a mere fraction more.

1898 September, The monthly meeting of the Fire Brigade took place last night, Captain Brausche in the chair. **W. Furniss** was elected a working member of the Brigade. Accounts to £1. 12. 6d were passed. Treasurer Poppelwell announced that the sports account stood at £17 .12s . 9d in credit, and the general account at £8. The action of the Borough Council in appointing **Fireman Gill** to take charge of the **water gates** was warmly approved by the Brigade It was thought that this would settle any difficulty of delay in obtaining water in future. In case of Firemen Gill's absence, Station-keeper Williams agreed to perform the duties: A list of attendances was read. This was highly satisfactory, the total average reached being over 86 per cent. There were present at the meeting last night 21 members out of a total strength of **24**, two of those absent being on leave. Correspondence was read relative to a claim made for £14 by the Hastings Brigade for hose and plant, on the Dannevirke Borough Council. The question is still pending. Some discussion took place as to the date of the sports, but the matter was undecided. After the calling of the roll the meeting was adjourned.

1898 October, The members of the Hastings Fire Brigade are about to get the entire body photographed in full uniform, which should be a very interesting souvenir.



1898 October, Hastings Volunteer Fire Brigade - Standing back: J. Catherall, J. Gill, A. Leipst, F. List, H. Symonds, L. Anderson, R. Catherall, W. Graham, J. Henry, S. G. Poppelwell, P. George, R. Kessell.
 Middle: F. Martin, E. Humphrey, Lieut. A. A. George, Capt. Brausche, W. Keith, A. Stanley, J. Livesey.
 Front: P. George, J. Moran, S. Brausche, W. Furniss. Names as spelt in "Fighting Flames - A Century of Firefighting in Hastings 1886-1986"

1898 October, The Hastings Fire Brigade have a very powerful steam fire engine owned by the Borough, and of which all are justly proud - **the water for fires being pumped up through manholes in the centre of the main streets from the sewer, through which a large body of artesian water is always flowing.** At a fire on Sunday morning last the bells a commenced to ring at 3.20, and in twenty minutes half a dozen hoses were playing upon the flames. On Sunday afternoon, some flax still smouldering, it was thought advisable to get the engine out again, and from the time the torch was placed to the fire, but 9 minutes elapsed before steam was up and the engine at work. Probably in this instance the water may have been to somewhat warmed, as the engine had been in use some few hours previously, but we are informed that in ordinary cases the water in the boiler is always cold when the fire is first lit. Needless to say the furnace is always kept charged with a good supply of shavings, firewood, and coal ready for lighting, and also a bottle of kerosene is in its readiness to pour over this, the wonderfully quick draught, and the general construction of the boiler doing the rest.



1898, **Heretaunga St** west looking east towards the railway line from Market St – the Hastings Fire Brigade at practice with the Shand pump on the new Bank of New South Wales building with a Café, BNZ, Madisons & Co building of Williams & Kettle and the tall fire bell tower – both sides of this block were rebuilt following the 1893 fire and the left side again after the Williams & Kettles fire in 1907, the new Cafe above Maddison's was then owned by J. W. Gower



H V F B, demonstration of the first steam fire engine at the corner of Heretaunga St west and Market St

1898 November, The large tank used for fire purposes, situated **at the rear of the Albert Hotel**, was to-day pumped out by the steam fire engine in order to clean it out to enable new timber to be put round the sides. The tank measures 16ft

by 8ft and has a depth of 9ft and the process of cleaning it was not prompted by slight fastidiousness on the part of the authorities.

1898 November, The monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held in the Brigade Station last night. Accounts amounted to £3 .9s were passed for payment. Mr **W. A. Shanly** was elected an honorary member of the corps, and Messrs A. McRae and A. Taylor working members. The captain and treasurer were appointed to canvass the town for honorary members, and engineer Jones and Mr W. A. Shanly were also elected to canvass for honorary members. Waterman Gell was granted leave of absence.

1899 March, Lieutenant A. A. George tendered his resignation to Hastings Fire Brigade due to infighting: - "Owing to the cowardly way in which I have been treated during the last few weeks, several secret meetings having been held with the object of working up an agitation against me, I have decided to tender my resignation. I shall, I trust, part from the majority of the Brigade, with whom I have worked so long, the best of friends, but I can put up with the unbearable ignorance of the Captain no longer. Possibly I may have an opportunity of addressing you again at some future time."

1899 May, An alteration is to be made in the fire brigade station to allow of a permanent gas' jet being placed for heating the water in the engine. In the meantime temporary fittings have been placed, and in the event of a fire Captain Brausche and Engineer A. Leipst consider that a saving of four or five minutes in the time for getting up steam will be effected, the water in the boiler being kept hot.

1899 July, The Fire Brigade reported that since forwarding their last report one fire had taken place, and that the plant was in good working order. They reported that they had had considerable trouble over the late Secretary, Mr George (**now succeeded by Mr Tickner**) but as he is in possession of certain property belonging to the Brigade, which they find cannot be recovered by them, and enclose a schedule of goods he has retained including fire certificates, helmet, tunic, pouch, &c., to the value of £56. 6s. The Brigade have decided to be registered under the "Unclassified Society's Act " and asking the Council to pay the registration fees. Also asking the Council if they would sanction the Brigade **removing the plant to the new premises** they have secured. Cr Beecroft asked if the Brigade property was freehold or leasehold, and if leasehold how long the lease had to run, and would the Council be liable. Cr Dennett stated that it was a **Government lease in perpetuity**. The Brigade report stated that they have found out by taking legal opinion that they are unable to sue Mr George, and that its only resource to recover is for the Council to sue. It was proposed by Councillor Dennett that the Council take action in the matter, as if Mr George would defy the Council he would defy anyone. This found no seconder. Cr Beilby proposed that a letter be written to Mr George requesting him to return to the borough Council office the things mentioned in this schedule furnished immediately and that if he does not do so in a fortnight that the Council take legal proceedings against him, It was eventually decided that a letter be written to Mr George without threatening legal proceedings. It was proposed by Cr Beilby and seconded by Cr Beecroft : That the **Brigade be registered**, and that the Council pay the registration fee (about £6)

1899 July Hastings Fire Brigade. A meeting of the Fire Brigade was held in their room last evening, Captain Brausche in the chair. The Secretary (Mr A. Tickner) read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The new candidate (Mr George James Alven Wellman) was elected, and took his seat after a few words of welcome by the Captain of the Brigade. Accounts were passed for payment to the amount of £7 4s 6d, including the item for gas £5 9s 6d (gross) which occasioned much comment, and it was suggested that the **Bunsen burner under the engine** be discontinued, as it was too expensive to the Brigade. A ticket from the Wanganui Fire J Brigade for their annual ball was received, and the Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks. The balance sheet for the late Band and Fire Brigade sports was submitted showing receipts, £33 7s 9d, expenditure, £23 18s, balance in hand, £9 9s 9d. It was proposed by Foreman Humphries and seconded by Branchman Kessell that this be left over until next meeting, as three donations promised had not been received - Carried. The Secretary notified that Mr Gorman had presented the brigade with a cheque for a guinea, and it was proposed by Chief Engineer Jones and seconded by Engineer Livesey that a vote of thanks be sent to Mr Gorman - Carried. The Captain reported that 1500 feet of hose had been used at the last fire, and complained that a member was absent from the fire without leave, also that the hose had been left in a dirty state a couple of days after the fire and that the engine was left uncleaned. The station keeper and engineer apologised, and mentioned that other engagements had delayed their cleaning the apparatus earlier. Fireman Furniss wrote resigning, as he had moved to Wanganui, and it was proposed by Chief Engineer Jones, and seconded by Engineer Livesey, that a letter be sent to Mr Furniss regretting his having to resign, and wishing him success in Wanganui - Carried. The motion standing over from last meeting that the Brigade be registered under the " Unclassified Societies Act " was carried, and it was agreed that this be done at once. It was proposed by Engineer Livesey, and seconded by Branchman Chapman, that the Brigade subscribe to the English Fire and Water, and that a file be made and kept for this paper in the rooms. Chief Engineer Jones intimated to the meeting that Mr Hurt promised to supply a copy of the Hastings Standard to the Brigade, and a vote of thanks was accorded the proprietors for their kind offer. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

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The Hastings Fire Station was moved to **Market St sth** to the Athenaeum section, while the Fire Police took up quarters in the old premises in Eastbourne St east.

1899 August, Mr J. Williams caretaker of the fire brigade station, who has been ailing for some time past, left Hastings on a health trip to the Te Aroha hot springs.

1899 September, Hastings Fire Brigade. A letter was read from the Borough Council re removal of the premises plant, stating (1) That the Brigade must be registered under the Unclassified Societies Act. (2) That a demand be made upon the trustees to transfer their interest in the Brigade. (3) That the Brigade must be bailed to the Borough Council when the permission will be given the Brigade to remove the premises and plant. From the Athenaeum asking that when the brigade proposed shifting their premises they would give the Athenaeum the first offer to purchase the old building. From the Fire Brigade, re removal of premises and plant, stating that under the existing circumstances the Brigade have no desire to remove the premises. Engineer Livesey had written the Borough Council resigning his position as Engineer. It was given as a suggestion to the Fire Brigade that Mr A. Leipst be appointed Engineer to the Brigade.

1899 December, A huge number of your Hastings readers will be sorry to hear that Mr **John Williams** is seriously ill, and acting on the advice of friendly has gone to the Napier Hospital. Mr Williams is an old and much respected resident of Hawke's Bay, and has been for some year's **caretaker at the Fire Brigade station**. We all hope to see him back amongst us at an early date fully restored to health.

Arthur Tickner resigned as secretary as he felt that his private business took so much of his time that he could not give the attention to the brigade work that it deserved Mr W. Stratton was appointed secretary. Fireman Henry was granted six months leave. There were two candidates for the office of Station Keeper - Mr Fraser Martin was elected at a salary of £10 per year.

1900 May, During the time the Fire Brigade station is under repair the steamer has been removed to the **brigade's new premises**.

1900 April, The Hastings Fire Brigade held an enjoyable picnic yesterday at the Queen's Park Hastings. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a good attendance of members and friends, besides visitors from the Napier and Spit Brigades. Impromptu races were arranged during the day for men, women, and children. The one-man hose and hydrant competition was won by R. Kessell in 46 1/5th secs with the help of seven seconds handicap and A. Leipst won the fastest time prize in 43 secs.

1900 July, By invitation of Captain Brausche, a representative of the newspaper made an inspection of the Fire Brigade station and was surprised at the splendid order and cleanliness which reigned, a state of affairs for which the **new station keeper (Mr Fraser Martin)** deserves every credit.

1900 December, Mr W. Beilby, deputy coroner, wrote forwarding a rider by a coroner's jury respecting the death of Frederick Gordon Wilson aged 20, who had been killed by contact with a bar of the Fire Brigade door. The jury had recommended that the bar be abolished. - Cr. Beilby said that since the inquest the bar had been so altered as to render such an accident impossible in future.

1901 March, At the Fire Brigade and Borough Council conference held in Hastings on Saturday, Captain Brausche complained that, although he was invited to the last meeting of the Council for the purpose of stating his views on the question of sinking **a tank** for fire purposes **near Mr Lanauze's**, the Council dealt with the question by refusing the Brigade's application and totally Ignored his presence. He attended the meeting at some inconvenience, and he was never asked for a statement of the case from the Brigade's standpoint. Captain Brausche said a concrete tank 8 x 8 x 14, with a six inch wall, could be sunk although the Council's valuation was after a discussion the Councillors still considered that, as a comprehensive water service scheme for Hastings must shortly be considered, it was not advisable to sink any more tanks. One speaker stated that with the water supply the fire engine was of no use only in the main street and its immediate vicinity.

1901 April, Mr Fraser Martin sustained a severe strain at last practice of the Hastings Fire Brigade which necessitates his temporary retirement from his duties of station caretaker.

1901 April, At the Hastings Fire Brigade meeting, Captain Brausche presented two years' service bars to the following members : Lieutenant Keith, Foreman Anderson, Humphreys and Symonds, Engineer Leipst, Branchman J. Catherall, Fireman Henry and Waterman Grill.

1901 July, Hastings Fire Brigade. The usual monthly meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade was held in the Fire Station last evening, Captain Brausche presiding. Cr Roach, of the Borough Council Fire Committee, was also in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence - From Branchman Percy George and Foreman 1. Symonds, resigning their positions in the Brigade. - Consideration postponed until next meeting. From the United Fire Brigades Association requiring certain returns. - Received. From James C. Gilterd of the New Zealand Fire and Ambulance Record, asking that the support of the members be extended to the paper.- Received. The captain reported no fires since the last meeting. The attendance at the practices was small but the race meeting and consequent holiday making accounted for this. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £1.15s 6d. Accounts amounting to £12los were passed for payment. The following lads were duly elected as messengers Percy Stackpool. William Thompson and William Cassin. **William Brausche, who has been a messenger in the brigade since 1883**, was promoted to the rank of fireman. The secretary was instructed to write Lieutenant Baker, of Gore, President of the United Fire Brigade Association with reference to prize money won at the recent Fire Brigades competition at Christchurch, and which has

not been forwarded. It was decided to hold a poster ball about the middle of August. Waterman Gell was presented with a two years' service bar. This concluded the business.

1901 September, Hastings Borough Council - Cr. Newbigin gave notice of motion That a concrete tank for fire prevention purposes, capable of holding 10,000 gallons water, with a fall into the sewer, be erected on the **Athenaeum section at the rear of the fire brigade station**, and that an artesian well be sunk to supply the water.

1902 February, Fire Inspector reported to the Borough Council - that a tank be built on the Karamu Rd to retain the surplus water from the trough in front of Mr Pownall's residence to be available in case of fire in that locality. It would take in as far as Schaeffer's boarding house and as far as Hastings St. And that the erection of two rooms in connection with the Fire station as sleeping accommodation for two members of the brigade be considered favourably by the Council. Referred to the Fire Committee to report to the next meeting of the Council.

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1902 February, Mr A. Leipst - the fire brigade engineer resigned.

1902 April, provision was made for sleeping quarters for two men at the Fire Station.

1902 October, Valedictory social at the Hastings Fire Station to entertain Lieutenant Keith who is leaving for South Africa.

1902 December, The Fire Committee recommended that the firebell and tower be removed from the present site and be erected on the **Athenaeum section close to the Fire Brigade station**, in such a position that the firebell can be rung **from the footpath in Market St**. It was also recommended that the fire bell be raised six feet higher than it is at present. The report was adopted.

1903 March, Death. The funeral of the late **Mr John Gell** took place yesterday afternoon. Deceased, who had been a member of the Hastings Fire Brigade, was accorded a fireman's funeral. The coffin was carried on a hose reel. The long cortege was headed by the Hastings Band, who played the "Dead March" and it included about forty visiting firemen and the members of the Hastings Fire Brigade. A large number of beautiful wreaths sent by friends and other sympathisers were carried in a special trap to the graveside. The Rev. J. Hobbs conducted the service in the English Church and the Rev, J. Wrigley that at the graveside.



1903, Hastings Voluntary Fire Brigade at their shed quarters in a two-storeyed wooden building in **Market St sth at the Athenaeum section** with H V F B written above the door including upstairs rooms



1905 March, members of the Hastings Voluntary Fire Brigade competing at the Fire Brigades' Demonstration, Caledonian Ground. Back Row: Branchman Graham, Fireman Kessell. Front Row: Eng. Lunt, Branchman Brauchshe, Branchman Flinn, Fireman O'Neill, Sec. Donovan

1907, After the Williams & Kettle fire the **removal of the tall fire bell tower** to the new Fire Station on Market St.

1908, Hastings Borough Council agreed to transfer custody of the Fire Brigades assets - Machinery, Plant and Chattels over to Hastings Fire Board subject to belonging in Council buildings.

1908 August, In the window of Mr R. Ashton, jeweller, may be seen the handsome silver cup presented to the Hastings Fire Brigade for competition in the hose hydrant event by Chief Engineer Leipst and which was won by Second Engineer List.

1908 November, Some very **ancient history in connection with the Hastings Fire Brigade will have to be searched into before the formation of a Fire Board**, and it is quite expected that some difficult complications will arise.

1908 December, The erection of the new central fire bell tower will throw the old structure out of commission, and it has been suggested that the Council should utilise the material in the latter for constructing small towers at each end of the town.

1909 February, The narrow escape from a serious smash at the Hastings Fire Brigade Station on Thursday night, when the horses bolted with the steadier, calls for more than passing comment. The horses were harnessed to the engine, but before the driver was on the box they made off and galloped up **Eastbourne St**, turned the corner into Karamu Rd, where they got on to the footpath. They continued their career into Lyndon Rd and were caught by two firemen who were on their way to the Fire Brigade Station. It was more good luck than good management that no damage was done. Not long ago, at a meeting of the Brigade, Fireman W. Graham made the assertion that the driver was not suitable for his position, and that the trouble given by the horses was due almost entirely to his want of knowledge as to how to manage them. At the time of an alarm it is invariably the rule that the driver mounts his seat and secures the reins. This is done with the object of preventing a mishap such as is reported above. In fairness to the public and to all concerned it will be well if Captain Brausche holds an inquiry into the matter, so that steps may be taken to prevent a repetition of such incidents as occurred.

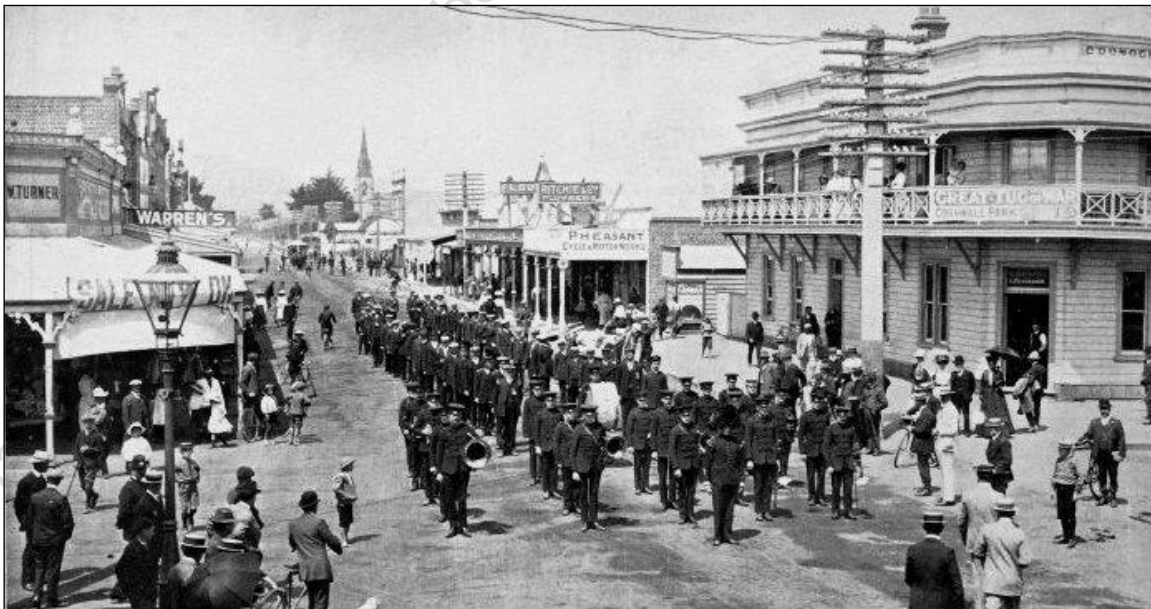
1909 May, Inspector Hugo, Superintendent of Fire Brigades under the Fire Board paid a visit to the Hastings Fire Station and his remarks upon it were nothing less than condemnation of the structure. The place is looked upon as totally **unsuitable and unsafe** for the accommodation of fire brigade plant. In connection with this matter an excellent site for a new station would be the land adjoining the **new fire bell tower** (Market St) There is plenty of room and the position most central. The question is one that will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Hastings Fire Board.

1909 September, Hastings Fire Board quarterly meeting - Present: The Mayor (Mr J. A. Miller), chairman Messrs D. O'Reilly, A. A. George, T. Styles, H. Marshall, J. Mallard and T. B. Ching. Correspondence - The Fire Police applied for a culvert to be placed in front of their shed - Culvert to be put in. A letter was received from the Christchurch Fire Brigade asking if the Board favoured a conference of Fire Boards to be held in the early part of the approaching session of Parliament to discuss general business and amended legislation to enable Boards to have no difficulty in raising funds for the purchase of sites and the erection of new stations. - Conference approved and a delegate from this Board to tend. The Brigade Superintendent in his quarterly report stated that the plant was in good working order. Since July there had been two fires. The present system of haulage of the fire engine by horses was useless and at the last alarm (daytime) no horses were procured, the firemen having to haul the engine. One of the horses was totally unsuitable for the work and caused damage and loss of time. He asked if it was necessary to obtain an order from the secretary or chairman for repairs required, or small supplies such as coal and oil. - All requirements to be acquired only on an order from the secretary or chairman. Superintendent C. Brausche wrote recommending certain alterations to the **firebell tower to improve its sounding qualities**, which were at the present time unsatisfactory. - Ropes to be lengthened to enable the bell to be rung from the ground. Accounts amounting to £150 14s 6d were passed for payment. Mr Mallard before passing the accounts drew attention to two instances where members of the Board may have been drawing profit from the accounts rendered and after discussion the Chairman said there should be no further cause for complaint. From Hastings Borough Council forwarding a letter from the District Health Officer, relative to the Fire Brigade pumping water

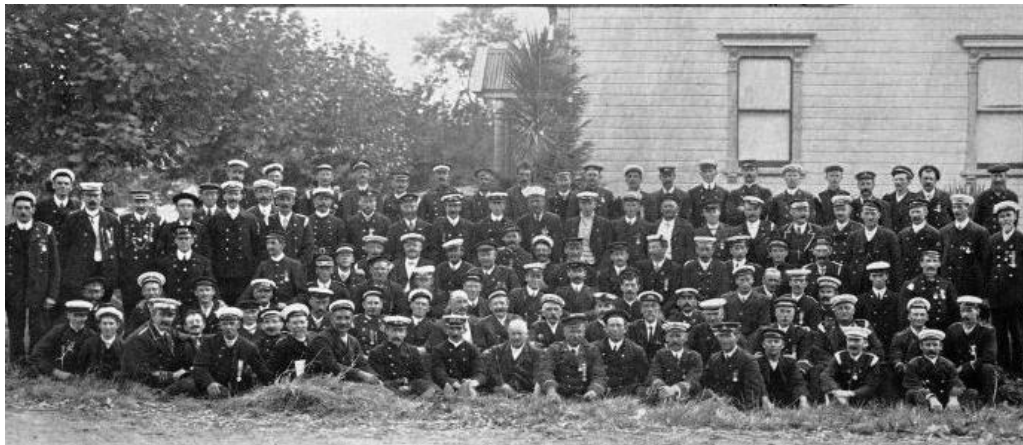
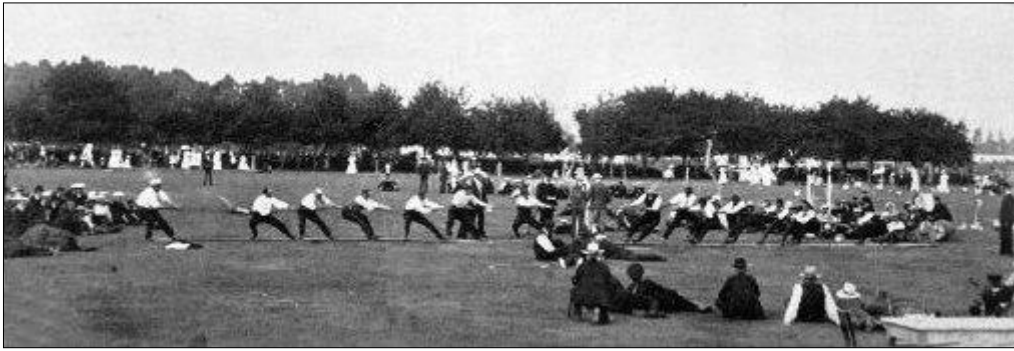
on to buildings when holding practice. - Received. **From James Brown** offering the use of two horses (to be stabled at the Brigade station during the night time) for £26 per annum. The Board to appoint their own driver and be responsible for injury to the horses. - The Chairman said that the writer's horses were about town all day and in the event of a daylight alarm would get his horses around to the station as soon as possible. Mr Brown who attended the meeting at the request of the Board said that he would not press the matter of responsibility on the part of the Board in the event of a horse receiving a strain, but if an animal had its leg broken or was seriously injured he would afterwards agreed to supply horses for night service only and exempt the Board from responsibility for the safety of the horses, conditionally upon a competent driver being provided. It was decided that the following offer be made to Mr Brown in writing:- £26 per annum for two horses to be stabled at the Fire Station from 7 d m. to 7 a.m, risk of all damage to horses to be taken by Mr Brown and drivers to be arranged for by the Superintendent and Mr Brown. It was resolved that in the day time horses be advertised for at £1 each for the first two horses with collars at the station. Half price to be paid in cases of false alarms. Owners to take all risk of accident to horses and driver. It was decided to ask the Minister of Internal Affairs to forward a copy of Inspector Hugo's last visit to Hastings Fire Brigade. On the motion of Mr T. Styles it was resolved to pay the Brigade's messengers 6d per hour while on duty at fires. Mr Mallard said that he had visited the Brigade Station that afternoon and noticed a marked improvement in the condition and appearance of the gear, in fact the station was neat and tidy. He could not however say the same about the Fire Police room which was in a very untidy state and the attention of the corps should be drawn to the matter. Mr A. A. George said that on the occasion of the last daylight fire alarm, the majority of the Brigade members were absent from town being away playing football. Only some three or four firemen turned out. Mr Mallard: The town must have been left practically unprotected. Mr George: That is so. On the motion of Mr Mallard it was resolved that no firemen be allowed to leave town without the sanction of the Superintendent or Deputy-Superintendent and if necessary substitutes to be found. The Board then rose.

1910, The Hastings Fire Brigade were now using the Hastings Borough Council water tanks and the old Fire Brigade Station was still listed in the 1910 Directory in Eastbourne St east - Brausche Superintendant, Martin O'Neil a Linesman and Jos McIntyre a Driver.

1910 December, Hasting Fire Board, Captain Hawke presided over the usual meeting of the Hastings Fire Police Constable Carncross forwarded his resignation which was accepted with regret, and he was granted three months leave of absence and the necessary transfer to another corps, to date from the expiry of his leave. The name of Captain Hawke was substituted for ex-Captain Halse to act with the secretary as trustees of the Savings Bank account. Accounts amounting to £7.12 were passed for payment. It was decided to draw the Art Union recently held by the 'in the last week in January, and Captain Hawke and Constable Carncross were deputed to arrange for the drawing to take place at performance of the Chrystal Pictures. Constable Lindegreen reported that it was found impossible to get a team for the five-men event in the forthcoming demonstration at Hokitika, but that Constable Clarke had been able to raise teams for the three and two-men-events. The teams consisted of Lieutenant Anthony, Constables Clarke. C. Chesterman. R. Warson and Secretary Bamforth. Constable Clarke's team was complimented on their fine performance in the recent events held in conjunction with the Fire Brigade.



1910 March, the Fire fighters National Conference was held in Hastings, shows a parade of Fire-fighters with the band heading westwards along Heretaunga St east at Karamu Rd by the Albert Hotel, AWN



1910 March, The Fire fighters National Conference was held in Hastings, poss taken beside the Masonic Heretaunga Lodge in Market St nth

The Municipal Electricity Power & Pumping Station building was erected there in 1912 – the engine providing a high water pressure supply, water is drawn from wells and the reservoir in the Havelock Hills with a 12 inch diameter water main along Heretaunga St and street fire hydrants at 250ft apart.

1911 February, A load of timber weighing about two tons and drawn by Newrick's traction engine, left Messrs. Holt and Sons' yards for Waimarama. When **opposite the Fire Station in Eastbourne St east** the engine driver took his load to one side of the road to allow a vehicle to pass. The result was that the front wheel of the lorry crashed through a boarded-in hole about two feet deep, covering a fire plug used by the Fire Brigade for practising purposes.

1911 July 5th Wednesday, a foundation stone was laid by the Mayor Mr J. A. Millar at an opening ceremony for the new Hastings Fire Board's large brick station building on Market St sth. The new station contained a Boardroom, a Watch house, 3 bedrooms, 3 horse stalls with conveniences etc, on the first floor the married quarters for Caretaker and a Recreation room.





1911c, the Hastings Fire Board was formed - a group photos of staff & family outside the first Hastings Fire Brigade station new premises with the donated automobile by Graham & Gebbie, the tower and belfry were also transferred to the new premises on **Market St** sth, with a fire alarm in window above cycle left, building later damaged in the earthquake



1911c, The Hastings Fire Brigade station new premises on **Market St** sth, shows the old Shand pump

John Anderson Miller was instrumental in forming the fire Board in Hastings and was chairman of the board. As mayor he introduced and carried out schemes for the betterment of Hastings, a plan for sewage extension and reticulation over the whole borough, high pressure water supply in 1912 (prior to this Hastings citizens had to depend on rain water, or sink their own artesian wells) The success of the high-pressure water supply which he introduced materially helped in fire-fighting in Hastings. Previously all fire-fighting was done by steam-engines. He also brought forward the proposal leading to the erection of the first fire brigade station in Market St. John Anderson Miller died November 1940 aged 71.

1912 August, Mr A. A. George requested funding to purchase a billiard table for the Hastings Fire Station as an incentive to induce the men to frequent the station – as permanent stations had table in recreation room. Mr A. A. George probably provided the Hastings Brigade with its letterhead stationery.

1912 December, This the first occasion on which the firebell has been rung since it was **removed to the rear of the fire station** and statements having been made that the bell would not be heard from its new position, it is worthy to note that **the alarm was heard all over the borough.**

William Keith had a long association with the early Fire Brigade for 25 years he was superintendant after the resignation of Brausche in 1915, it was his hobby and would not leave Hastings on holiday in case he missed something big. His brother - Tom Keith foreman of Hastings Brigade. William Keith died October 1940 The funeral will leave his Residence Charles St conveyed by a Fire Brigade engine for the Hastings Cemetery, firemen and Masonic Lodge pallbearers.

1916 August, At the Hastings Fire Brigade Station, Superintendent Keith presiding, Fireman Fraser Martin was presented with two 2year bars on the completion of 16 years' service. Fireman resigned the brigade owing to ill health and he was elected an honorary member. '

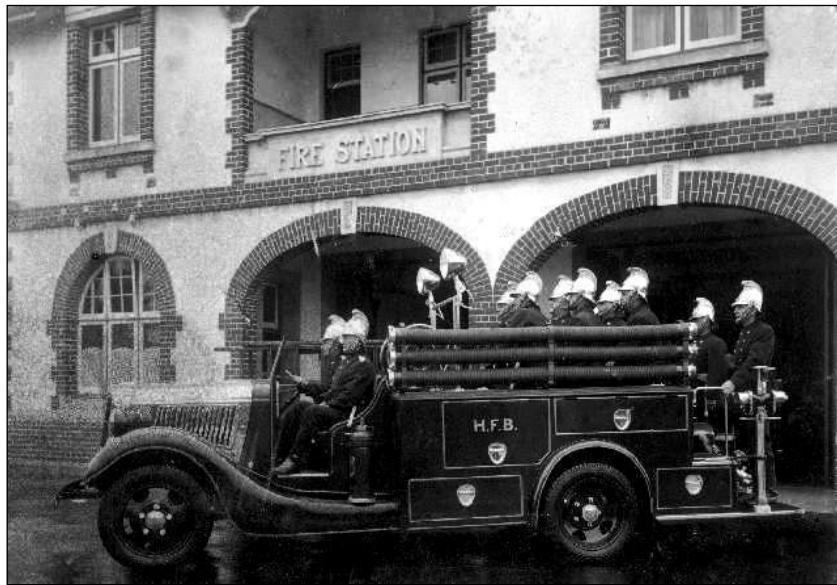
1916 September, Hastings Fire Board - Mr Thos. Styles (chairman) presided at the quarterly meeting of the Hastings Fire Board yesterday afternoon. Present: Messrs T. Donovan, W. Hart, S. T. Tong, R. H. Harris and H. M. Didsbury. The chairman reported that in accordance with the board's instructions a letter had been sent to the Minister of Internal Affairs with reference to a reduction of telephone fees, and a reply had been received stating that the matter would receive consideration. Captain Clarke, late of the Fire Police, had resigned the position of assistant caretaker to go into training at Trentham, and it would be "necessary to select another man to take his place. With regard to selecting six men from the now disbanded Fire Police for enrolment in the brigade, he stated that the Superintendent and Captain Clarke duly balloted for these men at the last meeting of the brigade, but only one man was selected. This matter the chairman submitted for further consideration. The report was adopted. The Superintendent (Mr. W. Keith) reported that there had been two fires during the past quarter, one at a ten-roomed house, and the other at a seven-roomed house. During the quarter two firemen, W. Keith and A. Fuszard, had left on active service, and one fireman, A. La Broome, has resigned and left the district. Fireman F. Martin had also resigned through ill-health. Owing to three of these men having been accustomed to sleep on the premises it was very difficult to fill their places. Six of the Fire Police had been balloted for since the last meeting of the board, but only one member was elected, leaving five short- of the required number. Mr. Clarke, the assistant caretaker, had resigned, as he was about to leave the district. The Deputy-Superintendent had reported that at Mr Whitaker's fire in Oliphant Rd on the 6th inst., the plug situated at the corner of Southland and Oliphant roads was filled up with earth, and in consequence some time was lost in getting the water. Had everything been in proper working order a considerable portion of the building would have been saved. It would be necessary for the brigade to have a plan of all the new water mains and dead ends, so that the dead ends could be inspected and kept in proper working order. The one already referred to at the corner of Southland and Oliphant roads is a dead end. The brigade was working satisfactorily, and all the plant is in good order. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Harris, to refer the portion of the report relating to dead ends to the Borough Council, with a request to give effect to same and that the council's attention be drawn' to the condition of the lire plugs. A letter was received from the motor driver, stating that- while proceeding to the fire in Oliphant road a taxi car passed him and refused to make way. Mr Didsbury moved "That, the secretary be instructed to write to the Borough Council asking that the right of road be given to the brigade and that the council notify this rule to the public by Accounts amounting to £23 5/9 were passed for payment,

1918 September, A FIRE BRIGADE LEASE. Mr T. Styles, chairman of the Fire Board, introduced a deputation from the Hastings Fire Brigade consisting of Messrs T. Styles, J. Flynn, J. D. Donovan, and Superintendent W. Keith. Mr. Styles explained that their object was to obtain from the Crown a renewal of the lease of the **quarter-acre section in Heretaunga St** (on which Mr **G. Clifton's smithy stands**) until 12 months after the war, at the present rental of £12 a year. Supt. Keith said that the section originally belonged to a man who was drowned and. whose, heirs could not be traced. It was taken over by the Public Trustee and the section was leased for 21 years with, right of renewal, by the Brigade, from the Trustee, for the erection of a Fire Station, but the Council had declined to install the plant on it. The Brigade's lease expired on June 30th last, but was carried on to the end of the year. The property, on the expiry of the lease, passed from the Public Trust to the Crown Lands Department, who wanted a rental, on the renewal, of £230 a year, which, with the addition of £70 rates would mean an expenditure of £300 a year by the Brigade. The tenant of the blacksmith's shop paid the Brigade a weekly rental.

Now named the - **Hastings Fire Board**



1914c, The Hastings Fire Board station in **Market St** sth, shows a new 3 man motor tender and the old Shand pump with a fire alarm next to the door left



1919c, Hastings Fire Board's truck and firemen wearing old silver helmets, poss taken at the rear of the new premises on **Market St** sth, or at some other fire station during a competition, by Henry Norford Whitehead

1919 August, HASTINGS FIRE BOARD. TENDERS are invited for the PURCHASE and REMOVAL of a **four roomed Cottage situated in Lyndon Rd** Hastings. Tenders close AUGUST 4th. Further particular and conditions may be had on application to A. Richmond caretaker, Hastings Fire Station.

1919 October, Death – Martin - At the Napier Hospital, **Fraser Martin** aged 69 years the former Hastings fire station keeper. The funeral will leave the Hastings Fire Brigade Station for the Hastings cemetery.

1920 February, The remains of Mr R. Kessell were interred in the Hastings cemetery this afternoon, when the members of the Hastings Fire Brigade, in uniform, and a number of other friends and sympathisers followed the body to the Hastings cemetery where Rev. Gibson conducted the Anglican rite at the graveside.

1920 April, Fireman W. O'Neill of the Hastings Fire Brigade, will leave Hastings to-morrow morning, for Masterton to act as delegate for the Hastings Brigade at the United District Fire Brigades' Association's conference. Following Hastings Firemen, representing the Hastings Fire Brigade, at the Masterton competitions, will leave Hastings by mail train tomorrow morning: Firemen Ferguson, Draper, Evison and Wyatt. Dept. Superintendant Henderson of the Hastings Fire Brigade, who is secretary of the United District Fire Brigades' Association, left Hastings this morning for Masterton to attend the Association's conference. He will also make one of the team, representing Hastings in the competitions.

1921 March, Hastings Fire Board – Superintendent Keith reported that during the quarter there had been ten calls – one at Powdrell Bros Market St, one at Mr Jones Karamu Rd, two at Mr J. Ogden's Warren St, one at Mr Little Fitzroy Avenue, two at Albert Hotel Heretaunga St, one at Ross and Dysart Karamu rd, one at The Kosy Tea rooms Heretaunga St, one at rubbish fire. Four firemen were sleeping at the station and certain requirements were necessary to make them comfortable.

1921 June, Fire Brigade Board, Report by Superintendent W. Keith - There were eleven calls viz – One at Stortford Lodge stables, five rubbish fires at Gelhors in St. Aubyn St, one grass fire Heretaunga St east, one grass fire Maraekakaho Rd, one grass fire Oliphant Rd, one grass fire St. Aubyn St, one fence at Drill Hall. There are now five fireman sleeping at the station.



1922, glass plate negative image shows uniformed members of the Hastings Fire Brigade posing with shields and trophies from United Districts Fire Brigades Association competitions

1922 October, Fireman R. G. Catherall was presented with his two years service bar completing his twenty-five years in the Fire Brigade.

1922 October, Accidentally killed at Hastings on October 8th 1922, Douglas Albert, aged 2 years and 10 mths, only son of **Mr Albert Richmond, who is caretaker and driver of the fire brigade motor engine**, was taken by his father for a trial spin on the engine. An older little girl of **Mrs Price the secretary of the Brigade** who was also on the engine with another fireman. Both children were on the driver's seat the boy sitting next to his father and the little girl on the outside. When travelling along Southland Rd the motor making a swerve on the road to avoid some gravel and in swerving back into position the child suddenly shot out and the wheel passed over him, death being instantaneous. Fortunately the girl was caught.

1922 December, fire Brigade Superintendant reports eight calls for the quarter viz Wesley Methodist Hall Hastings St, J. Wise motor car Avenue Rd, Borden electric wire fuse Frederick St, Wakelin cottage St. Aubyn St, Ware sawmill Ferguson St, Sutherland fence St. Aubyn St, H. S. Tyer's (Danver's) house Southland Rd, Mahora North School fall of kerosene lamp.

1922 December, Hastings Fire Board – in reply to a letter from Messrs Nelson Bros regarding the **Shand-Mason fire engine**, it was decided to offer the lease of the engine to **Nelson Bros at £15 a year**, the engine to be kept at Tomoana and insured by the company with the option of purchasing it straight out for £250. Re: Marking the position of every fire plug with a white sign painted on the kerbing had been referred to the Council engineer to be carried out. All permits to light rubbish fires no longer accepted over the telephone.

1923 October, The Hastings firebell was submitted to a test under a proposed new method of ringing, but the result was not satisfactory, with the present adjustment.

HASTINGS FIRE BOARD.

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TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINE.

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ALTERNATIVE Tenders are invited for the supply of a Two Ton Chassis, suitable for Fire Engine, or a fully-equipped Two Ton Fire Engine (without pumps).

Tenders close 28th August, 1923.

Addressed,
THE SECRETARY,
 Hastings Fire Board,
 Hastings.

1923 August, Tenders for a two ton chassis or fire engine



1924, in front of Smith & McHutcheon, Blacksmiths, Wheelwrights & Coachbuilders at 111 **Tomoana Rd** – who did the bodywork on the new Dennis fire engine for the Hastings Fire Board - instrumental in saving the town after the quake, the business partnership was established after Charles Ferguson McHutcheon had returned from WW1, shows a house behind

1924 April, The Hastings Fire Brigade new fire motor has just been completed and is now installed at the fire station. The Dennis chassis was imported from England and the body build by Smith, McHutcheon and Co, while the electric wiring was executed by Mr Baker-Gabb and the painting by Geo Horton, the work all being creditably done. The designing was carried out under the supervision of Superintendent W. Keith and Deputy-Superintendent R. Henderson. The engine is 20ft .6in in length and on trial has proved capable of 30mph. Coloured in brilliant vermillion and polished brass work, with sliding trays on rollers, a powerful siren only to be used proceeding to fires, it can accommodate 22 men - the whole staff. It carries 2.000 feet of hose, three hydrants, two chemical hand fire extinguishers and a 35ft Ajax extension ladder.



1924, The Hastings Fire Board station new brick premises on **Market St** sth, shows the new Dennis fire engine

1925 April, Hasting Fire – A narrow belt of trees in Beatson's Park caught fire, the motor engine with Superintendent Keith, Deputy Superintendent R. Henderson and a number of brigadesmen set out immediately for the scene of the outbreak of about a dozen large living trees with trunks ablaze as well as a number of stumps in flames and grass around about. Although there was little or no wind the brigade found themselves faced with a serious task to subdue the fire, the fir trees being resinous and susceptible to fire. A thousand feet of hose out to the nearest hydrant. The cause was through to have been some mischievous boys.

1925 April, The Hastings Fire Brigade full muster paraded for inspection by Inspector Hugo and put through their practice.

1925 June, The Hastings Fire Board has decided to install the Duplex fire alarm system in Hastings consisting of the establishment of a system of call points situated in various parts of the town, with glass facing protections which must be broken when fire alarms are being given.

1925 September, Twenty five **Duplex street fire alarms** invented in Dunedin - Inspector Hugo expects to be in operation around Hastings in three months. The street alarm boxes painted signal red attached to telegraph posts or similar places containing electro - mechanical punch tape registers with two take up reels for the paper tape and an electro-mechanical gong. The code number of the call box operated is punched on the paper tapes and the gong sounds the code point while the use of a numerical code gives instantaneous indications of the location. Each alarm box will be equipped so that it can be used as a telephone callbox between the firemen and the fire station. The cost of the equipment is £1125.

1926 March, The Hastings Fire Brigade the resignation were received from Fireman R. Catherall and J. Pilcher from the brigade, the former having completed 28 years service The Chairman moved that the secretary be instructed to convey to these the Boards grateful thanks for their long meritorious service.

1926 April, Fireman W. O'Neill of the Hastings Fire Brigade has been appointed delegate to represent the brigade at the District Association Conference to be held at Petone during the Easter holidays.

1926 April, At a meeting of the Hastings Fire Brigade Superintendent W. Keith on behalf of the members presented ex-Fireman R. Catherall after 28 years loyal service with the brigade.

1926 November, Superintendent W. Keith of the Hastings Fire Brigade is making a **detailed inspection** of the business places in Hastings in order to see sufficient precautions are being taken against outbreaks of fire. He has his duty to the public to perform and much as he would regret it, there is no other course open to him than to take proceedings against business people who are so neglectful of their plain duty to their neighbours that they allow combustible matter to lie about in places where it might easily catch alight.

1927 March, Hastings people love a good Circus and a Fire - The officers and men of the Hastings Fire Brigade complain of **the wild rush made by the crowd on foot, in cars and on cycles whenever an alarm of fire is raised**. This is fraught with danger to the people themselves, as well as to the firemen. In addition the firemen are very much hampered in their efforts to arrive at the fire in the least possible time and the delay caused by this orderless scramble might result in serious loss.

1927 April, The Hastings Fire Board is about to take its place in the fore ranks of fire-fighting bodies by abolishing the old fashioned inefficient and dilatory method of notifying outbreaks of fires to the brigade station by telephone communication and by adopting instead thirty automatic street fire alarm which is just now being installed through the borough by Mr **Geoffrey Porter representative of the Duplex Fire Alarm Co Ltd, Dunedin**. The system consists of thirty fire-alarm boxes each equipped with an automatic electronic button under a glass facing and communicating with the fire station. The method of conveying the information of a fire is exceedingly simple, the person desiring to give the alarm only having to break the glass and press the button, when the fire station officer becomes aware of the box from which the information comes and of course its locality. The person giving an alarm must stand by until the brigade arrives so as to direct them to the scene of the outbreak. The receiving board of the alarms at the fire station will be completed shortly and the outside installation work finished after Easter. The town is divided into four area circuits A. B. C. D. each capable of holding from 25 - 30 boxes. The work of establishing the various Duplex street fire alarms at different points throughout the borough is proceeding steadily. one of these alarms may be seen on the telephone post at the Carlton Club Hotel corner in the shape of a substantial brown iron disc about a foot in diameter with a large brass knob under glass in the centre of the face, pressure on which informs the fire station of the locality from which the alarm is given. The alarm is made by breaking the glass and pressing the knob.



1927, Carlton Club Hotel, J. A. Donne proprietor and lazy dog and Duplex fire alarm attached to post

1927 April, In reply to the Mayor G. A. Maddison at the street fire alarm demonstration in Hastings Mr G. Porter who has installed the system said that the telephone system was normally dead and that this Duplex fire alarm was the latest up-to-date. It was not a foreign production it was a New Zealand system patented by him and 14 years ago it was adopted by the Fire Board and put into practical service in Dunedin. the Hastings installation completed the twenty-fifth in NZ including Dunedin, Christchurch and Auckland and never to his knowledge was a fire call lost. All the other system were out of commission. The Duplex was 180 percent efficient over a line fault basis and on the same basis it had a 600 per cent increase of efficiency over the telephone system.

1927 April, The street fire alarm system in Hastings is composed of 30 alarm points costing £21 each and the installation of the system runs into about £1,200. it is hoped that the Council will increase the number of boxes in each circuit by five boxes a year, so as to give better distribution of the alarm units.

1927 April, the Hastings Fire Brigade has established a **first aid fire extinguisher** equipment on the fire engine for use in incipient fires. The plant consists of a 40 gallon tank for the water with 120 feet of india-rubber one-inch hose with 3/16th inch nozzle and the equipment works immediately the engine pump is put into action. a test was made when the first aid worked excellently. This plant is quite distinct from the chemical plant which is also carried on the engine.

1927 April, The compact little **first aid equipment** carried on the Hastings fire engine proved its efficiency in dealing with incipient outbreaks when it dealt promptly with the Park Rd outbreak which was in a fair way to reach serious proportions. The firemen got right at the seat of the fire and out it out without the furniture or surroundings being damaged.

1927 April, As the result of Hastings having two fire engines including the new Dennis engine equipped with a first aid plant for use at incipient fires, in addition to the now completed street fire alarm system, the fire insurance premiums have been reduced from E. tariff to D. tariff. Last year the premiums paid in Hastings amounted to £16,060 which would be reduced this year by £2,000. The revenue of the Board was derived from the government who paid £75 the balance being contributed by the insurance companies and the Hastings Borough Council. The borough was now paying £100 a year and the rate payers were getting a reduction of £2,000 on premiums.

1927 April, Some mischievous disposed person **set fire to the dump in Joll Rd Hastings** some time ago with the result that it got a good hold and a few of the borough outside staff with a supply of hose lent by the Fire Brigade have been engaged in the work of extinguishing it. The effluvia caused by the burning rubbish has been very disagreeable to residents in the locality but the fire is well in hand and the annoyance will soon cease to exist. This is not the first time that the dump has been set alight and in order to prevent a repetition of the occurrence the Mayor has instructed the Borough Engineer to submit a design for a public destructor which will be capable of dealing with inflammable material.

1928 May, Francis (Frank) Cantelin of Selwood Rd died aged 46. The funeral of Frank Cantelin a well-known resident of Hastings for a quarter of a century was held when the interment took place in the Hastings cemetery, in the presence of a large number of mourners. The Hastings Fire Brigade of which body the deceased was an ex-member were represented and ex-Captain C. Brausche Superintendent W. Keith, Foreman W. O'Neill and Fireman T. Keith acted as pallbearers. The Rev. Mortimer Jones conducted the Anglican burial service. After the interment, a number of wreaths, including one from the brigade, were laid on the grave.

Hastings Sacred Heart Catholic Church –

The Hastings Catholic history - The first Catholic Mission building was situated 1850 at Pakowhai by the Chesterhope Bridge. Land along the Havelock Rd – Heretaunga St east in Hastings was apparently acquired in 1877 by Fr Euloge. Reignier for a catholic church to be built.

1880 November - The Rev. Father Reignier aged seventy, while driving into town this morning to the convent was thrown out of his buggy. He struck his head against the stone wall of the convent and was injured to such an extent that he is not expected to recover. The greatest anxiety prevails in the town, as the old gentleman was universally beloved.

The first Catholic services at Hastings were held Thomas Tanner's shepherds cottage of Francis Hicks by Marists who walked from Meeanee Mission.



The first English Gothic Catholic Church at Hastings was built in 1881 of timber construction with a shingle roof and opened in October 1881, the first church site later became the first convent site for the 4 sisters of Samaria. The position of this church was to the right side facing the new church – where the later presbytery accommodation was built.

1882 September, Tenders for the erection of a **fence at the Roman Catholic Church, Hastings**. Information concerning particulars can be had on application to the **Rev. E. Reignier**, Hastings, by whom tenders will be received up to noon of Monday the 11th instant.

Rev Father Smyth had arrived in Hastings

1886 March, Mr Higgins advertised plans for Rev Father Smyth's new residence to be built on Heretaunga St east.

1886 July, The new Catholic Presbytery built by Neil Murphy and John Hughes adjoining the church has seven rooms, a bathroom, a good entrance hall eight feet wide ceiling walls painted white, a study 14 x16 with book shelf, a drawing room, dining room with dadoes and varnished ceilings, entrance to the kitchen, servants room through a glass door at the end of the hall, all appreciated by the Rev Father Smyth whose accommodation hereto has been somewhat primitive.

1888, Fr. Le Menant des Chesnais had arrived.

1888 July, The contractors for the Catholic school - Messrs **Adamson and Furness** are progressing rapidly with their work and it will be completed next month. The building so far presents a very substantial appearance, and the workmanship is faithfully executed. The structure, when finished, will be a creditable addition to our township.

1888 September, St Patrick's School was opened with a roll of 51 run by the **4 sisters of Samaria** – it began with a large transept hall classroom building which had a stage and dressing rooms to either side for performers with a refreshment area at the rear, music and entertainment along with parish meetings and the children's First Communion breakfasts were held. St Patrick's school had a separate entrance off Willowpark Rd sth.

Eastbourne St east between Hastings St and Willowpark Rd sth was not properly formed until April 1891, so up till then the Willowpark Rd access driveway into St Patrick's was a secondary entrance.



The seven room catholic presbytery at 421 Heretaunga St east built in 1888 at a cost of £730 taken after 1895 shows the old church with steeple behind - St Patrick's Boys School. A new two storied priest's bedrooms were built left side,

The Hibernian Club first met in the St Patrick's School hall, then they were at 417 Heretaunga St east near the Catholic presbytery before moving around to their Eastbourne St east site.



Rev Farther Patrick Joseph Smyth, he was assisted by Fr Kerrigan, Fr Grogan and Fr Dawson.

1889 August 20th - The Riverslea Land Sale was held on the morning Messrs C. B. Hoadley and Co.'s held at the Gaiety Theatre in Napier which attracted a very large attendance where the following sections of Block 8 were sold — Sections **274 to 279 and 342 to 347, £10 each, Rev Father Smyth.**

1889 August, The meeting called at St. Patrick's Hall, Hastings to consider the question of the **Irish delegates** was largely attended. The Rev. Father Smyth was voted to the chair and after reading the notice convening the meeting, addressed his hearers in an able and pathetic speech, and pointed out that the object of the meeting was to enable everyone to express his opinion upon the question as to whether the people of Hastings should invite the delegates here, or co-operate with some other place. Invitations had been received from Wellington and Napier. It would be almost impossible to send a deputation to Wellington, therefore the question to be decided would be as to holding a reception here of the delegates or joining in the Napier demonstration. Then a long and animated discussion took place, when the question was put to the meeting, with the result that it was decided to co-operate with Napier. The following were appointed as a committee to make all arrangements :- Rev. Father Smyth, Messrs. A. A. George, T. Conway, D. MacNamara, C. O'Neil, P. McCarthy, John Cullen, C. Hughes, James McCarthy, J. McClone, James Hennessy, John Kelly, and E. Coyne, the committee to meet next Wednesday. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman.

1890, About 20 traps were lent to transport the St Patricks school children to their summer picnic site held at *Willow pah* situated just east of Tomoana Rd, as other schools picnics occupied all the other parks - like the nearby Queens Park.

After the children's First Communions, a Breakfast was provided for them at St Patrick's Hall

1890 September, Mr Goldsborough made the polished rimu baptismal font for Rev Father Smyth

Some idea of the progress of Hastings may be gathered from the fact that a few years ago 130 represented the total school attendance. Now the Catholic school alone accounts for that number.

1891 March, The portion of Eastbourne St east between Hastings St and Willowpark Rd **was still not formed.**

In April 1891 Eastbourne St east behind the Wesley Methodist and Catholic Churches. The Overseer gave estimates of £105 for fully forming it, and an estimate for temporary work to it of £28 2s. Cr. Hughes said that although he was personally interested in Eastbourne St east, he should oppose the formation of the road. It was **a natural street**, and one of the last in Hastings he would wish to see interfered with at least until the borough was in a position to completely make and finish the road and path. All the residents there wanted was that the Makirikiri creek at the approach to it should be filled up, as in bad weather it blocked the entrance. The road overseer reported on the various works being earned out and on the cost of forming and metalling that portion of Eastbourne St east situate between Hastings St and Willowpark Rd. In reference to the formation and metalling of Eastbourne St east, it was resolved that the Makirikiri creek at the Hastings St end of the road be filled up and that the question of forming and metalling be deferred for the present.

1891 October, The Catholics of the district met Father Smyth in the chair, to consider how best to bring about the enlargement of the church now used as a place of worship. Over £200 was promised towards the fund and as only about £600 is needed, the work may be looked upon as being as good as done.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited, to close noon of **MONDAY, 29th May**, for Removal of present Church and Erection of New Catholic Church at Hastings.

Plans and Specifications to be seen at the office of the undersigned, where all tenders are to be deposited, up to the 22nd instant, after which they may be seen at the offices of the Mutual Life Assurance Association of Australasia, corner of Emerson street and Marine Parade, Napier, until date of closing.

ALLAN AND SOLLITT,
Architects, Hastings.

1893 May, Removal of present Catholic Church

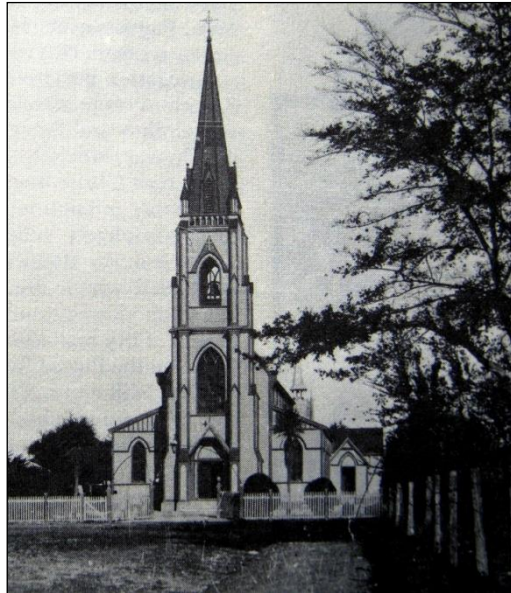
1893 June, A small fire occurred at the first Sacred Heart Church on Heretaunga St east Hastings, but was quickly averted.

1894 February, The Roman Catholic Church a feeling reference was made to the late Father Corolan, who was well known here. The Dead March was played and a special requiem mass will be held tomorrow morning.

1894 April, The present **Catholic Church** is the prettiest building in Hastings, and until the town was so thickly built upon a conspicuous object from anywhere in the township. It was designed by Mr Dugleby of Napier, and is as nearly as a wooden building can be pure Gothic, or what (if not a contradiction of terms) is known as English Gothic. The ground on which it stands, including that of the convent, the school and presbytery, consists of **three acres**. This was obtained at the first Hastings sale (in 1873) Mr Tanner kindly allowing Father Regnier to take it at the upset price, and also supplementing the concession by a handsome donation in cash. The exact date of opening the church I have been unable to obtain, but it was either in 1880 or 1881. Prior to that, there were no Catholic services in Hastings, but services were held for a long time previous in Havelock, in the Mechanics' Institute. It was the intention to have built a church there, but the establishment of Hastings, with the railway running through it, caused the idea to be given up, although a site was procured at Havelock. To the Rev. Father Reignier, SM, is undoubtedly due the foundation of the church and parish, although for many years it was only an out station of the Meeanee Mission This grand old missionary, who laboured in New Zealand for nearly fifty years, and whose memory will be kept green by all old settlers no matter of what religious belief, worked hard to build the church, and had the pleasure of seeing it out of debt long before his death, which occurred a few years since. The pastors of the Hastings mission have been, **besides Father Reignier, the Rev. Fathers Yardin, Seazeau, Lewis, Le Menant des Chesnais and the priest incumbent, the Rev. Father P. J. Smyth.** In 1885 Hastings was appointed a separate parish by Archbishop (then Bishop) Redwood. and Father Smyth was appointed first parish priest, which position except for about eighteen months that he was at Christchurch, he has held ever since. During the interval mentioned the parish priest was Father Le Menant, under whose pastorate the school was completed. Besides the church above mentioned, **a large site was secured between Hastings St and Miller St as a reserve for a future school for boys, with teachers' residence.** The present church has become so crowded, although mass is celebrated usually twice on Sunday mornings, that it has been resolved to build a much more larger one. The present church will be moved to the back of the present site to make way for it. When the new church is completed, the present one will be used as a hall for meetings, &c, and will ultimately be removed to the site above mentioned in Hastings St, and used as the boys' school, which will be most probably under the charge of Brothers, as at Napier. The ground on which the church is built faces the important thoroughfare of Havelock Rd - as it is known, but officially it is Heretaunga St east and extends back to Eastbourne St east. Besides the church, the grounds contain a handsome and commodious presbytery (built mainly through the exertions of Father Smyth) at St Patrick's school (already noticed) and the convent, the Sisters of which have charge of the school. The parish of Hastings includes Clive, where is said at regular intervals. The parish priest has also to attend to a very large area of the Hawke's Bay district. The priests mentioned as having ministered in Hastings have all belonged to the Marist order, so well known in Australasia, and especially in New Zealand and the South Sea Islands.

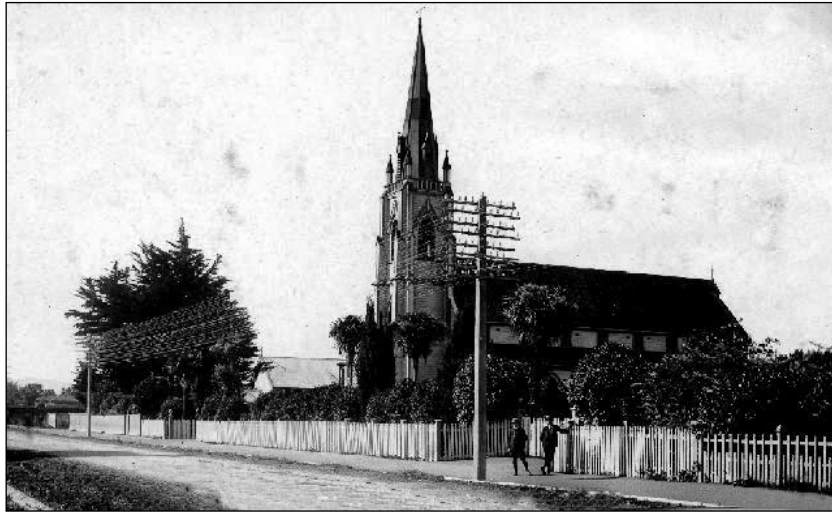
1894 May, The removal of the old building to make way for the new Catholic Church is proving a tough job for the contractor **Mr S. Tong**, on account of **the looseness of the soil underneath**. It has reached its position, but the worst part of the work is now in hand that of turning it round so as to be sideways on to Eastbourne St. The removal of the old church has been a serious loss to Mr S. Tong, who has met with great difficulties from the softness of the soil. Mr Tong has at last made a successful and satisfactory job and much sympathy is due to him for his loss.

1894 July, Services were resumed in the Catholic Church after a long interval. They will continue to be held there in its present location in Eastbourne St until next Easter, by which time the new building on Havelock Rd (Heretaunga St east) has to be completed. The contractors are making good progress with the concrete foundation.



1895 May, Shows the new gothic wooden **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** from Miller St, built through the Rev. Dean Smyth. The old church remained until the new church was built, then it was moved behind to align with Eastbourne St east. The original position of the old church was to the right side of the new church – where the later presbytery accommodation was built

1895 May 12th - The officially opening of the edifice for new bigger gothic wooden Sacred Heart Church built in Hastings on a section next to the first church on additional property bought through Rev. Dean Smyth. The architects were Messrs Allan and Sollitt, the building contractors were McKenzie and Perkins at a cost of £3300. The piles and ground timbers used were of kauri, totara. The steeple is supported to the height of about 60 foot high by buttresses, and is finished with minarets at each corner. From these rise the spire, an octagonal in shape to a further height of about 50 feet. Especially strong construction has been needed, as the bell, a grand specimen of the founder's art, from the Fountain Bell Foundry, Dublin, weighs about 10 cwt and with its bearings a total weight of 17cwt has to be supported. The bell, supplied with new patent rotary mountings, A handsome brass plate bearing the following inscription has been placed on the foundation stone:- Hic lapis in honoreiri S S, Cordit Jesu, A.R.R., Francisco Archiepisto Rectore, Rev. P. J. Smyth, S.M., Die VII. Mesis Octobris AD MDCC XCIV Rite Positus Est. This is the gift and excellent work of Mr Stanley our esteemed townsman. One of the last functions in connection with the Roman Catholic Church was performed by Bishop Grimes when, in the presence of a fair number of spectators, he blessed the bell which will shortly be hoisted into its place in the tower. The ceremony, perforce a somewhat uncommon one was of an extremely old world and quaint nature, consisting of washing the instrument inside and out with holy water and finally signing it with holy oil, on several parts Inside and out, with the sign of the cross. The bell weighed 1300lbs, the tower is 60 foot high and was built to house a peal of bells and topped by a 50 foot slender spire. The tone is particularly fine, the tone **F sharp** which was different to the B. sharp of the Hastings Fire Bell. One final look round showed that a slight omission was made in the report of the building. Four beautiful stained glass windows representing Saints - Peter, Paul, John, and Luke light the sanctuary, the upper windows being glazed with tinted cathedral lights. In a canopied niche above the altar, stands a statue of the Saviour, the Sacred Heart being visible recently imported from France by the Rev. Father Smyth. Every Catholic family had donated some part of the church – the glazed stained leaded light windows, the Joinery, the Ironwork, the handrails the Statues, the gas heating incandescent burners, etc, and after the opening they continued to make endless monetary donations.



An early view of the new wooden gothic Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hastings, with St Patrick's Girls School & Hall buildings behind at left 505, by Frederick George Radcliffe

1895 May 16th Hawke's Bay Herald - One of the last functions in connection with the Roman Catholic Church was performed by Bishop Grimes when, in the presence of a fair number of spectators, he **blessed the bell** which will shortly be hoisted into its place in the tower. The ceremony, perforce a somewhat uncommon one was of an extremely old world and quaint nature, consisting of washing the instrument inside and out with holy water and finally signing it with holy oil, on several parts Inside and out, with the sign of the cross. The tone is particularly fine, the tone **F sharp**. One final look round showed that a slight omission was made in the report of the building. A handsome **brass plate** bearing the following inscription has been placed on the foundation stone:- *Hic lapis in honoreiri S S, Cordit Jesu, A.R.R., Francisco Archiepisto Rectore, Rev. P. J. Smyth, S.M., Die VII. Mesis Octobris AD MDCC XCIV Rite Positus Est.* This is the gift and excellent work of Mr Stanley our esteemed townsman.

1895 June, The Catholic church bell will probably have tolled its tale and we shall know whether the melancholy menace of its tone on account of mistaking it for the fire-bell. From one or two preliminary sounds that have issued from the belfry, it has an eminently respectable tone about it. But the recent clanging of the bell was for a chimney on fire. There is unfortunately considerable similarity of tone between the two and it is to be hoped for the comfort of all concerned that the nose of the R.C. bell will be made with judgment.



An early interior image



The interior of the sacred Heart Church rimu timbers – above the altar is a statue of the Blessed Virgin with the Infant Jesus, shows the giant organ pipes and choir balcony, I did not recall the clock being there as it was usually behind us, but it would have been useful for the priests to keep in time when wafting on and on from the pulpit. There was the Tabernacle and baptismal font. Late 1907 a new organ was built by Arthur Hobday of Wellington and installed.

1895 December, A very pretty service was held yesterday in St. Patrick's Church, when about 30 young people took their first communion on the occasion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Rey. Father Smythe officiating, High Mass (Winter's) was sung. In the evening the young communicants renewed their baptismal vows and a special sermon was preached by the Rey. Father O Shea.

1896, The Sisters of St Joseph's from Wanganui now conducted the Catholic School at Hastings - 5 sisters and 1 trainee teacher. In 1896 the Sacred Heart School in Hastings was described as – 'The School for Daughters' Sr Catherine was the Sr Superioress.

1896 December, A crib was constructed in our Lady's chapel and during the day numbers came to pay their adoration to the infant Saviour.

1897 March, On Sunday evening three statues were blessed and installed at the Sacred Heart School Hastings – the Immaculate Conception, St Francis Xavier patron of missionary countries and one of St Patrick which was donated by the Mitchell's late of Hastings. Mrs O'Brien had been the church organist for many years. Extensive flooding around HB and Clive in 1897 and Queen's Oak trees were planted at Queens Square for Victoria's 60th Jubilee and there were many Socials and Bazaars held at the Princess and the Gaiety Theatre to raise parish funds as the St Patrick's school hall was too small.

1897 March, The ceremony of blessing a statue of St. Patrick, presented to the Hastings Catholic Church by a former parishioner, took place last night. The Rev. Father Grogan, of Napier, preached an eloquent sermon upon the life St. Patrick. The church was crowded.

1897 April, during a nearby house fire the brigade obtained water from a concrete tank belonging to the Catholic Church.

1897, mentions 8 sisters at Hastings including Sr Catherine with 120 girls and 100 boys attending St Patrick's school, and 243 scholars in 1898.

1897 November, Tenders sought by Rev. Father Smyth for additions to the Catholic School Hastings

1897 December, Mr Charles Brausche is the successful tender for the additions to the Catholic schools, Hastings.
1898 January, The Catholic School alterations - The vexed question of mixed schools has been discussed from time to time almost thread bare, and like most other debates at the conclusion the disputants and themselves in pretty nearly the same position as when they launched forth. On educational or religious questions our friends the Roman Catholics leave little or no doubt as to their attitude, and on this subject of mixed schools the Roman church takes a most unequivocal stand. The Catholics are vigorously antagonistic to the system. Opponents of the idea uphold and with some degree of truth, that an indiscriminate mixing of the sexes in public schools familiarises them too much with each other, with the result that a great deal, if not all the poetry and romance which hitherto influenced the sexes in their social relations is obliterated in the everyday contact and the boys lose that grand old chivalrous respect for girls which so distinguishes the English school boy, whilst the girls become more pert and forward, losing much of that delicacy and refinement which invests a woman with such an indescribable charm. However, be that as it may, it is not our intention to enter into a discussion of the questions here, and we give our Catholic friends credit for their firmness. Owing to scarcity of funds and other reasons the boys and girls attending the Hastings Catholic schools **were housed in one building from their foundation**, but recently efforts have been made for providing **separate accommodation for the boys in the building known as the old Catholic church**, and the schoolhouse destined for the infants (including boys up to 8 years of age) and the girls, is in process of being considerably enlarged, under contract to Mr C. Brausche, according to plans drawn out by Mr J. P. Elwood of Tomoana. The enlarged school measures 72x25 feet with a transept measuring 57ft, running in front of a pretty little stage destined for the many musical and dramatic entertainments given by the children under the instruction of the good nuns. At either side of this stage are two nicely-fitted dressing rooms for the performers, which will be also used as music classrooms during school hours and at the back is a commodious apartment set aside for a refreshment room at social gatherings. On the right hand side of the transept, shut off by folding doors, is the **infant school fitted with a gallery consisting of five tiers of seats capable of comfortably accommodating 80 children**. The whole building is thoroughly ventilated, and no expense is spared in the interests of the health and wholesome comfort of the pupils. There is an attendance at the Catholic schools at present of about **120 girls and 100 boys** and in order to cope with the increasing numbers it was considered necessary to strengthen the staff by **three extra teachers**, who will take up their duties on the re-opening of the school. As was stated the boys will be drafted into the old church a commodious, well appointed building situated at the back of the girls school in the centre of a large recreation ground and completely isolated from the girls house. Father Smyth is to be congratulated on the success which has always attended his energetic action in matters connected with his church and there is no doubt that his latest venture will be attended with the same blessing which have distinguished its predecessors.



The first Sacred Heart Church on Heretaunga St east was moved further back to Eastbourne St east to become a **St Patricks School for Boys** when the new church was built. The first church site later became the first convent site for the 4 sisters of Samaria. The position of this first church was to the right side facing the new church – where the later presbytery accommodation was built.

1897, St Patrick's school had housed both boys and girls in the one building from the start, now the boys were to be separated to their own building - the old smaller church was moved behind to Eastbourne St east at a cost of £100 for alterations and became a classroom for St Patrick's Boys with their own entrance, while the old school house was

destined for the Infants and boys up to the age of 8. The old St Patricks building for girls was enlarged to 72ft x 25ft with the transept hall of 75ft in late January 1898.

The old church site was prepared for building a new two storied convent and Sr Bernard became the superior and head teacher in 1899.

1898 May, Tenders are invited for a concrete pit and drainage works for the Sacred Heart School, Hastings.

1898 September, Very Rev. Father Smyth of Hastings, who has been under Dr Nairn's care for the past week, suffering from a rather severe attack of the prevailing influenza, is improving, but will be unable to take the usual service which will be celebrated by a clergyman Rev. Dr Kennedy of from Meeanee.

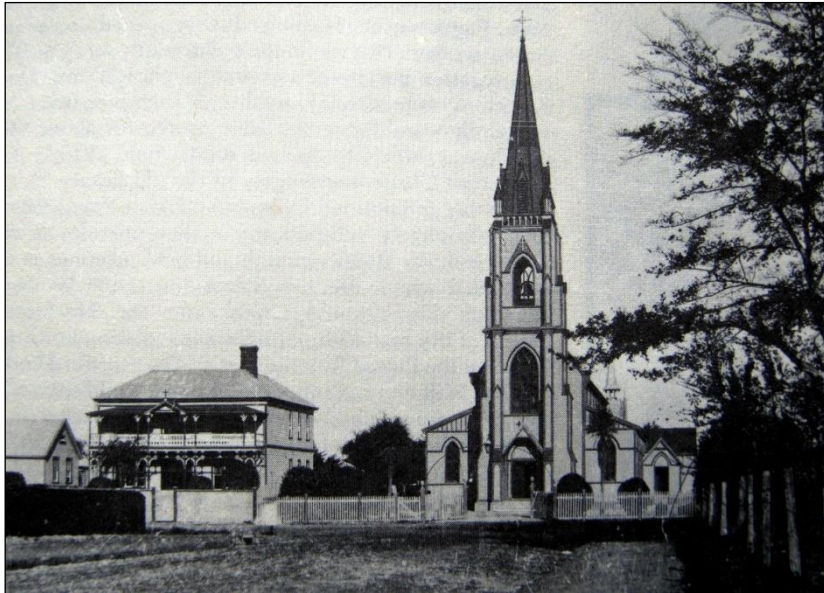
1900 January 14, On Sunday the Very Rev. Father Smyth held a meeting of his parishioners for the purpose of electing a school committee to assist him in the management of the schools. The meeting was a representative one and seven members were elected.

1900 January, After Vespers, the choir of the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings, assembled in the Presbytery to make a presentation to Mr J. N. Loughnan on the occasion of his departure from Hastings. Mr Lee on behalf of the choir, thanked Mr Loughnan for his untiring services and courtesy to the members of the choir and requested Father Smyth to make the presentation. Father Smyth spoke most feelingly and thanked Mr Loughnan, not merely for his services to the choir, but for his greatness in furthering every good work in connection with the Church. He said Mr Loughnan on behalf of the Church was never to be forgotten, for they could not enter the Church without seeing a souvenir of his staring them in the face. His departure made a void not easily filled, perhaps never. He thanked Mr Loughnan therefore for the choir and congregation, and he thanked him especially as a friend. The Rev gentleman went on to say that never had he occasion to consult him but he found his motto was onward and upward, and this grand and noble tract has provided the genuineness of Catholic heart. Mr Dennett as Mayor also made a few complimentary remarks on behalf of the parish. Mr Loughnan, who was evidently affected, thanked one and all for their kind gift, which he would treasure as a pleasing souvenir of the choir and of the Sacred Heart Church, which was dear to him and which he could never forget. He thanked especially Father Smyth' for his good opinion and hoped that he would not be forgotten in his prayers, The presentation took the shape of a black ebony baton which was procured from Wellington, and was beautifully and artistically mounted, and the engraving was very neatly done by Mr Shanly.

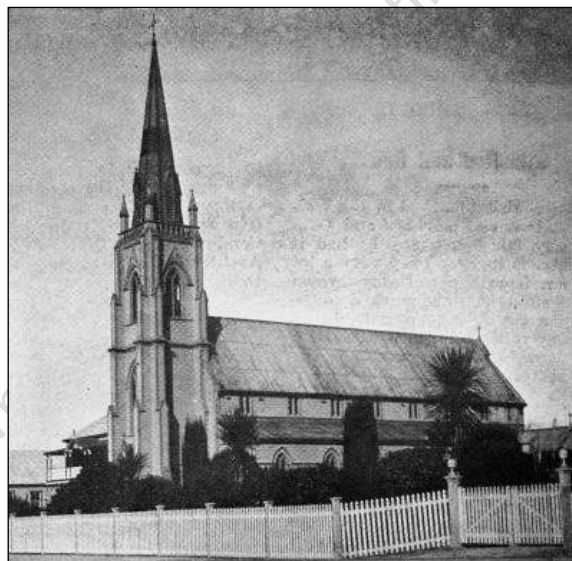
1900 March, It is evident that Hastings is going ahead, and its population is certainly rapidly increasing. As evident proof of this we have but to turn our eyes to the Catholic Schools in our midst. Eleven years ago the Catholic School opened with the modest number of 60 children. It was then a mixed school; now there are two separate schools, one for boys and the other for girls, with a roll of 270 children in all. The school buildings and appointments are up-to-date, but a residence for the teachers is sorely needed, the present old building being anything but healthy. We all know that the work of teaching the young is a most self-sacrificing and laborious one and whatever may be our individual opinions with regard to the education question, we cannot fail to appreciate the efforts made by our Catholic friends to maintain their own schools without State aid whatever. But much as we appreciate the efforts of the parents and friends of the children, the untiring zeal and sacrifice of the Sisters in charge of the schools claim most of all our sympathy. Theirs is truly a labour of love, having no other end in view than the intellectual and religious training of the young. For this purpose they give up the world and its pleasure so that they may devote themselves more exclusively to various works of zeal and charity. In the school, in the sick and plague-stricken room, and in the battlefield the Sisters of the various communities in the Catholic Church have won the esteem of persons of all classes and creeds, and it is for this reason we are pleased to have an opportunity to recommend to the people of this district the work which the Sisters of St. Joseph have now in hand. We must admit that the Catholic children are the children likewise of the State, and hence the Sisters are doing the work of the State. For this they seek only the most modest remuneration in the shape of a living of the simplest kind. Notwithstanding their simple mode of having coupled with the strictest economy, they are unable to incur the expenditure necessitated by the erection of a new convent, which, as we have already remarked, is sorely needed. We feel sure, therefore, that this appeal of the Sisters will meet with the response which it deserves, and we, on our part, wish it every success. The Sisters of the convent will receive with thanks, the smallest contribution towards the building fund.

1901 January, The cottage recently occupied by the Sisters as a residence is to be sold by tender for removal. Particulars can be obtained from the Very Rev. Father Smyth.

1901, A new two-storied convent was built and blessed on the old church site at a cost of £1400.



1901, Shows the new gothic wooden Sacred Heart Church in Hastings and the new convent built 1901 with original upper balcony and other earlier buildings at left of St Patrick's School built 1888 with a separate entrance off Willowpark Rd sth was now for Girls while the old church on Eastbourne St east was for Boys. A new separate St Patrick's parochial Hall was built June 1909 70ft x 30ft @ £900 with frontage on Eastbourne St east and supported by the Irish National League and Hibernian Society. This St Patrick's school for girls later demolished and became the grassed playground for older standard boys of St Joseph's, also shows the old church steeple seen directly behind, wooden fencing along the frontage, taken from Miller St



1902 July, The gothic Sacred Heart Church show a band around the steeple

1903 September, The Silver Jubilee of Dean Smyth - The Catholic school, Hastings was crowded on Tuesday evening, not only by members of the Catholic congregations, but also by representatives of other denominations to do honour to the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, S.M., on the attainment of his silver jubilee as a priest, and also to assist in presenting him with an address and purse of sovereigns to mark the esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community The school was artistically arranged and the walls draped with banners and evergreens, whilst Chinese lanterns swayed from the roof, and the stage surroundings were set forth in blue and silver, the tout ensemble having a most admirable effect and reflecting the highest credit on the Sisters, who spared no pains over the details. On the stage were also the gold chalice and silver gilt ciborium, valued at £40, presented on Friday to the Very Rev. Dean by the Catholic school children besides a surplice fringed with lace, worked by the nuns, and an alb, trimmed with Limerick lace, the gift of the Sisters. In the front of the stage the Very Rev. Dean was seated, supported on the right by the Rev Archdeacon Devoy, and on the left by the Very Rev Father Lewis, V.G. The other priests present were: Rev. Fathers Yardin, T. McKenna, O'Shea, MacNamara, Ainsworlh, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy. The Mayor (Mr. W. Y. Dennett), who presided, read apologies Seventeen years ago, when Father Smyth took charge of this parish, there were not many buildings on this block of land. The present old building, now doing duty as a boys' school, was our little chapel, but, in the course of time, had to take a back place to make room for something better, and there has arisen in its stead one of the prettiest little churches to be

found in New Zealand. There is a good presbytery, with beautiful grounds, a substantial and up-to-date convent, and those commodious school buildings we are now in. Dean Smyth spoke at some length upon his mission in Hastings since his arrival here on January 30, 1886. He gave a resume of the cost of the various buildings. The presbytery had cost £730; altering old church for school purposes, £100; school buildings, £1170; convent, £1400; and church, £3300. Of the twenty-five years he had held the sacerdotal dignity, seventeen years, with only a short interval, had been spent in the parish of Hastings.

Through his eager building projects he was known as 'Paddy the Builder' The Rev Father Smyth completed his course of studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Meeanee HB. In 1904 Rev Father P. J. Smyth aged 44 accompanied Archbishop Redwood aged 65 to Europe for the congress. Just prior to the congress Rev Father Smyth became ill and remained in hospital throughout the celebrations. He paid a short visit to Rome and spent some weeks at Limerick. Rev Father Smyth was ordained by Archbishop Redwood in November 1905.

Some of the early Sisters - Sr Columba HT 1904, Sr Anglea, Sr de Sales, Sr Winefride, Sr Camillus, Sr Augustine HT 1913, Sr Raphael, Sr Francis, Sr Dorothea, Sr Genevine, Sr Celestinee, Sr Gabriel, Sr Marcellus.

NEW ZEALAND.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report, Hastings Catholic Public School.

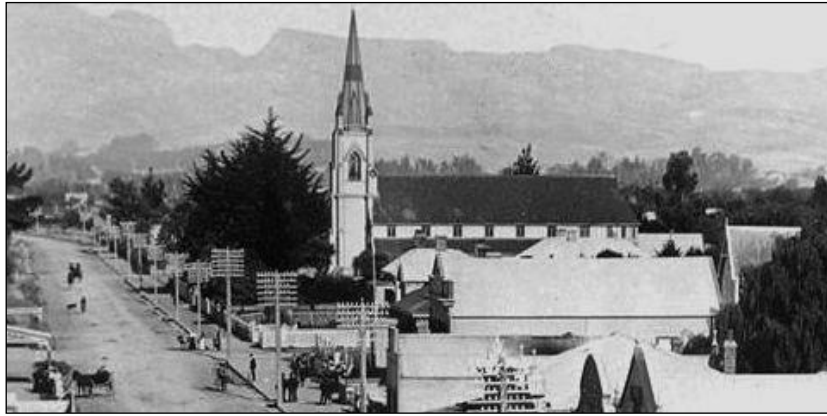
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Sister M. Columba, Head-teacher.

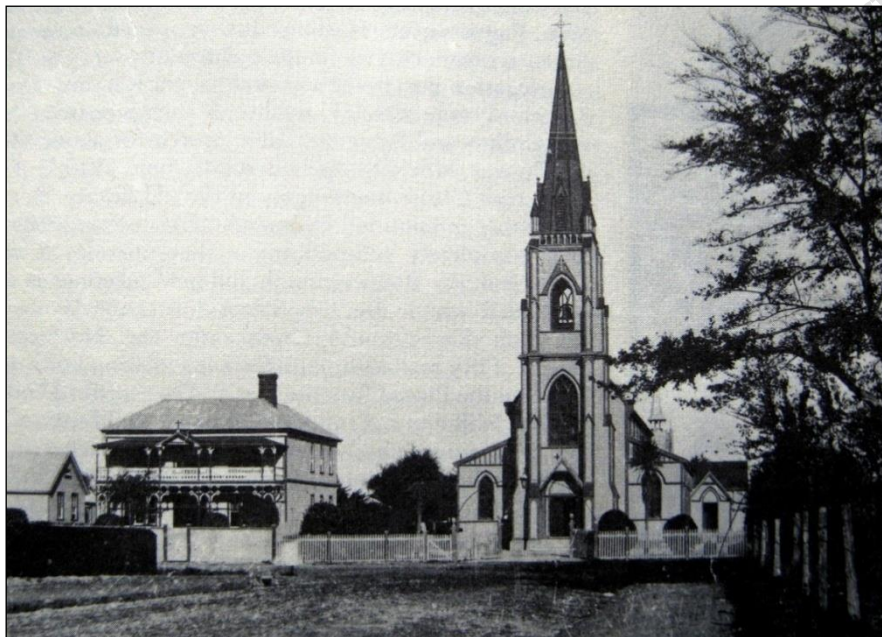
I.—CLASSIFICATION AND PROGRESS.

Class.	Teacher.	ROLL.			Present at Annual Visit.	AVERAGE AGE.		Inspector's Remark
		Boys.	Girls.	Total.		Years.	Months.	
S7 ...	Boys: Sr. M. Angela.	0	1	1	0	4	2	
S6 ...	Girls: Sr. M. de Sales.	3	4	7	7	13	5	
S5 ...	B: Sr. M. Angela G: Sr. M. de Sales.	14	18	32	30	13	2	
S4 ...	B: Sr. M. Angela G: Sr. M. Basil	11	10	24	24	12	5	
S3 ...	B: Sr. M. Winefride G: Sr. M. Columba	15	15	33	32	11	1	
S2 ...	B: Sr. M. Winefride G: Sr. M. Camillus	9	16	25	25	10	7	
S1 ...	Sister M. Ambrose	13	12	25	24	9	6	
P ...	Sister M. Dorothea	15	16	31	30			
Infants	Sister M. Martina	7	7	14	14			
		22	22	44	44			
Totals		115	121	236	236			

1904 July 29th – lists teachers for the Boys and the Girls Convent school Hastings with Sr Columba as Head teacher



1905, Sacred Heart Church and cottages on Heretaunga St east near Hastings St - shows another large macrocarpa tree behind the church in the school grounds near St Patrick's Hall



Taken from Miller St before telegraphs poles - show the new gothic wooden Sacred Heart Church, the convent with original upper balcony minus the large macrocarpa tree, with other buildings left of St Patrick's School now for Girls with a separate entrance off Willowpark Rd sth, while the old church on Eastbourne St east was for Boys, the old church steeple seen directly behind. A new separate St Patrick's parochial Hall was built June 1909 70ft x 30ft @ £900 with frontage on Eastbourne St east and supported by the Irish National League and Hibernian Society. The St Patrick's school for girls later demolished and became the grassed playground for older standard boys of St Joseph's, also wooden fencing along the frontage

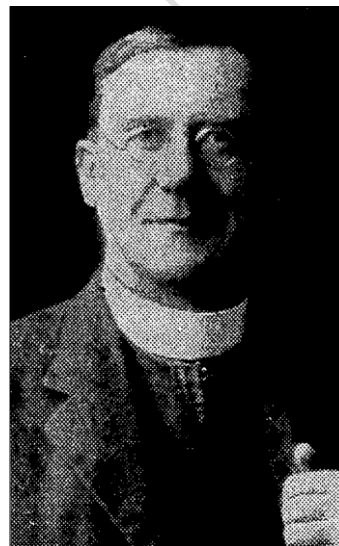
1907 May, At the Catholic Church a requiem mass was held for the repose of the soul of the late Sister Mary Ambrose. The funeral took place in the afternoon. The procession, which left the church for the Hastings cemetery, was preceded by an acolyte carrying a cross, followed by the girls and boys attending the schools, the nuns, the altar boys, and the clergy in soutane and surplice. Dean Smyth conducted the burial service.

1907 September 30, The beautiful set of Stations of the Cross in oils, which were recently presented to the church by a number of parishioners, were solemnly blessed on Sunday evening by the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, assisted by Father Quinn.

1907 December 8 Sunday - The dedication of a new organ by his Grace Archbishop Redwood.

1909 July 7, FAREWELL - St. Patrick's Hall was crowded on Monday night, when the Very Rev. Dean Smyth, after spending 23 years in charge of the Hastings parish, was tendered a farewell concert by his old parishioners, and presented with an address and a purse of over one hundred sovereigns. The heavy downpour of rain did not affect the attendance, which numbered close on five hundred. The proceedings opened with an overture by the Hastings Orchestral Society, and during the evening musical items were contributed by Miss Ruby Cronin, Messrs. Hudson and Avison, the Sacred Heart choir (assisted by St. Matthew's choir). The accompaniments were played by Mrs V. R. Roach. The gathering was presided over by the Mayor (Mr J. A. Miller), and was a thoroughly representative one, including

members of the legal and medical profession and of the various local public bodies. Rev. John Hobbs, vicar of St. Matthew's (Anglican) Church, Hastings, paid a graceful tribute to Very Rev. Dean Smyth at the morning service in his church last Sunday. Mr Hobbs referred in eulogistic terms to Dean Smyth's modesty and of his kindly consideration to other denominations, though, in so doing, he never compromised his own principles, or asked others to do so. ' Years ago, said Mr. Hobbs, ' Dean Smyth and I worked together in canvassing for the relief of those who had suffered by the floods in Hawke's Bay, and he then proved himself to be distinctly characteristic of the warm-hearted Irish race." Mr W. Y. Dennett, speaking as an old parishioner, said that during Dean Smyth's many years of labour in this district the people had learned to love him, which made the pain of parting so very much greater. He (the speaker) well remembered the time of the Dean's arrival in Hastings. In those days there was only a very small church — there was no presbytery, convent, or school. But very shortly after the Dean arrived he set to work to enlarge the church, then followed the presbytery, convent, and the magnificent church; and his latest labour was the fine hall in which they were assembled. His Grace Archbishop Redwood said when he came to the parish of Hastings twenty-three and a half years ago, there was a small, neat church, but no school or presbytery, and the offerings he received on the first Sunday were spent in buying a necessary commodity - a bed. Dean Smyth had also been the means of bringing the Sisters of St. Joseph to Hastings to teach in the schools, and the formation of a branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. He had also established a Young Men's Club. On behalf of the parishioners, he had much pleasure in handing Dean Smyth a purse of sovereigns. Rev Dean Smyth in reply said in 1888 their school was established with an attendance of 50, which had now increased to 285. They had now built the hall in which they were seated at a cost of £900, thus making a total of £10,000 having been spent since he came. He also said he would be leaving one half of the purse of sovereigns in Hastings, and the other half he would take with him to Meeanee, where he was to conduct a college for students. There in the new church he would have erected a stained-glass window from the parishioners of Hastings. The other half he would ask them to accept towards the liquidation of the debt on St. Patrick's Hall, which was now £400. An address was beautifully illuminated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and was enclosed in a handsomely-bound **album containing photos** of the school children and of the members of the sodalities and societies connected with the parish. Mr A. V. Avison, conductor of the Sacred Heart choir, on behalf of the members, presented Dean Smyth with an enlarged photograph of the choir and a silver inkstand suitably inscribed. Master Patrick Carroll, on behalf of the altar boys, presented the Dean with an **enlarged photograph** of themselves; and on behalf of the Children of Mary, Master Lee handed Dean Smyth a beautifully-bound album, containing **photographs of the church buildings and parish societies**.



The Very Rev Dean Smyth SM taught at St. Patrick Collage in Wellington and was appointed to Nelson for 3 years and Timaru for six years. In 1914 he was appointed to the Basilica Thorndon Wellington and was administrator for Archbishop Redwood for 22 years, then parish priest at Timaru. Rev Patrick Joseph Smyth SM conducted his last public services in 1938 and retired to Temuka in 1947. When illness took over he entered the Lewisham Hospital in 1952. The Rev Father Patrick Joseph Smyth died May 1953 at Christchurch aged 94 and was buried at Temuka cemetery along with Rev Theophilus Le Menant des Chesnais another early temporary Hastings priest who died February 1910 aged 74.

After Dean Smyth's 23 yrs service - Rev Keogh was next Hastings parish priest.



1909 May, Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M. appointed to the important parish of Hastings

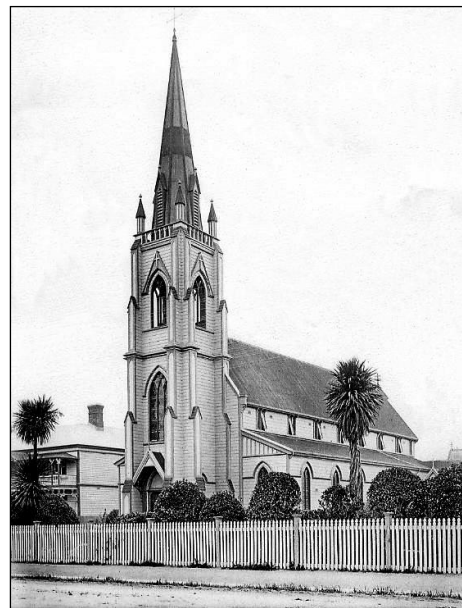
Reverend Augustine Keogh b: August 1858, the son of Matthias Keogh and Anna Maria Kinsella b: April 1829 in Dublin,. He had three brothers. His father Matthias Keogh died in Dublin June 1877 aged 54, and his mother Anna Maria Keogh nee Kinsella resided in Hastings where she died in October 1913. Very Rev. Father Keogh died August 1917.

Rev. Father Keogh was followed by Rev Quinn who left soon after in 1910, Rev Mahoney from 1916, Rev McDonnell, Rev Fraer 1920, Rev MacDonald, Rev Goggan, Rev Scoular 1926, Rev Faher, Rev Galerne, Rev McHardy 1930, Rev Stewart, Rev Faye 1936, Rev Daniel Milligan 1944 – 1947, Rev J. J. Seymour 1944, Fr J. J. Cullen and Rev Leo Patrick Spring 1949 – 1954, Fr R. S. Nowlan from Ausie 1955 – 1957, Arch-bishop McKeefry.

Rev George Mahoney was born in London 1869 and was ordained in Wellington in 1898. In August 1910 the Rev. Geo Mahoney late of Wanganui now of the Seminary Wellington was seriously ill with blood-poisoning. He was a well-known member of the Catholic priesthood and served in Nelson, Hastings and Wanganui. Rev Geo Mahoney died December 1930 at Wellington aged 61.



1909, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, shows R C Church written on the wooden fence



1900's, The Hastings Sacred Heart gothic wooden Church and Convent with wooden fencing



The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Nazareth convent built in 1901 – now shows covered-in upper balcony.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Nazareth who served at Hastings came from their convent in Whanganui and they often returned there for holidays – they moved around frequently. Many were buried back at their cemetery in Whanganui.



Sisters of St Joseph commune grave at Hastings Cemetery

1910 July, A very pleasing function took place in St Patrick's Hall yesterday forenoon immediately after the second Mass, when the members of the Sacred Heart congregation, assembled to make a presentation to **Miss Mary Edwards** on the

eve of her departure from Hastings. An apology was received from Dean Smyth for his unavoidable absence. Mr W. Y. Dennett presided and in asking Miss Edward's acceptance of a silver afternoon tea service from the parishioners as a slight token of esteem, gratitude and goodwill, said that her kindness and hearty devotion to her duties and the readiness with which she had always assisted in any good work for the Church or parish in general during her residence of 22 years in Hastings had won the admiration of the whole congregation. They all sincerely regretted her departure and trusted that she might continue her good work and set the same edification in her adopted home. Mr Dennett also handed Miss Edwards a handsome prayer-book bound in leather, a present from two anonymous donors, members of the Altar Society. Rev. Father Keogh paid a high tribute to the excellent example set by Miss Edwards in the fulfilment of her duties and her devotion to her church, and concluded by wishing her God's choicest blessings for many years to come. Miss Edwards feelingly replied in a few words, and after a general leave-taking, the congregation dispersed.

TENDERS are invited for painting the Catholic Church, Convent, and Parish buildings, Hastings (labour only). Specifications may be seen at Gallagher, Carr and Co. Heretaunga Street, Hastings. Tenders close Friday, December 23rd, 1910.

1910 December, Tenders to paint the Catholic Church, Convent and Parish buildings



1911 June – Eastbourne St east - Sacred Heart Church, Hastings held Special *corpus christie* blessing processions around the local streets of the church headed by the cross-bearer, then came the altar boys, Children of Mary, Hibernian Society, the children who made their First Communion, school boys, school girls, the Red Guard, Sacred Heart Choir, flower girls, acolytes, the sisters of St Joseph, and the members of the congregation

The afternoon procession of 2500 had started from the Sacred Heart Church and wended its way via Heretaunga St, Willowpark Rd and Eastbourne St east to the rear of the boys' school, where a temporary altar had been erected, and where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given, after which the cortege filed its way back to Eastbourne St and returned to the church by way of Hastings St and Heretaunga St.



1911 June – The Blessed Sacrament cross-bearer heading the procession re-entering the church on Heretaunga St

1912 April, Mr Ignatius Loughnan, formerly a resident of Tuki Tuki, Havelock North and who for the past twelve years has been residing in Rome, is revisiting Hastings and is the guest of Mr William Nelson of Waikoko, Tomoana. Mr Loughnan was for many years conductor of the Hastings Catholic Church Choir.

1913 May 25, Special ceremonies were held in the Sacred Heart Church, Hastings on Sunday. At the early Mass some fifty boys and girls from the convent schools made their First Communion. Very Rev. Father Keogh was celebrant of the Mass, and over five hundred members of the congregation also approached the Holy Table. After Mass the first communicants were entertained at breakfast by the Sisters of St. Joseph. At the second Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Martin, of Meeanee, Father Keogh delivered an address to the children, in which he impressed on them the importance of the occasion, and pointed to the blessings which followed the worthy and frequent reception of the Blessed Eucharist. The feast of Corpus Christi was observed with befitting ceremonies in the afternoon, when there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in which the various parish societies and sodalities took part. It was headed by the cross-bearer, then came the altar boys, Children of Mary, Hibernian Society, the children who made their First Communion, school boys, school girls, the Red Guard, Sacred Heart Choir, flower girls, acolytes, the Blessed Sacrament borne by Rev. Dr Martin, torch-bearers, Sisters of St Joseph, and the members of the congregation. **The procession** started from the Sacred Heart Church and wended its way via Heretaunga St, Willowpark Rd and Eastbourne St to the rear of the boys' school, where a temporary altar had been erected, and where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given, after which the cortege filed its way back to Eastbourne St and returned to the church by way of Hastings St and Heretaunga St. The ceremonies concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church in the presence of a crowded congregation. About 2000 people walked in the procession, which, favoured with beautiful weather, presented a very imposing sight.

1913, Hastings Convent school - Std 5 & 6 Boys now attend Woodworking classes at the Technical School and Std 5 & 6 Girls attend Cooking and Dressmaking, while Fr Keogh takes Literature classes.

1917 August, After a long illness the **Rev. Father Augustine Keogh**, S.M. aged 59 passed away. Father Keogh was born in Dublin in 1858. He was one of the best known and most popular priests in the Catholic Church. From 1901 to 1909, he was rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, during which time 400 boys enjoyed the privilege of his direction. Succeeding Dean Smyth in 1909, he took charge of the Hastings parish, and administered here until 1915, when he again joined the staff of St. Patrick's College. The funeral will take place at Hastings on Thursday.

TARRING CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN -

1918 September 18, Borough Council workmen engaged in brushing road tar outside the school on Eastbourne St east splashed 23 catholic kids who were passing nearby – which cause a furore of complaints - from father G. Mahony, S M to the Borough Council. Mayor (Mr H. Ian Simson) There was no doubt the act of tarring had been done deliberately. He was sure no councillor would uphold the tarring of children. If the culprit was found the man would be severely dealt with. Cr. Styles (Deputy Mayor) said he had seen the clothes, which were destroyed, one boy's forehead had been burnt, and another boy had been blinded. Crs. Cook, Stubbs, White, Clapham and Pratt all spoke in support of the motion, which

was carried unanimously. On the motion of the Mayor and Cr. Cook it was resolved by eight to two that the whole of the men employed on that work on the day in question be suspended until the culprit was found out.

1918 December, Sister M. Thecla died at Hastings Convent, one of the victims of the **influenza pandemic**, the youngest daughter of Mr James McLaughlin Westport, R.I.P.



1919 July, Children's Day Peace Celebration - St Patrick's School Hastings parade truck with 16 children in costumes and a woman. The banner – "*Peace on earth to men of good will*" *Don't forget ! We helped to win the War*, poss taken on Heretaunga St east with a macrocarpa tree and fence behind near the presbytery, shows a decorated tree poss on decorated truck at left side, taken from by Henry Norford Whitehead

1919 July 22nd Tuesday – extracts from the Hastings Standard - Following the Peace Celebrations on Saturday - a later Children's' Day procession was held on Monday with a succession of decorated cars, equestrians and equestriennes, cycles and vehicles of every description. The band headed the procession after which two dainty little maids on horseback attired as heralds and carrying silver trumpets led the march. Every particular of which was appreciated and applauded by the eager crowds as the show passed through the streets under the control of their teachers. A Woodford House Lorry and pupils; Iona College, "France Lorry"; Hastings N. (4 - 6). Belgium; Havelock N (4 - 6) Italy; Hastings W. (4 - 6). United States; H.D.H.S. 4 - 6): Maori Lorry; (Opapa School): Convent (4 - 6); Twyford School; M.A.C. Band; D.H.S. (1 - 3) Fernhill Lorry; Hastings N (1 - 3); **St. Patrick's Schools (1 - 3)**; Hastings W. (1 —3): Havelock N (1 - 3); other schools; infants in lorries and cars and innumerable decorated vehicles of every kind. Large bands of workers yesterday made an early start in decorating the lorries and other vehicles and by the time appointed everything was in readiness to convey the district children to Hastings. The decorations, flag waving and cheering. The war was caused by Germany breaking her word and Britain had to take up arms, or lose her honour. The children were spared the horrors which have pervaded the last five years. They must always remember the obligation they were under to those brave men. The youngsters were then entertained with light refreshments and the afternoon was spent in sports. Thanks to those who had lent cars and lorries and had thus largely helped the committee to give the children such a happy time that day. In the evening the streets were again brilliantly illuminated and fireworks were released under the supervision of Superintendent W. Keith. Heretaunga St - from Hastings St to Warren St was cleared for dancing and under brilliant illuminations, dancers in fancy dress with masks and without, tripped it gaily until shortly after eleven, after which the crowds gradually melted away and wended homewards.

1922 February, The main school room in the Hastings Convent Schools was crowded to farewell Father Mahoney who is leaving for Whanganui. Father Mahoney had succeeded Father Smyth. Mr W. Y. Dennett was in the chair. Ten years service in Hastings, he got the church out of debt in 25 years. he acquired land at Waimarama, currently used as a camping ground for students and priests and in time a church would be erected there (a seminary behind the old shop) and acquired 4 ½ acres at Havelock for a convent school and church. John T. Blake presented a purse of sovereigns Mr P. McCarthy an old parishioner, Mr T. Downing (Hibernian Society) Mr F. Pimley. Father Mahoney he was a founding member of the HB War Relief Association and Patriotic Society Committee. Father A. S. McDonald was his successor.

1922 February, Rev Father Goggin at one time parish priest at Napier will be attached to the Hastings church as assistant priest. He has reached the age where his priestly career requires lighter duties.

1923 September, Father A. S. McDonald will leave Hastings at the end of this week in order to pursue a special course of studies at 'Highden' the property recently acquired by the Marist Fathers as a second novitiate and house of studies near Fielding. His locum tenens for six months will be Rev Father Maloney of Wellington who will arrive tomorrow night. Father Maloney who is well known throughout New Zealand forces during the Great War. The Hastings parishioners will gather at St Joseph's school to welcome Father Maloney and to wish Father McDonald "Au Revoir"

1924 March, Rev Father Maloney was fare welled by the Hastings Catholic school, he has been acting as for Father MaDonald during his six months absence Father Maloney is proceeding to Wellington to assist Dean Devoy at Island Bay. Mr W. Y. Dennett presided, John T. Blake and Father McDonald present.

1926 May, Father O'Shaughnessy celebrated Mass in the Church of the sacred Heart Hastings which was packed to the doors At the conclusion Archbishop O'Shea delivered a forceful address on confirmation to the congregation and confirmed 130 candidates..

1926 June, **Father Christopher Soulas** an old and devoted Maori Missionary who has been resident at the Hastings Catholic Presbytery died in his 80th year. He was born at Nantes France in 1846 and served with the French ambulance corps during the Franco - Prussian war of 1870 - 71. He was ordained in 1878 and came out on in 1890 to New Zealand where he devoted his life to missionary work amongst the Maoris in the Taranaki Whanganui River and Hawke's Bay districts. He was also associated with Mother Joseph Auber in the formation of the Order of the Sisters of Compassion. After an arduous and self sacrificing life in 1923 he came to spend the evening of his days in Hastings where he lived in retirement until his death. A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Hastings Catholic Church by Dean Regnault of Wellington being celebrant with Dr. Chapman of Greenmeadows Seminary as deacon and father Kelly of the Hutt as sub-deacon whilst 42 students from Greenmeadows Seminary sang the mass. A congregation filled the church to overflowing Monsignor Power of Hawera delivered an impressive funeral discourse and a procession of girls and boys attending the Convent school by the ecclesiastical students from Greenmeadows proceed along Heretaunga St to the Hastings cemetery. Groups along the streets watching and some business closing their doors during its passage as a mark of respect. The coffin was born to its resting place on the shoulders of six ecclesiastical students and Father McDonald conducted the grave side service in the presence of a large gathering.

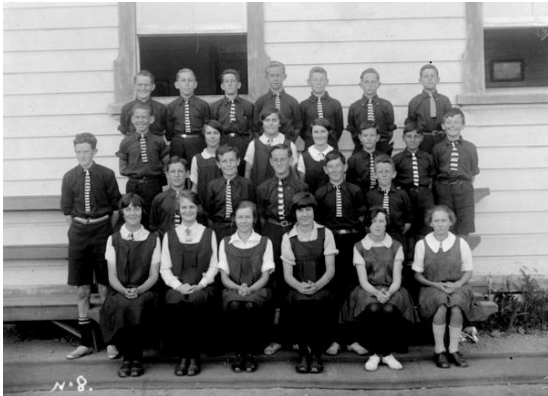
1926 September, Father A. S. McDonald will leave next week for Christchurch where he will undergo a course of treatment at the Lewisham Hospital after which he will return to Hastings. He will however leave again about November 1st probably for Australia on an extended holiday for the benefit of his health. During his absence **Father Tymons** will arrive in Hastings and assume charge of the parish.

1926 October, At the Catholic schoolrooms Hastings the Rev Father A. S. McDonald was met by a large gathering of his parishioners to say "au revoir" on the eve of his departure for Sydney on a health recruiting trip. Mr W. Y. Dennett on behalf of the parishioners presented him with a purse of £100 for expenses.

1928 November, The death occurred yesterday at the Sacred Heart Convent, St. John's Hill, of **Sister Mary Rose** (Matthews) a daughter of the late Mr Richard Matthews, an excise officer of Dublin, who later came to Masterton. Born in Ireland 75 years ago, the late sister entered the teaching profession at an early age. She joined the Whanganui Convent in 1883, and later became superior of the Hastings, Hawera and Feilding convents.

1928, St Patricks School, Hastings class photos – from No 4



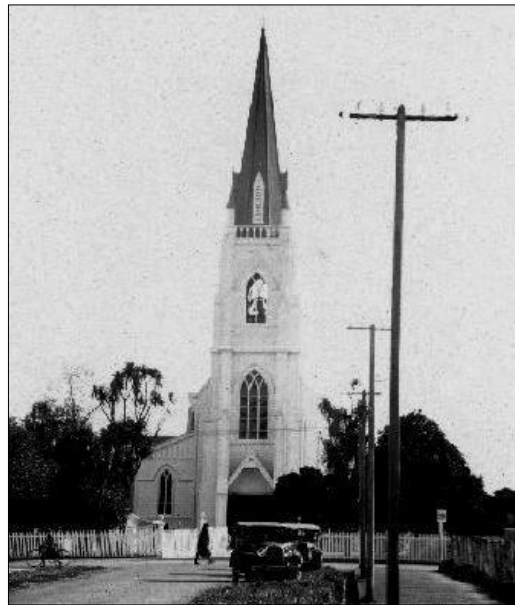


1928, pre earthquake - St Patrick's Convent school children Hastings, shows the old main building behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1929, St Patrick's Convent School Hastings, shows another large macrocarpa tree in the grounds behind with bikes, fence and gate, poss to Eastbourne St, by Henry Norford Whitehead. The macrocarpa trees were possibly originally planted 1880's as a boundary marker for the proposed future school grounds and shade ?

1931, The Hastings nuns slept in tents during the earthquake aftershocks



1931, restablising the Hastings Sacred Heart wooden church steeple after the quake, shows a school sign at front entrance on both with 1930's cars parked on Miller St by Dave Williams. New brick walling outside the church on Heretaunga St was completed in February 1938





The Hastings Sacred Heart Church with coffin awaiting funeral



Ken Aplin on the organ

[Form B 4.]

NEW ZEALAND.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TEACHER'S ANNUAL EXAMINATION REPORT.

Hastings Convent. School.

HAWKE'S BAY
31st December, 1931.
18 DEC 1931
EDUCATION BOARD

I.—CLASS-LIST SUMMARY.

[To be made out by the Head Teacher and forwarded to the Inspector with the Class-lists (Forms B1 and B1A) to which it refers.]

Class.	Teacher.	Position on School Staff.	ROLL.			Present at Examination.	AGGREGATE AGES.		AVERAGE AGE.	
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.		Y.	M.	Y.	M.
Form III	<i>Sr. M. Xavier.</i>	<i>H.T.</i>	10	17	27	22	408	2	15	1
Form II	"	"	17	18	35	33	438	9	13	11
Form I	<i>Enda</i>	<i>Asst.</i>	30	23	53	53	638	4	12	11
S 4	<i>Cecilia</i>	"	19	24	43	43	516	2	12	
S 3	<i>Fidelis</i>	"	22	29	51	51	543	3	10	7
S 2	<i>Canice</i>	"	28	23	51	51	456	10	8	11
S 1	<i>Joan</i>	"	21	31	52	52	440	2	8	5
P 4	<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Inf. M.</i>	11	25	36	34	263	9	7	3
P 3	"	"	13	11	24	22	153	7	6	4
P 2	<i>Isidore</i>	<i>Asst.</i>	11	14	25	22	167	9	6	8
P 1	"	"	20	18	38	30	202		5	7
Totals			202	233	435	418				

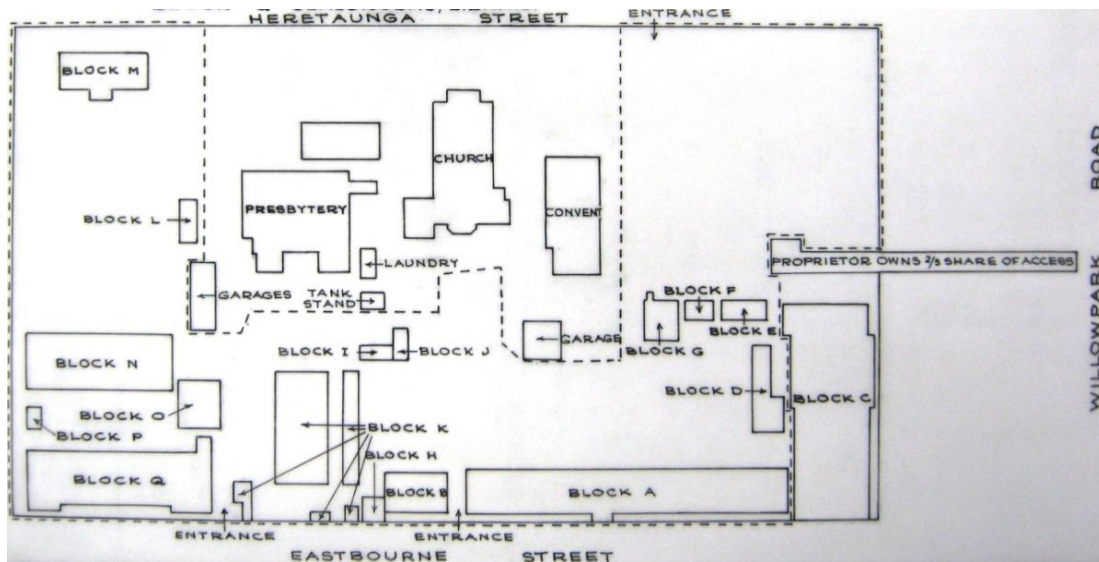
1931 Hastings Convent teachers

Some of the Sisters from 1931 – Sr Xavier HT, Sr Clement HT – Margaret Malone, Sr Monica – Jean McLeod 1970's she died 1985. Sr Pauline – Kathleen Colman, Sr Teresa - Marcella Cahill, Sr Immaculate – Mary Gilbert, Sr Leo – Margaret O'Donnell, Sr Andrew – Bridget Lysaght, Sr Bertille – Alice Devon, Sr Rose – Eileen Keegan, Sr Enda, Sr Cecilia, Sr Fidelis, Sr Canice Sr Joan, Sr Lawrence, Sr Isidore, Sr Phillipa, Sr Annunciata, Sr Assumpta, Sr Sylvester, Sr Casimir, Sr Leonard, Sr Lucy became HT.

1935, the new St Josephs long wooden A. block was built and opened.



1935, Archbishop O'Shea of Wellington addressing a gathering at the official opening of St Joseph's Convent School of the Church of Sacred Heart at Hastings, by H. J. Lovell-Smith for AWN. Previously named St Patrick's School for Boys off Eastbourne St east and St Patrick's School for Girls off Heretaunga St east with new class buildings main entrance behind, by H. J. Lovell-Smith



St Josephs Convent Primary School 1955 had built a new classroom block along Eastbourne St east and opened in December 1935. Shows the old Church/boys classroom, the swimming pool, the Convent with its new rear wing added in 1954 and Sacred Heart Church and old presbytery houses at 421 and separate Tenison Collage from 1951 behind with pupils assembled, it also still shows foundation layout marked on the St Joseph's grassed playground for older standard boys at bottom left of the **earlier transcript buildings** of St Patrick's school hall for Girls, and Connolly's house behind, taken before the monkey bars and the incinerator outside the boys toilet that we use to piss over the wall to make it steam on the hot iron rusty lid. There was a tall old caretaker man who collected the rubbish and lit the incinerator and stoked the boiler with coal on frosty winter mornings in a room just off the main entrance. Shows the brick walling outside the church along Heretaunga St completed in February 1938. St Joseph's Girls High school later Tenison Collage with pupils assembled – Sister Carmel the empty section across the road was Lee's property and used by the tension pupils, it later became a Retirement Village. At top right still shows the two residence at 417 and 415 Heretaunga St east

JUN 14 1938

INSPECTION REPORT.

School: Hastings Convent Head Teacher: Sr. M. Lucy
 Date of Inspection: 24th May, 1938.

SECTION A.—CLASSES AND TEACHERS.
 (To be filled in by the Head Teacher.)

Classes.	Number on Roll.	Number Present.	TEACHER'S		NOTES. Grouping of Classes, Use of Specialists, Interchange of Teachers, &c.
			Name.	Position on Staff.	
0	50	40	Sr. M. Felicitas	Asst.	
5	63	59	" " Marcellus	"	
4	58	55	" " Pauline	"	
3	58	52	" " Sylvester	"	
2	64	57	" " Immaculata	"	
1A	52	48	" " Leonard	"	
1B	34	32	" " Bertille	"	
P. 3:4	57	53	" " Leo	"	
P. 1:2	45	41	" " Bernard	"	
TOTAL ...	481	443			

1938, Hastings Convent teachers



Sr Leo – Margaret O'Donnell, she died 1965

The first original site of St John's collage was in Frederick St west Mahora opened in 1941 till 1956 when it moved to Jervios St site. Frederick St site then became wholly St Mary's 1957.

1951 August, Rev Fr Joseph J. Seymour died at Hastings aged 57, buried Hastings cemetery.

1955 January, Rev Fr Patrick Louis Aldridge b: 1898 the son of Mary Catherine and James Joseph Aldridge of Hastings died aged 57, buried Hastings cemetery.

Mrs Moroney's Hastings Baths -

This was a seasonal summer business situated on Nelson St sth near the Princess Theatre run by **Mrs Mary Ellen Moroney** wife of Daniel Moroney. This business was in the west Hastings near other early Hastings business-women - Mrs Cobb photography and Miss Bogle's Ladies School.

Note - There are several incorrect variations on the spelling of their surname in newspapers – Moroney, Maroney - Mrs Maroney and Mr D. Mohoney. For further info on the Moroney brothers see - The 1. Hastings Development file - from page 140.

Mary Ellen and Daniel Moroney had ten children. Mary ran the Hastings Baths, then she resided in Waipawa helping her husband Daniel run the Settlers hotel from 1893 – 1900. Daniels widow sister-in-law Julia Moroney wife of the late Patrick Moroney also lived in Nelson St and worked at the Baths during the season while Mary was away in Waipawa. James and Jane Grant Moroney and their family also lived in Nelson St in March 1901.

1890 September, **Mrs Mary Moroney** sent in an application to the Council to extend the nine-inch sewer to her premises, which were about three chains from the present service. Mrs Moroney intended to erect a swimming bath. The Council would be at liberty to use the water for fire or flushing purposes. - Crs. Foreman and Beilby said it would be a public benefit. It would be a water supply in case of fire at the Town Hall, the English Church and Roach's corner of the block. Granted, the town clerk to be satisfied that the work of erection is making satisfactory progress before putting down the pipes.



1890 November, Hastings Public Baths, Nelson St, near the Princess Theatre
Mrs Mary Ellen Moroney

1890 November, **Mrs Moroney's Hastings Swimming Baths Opened** by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr W. F. Burnett) with Cr. Foreman, Dr. Faulkner, Messrs Braithwaite, Galway, Gilpin, Tipping and many other prominent residents. All expressed themselves greatly pleased with the bath and the means taken for the comfort of those attending them. Some of the visitors kindly pointed out 'slight additions that would increase the advantages of the establishment, if for instance a platform to dive from, and other details suggested by their experience, which, the proprietress intimated her intention of doing at once. The baths are erected in, **Nelson St, south**, which it will be information to some to know is the street just beyond the Town Hall. The building itself runs parallel with the Omaha Rd and is of course a prominent object. It is painted chocolate and has "Swimming Baths" in large white letters on it. On entering the baths from **Nelson St** you find on your left a nicely furnished sitting room for the visitors, to the right the hot and cold private bath rooms. Opening a door the visitor at once finds himself in the main attraction, the swimming bath. The swimming bath has no roof, it being considered that by this means the water would be kept warmer both in summer and winter. The bath itself is of concrete, of which the sides and bottom are fifteen inches thick. The bottom is padded under the concrete. The length of the bath is **60 feet and the width 20 feet**. The depth of the **shallowest part is 2 feet 6 inches, deepening to 6 feet**. It is entered by concrete 3 steps and there is a chicken Judder for exit at the deep end. Down one side and the ends is a battened floor. The wood working by Messrs Stanley Bros, the well by Mr S. Libst and the concrete work by Mr Collins. A sufficient number of dressing rooms are provided in the enclosure and every convenience for the comfort of visitors. Although there is little chance of accidents, still provision is made for it. Coils of rope are hung about, and two life lines are stretched across the bath, and life buoys are ordered for it, so that there will not be the smallest danger even for tyros. Dr. Faulkner took a great deal of interest in the arrangements and expressed his opinion that it would be a great boon to the place. On being requested by Mrs Maroney to declare the baths open - the Mayor standing on the edge of the bath said:- "Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I consented to take part in some sort of opening ceremony for these baths. It has been done entirely at the expense of Mrs Maroney and I am sure you will highly appreciate her action in the matter, for besides the pleasure and advantage of having a swimming bath in the town, you see before you the **great protection it is to the town in case of fire in having a large supply of water always ready**. This large supply of water is the result of only one well, although another will soon flow into it. The construction time was three months. Mr Caulton of the Pacific Hotel was the first to hand over the fee to Mrs Maroney.

1892 March, The visitors to see the aquatic sports were highly pleased to find so suitable a place for them in Hastings as the swimming baths. These are a credit to the township and those who have not seen them should take a walk to see this useful and well appointed establishment, over which the proprietress Mrs Moroney will show them with pleasure. In addition to the spacious and beautifully clear swimming bath, there are comfortable private rooms at the service of the visitors for a low charge.

1892 November, A meeting was held last night at Stuart's Hotel for the purpose of forming a **Swimming Club**. Mr W. P. Stuart was voted to the chair. It was resolved to form a Swimming Club in Hastings and a provisional committee was appointed to make arrangements with Mrs Moroney for the use of the swimming baths and report at a future meeting.

1893 January, The ladies of Hastings had a swimming match to themselves at Mrs Moroney's baths. Considerable additions have been made for the comfort of the visitors in the approaching hot season, which will be good, in proportion to the long spell of winter weather.

1893 March, Mrs Moroney kindly placed her swimming baths at the service of the pupils of the Hastings school. These baths are no doubt a public benefit. Many persons have lost their lives through being unable to keep afloat in the water for five minutes and in an inland place this healthy and valuable exercise could not be taught without these baths. Wish Mrs Moroney a long spell of hot weather.

1893 March, The diving competitions and junior races in connection with the Heretaunga school aquatics at the Hastings baths. By the kind permission of Mrs Moroney the baths were placed at the disposal of the boys, they and their friends being admitted free of charge. The exhibition of swimming and diving reflected great credit on all concerned,

several of the boys proving themselves exceptionally expert. The events resulted as follows :- Neat headers (first test) - Kelly, 14 points; M'Lean, 13 points; Nelson and Fraser, 10 points (out of 15). Novices' race - Cotterill major, 1; Kettle, 2. Time diving - Wellwood minor, 6sec, 1; Nelson and Kelly, 7sec, 2, Long dive - Wellwood minor, 86ft 6in, 1; M'Lean, 84ft 2. These were followed by two events that created much amusement - "Follow my leader" the leader to be ducked if caught, and "apple bobbing"



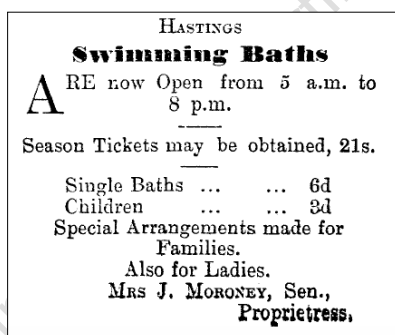
1894 November, HastingsSwimming Baths

1894 November, We have here a first-class swimming bath, which has been erected by the enterprise of one resident, Mrs Moroney, at a time that it was even thought of at the public expense. The water, too, is of most valuable resource in case of fire anywhere near. It is to be hoped that the swimming matches that were to be held there this afternoon will have the effect of increasing the patronage these baths well deserve.

1894 November, At Moroney's baths, Hastings an interesting swimming handicap took place, three handsome silver medals having been provided as trophies for the winners. The match was swam in three heats of 75, 150, and 225 yards, for which 11, 10 and nine competitors started respectively. After some first-rate competition the race resulted in a win for Cheer, Greening second, Dougherty third, F. Caulton being a good fourth. There was a very fair attendance of spectators. Mr A. Hyde acted as starter and referee to the satisfaction of all and Mr Beck as timekeeper.

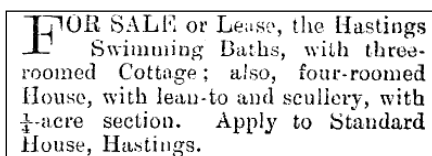
1895 November, The Hastings Swimming Baths are once more in full work, temporary arrangements are made for ladies and season and family tickets are now ready for issue. The importance of this institution is too manifest to require any recommendation. If anything further is necessary the coming hot weather will appeal very eloquently in favor of it.

1896 ER lists - Mary Ellen Moroney at Hastings, Julia Moroney at Hastings



1897 December, Mrs J. Moroney snr Swimming Baths – her surname spelt correctly poss Daniel's sister-in-law - Julia Moroney widow of the late Patrick Moroney, while Mrs Mary Ellen had moved to Waipawa where Daniel was a hotelkeeper

1897 November, The Hastings swimming baths are now in full swing for the season. These baths are a perfect boom to Hastings as there are no satisfactory bathing places within easy reach of the town. The baths are scrupulously clean and there is a continuous flow of artesian water through them. Mrs Moroney makes special announcement for the accommodation of ladies.



1898 February, The Hastings Swimming Baths for lease or sale, cottage, also four roomed house

1898 April, The annual meeting of the Hastings householders was held in the district school last night at the conclusion of the Committee meeting. Mr W. C. Maddison was voted to the chair. Mr McLeod said he would like to see swimming baths erected for the use of the children. Mr Maddison said this would be expensive and suggested subsidising the Hastings swimming baths. – *Ironic, the new Hastings DHS swimming baths opened in December 1908 were named the Maddison Memorial Baths?*

1898 August, As a result of last night's heavy frost, the water pipes at the Hastings swimming baths and those supplying several private services have burst.

1898 October, The Hastings swimming baths, which are announced elsewhere as being open for the season, have just been renovated and refitted at considerable expense, and are now equal, for appointments and comforts, to any baths in the colony.

1899 October, The Hastings Swimming Baths are now open for the season. The bath has been renovated since last season, and looks beautifully clean, having been whitewashed with a preparation which shows through the water with a **blueish tint**.

<p>HASTINGS SWIMMING BATH will open on MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.</p> <p>PRICES OF ADMISSION --</p> <p>Single Bath 6d Season Ticket £1</p> <p>Boys under 12 half-price.</p> <p>Hot Baths 1s, ready on short notice.</p> <p>MRS MARONEY, SNR., Manageress.</p>

1900 October, Hastings Swimming Bath, Hot baths, Mrs Maroney snr, Manageress

1904 January, There was a large attendance at the Hastings baths yesterday. Fifty bathers paid for admission at the door.

1904 January, With the warm weather comes the desire for a daily swim, and in keeping with the season the Hastingsbaths have been renovated and are now open daily. Under able management these baths have become immensely popular and it is probable that a **ladies' club** will be shortly formed for reserved hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Season tickets have been fixed at a low figure. Those who can swim will appreciate the baths, and those who can't, should learn at once.

1904 November, A letter was read at the Borough Council meeting on Thursday that should have special interest for residents in this town. This was Mrs Maroney's communication offering to sell her swimming bath to the corporation, Mrs Maroney has been running the bath for some years, but owing to the extreme coldness of the artesian water with which it is filled, not much support has been given her. Public swimming baths are necessary in any town, both as a means of education and as a factor in municipal cleanliness. If the Borough Council should decide to purchase the Hastings swimming bath, and adopt some means of heating the water, so as to make it a pleasure to bathe, they would find that the money had been well spent.

1904 November, The Hastings Council - Mrs Maroney is offering to sell her swimming baths to the borough. - Referred to Public Works Committee. Re: No action be taken in reference to taking over Mrs Maroney's swimming baths.

1905 ER lists – Julia Moroney a widow at Hastings

1906 October, The Hastings Swimming Baths have been subject to a strict overhaul during the past fortnight, and have been thoroughly renovated throughout. The baths will be opened to-morrow. Mrs Maroney, the proprietress, is prepared to give full particulars concerning reason tickets, etc.

1906 October, The Hastings Swimming Baths (near Princess Theatre) will be Opened on Wednesday, 17th October. The Baths have been thoroughly renovated, and are now guaranteed absolutely clean. Special concessions for School Children. For full particulars apply Mrs Maroney, Proprietress.

1909, Mrs Maroney's Hastings Baths possibly closed after the new DHS Maddison Memorial Baths were opened in Karamu Rd sth

1911 ER lists – Julia Moroney, a widow at Nelson St, Hastings. Julia Moroney nee Woods died June 1927 in Napier aged 84 and Mary Ellen Moroney nee McGreevy died April 1946 in Waipawa aged 83.

The Hastings Standard newspaper - HB Tribune –

The birth of a Hastings newspaper in April 1896 on an old Dawson's Double Royal hand press.

The Hastings Standard's first proprietors were Messrs William Dawson Arnott (son of Mr John Arnott one of the proprietors of the Greymouth Argus) and Anthony Cashion also of Greymouth as manager. The staff were - W. D. Arnott

editor, John Arnott sub-editor, Anthony Cushion compositor and sporting writer, A. L. Ryan manager reporter, George Venables foreman composing room, David Wilson, Abe Little compositor and Robert Catherall machinist.

1896 April 4th The Hastings Standard was first printed in the premises once occupied by **Charles F. Lys snr tailor in Karamu Rd sth** – the **original Standard House from whence the paper got its name** on a site behind the Carlton Club Hotel. The Hastings Standard would go through various graduations to its present proud position.

Prior to its establishment the proprietors had made application for Press Association rights, but the price required was too much. In the early days of the journal there were no time-saving mechanical methods, and the 'Standard' was laboriously printed on an old hand press which in these modern days of achievement would be an interesting exhibit in a museum.



1896 – 1897, The Hastings Standard under William Dawson Arnott and Anthony Cashion in Karamu Rd sth, in the original Standard House behind the Carlton Club Hotel

1896 May, Mr **W. D. Arnott**, formerly one of the proprietors of the Grey River Argus, was accorded a good "send off" at Greymouth on Wednesday evening prior to his departure for Hastings, Hawke's Bay, where he joins his son and Mr Cashion in their newspaper, The Hastings Standard. The chair was occupied by the Mayor, who expressed the general regret at Mr Arnott's departure and presented him with a purse of sovereigns subscribed by his numerous friends. Several other gentlemen spoke in eulogy of their guest and expressed regret at his departure. Mr Arnott was one of the pioneers of the Argus and with his partners has been noted for the friendliness and good feeling displayed towards fellow paper men on the Coast. We wish him a prosperous time in his new venture.

John George Arnott b:1837 married Christina Miller at Glasgow January 1859. John was a printer and the family travelled to Melbourne where he possibly worked for The Age. They then travelled to Dunedin in 1863 where he worked for the Otago Daily Times and then on to Greymouth in 1867 founding the Grey River Argus with Messrs Kerr and Keogh. They went to Hastings in 1896 for 5 years. February 1898, Miss Agnes Arnott, daughter of Mr John Arnott, J.P., of Hastings was married to Mr C. Martin of Wellington at St Stephen's Church, Reefton. Advert - April 1898, All accounts against the undersigned are requested to be forwarded to him at the Albert Hotel not later than Wednesday, 6th inst. at noon. John Arnott, Hastings. Mr **John Arnott, J.P.**, intends leaving Hastings shortly to take up his residence in Wellington where he apparently worked for the Government Printing Office. In July 1910, John Arnott died at Wellington aged 73, he was formerly a prominent resident of Greymouth where he was one of the founders of the Grey River Argus. Christina Arnott nee Miller d: September 1913. They were both buried, along with children William, Harry, Christina and Winnie in the Karori Cemetery.

Anthony Cashion b:1870 in Greymouth the son of Mary and Martin Cashion a police constable in the gold rush days. from Hastings he went to Australia and was a publisher. In May 1897 Anthony Cashion late of Hastings designed an improved hurdle for use in hurdle races - Aus Gazette. In 1906 at Sydney he married Mabel E. Pugh b: February 1884 in Warwickshire, the daughter of Sarah and Harry Pugh. They had one son and three daughters. In 1928 he resided in Sidney and died after 1943 at Waverley South, Watson NSW, Mabel E. Cashion nee Pugh died July 1970 in Sydney, NSW aged 86.

Difficult early days for The Hastings Standard - beset by problems, the finances were such at very low ebb that staff at one time had to wait six weeks for their wages, which did not improve the entente cordiale between employee and employer and as matters were rapidly reaching the parting of the ways a meeting of forces was held in the composing room one Saturday night and decided to bring the crisis to a head. The quartets thereupon marched to headquarters and in stentorian tones demanded the wages much over due. From that time onward the journal drifted out of troubled waters.

With a change of ownership soon after when Job Vile and Arthur Vile took over.

Mr A. L. Ryan was later the Hastings representative of the Telegraph in Napier and George Venables also went to Napier. R. Catherall except for a short interval was connected with the paper ever since its inception and was later foreman of the HB Tribune composing room.

With the continued illness of Mr W. D. Arnott the senior partner in the firm led to a change in the personnel of the propriety, the new owner being Job Vile.



1897 November, The Hastings Standard under Job Vile proprietor and Arthur Vile manager in Karamu Rd sth, in the original Standard House behind the Carlton Club Hotel

1897 November, The proprietors of the Standard have disposed of their business to **Mr Job Vile**, Mayor of Pahiatua, who will take over the business on the 1st of next month. Commenting on the purchase, the Wairarapa Daily Times says : - Mr Job Vile, Mayor of Pahiatua has purchased the Hastings Standard, and his **son Mr Arthur Vile** of Masterton, will take charge of the paper as editor and manager. Mr Vile is a rising young journalist, who from his boyhood has been connected with journalism in Masterton, having served his time in the office of the Wairarapa Daily Times, subsequently filling the position of reporter and sub-editor of this paper with credit to himself and satisfaction to the proprietor. Some half a dozen years ago Mr Vile joined the staff of the Wairarapa Star, where he has since ably filled the position of sub-editor. Mr Vile is an energetic pressman, who loves his work, and will, in his extended sphere of operations, have ample opportunity to prove his ability and make his mark. In addition to his press duties Mr Vile has taken an active interest in public matters of late years, and as a member of the Town Lands Trust fought gallantly for the new Town Hall, now in | course of erection. He has also been a useful member of the Masterton School Committee and the Board of Managers of the Masterton Technical School. It is gratifying to find young men pluckily pushing ahead in the battle of life, and in this new venture we join with Mr Vile's many friends in wishing him very heartily success and prosperity in his new field of labour. Mr Vile probably leaves Masterton early in December, after twenty-seven years' residence in Masterton, this long period only being broken by a three years' sojourn in Australia, where in some leading newspaper offices Mr Vile added to his store of knowledge and gained experience which have proved valuable.

1897 December, Shortly after, a change of venue was deemed necessary and the two-year-old Hastings Standard journal found new domicile in **Dennett's auction rooms** (the old temporary Post Office July 1895 while the wooden PO was being built) then situated at the corner of Station St and Queen St east.

1898 January, On and after New Year's Day the Hastings Standard will be in **Station-St** near the Post Office and adjacent to the railway station. Advertisers and subscribers please note.

1898 June, **William Dawson Arnott, eldest son of Mr John Arnott** and one of the founders of the Hastings Standard, died Wellington this morning. Mr Arnott, who was about 31 years of age, had been suffering for many months from consumption, which he contracted whilst engaged at his business. He left Hastings about eight months ago, hoping that a change might restore him to health, but his condition gradually became worse, and for some months he has been in a sinking condition. The deceased was a most capable journalist, who would undoubtedly have made a name for himself had not his health broken down. He was of an unassuming, though affable disposition, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Mr and Mrs Arnott and family will have the sincere sympathy of many Hastings residents in their bereavement.



1898, The Hastings Standard newspaper office with signage on the corner of Station St and Queen St east opposite the new wooden P O. It was W. Y. Dennett's old auction rooms then Williams and Kettle office and temporary PO from February 1894 with Telegraph Dept behind, later this building was removed to Karamu Rd by a team of bullocks and converted into a two-storied for Mr Poll's photographic studio

Further changes in ownership came about in May 1899 when Mr Vile disposed of his interests to Messrs William Hart and Walter Joseph Jones both from Oamaru.



1899 June, The Hastings Standard now under William Hart a printer of Albert St Hastings and Walter Joseph Jones of Gascoyne St Hastings took over registered office on Station St.

William Hart of Dufferin St and Walter Joseph Jones of Heretaunga St, 1907 January William Hart now of Southland Rd on the retirement of Walter Joseph Jones, Mr Hart became sole proprietor.

William Hart, a printer b: June 1863 Durham Eng, the son of John Hart and Alice Elizabeth Green. He came to New Zealand as a boy. For a time he was employed in the printing trade in Dunedin, and later joined the Oamaru Mail where he remained for 21 years. In on August 1884 William married Martha Ann Currie b: August 1866, Otago. The Harts had arrived in Hastings from Oamaru around 1899. He took over the Hastings Standard till late 1907, which then became the Tribune, William Hart had commenced a printing business rear of Queen's Chambers Queen St east opp the PO which he disposed of in 1922. William Hart a printer of Southland Rd became a Borough Councillor 1911 and Hastings Mayor 1913 - 1917 and again from 1921- 22. He was a member of the War Relief Committee, and was a keen poultry fancier. In October 1934 W. Hart of Hastings whose condition was the cause of considerable concern to his relatives and friends id is now making satisfactory recovery. At the meeting of the South Island Reunion committee in Hastings the secretary was instructed to write to Mr Hart expressing the hope he would make a complete speedy recovery. In November 1934 Mr W. Hart who has recently been very ill at Royston Hospital is now sufficiently recovered to back in his home in Southland Rd. William Hart died December 1938 at Hastings aged 75 and Martha Ann Hart nee Currie died April 1943 at Hastings aged 76.

Walter Joseph Jones was part proprietor and editor of the Hastings Standard from 1899 to 1902, he was the son of the Hon. George Jones and was born in Leeston. He died in February 1945 aged 75 and was survived by his widow and a daughter. Mrs W. W. Butchers.

August 1903, Frank Godfree was an employee at the Hastings Standard office.

On the retirement of the Walter Joseph Jones Mr Hart became sole proprietor. Shortly afterwards however he took a Mr **Charles Horns** into partnership, the firm being styles **Hart and Co.** but this combination terminated in 1905.

1905 March, Mr C. Horns of Gascoyne Rd worked for The Hastings Standard

1907, William Hart relinquished The Hastings Standard newspaper and began a commercial printing business on Queen St east opposite the Post Office – F. Cassin's building.

In early 1907, The Hastings Standard was purchased by Messrs **William Charles Whitlock and Alfred Carncross**, the senior partner coming from Stratford, Taranaki where for seven years he was manager of The Settler - Stratford Evening Post and the other partner a brother of the Hon W. C. Carncross from Eltham.

The Hastings Standard was at that time housed in an old wooden building at the corner of Queen St and Station St (Russell St) This building had served in turn as an auction room, a temporary post office, a barbers shop and other.

William Charles Whitlock was born in London 1865, the son of a London solicitor. Mr Whitlock came to New Zealand when 22 years of age and was engaged in farming and goldmining in the Buller district for two years before acquiring the Egmont Settler, published in Stratford. Later, when the two Stratford newspapers were merged, he became manager of the Stratford Evening Post. It was in May 1907 that Mr Whitlock went to Hastings and with his partner, Mr Alfred Carncross, assumed control of the Hastings Standard, which they purchased from the late Mr William Hart. The Standard was progressing and journalism was tranquil. At the suggestion of William Nelson and with his guidance, some influential HB men interested in the formation of a company to take the standard and publish a newspaper of commercial and civic value to the district. On December 12, 1910, the first number of the Hawke's Bay Tribune appeared. It

incorporated the Hastings Standard and was produced under the direction of Mr Whitlock, who became managing editor and director. Until his retirement towards the end of 1933, he remained the guiding and driving force of the paper.

WM. CHAS. WHITLOCK,
Editor.

A. CARNCROSS,
Manager.

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in New Zealand.**

The Hastings Standard

(ESTABLISHED 1896)

Contains the latest Telegraphic, Cable, Sporting,
Commercial and Shipping News.
The People's Popular Paper for Local News.
Published every Evening and delivered throughout
the District by Mounted Runners.

The only Daily Newspaper in Hawke's Bay Electorate.

WHITLOCK & CARNCROSS Proprietors.

1907 May, William Charles Whitlock of Outram Rd became editor and Alfred Carncross of Hastings St was manager, they delivered their newspapers by mounted runners from their premises on Station St

NOTICE.

TO SUBSCRIBERS AND
ADVERTISERS.

DURING the building of New Premises for the HASTINGS STANDARD, the Commercial Business will be conducted in a TEMPORARY OFFICE in Cassin's Auction Room buildings in Queen street, adjoining the old Offices.

Whitlock & Carncross,
PROPRIETORS.

**HASTINGS AUCTION MART,
QUEEN STREET**

**WEDNESDAY, 19th JULY, 1907,
At 2 p.m**

F. CASSIN has received instructions to sell by auction the Buildings for removal, at present occupied by the "Hastings Standard."
Gas fittings and stoves
Also
Full particulars upon application
F. CASSIN,
Auctioneer

1907 May Notice, and July F. Cassin selling for removal the Hastings Standard buildings, it was replaced with F. Cassin's new brick building in 1908, a revamp of Queen St after the adjoining fire in 1906

In midwinter 1907 the new proprietors were under strict orders to vacate the premises, then a team of bullocks were hitched to the building and it was hauled onto Karamu Rd and converted into a two-storied building to become the first photographic studio of Mr Poll. The Standard was prepared that Saturday in the moving building, the plant and machinery being temporarily premises at the back of the **Dominion ferro-concrete buildings in Queen St east** nearly opposite the Post Office which were then in the stage of construction. From the temporary premises, a mere shack its flooring boards a quarter of an inch apart, through which glimmered a muddy lake of surface water lying stagnant underneath, the daily paper was brought forth in agony. With bodies frozen and fingers numbed with cold, the compositors snatched type from cases and reporters and editorial staff wrote shiveringly at their sunless desks with the damp cold winds assailing them from below and all around. Some two or three months later the construction of the new printing house in Queen St east later occupied by Stickland & Bryant was completed and with the coming of spring another Sunday was selected for the removal of the plant into premises which to the long-suffering staff appeared palatial after the hovel-like conditions they had endured.



Corner of Queen St east and Karamu Rd nth shows a corner portion of a wooden building on the site at right edge, the later HB Tribune site



Queen St east at Karamu Rd nth corner 1912 shows Wallace Poll narrow photographic studio with large signage partially seen - poss the late Hastings Standard building from Station St behind F. C. Tipping new brick building 1908 that later became Simpson & Bates barristers & solicitors, taken from the Grand Hotel



Queen St east shows Stickland & Bryant printers, stationers, The Hastings Standard temporary printing plant was near Karamu Rd nth corner next to the old removed Hastings Standard building from Station St.

1907 September, The Hastings Standard was now registered in Queen St.

1908 January, The Hastings Standard is now published in the new permanent office in Queen St east where the business is now being conducted. William Charles Whitlock and Alfred Carncross, proprietors and Edwin (Ted) Montague Maney a canvasser and reporter.

Edwin (Ted) Montague Maney who as canvasser and reporter had been closely associated with the Hawke's Bay Tribune since its inception. Born in Wellington in January 1867, the second son of the late Andrew Joseph Maney of Napier. In early childhood he came to Napier with his parents Mr and Mrs Andrew Maney and was educated there and at the Catholic Boys' School at Meeanee. Later he went to Auckland and served his time as a compositor on the Auckland Herald, afterwards joining successively the staffs of the New Zealand times and Evening Post wellington the now defunct Dannevirke Post and finally the Hastings Standard from which he transferred with the rest of the staff to the Hawke's Bay Tribune on the founding of the paper. Stricken by illness which he must have known was fatal he persistently refused to give in and worked on.

1908 November, Elections, The Hastings Standard newspaper are indebted to the Postmaster and the staff of the Hastings's Post Office for the painstaking manner in which they devoted every energy to place the telegraphed election news in our hands last night. At one time during the evening there was a sudden stop of the messages, and we attributed this to a block on the line either at Napier or between Napier and Wellington. We then threw on the screen the following statement. "One of the first duties of our new member is to improve the telegraph service in Hastings." We regret to find that in some quarters this was taken as a reflection on the staff of the Hastings Post Office. The impression we wished to convey was that it was time that the Telegraph Department in Wellington provided an extra wire so that messages could be despatched and received at Hastings without having first to pass through the operators' hands in the Napier Post Office.

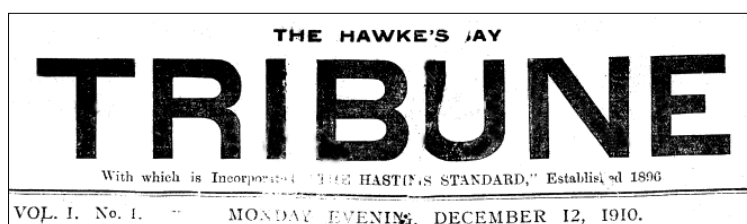
1909 June, George Cullen a mechanical staff member at The Hastings Standard office for the past 9 years.

Mr Victor Peddie a Hastings lad was an early employee at The Hastings Standard, then he joined the circus and travelled the world, returning to Hastings with Barton Bros Circus in March 1911.

In March 1910, The old Standard had fought and won against the attempt of the breakwater party in Napier to load the district with another large loan to be spent on the proposed Napier breakwater construction.

1910 December, Alfred Carncross now of Duchess Cres retired from the partnership and departed for Auckland. William Charles Whitlock now of Eastbourne St.

The day of the slow hand-setting of type had passed with the new lino-type. Help Help came from **William Nelson** always a keen and critical observer of men and events he volunteered financial backing and as a result of two or three meetings the Tribune Ltd was formed to take over The Hastings Standard and publish a big provincial paper to be known thereafter as **The Hawke's Bay Tribune**. Sufficient capital being subscribed by others, Rev P. Ramsay was one. Mr William Nelson did not take up any shares in the company but will always be regarded as the father of the Tribune.



1910 December 12th, Monday Evening Vol 1, No 1, The Hastings Standard was now **merged and incorporated within** in the 'Hawke's Bay Tribune' under a directorate company

On Monday 12th December 1910 - The Hawke's Bay Tribune made its first appearance from its temporary publishing place in Queen St nearly opposite the old wooden Post Office and the Standards printing plant was used except that the case type was discarded and two linotypes were used instead. The slogan adopted by the Tribune in 1910 was that it stood for sound principals and allowed free expression of contending views and this the paper endeavoured to live up to through successive years. The old Hastings Standard was a township paper while the new Hawke's Bay Tribune would cover a more district scope.

1911 March, The tender of T. Styles (£3670. 1 /-) has been accepted for the erection of the Tribune buildings on the section at the corner of Queen St and Karamu Rd Hastings. The unsuccessful tenderer's were - Hay and Sons £3724.1/- Stanley Bros. £3700.1/-, Hill Bros. £3680. 1/- The building is to be completed in three months.

1911 July, A serious accident occurred at Woodford House School when Mr Dave MacDonald, engineer in the employ of Messrs Niven and Co had his right arm chopped off between the shoulder and elbow. Details of the accident are not available further than that it happened at 2 o'clock and that he was engaged fitting in the machinery for the school laundry. Mr MacDonald **was at work erecting machinery in the Tribune's new building the previous day**, is a universal favourite and the news of his sad mishap came as a great shock to his fellow workmen and friends. The injured man was at once removed to Nurse Jeffard's and is now receiving every care and attention.

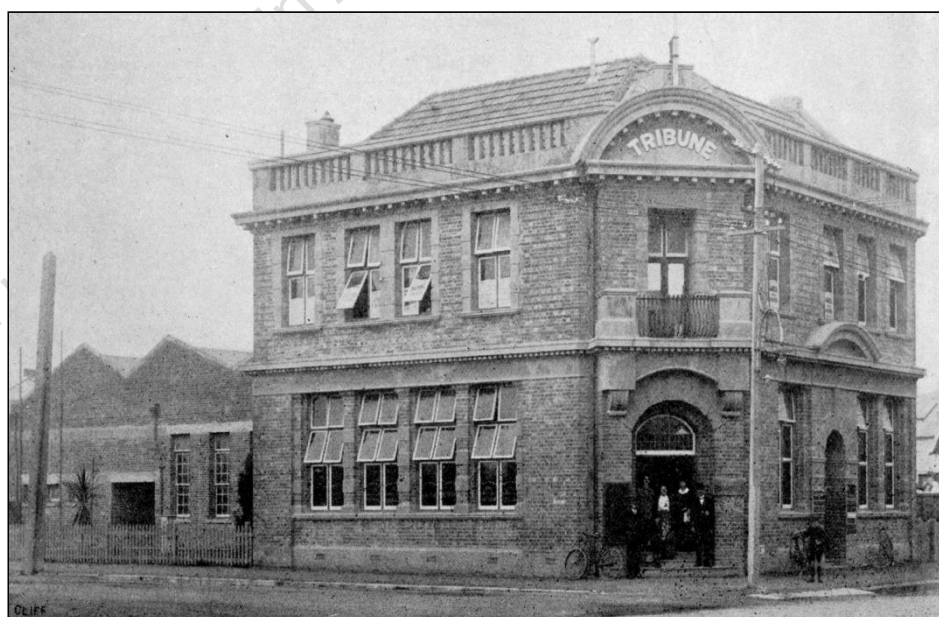
On 28th August 1911, Ten months after its first issue, the Tribune moved into its new brick offices and machine rooms at the corner of Queen St and Karamu Rd. Here the linotype battery commonly known as the British linotype composing machine had been increased to five modern machines and the massive Cossar press the invention of Thomas Cossar, built by Payne and Sons, the most up-to-date flat bed printing machine with an output capacity of 3500 papers per hour was put into commission. Equipped with all the facilities afforded by the most perfect machinery money can buy and supplied with the latest foreign, New Zealand and local news by Press Association, special representatives and our own reporters, contributors and correspondents, to present readers with a complete review of the happenings of each day.

1911 July, The main Hawke's Bay Tribune building on the corner Queen St and Karamu Rd nth with the exception of the machine room is a **two storied** one and the whole construction is of **brick**. Although far from being completed, sufficient progress has been made to allow the printers to take possession, but for the present **the commercial department will remain in its present premises in Queen St**. It is our intention to make the Hawke's Bay Tribune not only the vehicle not only the daily news of the world, but to replenish its column with all the matters of local interest and interesting articles on general matters. Its columns shall be open to correspondence and every variety of sport will be regularly reported. As the past the events of the turf will receive full attention and political matters will have prominent place. The 'Tribune' henceforth will be issued from its new building. These are fine brick premises providing complete accommodation for the various departments for the production of a first-class paper. The machinery room is a capacious building fitted with all the modern appliances for a metropolitan paper. No provincial newspaper office in the Dominion is better planned or equipped. The plant which we have already described is running excellently and for this our thanks are due to the staff of experts responsible for its erection. The design of the machine room and the laying out of the machinery was the work of Messrs Niven and Co, of Port Ahuriri, and the carrying out of the plans was entrusted by the firm

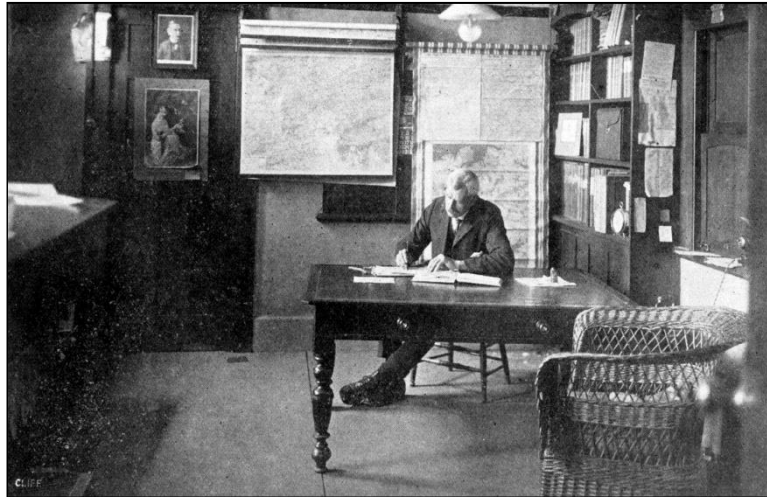
to **Mr Dave Macdonald**. Unfortunately he met with a serious accident which incapacitated him and Messrs Ross and McGrath of Messrs Niven and Co.'s staff were commissioned to complete the power installation.

The Cossar machine was erected by Mr John Lowe of Wanganui and the erection of the linotypes was undertaken by Mr Samuel Cox, the expert who is to have charge of the machine room. A 12 foot pit and the concrete foundations had already been prepared, enabling the work of erection to be commenced without delay. The pit, it may be mentioned, is for the convenience of leaning. One of the latest 25 h.p. National gas engine has already been installed, and shafting completed, and everything was in readiness directly the final touches were given to the machine. With the Cossar flat-bed web two continuous rolls of paper over four miles in length is automatically worked through the machine, and complete papers of eight pages are printed at the rate of about 6000 per hour, the papers cut, folded, pasted together in pages and counted in two-dozen lots ready for delivery. Weighing over half a ton when first threaded on the machine ; the paper is taken by one cylinder and printed on one side, and by an arrangement of cams and rollers is carried through over the top of the machine, high up, right to the back, it is then brought down to the second cylinder, the other side being printed. It is conveyed by another series of cams and rollers to the top of the machine again, cut down through the centre, turned at right angles into the first folder, being V shaped ; it then passes around the cylinder of the folder, is cut to size, and by a tumbler motion in one of the cylinders it is given a second fold ; it then passes along tapes and gets its last fold by a knife arrangement. It drops down into the fliers and passes out into bundles of two dozen each, ready for the runner boys to deliver to subscribers.

1911 September, H. Ian Simson applied to the council to remove a cottage situated next to the HB Tribune buildings in Queen St to a site off Karamu Rd – it was deemed not fit to be removed.



1912, Hawke's Bay Tribune office and press corner built by T. Styles corner of Queen St east and Karamu Rd nth, architect by Cliff



W. A. Whitlock in his office desk with photos maps etc



1912, Hawke's Bay Tribune was under W. C. Whitlock and W. A. Whitlock on Queen St, it eventually became the Hawke's Bay Herald Tribune under Mr W. C. Whitlock and James Holmes

William Charles Whitlock was later joined by W. A. Whitlock. Miss M. A. Alexander worked at the HB Tribune office for 6 years along with Mrs Rudduck and Mr E. Maney, she retired in December 1916.

1912, John William Crossland b: 1871 Yorkshire, England the son of Elizabeth and Charles Crossland came out to NZ and settled in Hastings joining the staff of the Hawke's Bay Tribune as a machinist. John William Crossland a labourer at 910 St. Aubyn St east. In December 1926 he went to reside in Masterton where he entered into tyre repairing business.

1914 August, Reporter - Mr F. L. Vickers.

During WW1 younger members of the Tribune staff of military age were fighting side by side with thousands of other gallant sons of New Zealand on Gallipoli and in France, the older members remaining behind gave themselves to the service to the public, working day and night to produce the latest news in print, on notice board and by telephone, of the progress of events on various fronts and at sea. The Tribune also had the privilege of collecting large sums of money for these and kindred organisations - The Belgian Relief Fund

1919, post WW1, **Mr Ernest Moore**, joined the Tribune at Hastings - later staff of the Hawke's Bay Newspapers Ltd, he died November 1933.

1920 December, **The Hastings Standard** was last registered - William Charles Whitlock of Willowpark Rd Hastings for the H B Tribune Limited, Queen St Hastings - but H B Tribune continued into The HB Herald Tribune then The HB Today.

W. C. Whitlock had a keen and active interest in the development of the town and district. He was ever ready to aid any worthy cause and for many years was president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was also a foundation member of the Hastings Rotary Club. He was closely allied with the early days of the Hawke's Bay and East Coast Aero Club and its activities in the district, being a foundation member and one of its first executive members. After his retirement in 1933 he took a leading part on the committee investigating the potentialities of the abandoned East Coast railway and strongly advocated the completion of this important link, then he took up citrus farming in the Tauranga district, but when his health began to fail, he went to live in Tauranga.



William Charles Whitlock died in October 1946 aged 81. Mr Whitlock's first wife died about 20 years ago at her residence Remuera in June 1926 Mary wife of W. C. Whitlock. She was Mary Saul, a daughter of Mrs Marie Alexander, Widow of Albert Alexander, R.A.M., of Tasmania. There were four children - two sons, Messrs W. A. Whitlock, present managing director and editor of the Herald Tribune and J. L. Whitlock, Wellington, and two daughters, Mesdames M. d'Auvergne, Maraetai, and Richard Cobbe, Whakatane. Later Mr Whitlock married Miss Florence Williams of Hastings, who survive him.

1922 October, Mr Hastings Braddell, sub-editor of the Invercargill Times, formerly editor of the Nelson Colonist, has been appointed editor of the Hawke's Bay Tribune.

Hastings Braddell b: 1883 in Ashburton the son of Annie and Charles Braddell, Hastings Braddell was a journalist and sub-editor of the Southland Times Invercargill for over twelve years, then editor of the Nelson Colonist. In 1908 Hastings Braddell editor of the Waikato Times married at St. Mary's Church Hawera by the vicar, Rev J. R. Cassell to Maggie (Nita) Anita Hewitt youngest daughter of Vincent B. Hewitt of Normanby. Children -1909 Josephine Braddell and 1916 Charles Jack Braddell. In April 1912 Mrs Hastings Braddell of Nelson was on a short holiday in Hawke's Bay at her sister Mrs W. Patterson at Waipukurau, now in Hastings. In October 1922 they settled in Hastings where Hastings was editor at the HB Tribune. Hastings Braddell died at his residence 208 Gray's Rd Hastings in September 1926 aged 43. Maggie Anita Braddell nee Hewitt married James William Hirst in 1931.

1925 January, Edwin (Ted) Montague Maney who had been closely associated with the Hawke's Bay Tribune since its inception died on his birthday aged 58. He left a widow, Mrs M. A. Maney, two sons Clarence Maney a chemist of Napier and Eric Maney of Brothwick's staff Hastings, three sisters Mrs Fernandez of Sydney, Mrs J. A. Vidal of Hastings, Mrs Hartnett of Wellington and one brother Mr Richard Maney. The funeral will leave the Catholic Church Hastings for the Hastings cemetery.

1926 March, Mr A. O. Wellwood of Hastings has been appointed to an important position as a sporting writer on the NZ Referee. Mr Wellwood was connected with the Hawke's Bay press for several years, during which he proved himself an excellent reporter with a good all round knowledge of sporting especially of racing.

1926 April, The Hawke's Bay Tribune's new costly **Foster Rotary Press** at 18ft long and 5ft 7in width it stands 9ft 2in in height and can print any paper from four to twenty four pages in one operation producing an eight, ten, or twelve page paper at the rate of over 24,000 copies per hour folded and counted. With the electric Wrinkler Process or matrix.

1926 August, A. L. Ryan chief reporter on the Tribune staff has so far recovered from his serious illness and is able to walk into town. He is hopeful of resuming duty sometime next week.

1926 September, Hastings Braddell died at his residence 208 Gray's Rd, husband on Nita aged 43. The staff's of the various departments of the Hawke's Bay Tribune attended.

1926 December, John William Crossland who discharged the duties of machinist for many years at the office of the Hawke's Bay Tribune Ltd was met in the publishing room by members of all departments to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure to Masterton where he enters the tyre repairing business on his own account. Mr Cox chief engineer presided. After five years residence in that town he left to reside at Pahiatua, leaving there for a 12 mths holiday visit to England, on his return he retired and came to Hastings where he died June 1946 aged 75. He was survived by his wife Beatrice Crossland she died June 1950 at Hastings.

The HB Tribune competed equally with the HB Herald for limited patronage, following the HB quake they merged for for the HB Herald tribune which eventually taken over by HB Today

HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society shows at the HB Jockey Club racecourse –

The HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society sheared this site until 1911 when they purchased the Tomoana grounds from Mr Nelson.

1887 March, Supposed stolen on the 15th instant from the racecourse, Hastings, a brown gelding with wall eye, five years old, 15 ½ hands high, blotch brand on near shoulder, shod all round, value £30; had on an old saddle with odd stirrup-irons, a single-rein bridle with silver bit, and leather stoppers on rein, value £1 .10s.; the property of James Munn. Identifiable. The horse, saddle, and bridle, the property of **James Munn**, supposed stolen from the racecourse, Hastings, have been recovered; not stolen.

1890 February, Another attraction has been added to the miniature lake in the grand stand enclosure of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Mr H. J. Jull, the new landlord of the Hastings Hotel, having presented a beautiful pair of tame grey ducks to the club. The ducks will in future accompany the swans in their peregrinations round the lake and they will doubtlessly afford pleasure to lovers of plumage who avail themselves of the garden seats under the willows during the intervals between the several races.

1893 August, Mr J. Scott has secured the contract for building additions to the Jockey Club's Grand Stand at just under £300.

1895 November, The Town Band have applied to the Jockey Club for permission to play on the lawn on the full moon. As a large number of people find their way to the racecourse whether the band is playing or not, presumably there will be no objection. It would certainly be very enjoyable and might be tried if only as an experiment.

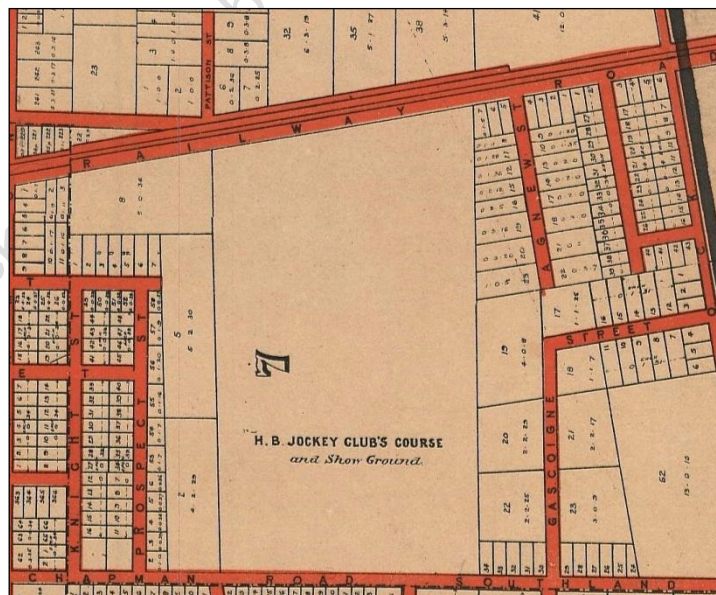
1898 July, There are some persons in the locality of Hastings who imagine that the main thoroughfare has been purchased by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for training purposes. A few nights' since, probably drawing near midnight, one of these training events were being indulged in, the distance being about two miles, say Hastings to Havelock. The time recorded we could not definitely say, but judging from the pace made shortly after the start, it could not have been more than 4min. 20 secs. Now what we want to impress upon these riders is, that the Jockey Club have not yet purchased the road between here and Havelock and consequently it cannot be made use of as racecourse, we therefore advise any person who may have the impression that it can, to in future bear in mind that there are all sorts of penalties attached to furious riding in public thoroughfares.

1898 September, The produce shed on the Hastings racecourse, which is being erected by Mr S. T. Tong, will probably be finished this week. It is located behind the people's stand traversing the full length and is about thirty feet wide. Sliding doors are to be placed at either end so that the shed will assume the form of an arcade.

1899 March, Mr **Jerry Coghlan**, caretaker of the Hastings racecourse met with a painful accident. He slipped on a plank covered with dew and falling heavily fractured the small bone of his leg.

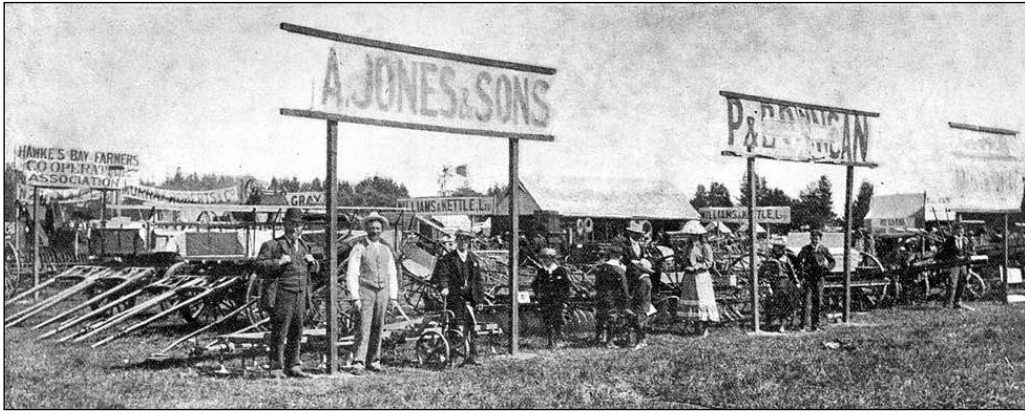
1899 June, The purchase of the Bank of New Zealand's handsome premises in Hastings are in the hands of a well-known agent and an offer has been submitted to the H.B. Jockey Club in conjunction with the A. and P. Society. The price asked is a very moderate one - a great deal less than the premises and site originally cost and the terms are most liberal. The Bank in all probability will arrange with the purchaser to open an office on the premises once a week as is now done. The proposal to secure the premises has met with much favour on all sides, as no more convenient or handsome offices could be wished for. The Bank's premises are conveniently situated and commodious and will be a credit to the above institutions as their headquarters. Later HBJC had premises in Market St sth 1916.

1899 July, Tenders for the trenching contract at the Hastings racecourse will close at noon on Friday.



The northern part of Southland Rd was named Chapman Rd after Henry Chapman, Gascoigne St went into Murdoch Rd

1901 September, Tenders for tarring the produce shed on the show grounds and for acquiring the privileges at the annual show will close with the secretary of the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society.



1901 October, The display of agricultural implements and machinery in the leading exhibitions and prize winners section at the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Show Hastings, A. Jones & Sons



1902 January, looking south at HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show being held at the Hastings Racecourse, AWN

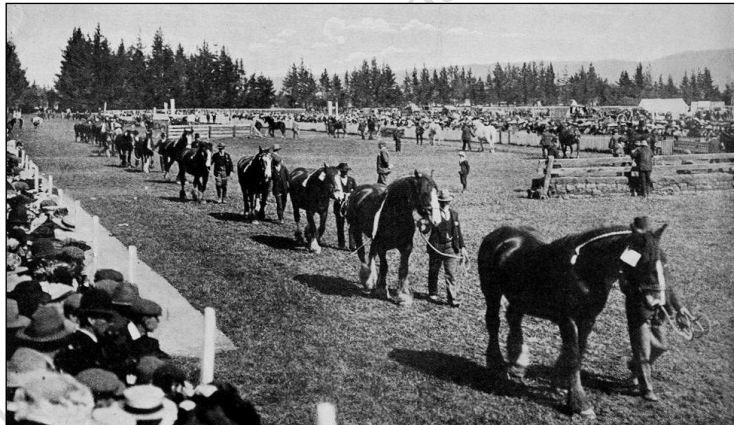


1902 October, HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show being held at the Hastings Racecourse, Grandstand, AWN



1904 October, looking south east towards the railway tree line distant at HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show held at the Hastings Racecourse, by Sorrell, AWN. Shows many windmills on display

1904 August, **Mr W. J. Stratton**, secretary of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, left for Christchurch by the express train on Thursday. His mission is to get, all particulars in connection with the working of the totalisator at the Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting. The South Island club runs its own machines and Hawke's Bay Jockey Club intends to do the same for the future. The club have ordered a machine from a Christchurch firm for delivery early in September. Some time back **Vincent O'Neill**, a well-known Hastings jockey, lost his voice as a result of a severe attack of influenza. For several months he could not speak a word, and small hopes were held out as to his ever regaining his voice. One day at a hunt, he got a severe fall, and his horse rolled on him, but without injuring him badly. When O'Neill got on his feet he found that he could speak as loud as anybody, and his voice has remained sound ever since. His **brother Clarence** recently returned from South Africa, which country he had to leave because he had also lost his voice. He was told that he had consumption of the throat, and that his was a serious case, the chances of his regaining his voice being very remote. Clarence was lying down when the earthquake came along on Tuesday, and like everyone else, got a tremendous fright. He jumped up hurriedly, and, trying to call out to his people, found that he could hear himself. His voice, though weak, is perfectly audible, and very different to what it was four days ago, when he could not go beyond a low whisper. The earthquake has done one person, at least, a good turn.



1904 October 23, looking east towards the railway tree line distant shows the Grand Parade at HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show held at the Hastings Racecourse, by Sorrell, AWN



1905 October, HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show held at the Hastings Racecourse, by Sorrell,



1906, The new Press, Stewards stand at Hastings



1905, the Spring Show held at Hawke's Bay Jockey Club racecourse

1908 January, The **Hastings Town Band** gave an **open-air concert at the band stand in the Lake Garden** at the Racecourse. There was a large and very appreciative audience present, and each item was received with applause, 'the Band has made rapid progress and improved considerably during the last few weeks, disclosing the fact that hard work has been put in at practice. The "Impressions of a Musician" published elsewhere, give expression to a more severe criticism than is required, the main fault resting with the instruments, which were out of tune. A new set, at a cost of about £300, would remedy the defect that was noticeable. This bandstand was possibly removed to Cornwall Park in 1922



1908 October, The HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show held at the Hastings Racecourse, taken from the southern end, shows the grandstand and the new Press, Stewards stand left

1908 October, The side shows did remarkably good business at the H.B. Show, the net individual profits ranging from £30 to £120 for the two days. One proprietor last year paid the sum of £7.10s for the right to run his "hurdy-gurdy." This year he paid £21.10s, and, to use his own words, "made a jolly good bargain."



1910 October, The HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Show held at the Hastings Racecourse, taken from the southern end, shows R. Warren Caterer signage on tent, by F. W. Young



1909 September, Committee of the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society - Back Row: Messrs R. J. Tod, J. H. Macnven F. W. Williams, W. Bridgman, D. H. Potts, V. A. Baxter, H. Campbell, G. Elliot. Middle Row: Messrs J. H. Williams, B. Chambers, J. R. Lanauze, S. Miller, Amb. Wellwood, C. Douglas (secretary), H. McDonald, J. H. Coleman.

Front Row: Messrs A. McLean, R. D. D. McLean, R. Wellwood, Cartwright Brown, N. Kettle (president), T. Tanner, G. Hunter, J. Beatson, Sir William Russell. (Photo by Sorrell.)



Williams and Kettle stand at the Hawke's Bay A and P Show, A number of different types of vegetables are visible, cards that accompany the vegetables read: Poverty Bay Exhibit, Hawke's Bay Exhibit. In the foreground sacks of grain can be seen, one with a First Prize card on it. Photos of cows centre, plaques with vegetables displayed on them are visible on the right



1910 April, Cars and Lady driver's who competed in the Ladies Motor Car Competition at the Hastings Autumn Show held at the HB Agriculture and Pastoral Society grounds. The competition between the ladies was very keen, but Mrs Campbell beat them all at gear changing in a Fedel car and won easily. 1st Mrs Campbell, 2nd Miss Hilda Nelson and 3rd Mrs A. H. Russell.

1910 December, Tenders are invited for the erection of additions to the Produce Shed, etc at Hastings Show Grounds. Plans, etc to be seen at our office. Rush and James, Architects.

The HB Agricultural & Pastoral Society moved to their new grounds at Tomoana

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club –

1901 June, J. Hickey the jockey who was injured on the racecourse yesterday is still lying at Caulton's Hotel in a very critical condition now shows some signs of an improved condition and was considered sufficiently strong to be removed to the Napier hospital for treatment.

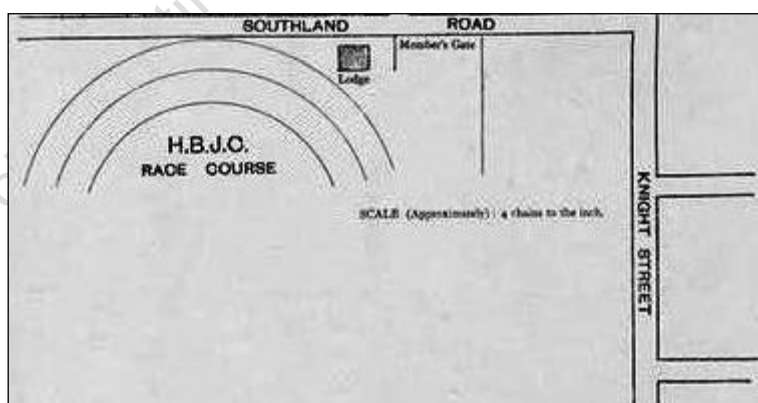
1901 August, Master H. Knight the thirteen year old son of S. Knight of Whakatu met with a nasty accident on the Hastings racecourse. The lad was riding the horse Peter Osbeck round the saddling paddock when the animal bolted, and flung the child against a tree. The boy was picked up insensible and brought into the stewards' room where Dr. Macdonnell made an examination but beyond a slight concussion of the brain, the cursory examination disclosed no serious injuries. He has very much improved and will be about again in a day or two.

By 1904 there were 11 racehorse trainers stationed at Hastings



1906 May, the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn meeting, the band instruments left in foreground with huts erected in the middle of the course paddock, by Sorrell

1906, A serious accident occurred on the racecourse this morning. A lad named **Arthur Erickson**, employed in **J. Cameron's stable**, was engaged removing a boot from the racehorse Needlework's leg. The trainer of Pink 'Un was rubbing down his horse close by, and in the horse's uneasiness backed close to Needlework, and made a fierce "kick at him. The blow, however, was received by the boy on the back of the head, the report being beard over two chains away. The unfortunate lad fell to the ground, and Dr. Nairn was summoned with all haste. On examination it was found that the skull had been fractured and a broken bone was resting on the brain, which caused the boy in his unconsciousness to take several fits. He was removed to Dr. Nairn's Private Hospital in a critical state, and an operation was deemed necessary to enture his recovery. Drs. Nairn and Barcroft performed the operation this afternoon. The injury was made more serious by the heavy shoes with which Pink 'On was shod. Erickson intended to journey to Auckland to night to ride at the Auckland races. His people live in the Northern city. The accident should be a caution to those who have occasion to rub their horses down, after a gallop to keep well away from the danger of other animals' heels.

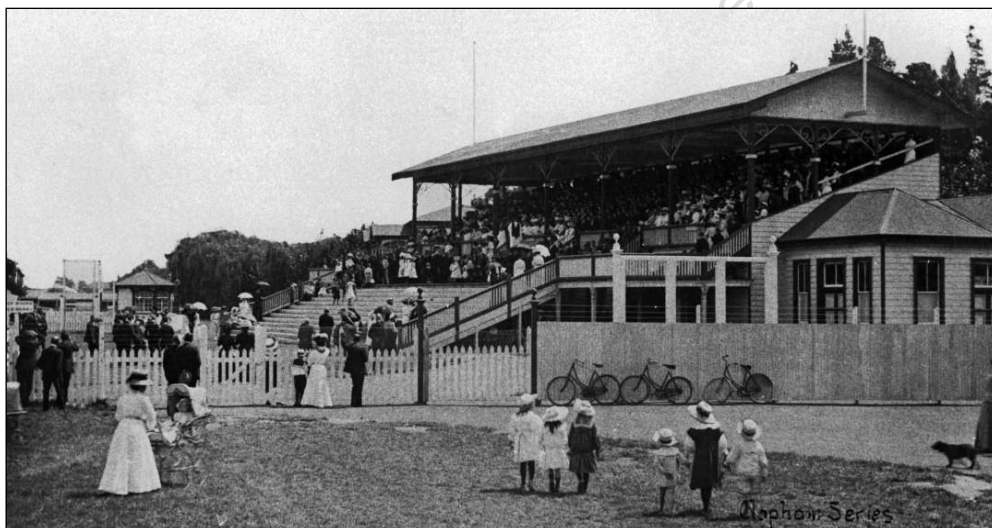


1907, Southland Rd, shows the HBJC with the caretakers '**Lodge**' marked near the Members Gate, The caretaker's cottage was fitted with an accident ward, William Lincoln was the first caretaker of Lodge Hall off Southland Rd for many years. There was also a 6ft high iron fence along the northern boundary

1909 May, From: Secretary **Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Hastings** Date: 12 August 1909 to 18 May 1910 Subject: For totalisator license
 1910, From: Secretary **Hawke's Bay Hunt Club, Hastings** Date: 29 March 1910 Subject: For license to conduct horse races
 1910, From: **W. J. Stratton**, Secretary Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Hastings Date: 23 May 1911 Subject: For use of totalisator on 21st and 22nd June 1911
 1912, From: **A. W. Knight**, Secretary, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Hastings Date: 8 May 1912 Subject: For totalisator permit for 19th and 20th [of] June 1912
 1911, From: **William J. Stratton**, Secretary, Hawke's Bay Hunt Club, Hastings Date: 13 July 1911 Subject: For license under Race Meetings Act to conduct races July 1912



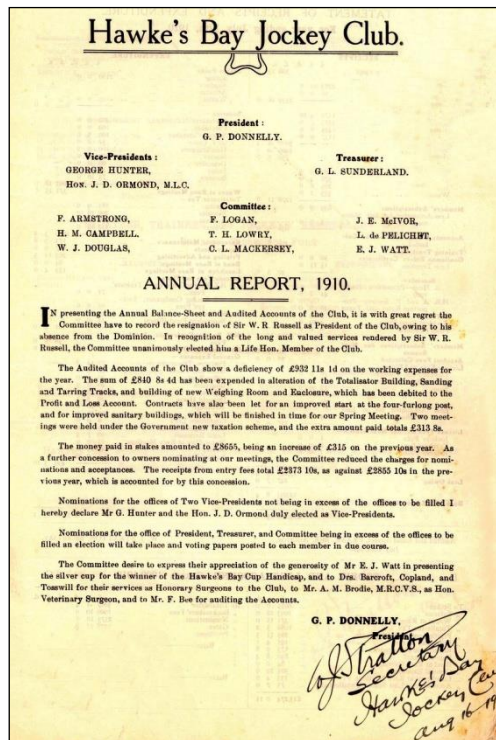
1910 March, An open air religious service at the Hastings racecourse grandstand, by R. Chadwick, Clapham



1910 March, An open air religious service at the Hastings racecourse grandstand, by R. Chadwick, Clapham Series



1910, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and grandstand Hastings



1910, HBJC Annual Report

1911 April, The Hastings Borough Council's Steeplechase - The journey is run on the Municipal Racecourse. All competitors must start from the Mayor's residence go round the Fernhill Quarry, jump the Straker Waggon, pass through the Sewer in Frederick St and get to the Council Chambers as quick as they can. - Assume names of various Hastings icon hurdles around the course.

Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

Winter Meeting, 1911.

To be held on the Hastings Racecourse, Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 & 22, 1911.

President: G. P. DONNELLY.
 Vice-Presidents: GEORGE HUNTER, HON. J. D. ORMOND, M.L.C.
 Treasurer: G. L. SUNDERLAND.
 Committee: F. ARMSTRONG, M. BAIRD, H. M. CAMPBELL, T. E. CROSSE, W. JOHN DOUGLAS, F. LOGAN, C. L. MACKERSEY, J. E. MEIVOR, L. de PELICHER, E. J. WATT.
 Starter: HARRY PIPER. Judge: W. HARTGILL. Clerk of the Course: A. P. O'DOWD.
 Timekeeper: C. M. WHITTINGTON.
 Clerk of the Totalisator: W. A. SMITH. Clerk of the Scales: H. M. BISHOP.
 Handicapper: J. E. HENRYS. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: A. M. BRODIE, M.R.C.V.S.
W. J. STRATTON, Secretary.
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Dates of Nominations, Weights & Acceptances,
 With Amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary H.B.J.C.
WINTER MEETING, 1911.
 N.B.—All events close at 8 P.M. unless stated to the contrary.

Friday, 2nd June.

NOMINATIONS—

Woodlands Hack Steeple	1 sov.
Ladies' Hurdles	1 sov.
Turnover Hurdles	1 sov.
Hawke's Bay Steeple	1 sov.
Whakatu Hack Hurdles	1 sov.
Scarry Hack	1 sov.
Heronage Handicap	1 sov.
Kidnapers Hack Hurdles	1 sov.
Havelock Hack Steeple	1 sov.
Hawke's Bay Hurdles	1 sov.
Ladies' Steeple	1 sov.
June Steeplechase	1 sov.
Bankows Hack Handicap	1 sov.
Final Handicap	1 sov.

Friday, 9th June.

WEIGHTS—All Events First Day, and Hawke's Bay Hurdles.

Friday, 16th June.

ACCEPTANCES—

Woodlands Hack Steeple	3s.
Ladies' Hurdles	1 sov.
Turnover Hurdles	3s.
Hawke's Bay Steeple	4 sovs.
Whakatu Hack Hurdles	1 sov.
Scarry Hack Handicap	1 sov.
Heronage Handicap	3s.
Hawke's Bay Hurdles	2 sovs.

Wednesday, 21st June.
 (Night of First Day's Races)

By 8.30 p.m. **WEIGHTS—**All Events Second Day.

By 9.30 p.m. **ACCEPTANCES—**

Kidnapers Handicap	1 sov.
Havelock Hack Steeple	3s.
Ladies' Steeple	3s.
June Steeplechase	1 sov.
Bankows Hack	1 sov.
Final Handicap	1 sov.

W. J. STRATTON, Secretary.
 Telephone No. 85 Hastings.

1911 June, HBJC Winter Meeting, Hart & Co Printing Hastings

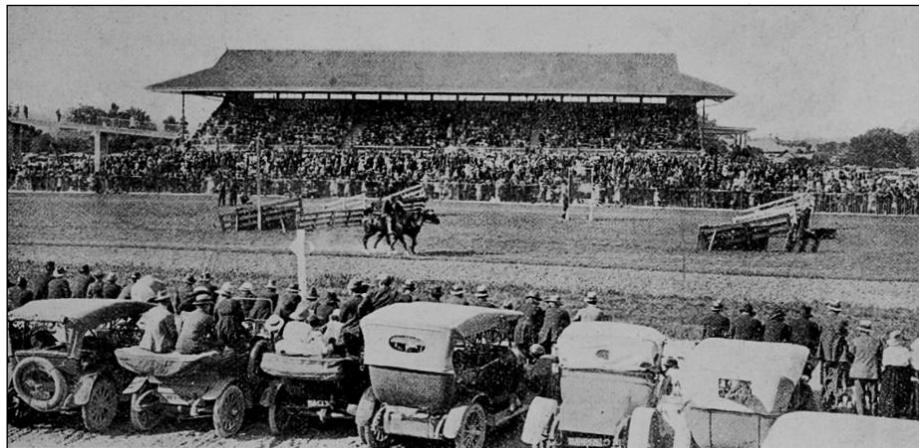
The grandstand built about 1880 with heart totara and kauri timber, the outside enclosure grand stand at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's racecourse in Hastings was totally destroyed by fire in December 1941 - It was the most spectacular fire in the town for a long time.

1914 – 1919, James Brown Percy was custodian at the Hastings racecourse and resided at the racecourse cottage. James Brown Percy the son Janet and the late Richard Sleep Percy of Hororata Christchurch. Alice Mary and James Brown Percy later resided at 507 Burnett St in 1925.



1916, Market St sth upstairs Hawke's Bay Jockey Club office Market St sth opposite the Library

1919, The Hastings Emergency Influenza Hospital at the Hastings racecourse was closed down for the H.B. Jockey Club's New Year race meeting.



1919 November, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club racecourse Hastings shows hurdles, grandstand with connecting concrete walkway and parked cars, AWN

1924 July, Harry Dunn jockey was injured in fall at Hastings racecourse when giving Frank Armstrong's steeplechaser Fireblight training over a big fence, then it came down at the hencoop. Taken to Royston Private Hospital unconscious

1926 May, The jockey F. Jenkins who sustained severe injuries to his jaw when Maungaronga fell in the hurdle race at the recent H B Jockey Club's meeting is still in the same condition as when he entered Royston Private Hospital Hastings. He is being X-rayed every day.

1931 February, **Earthquake** The Royston private hospital staff set-up an emergency quarters at the grandstand, Tea Kiosk and tents in the Hastings racecourse previously used during the 1918 Influenza as emergency hospitals.

*Matron Sister Williams and the medical men who were at Royston Hospital at the time at once realised some place would have to be found to accommodate and deal with all casualties. One of these doctors and **Mr H. V. Hoadley** made a hurried visit to the **Tea kiosk at Hastings racecourse**, which was judged to be undamaged, and orders immediately were given for all further cases to be transferred there. Nurse Cassin and Nurse Tonkin. Owing to the number of voluntary lorry drivers who also congregated at Royston Hospital gates Avenue Rd this was possible without delay. Within two hours of the earthquake every cot case lying on Royston Hospital lawn had been transferred to the racecourse, with bed and bedding. "At half-past one in the afternoon operations were commenced in an emergency theatre in the women's cloakroom' at the Tea kiosk. **Sixty-one operations were performed between 1.30 and approximately 10 p.m.** Each case had full surgical anaesthesia, and in not one of these cases was anything except sterile dressings used. After all casualties had been dealt with an urgent major abdominal operation was performed, and again sterile dressings and instruments were available. This was rendered possible 'only by the amazingly efficient organisation of Royston Hospital in general and its theatre staff under the charge of **Sister Cooper**.*



1931 February, Tents set up at the Hastings racecourse Tea kiosk emergency relief centre

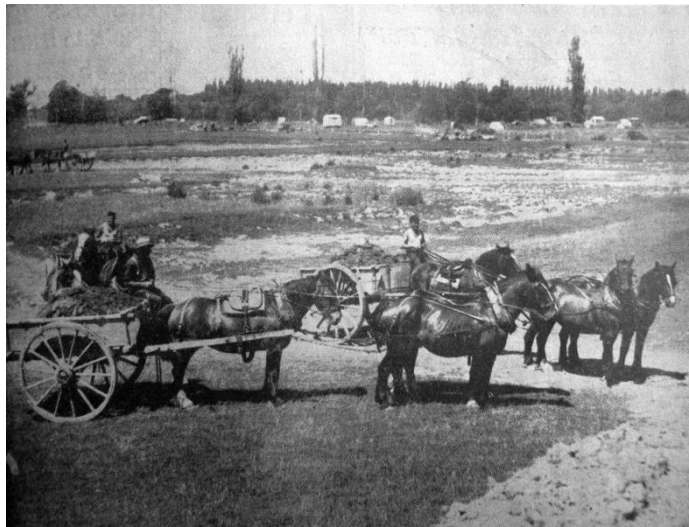


1934 November, The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club have reconditioned the grand stand for the comfort of patrons, stewards and members and will be first occasion they have been in use since the earthquake. The comfort repairs and stability have cost £3000. The whole of the frontage of the main stand for a width of about fifteen feet has been bituminised. A flight of wide steps has been built connecting the two stands affording a quick means of access to those using the Stewards stand. Entrance to the dining room will be by means of steps at the back of the grandstand. Recent rains have put the grounds on most attractive order while the course is in splendid racing condition.

Apart from the railway line the Hastings racecourse is the last antiquarian relic of the founding township – Hastings residents are all too accustomed to the sight and sound of prancing race horses clip clopping their way along the roads early morning to and from the racecourse for training in the 1950's - 1970's.

The ferro-concrete Pakowhai Bridge –

An important access need for Hastings



1939 February, The slow flood prevention work along the Ngararoro River at Pakowhai hand dug with horse & dump dray to build-up the stopbanks, after the disastrous ANZAC Day flood, a workers camp distant



1939 February, The slow flood prevention work along the Ngararoro River at Pakowhai with horse & dump dray to build up the stopbanks



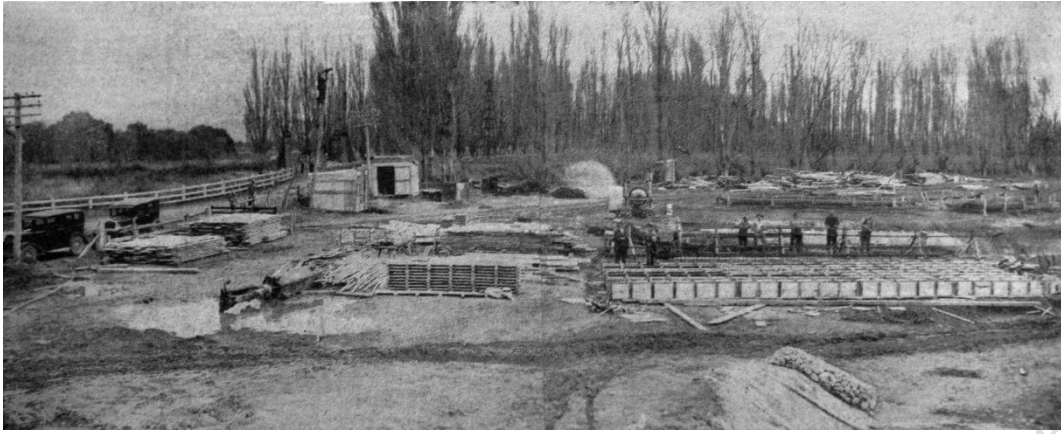
1939 February, Modern machinery, a large bulldozer and scoop now at work on the HB River Boards stopbank scheme at Pakowhai, working at night to complete the stopbanks before winter



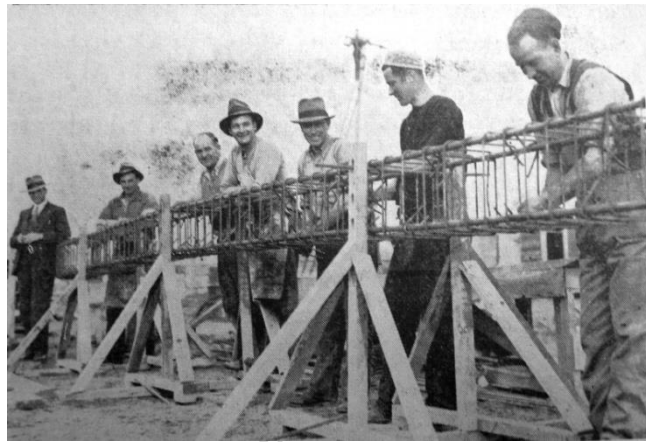
1939, The old wooden Pakowhai Bridge to be replaced by a new ferro-concrete bridge ruminants that remained beside to the 1950's, near the old shingle works



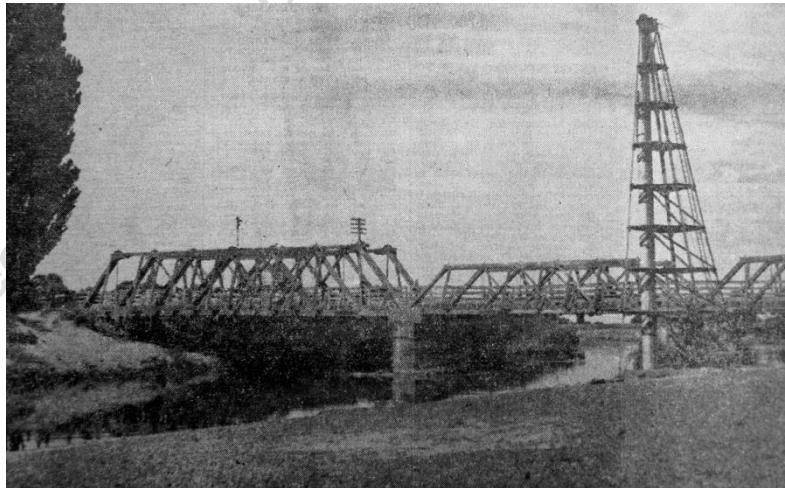
1939, Modern Heavy machinery make light work on the approaches for the new ferro-concrete bridge Pakowhai Bridge, shows the old wooden bridge distant among the trees



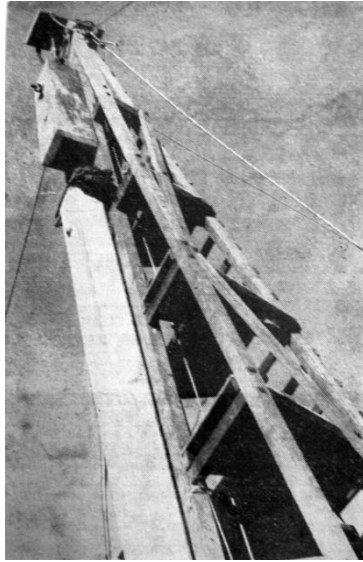
1939, Workmen constructing steel reinforcing for the new ferro-concrete bridge piles for the new Pakowhai bridge, shows the site and camp on the Taradale side of Poplar Ave and a few of the two hundred piles needed to be driven in for the structure over the Ngararoro river



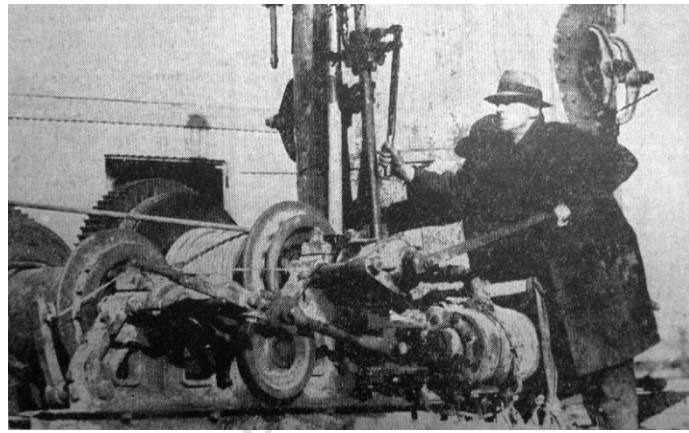
1939, Workmen constructing steel reinforcing for the new ferro-concrete Pakowhai bridge piles



1939, The old Pakowhai wooden bridge at the end of Poplar Avenue across the Ngararoro river before it was diverted into the new Chesterhope, new piles being driven-in to replace the old bridge, the old shingle works behind



1939, The giant pile driver with a 4 ton monkey at the new Pakowhai bridge



1939, The steam winch machine to drive the piles for the new Pakowhai bridge



1939, The Clerk of Works tests the first pile driven in for Pakowhai Bridge, an average of 240 blows to drive a pile in but this one took 270



1939, The winding Taradale approach to the Pakowhai Bridge will be replaced by a new straight road



1939 February, A bulldozer making short work of removing spoil from the roadside on Poplar Ave where the highway is being reconstructed

The Hastings Bowling Club –

1892 April, The proposed formation of a Hastings **Bowling Club** having been abandoned, a committee has been formed for the purpose, a site has been or will be acquired **near the police station reserve** and tenders will be called for the formation of the ground.

The Hastings Bowling Club had opened in January 1893.

1894 October, After passing through somewhat troubled waters the Hastings Bowling Club is again to the fore and will make a start on what it is hoped will prove a very pleasant season. Several new members have joined and as funds are the only things needed to make the club, which has had very heavy expenses in the past, a thorough success.

1894 October, The occasion of the opening meeting of the Hastings Bowling Club and a very fair number of members put in an appearance; there were also present several ladies and friends who evidently took considerable interest in the progress of the rinks. The occasion is generally looked upon as an 'open' event and only scratch matches were indulged in. It was found however, that amongst the new members there are some who will evidently distinguish themselves. Mr Albert Karatiana has generously offered a Maori mat of the value of £7 as a prize for a competition to be arranged. The last of the scratch matches played between representatives of the west and east side of Heretaunga St resulted in a win for the east, skip Mr A. King.

1894 October, Arrangements have been made by the president of the Hastings Bowling Club to inaugurate afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoons, when as a rule several good matches are proceeding. This will no doubt have the effect of popularising the game with the lady friends of the members and thus add to the success of these meetings. A merely nominal charge to pay for service is intended to be made.

1894 December, The ground of the Bowling Club was in fine condition and an interesting game was played between four teams skipped by Messrs Foreman, Karaltiana, Maddlson and Clarke; the the result being - Foreman 35 and Clarke 35 - 70 against Karaitiana 37, and Maddison 29 - 66. Players were drawn for the mat competition, and all matches must be played off before 3 o'clock next Wednesday.

1895 August, There was a slight error in the report of the Bowling Club meeting, as the amount contributed to the funds by Mr J. Reynolds was £10, not £5 as it appeared. As the club is so fortunate to have a credit balance at the commencement of the season there is likely to be a considerable addition to the number of members, as a few of the cautious ones have refrained from joining whilst the club was in pecuniary difficulties. The resolution passed, wiping the slate of back debts and guarantees, will now enable those who have played and not paid to come forward with smiling faces, but should any conscience stricken one wish to condone the past, the treasurer will no doubt be glad to hear of a few additional trophies. The club should be a successful one, for the players are game to the backbone, as evidenced by the manner in which they have taken their past beatings, One member, in specking to a proposition to join the association, instanced a case where three or four duffers who were members had paid a visit to be ignominiously beaten, to which another member rejoined, " Well, If duffers do join we should have a show."

1895 December, A meeting of guarantor members of the Hastings Bowling Club was held this afternoon to consider the advisability of **sinking an artesian well on the club's ground**, the necessity for which has recently arisen. Application is to be made to attach a pipe to the well on a section adjoining, but if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made tenders are to be called for sinking a well.

1896 January, Should the Hastings bowlers receive an invitation to again visit Napier for another friendly contest they will be highly pleased to accept the challenge. At present however, no such invitation has been received and the list of players lately published, together with the number of rinks, may be regarded as somewhat premature if not inaccurate.

1896 April, The season of the Hastings Bowling Club has been a thoroughly satisfactory and enjoyable one. Improvements have been made to the green and as to the play, the marked progress shown by the members, culminating in some glorious triumphs, is now a matter of history.

1897 April, Hastings Bowling Club - A general meeting of the Members of the above club will be held at O'Reilly's Hotel on Monday, 12th April, at 7.80 p.m. James Reynolds, Hon. Secretary.

1900 January, The following Hastings bowlers have notified their intention of taking part in the bowling tournament at Auckland on Monday next: - Messrs -Reynolds, Land, Hazard, Ellis, O'Reilly, Clarke, Holt, Beatson and Bennett. Some of the players will leave for the north this evening, but the majority will proceed by the *Mararoa* on Friday.

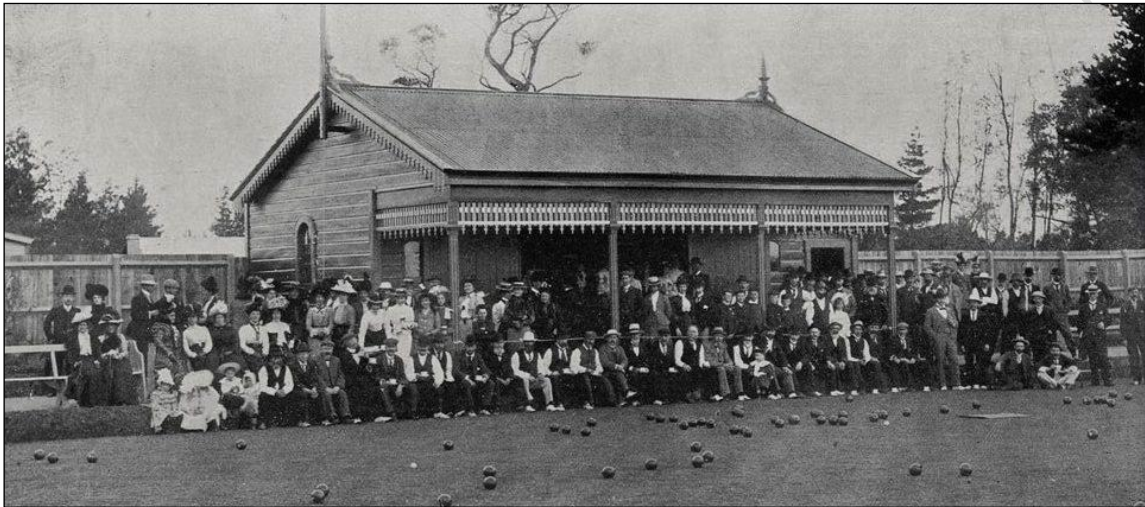


1900 October, Hastings bowling teams - H. S. Hazard, D. O'Reilly, J. Land, T. Clark, P. Martin, G. Ellis, (skip) R. Holt and J. Beatson (skip) taken under canvas tent.

1901 March, Great interest is centred among bowlers and others in the final of the penant match, which takes place in Napier tomorrow afternoon, and the local team is expected to give a good account of itself. The following compose the teams No. 1: Messrs D. O'Reiley, A. King, G. Land, and Hazard (skip). No. 2; G. Ebbett, W. Smart, W. C. Maddison and J. Beatson, sen. (skip). No. 3: J. Bennett, P. Martin, J. Beatson, jun., and J. Holt (skip).



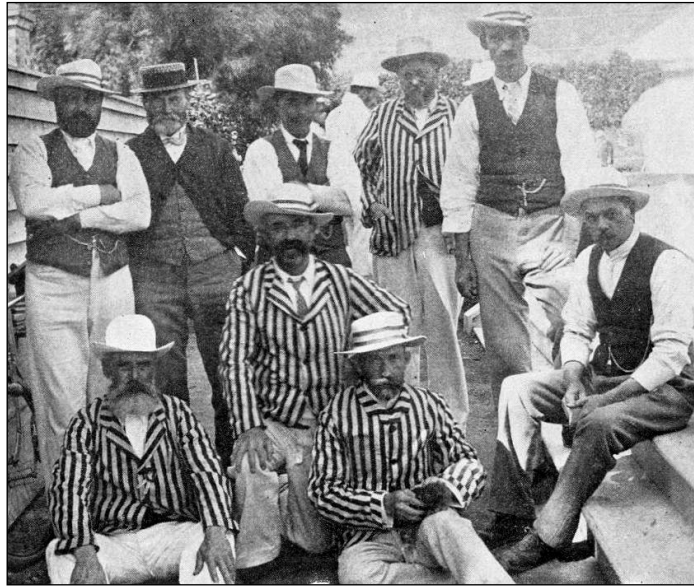
1900 December, opening day of the Hastings Bowling Club, by T. Chas Whitehead



1901, October, A group portrait at the opening of the new Green extension for the Hastings Bowling Club & Tennis Court on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Railway Rd next to the Police Station, Mr W. W. Adams was the Caretaker. AWN by L. C. Whitehead



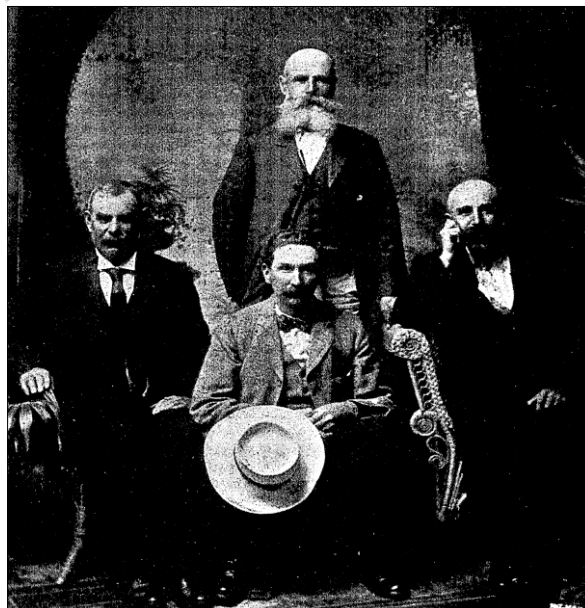
1901, October, The Hastings Bowling Club opening day AWN by L. C. Whitehead



1902 February, Hastings, P. Martin left rear, J. Bennett, O'Reilly, W. C. Maddison, Collinge, J. Beatson (skip) bottom left, Laud, Hazard and King



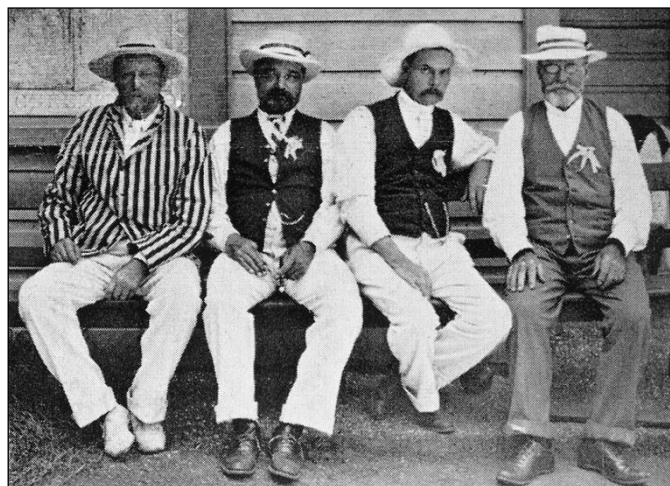
1903 January, Hastings Bowling Club shows – W. O'Reilly, G. Lord, J. Beatson middle seated and J. Holt, note the clubhouse bare weatherboarding



1903 February, Hastings Bowling Team – Standing - Beatson skip, Sitting - O'Reilly, Stuart, Macpherson



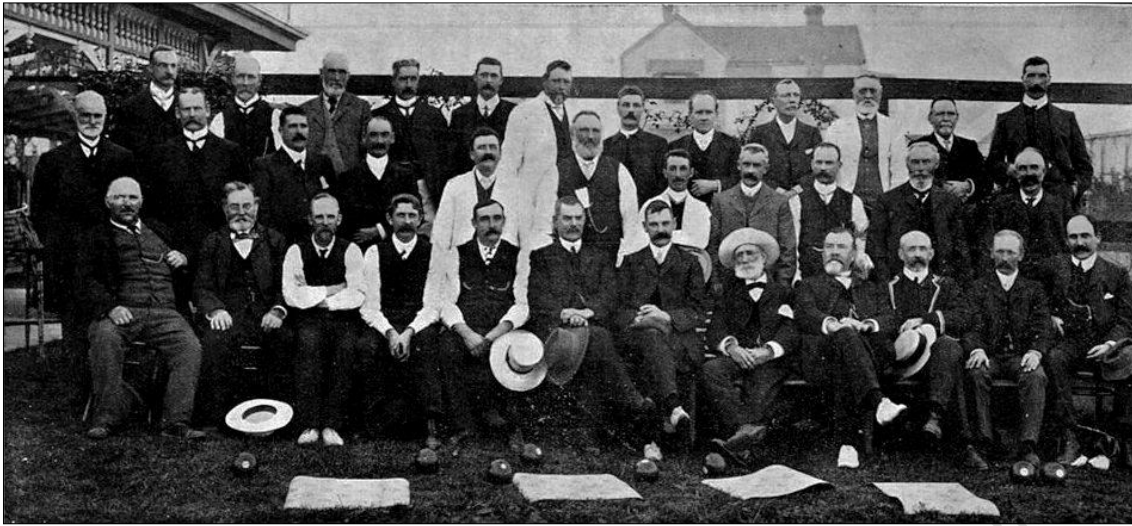
1904 January, Hastings No 1. – J. Beatson (skip) E. R. Cameron, W. J. White, G. F. Roach



1904 January, Hastings No 2. - W. C. Maddison (skip) left Martin, A. King, J. Bennett



1904 January, Hastings Team - W. C. Maddison (skip) left Martin, A. King, J. Bennett and 4 others standing behind



1905 September, Bowlers on opening day at the Hastings green, a large house behind, by Sorrell



1905 October, W. C. Maddison opening of the Hastings Bowling Club season, by Sorrell



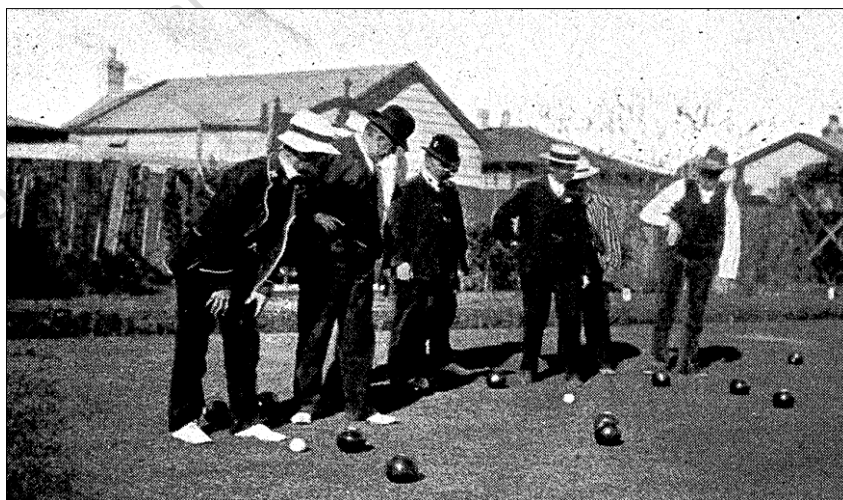
The Hastings Bowling Club & Tennis Court with flagpole in 1906 on the corner of Lyndon Rd west and Railway Rd adjoining the first Police Station with enclosed jail and buildings next to the Courthouse on Railway Rd



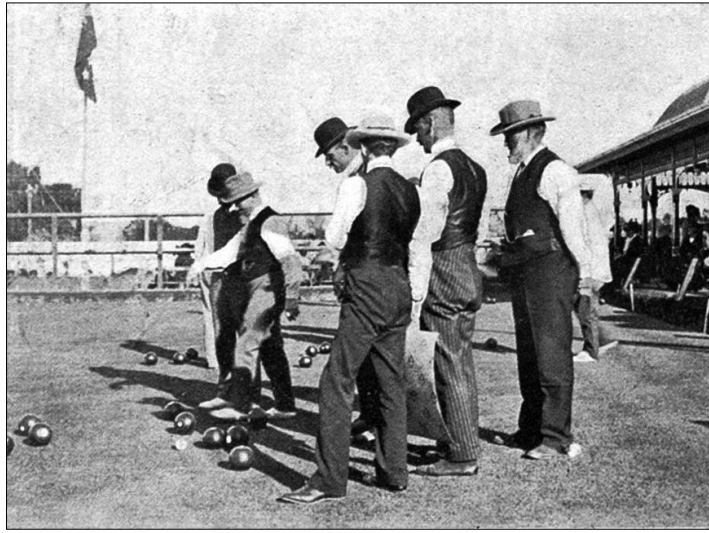
1905 October, Opening day at the Hastings Bowling Club, note the wooden arch and neighbour Police Station buildings, by Sorrell



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1905 October, Bowlers at Hastings on opening day, by Sorrell



1905 October, Opening day at the Hastings Bowling Club shows visitors and members with adjoining buildings background, by Sorrell



1905 October, Opening day at the Hastings Bowling Club shows ladies and members, by Sorrell



1906 January, The Hastings Bowling Club on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Railway Rd, sows pavilion, twin water tanks and tea rooms, by Henry Norford Whitehead



Hastings Bowling Club, by H. N. Whitehead



1906 January, Lady Croquet at the Hastings Bowling green, by Sorrell



1908 January, The Northern Bowling Tournament at Gisborne - No 2 Hastings team – Standing - A. Murley, W. J. White, J. R. Gillespie, G. F. Roach. Sitting – J. Holt, J. Beatson, G. Lamb and W, C. Maddison

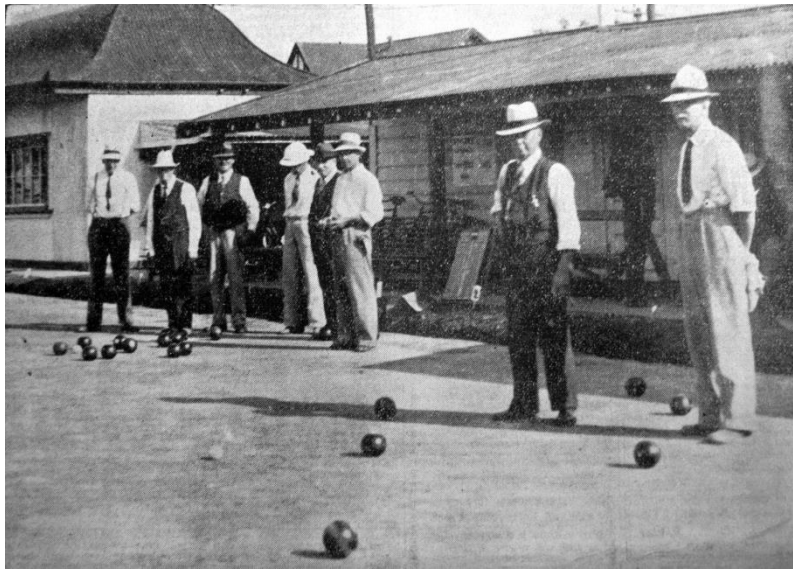


1909 October, Hastings Bowling Club

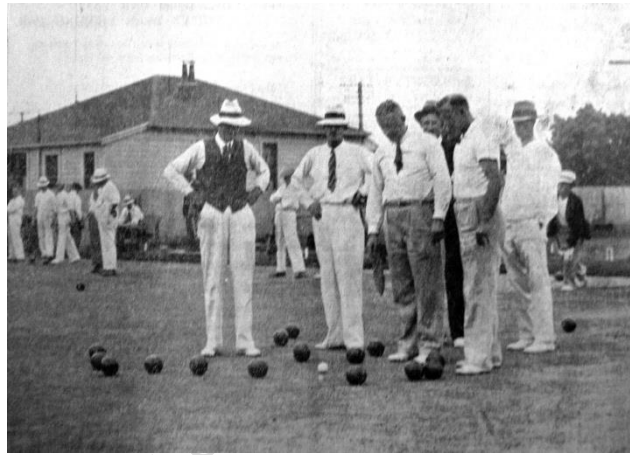
A new Kia Toa Bowling Club was formed in September 1922 off Edgeley Rd, now St. Aubyn St west



1929, Hastings Bowling Club with the St. Andrew's Church behind on Market St sth



1938 April, Hastings Bowling Club shows the old pavilion closed-in



1938 April, The Hawke's Bay Public Service Association held at the Hastings Bowling Club



1938 April, The Hawke's Bay Public Service Association held at the Hastings Bowling Club



1938 April, Hastings Ladies' Croquet at the Hastings Bowling green

HASTINGS BOWLING CLUB	
PRESIDENTS	PRESIDENTS
ELLIS C. 1890-91	ROACH C.F. 1925-26
REYNOLDS J. 1891-92	PARKINSON A.W. 1926-27
BEATSON J. 1892-93	BEWLEY J. 1927-28
HASZARD S.F. 1893-94	GARDNER C. 1928-29
MC LEOD D. 1894-95	MC KEE S.J. 1929-30
MADDISON W.C. 1895-96	ROACH C.F. 1930-31
TYERMAN W.J. 1896-97	PICKERING J.B. 1931-32
NEWBIGIN E. 1897-98	KITCHEN T.G. 1932-33
BEATSON J. 1898-99	FOSTER BROOK 1933-34
BEATSON J. 1899-1900	ESSON J.R. 1934-35
BEATSON J. 1900-01	MADDISON G.A. 1935-36
LAND C. 1901-02	CHRISTIE A. 1936-37
HASZARD S.F. 1902-03	MCINTOSH D.M. 1937-38
ROACH C.F. 1903-04	WATTERS D. 1938-39
MADDISON W.C. 1904-05	WATTERS D. 1939-40
MADDISON W.C. 1905-06	JOHNSTON A.K. 1940-41
O'REILLY D. 1906-07	JOHNSTON A.K. 1941-42
JONES E. BASIL. 1907-08	BENNETT W.D. 1942-43
WHITE W.J. 1908-09	RICKARD B.U. 1943-44
HUGHES C. 1909-10	RICKARD B.U. 1944-45
GILLESPIE J.R. 1910-11	BOYLE E.S. 1945-46
MURLEY A. 1911-12	BOYLE E.S. 1946-47
SMITH W. 1912-13	BOYLE E.S. 1947-48
KING F. 1913-14	BOYLE E.S. 1948-49
PEGLER L.F. 1914-15	BOYLE E.S. 1949-50
BEATSON J. 1915-16	SOLER J. 1950-51
THOMPSON T.J. 1916-17	CHADWICK R.S. 1951-52
HORTON T. 1917-18	CHADWICK R.S. 1952-53
HALL E.J. 1918-19	BOYLE E.S. 1953-54
BATES J.W. 1919-20	BOYLE E.S. 1954-55
MC LENNAN J.R. 1920-21	BOYLE E.S. 1955-56
PEGLER L.F. 1921-22	BOYLE E.S. 1956-57
PITCAITHLY R. 1922-23	BOYLE E.S. 1957-58
MONK J.W.C. 1923-24	COMMINS E.L. 1958-59
WATERS H.W. 1924-25	COMMINS E.L. 1959-60

- PRESENTED BY W. J. WHITE ESQ. -

The Hastings Bowling Club have arranged to erect two 600-gallon tanks on their grounds in May 1902. The tanks will be raised twelve feet, and will be supplied with artesian water by a hydraulic ram.

The Hastings Bowling Club remained at this Lyndon Rd west site until 1954 when it moved to King St nth location, later bought by Woolworths in 1977 for their new supermarket. The Heretaunga Bowling Club was on Heretaunga St west where the Morman Church was built.

The Private Hospitals and Nurses in Hastings –

There was no Public Hospital in Hastings – doctors treated the Hastings patients at home, only the serious cases were sent over to Napier. There were the old Midwives and Nurses in Hastings. In December 1900 Mr P. Gorman of the Carlton Club Hotel started a fund for a Hastings Hospital in offering £25, provided £475 was added to it as a nucleus. Private nursing homes and hospitals began to be established in Hastings.

DR. BAIGH, M.R.C.S., and L.S.A.,
 London, and holder of University Certificate, London; ex-Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator under Local Government Board, England; and who has been actively engaged in Practice for the past twenty years, will Commence Practice this week at Hastings, where he may be consulted at his Residence (nearly opposite to Mr Schaeffer's Boarding-house), St. Albans-street, daily, at ten, two, and six o'clock. 387

1892 April, Dr Sam Haigh commenced practice in St. Aubyn St east opposite Mr Schaeffer's Boarding house

1894 January, An accident occurred near Hastings this afternoon to **Mr J. Oliver, livery stable keeper**. He was riding in from Havelock, when his horse backed suddenly, throwing him violently to the ground. He fell upon his ace, and in addition to a bad shock his nose was severely lacerated and his tight wrist was sprained. Notwithstanding his injuries he remounted the animal and rode into Hastings, where he was attended upon his arrival by **Dr. Haigh**.

1896 December, Mr J. J. Jones of Hastings wrote to the Minister of Health asking - That a Hospital for Natives be erected at Tomoana. - John Jackson Jones.

In August 1898, Mr J. J. Jones of Hastings has addressed the following communication to the Premier :- Hon. Sir, You no doubt have heard of several cases of Natives treating their sick. I have had a case brought under my notice in which a girl suffering from consumption was immersed in water, which you will agree is absolute folly. This is not the only case, but one of many. I would suggest that the Government appoint a medical man - **not a ship's doctor** - to visit the pahs and carry medicine with them, and that a Maori youth go with the doctor to interpret and instruct the Maoris as regards the sanitary laws. The doctor should be authorised to visit every home. The Maoris are dying from want of proper. Hoping to hear from you re the matter." - John Jackson Jones.

[CARD.
MRS E. L. DICKSON,
 DIPLOMAED LADIES' NURSE,
 NELSON STREET, HASTINGS.

1895 February – June 1895, Mrs Eliza Luke Dickson nee Williams, a diplomaed ladies nurse at 309 Nelson St at the corner of Southampton St, wife of James Dickson, she was in practice prior to 1895, she died at Hastings September 1924 aged 77

MRS BAMFORTH, Ladies' Nurse,
 King St., Hastings Comfortable
 apartments for Ladies from the country.

1897 June, Mrs Ellena Bamforth, Ladies Nurse, 405 King St nth past St. Aubyn St

In March 1910, the residence of Mrs E. Bamforth, who was the owner and occupier situated in 405 King St caught fire. The house was a **two-storey** one and contained **13 rooms**. Before the alarm was given many willing hands assisted in saving the furniture and effects. The neighbouring house belonged to Mr F. Apperley. Mrs Bamforth was in Wellington and the remainder of the family were also absent.

WANTED KNOWN.—That Mrs
 WILSON, of Queen street,
 opposite Mr Roach's, draper, is open
 for engagement as lady's nurse.

1898 July, Mrs Wilson, a lady's nurse of Queen St opposite Mr Roach's draper

1901 April, Mrs Walker, Market St Hastings announces she is open to engagement as ladies' nurse.

Isabella Bethune b: 1865 in NZ the daughter of Eliza (Elizabeth) and Ebenezer Bethune, she had one sister and one brother, her mother Mrs Elizabeth Bethune (late of Dunedin) died at Wellington in September 1901 aged 76. Isabella Peterson nee Bethune died August 1932 in Wellington aged 59.

The South African War - The sinking of the R.M.S. *Tokomaru* in the English Channel by a German submarine brings back an incident of local interest which occurred on board that vessel on the voyage out from Home in 1900. On this particular occasion there was much sickness on board, and **Miss I. M. Bethune (better known in Hawke's Bay as Nurse Bethune)** who was a passenger, acted as nurse to the whole of the ship's patients, including many of the New

Zealand and Australian troopers who were returning from the South African war. Her zeal and unflagging attention evoked the greatest gratitude from the captain, passengers and crew, and just before the arrival of the *Tokomaru* in Hobart, Miss Bethune was presented with a very handsome illuminated address signed by Captain Maxwell and 194 passengers. Now that the *Tokomaru* has been sunk, the testimonial though prized before in doubly treasured. The address is on view in the window of Mr J. R. Gillespie of Hastings.

In May 1903, Waipukurau Hospital, Received from Nurse Bethune tendering her resignation at the end of the month - Received.

1903, Isabella Murray Bethune married Alfred Bert Peterson.

In April 1904, Shipping - *Westralia* s.s. for Northern ports and Sydney - passengers : Nurse Bethune.

In 1905 Nurse Bethune's private hospital Eastbourne St Hastings.

In March 1905 Shipping - The U.S.S. Company's s.s. *Talune* arrived from Auckland at 7.30 and sailed for Napier - Outward: Nurse Bethune.

Nurse Bethune returned to Hastings to operate a Private Hospital business in Eastbourne St from 1905 - 1910

1905, Isabella Murray Petersen, proprietress at Nurse Bethune's private hospital **Eastbourne St** Hastings

John Joseph Bishop a painter died October 1905 at Eastbourne St he had married Norah Theresa Hickey in 1901, in 1905 Nora Bishop a widow, Johns son from his first marriage Thomas Bishop a tailor and Johns mother Mrs J. N. Bishop a widow all at Eastbourne St. This is poss where Nurse Bethune opened her private hospital.

1905 Isabel and Alfred Burley Peterson a trainer at Hastings

1906 September, White Fox Terrier with black mark on head. Will finder please return her to Nurse Bethune, Eastbourne St, Hastings.

In 1907 September, Advert - Good plain cook wanted - Apply Nurse Bethune, Private Hospital, Hastings.

1908 January, That the good work of **Nurse Bethune** in her Private Hospital in Hastings has been appreciated, is shown by the patronage she has received in many forms, including useful and valuable gifts to the Hospital from many of her patrons, among whom may be mentioned specially: Mr and Miss Williams (Frimley), Mr and Mrs Holdsworth, Mr and Mrs G. P. Donnelly, Mr and Mrs John Nairn, Lady Russell, Mrs Stanton Harcourt, Mr and Mrs W. Broughton. Mrs Hamilton Russell, Mr and Mrs Frank Nelson, Mrs Robert Nairn, Mrs and Miss McLean (Duart), Mrs and Miss Beamish (Stoneycroft), Mrs Bernard Chambers, Mr and Mrs Renata, Miss Barcroft, Miss Page, Mr Tu Teira, Mrs J. Reynolds, Mrs McIvor.

1908, Isabel and Alfred Burley Peterson a trainer along with Elizabeth Mary Peterson a spinster at Southampton St Hastings.

1908 May, A fireman named McCorkindale on board the 12 o'clock train from Waipukurau was taken suddenly ill, and was unconscious by the time the train arrived in Hastings. He was removed to Nurse Bethune's.

In June 1908, A man named James Lynn of Raureka met with an accident . He was seated in a gig and when coming around the corner from Heretaunga St into Station St, overbalanced and fell over the side of the trap. He received a nasty gash over the left eye and was rendered unconscious. Constable Le Fevre immediately sent for **Dr. McKibbin** who after bandaging the man's head ordered his removal to Nurse Bethune's private hospital. Dr. McKibbin states the injured man is making satisfactory progress and pronounces him now out of danger.

In July 1908 Alfred B. Patterson horse trainer b: 1871 Norway charged with assault, breach of Licensing Act and obscene language at Dannevirke, he got one month or 2ms, 7 days.

In October 1908, When entering the Ranfurly Private Hotel yesterday a Taranaki visitor, Mrs Wann slipped on the verandah step and falling broke her left arm and severely sprained her ankle. Dr. Tosswill attended and had the sufferer removed to Nurse Bethune's private hospital.

In December 1908 Alfred Bernard Petterson a horse trainer committed suicide **at Nurse Bethune's private hospital** in Hastings by taking carbolic acid. Alfred Bernard Patterson aged 37. Isabella Peterson nee Bethune died August 1932 in Wellington aged 59.

In December 1908, A serious accident happened near Mr Masters' hop gardens on the Havelock Rd, **Samuel Clarke** 30 who is in the employ of Mr C. Bennett was riding along the Havelock Rd and was thrown from his horse. In falling one foot caught in the stirrup iron the unfortunate man was dragged along the road for some distance. Clarke received a fracture at the base of the skull, apparently being the result of a kick from the horse. When picked up Clarke was in an unconscious condition. Dr Tosswill attended and had him removed to Nurse Bethune's private hospital. The case was looked upon as very critical and only the slightest hope was held out for his recovery. He only regained consciousness

for a few seconds at long intervals and died. It is not believed that deceased has any relatives in the Dominion, he having come from Australia.

1908 December, Death by poison. Alfred Bert Petersen who was the husband of Nurse Bethune and a hard drinker committed suicide **at Nurse Bethune's private hospital** on Sunday afternoon by taking carbolic acid. The deceased, who was 37 years of age, was a Norwegian, and a horse trainer by occupation. He had been to the Woodville races with a horse and returned to Hastings on Saturday night and to his home at midday on Sunday. At about 2 p.m. he called Nurse Margaret Dorset into his room and told her that he had taken carbolic acid. She immediately summoned Dr John C. Tosswill by telephone. The doctor was quickly in attendance, but the man expired before his arrival. Malcolm Bethune deposed that he was the father of Mrs Pettersen and resided at the private hospital during the last two years. Doris Evelyne Champney was a nurse at the hospital rang Drs Nairn and McKibbin and then Dr Tosswill. Stephen Bishop, butcher, residing in Hastings, deposed that he knew Pettersen,

1909 January, Death. Peddie - At Nurse Bethune's Private Hospital. Hastings, on January 5th, 1909, Thomas, the beloved husband of Catherine Peddie, aged 70 years. The funeral will leave Hastings for the Napier Cemetery at 1 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday) arriving at Clive Square at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 1909 January, We regret to have to record the death of Mr **Thomas Peddie**, which occurred at Nurse Bethune's private hospital, Hastings, to-day. Deceased was widely known and highly respected throughout Hawke's Bay, being for many years licensee of the Clarendon Hotel, Napier. He leaves a widow and family of three daughters (one married - **Mrs J. A. Miller**) and two sons to mourn their loss.

NURSE BETHUNE,
Of the
HASTINGS PRIVATE HOSPITAL,
NOTIFIES that in future she will
be assisted by
Nurse Lorimer,
Of the Wellington Nursing Association.

1909 April, Nurse Bethune of the Hastings Private Hospital, will be assisted by **Nurse Lorimer**, from the Wellington Nursing Association

1909 May, Upon inquiry this morning we were informed that Mrs A. George, who met with a serious motor bicycle accident on Friday, is making favourable progress towards recovery, under the care of Nurse Bethune, at her private hospital.

In June 1909, The many friends of Nurse Bethune will regret to hear that she is confined to her bed in a serious condition of ill health.

In July 1909, Unreserved sale of superior household furniture and effects - On the Premises : Southampton St (**Nurse Bethune's Nursing Home**) London, Stewart & Co Ltd instructed by K. N. H. Browne, Esq., Deputy Official Assignee to sell in the **estate of J. N. Bishop**, Bankrupt, the whole of the Furniture and Effects as contained in the Home as above, comprising - Sideboard in rimu, couch and easy chairs in leather, fancy and occ. tables, easy and other chairs* piano stool in leather, carpet squares, linoleum throughout the house, dinner waggon, hall tables, books, bookshelves and pictures, d. and s. b.m. bedsteads, wire, kapoc and other mattresses, blankets, linen, etc. wardrobes with B.P. mirrors, duchess pairs, ch. drawers, sets ware, kitchens and cooking utensils, crockery. Also Quantity of enamel ware of superior quality.

Poss Nurse Nairn took over the old Bishop residence ?

[A CARD.]
NURSE BETHUNE,
REDROOST,
DUKE STREET.
HASTINGS.

1910 January, Nurse Bethune inserts an advertisement announcing that she has reopened her nursing which is now situate at **Redroost, Duke St**. She operated until May 1910 when she moved to Christchurch

1911, Nurse Bethune lived at Hastings St with her son Thomas Bethune and Shannie Bethune.

1914 May, Death, Bethune - On Tuesday May 19th 1914 at Methven St Hastings, Malcolm Bethune of Clairloch Scotland aged 81 years. The Funeral will leave for the Havelock cemetery.

1914, Nurse Bethune lived at Knight St with her sons Thomas Bethune a labourer, William John Bethune a labourer and Francis Robert Bethune a Draper.

1917, Nurse Bethune - Mrs Isabella Murray Peterson nee Bethune died aged 66.

Miss M. G. Hayward's private hospital at Hastings –

1910 April, a new private hospital was to be opened in Hastings by Miss M. G. Hayward, lately matron of the Westport Hospital. Miss Hayward also had experience in the Christchurch Hospital, but she went to the Masterton hospital.

Nurse Jessie Bullick's Registered Nursing Home, Hastings St, Hastings - from 1910 – 1916

NURSE BULLICK'S
REGISTERED NURSING HOME,
HASTINGS-ST., HASTINGS
SURGICAL CASES TAKEN.
Terms and Particulars on applica-
tion.

1910 January, Nurse Jessie Bullick

1910 September, A fire occurred last night at about 9 o'clock in a 10 roomed house in Hastings St, occupied by **Nurse Bullick**, and owned by Mr A. Leipst. It appears that a young woman was in a bedroom and was carrying a candle. Upon her leaving the room to answer a telephone message, unobserved by her the window curtains came in contact with the candle. She was absent from the room for a few minutes and upon her return found the wall of the room, the curtains, a chest of drawers and some bed clothes on fire. Mr T. Bullick was summoned, and, with the help of some passers-by, he succeeded in extinguishing the flames with buckets of water before they broke through the ceiling. The estimated damage to the room was £10. The house is insured for £450.

1911 October, Birth, Croutis - At Nurse Bullick's, Hastings St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Croutis, a son.

1913, Thomas Bullick died aged 65, Nurse Bullick was now in Karamu Rd

1914 May, Nurse Bullick removed from Karamu Rd to 400 King St, Knight St, Nurse Phyllis Joll was a niece

1914 June, Birth, Thompson - At Nurse Bullick's Home, the wife of H. M. Thompson, a son. (Both well.)

1916 December, Death. Bullick - At Dr. Moore's Private Hospital in Napier, **Jessie**, relict of the late Thomas Bullick; aged 53 years.

1916 December, **Nurse Bullick of Knight St Hastings, died at Napier.** Deceased was an old resident of Hastings and had been ailing for some time past from an internal complaint. An operation was performed but without success, deceased passing away as above stated.

Nurse Jeffard's Private Hospital at 506 Nelson St Hastings - operated from 1911 – 1912, it was Nurse Wilkins in 1921.

1911 ER for Hastings lists – **Rebecca Jeffard** married and William Jeffard a private hospital proprietor at 506 Nelson St.

1911 January, Mr Harold Brathwaite is progressing favourably at Nurse Jeffard's.

1911 July, ENGINEER LOSES HIS ARM. A serious accident occurred at Woodford House School to-day when Mr Dave Mac Donald, engineer in the employ of Messrs Niven and Co. had his right arm chopped off between the shoulder and elbow. Details of the accident are not available further than that it happened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and that he was engaged fitting in the machinery for the school laundry. Mr Mac Donald, who was at work erecting machinery in the Tribune's new building yesterday, is a universal favourite, and the news of his sad mishap came as a great shock to his fellow workmen and friends. The injured man was at once removed to Nurse Jeffard's and is now receiving every care and attention.

1911 November, Mrs Pothan wife of Mr J. A. Pothan coachbuilder died at Nurse Jeffard's private hospital.

1911 November, The death occurred at Nurse Jeffard's private hospital yesterday of **Albert William Bell (Bert) Poppelwell**, second son of Mr and Mrs **S. G. Poppelwell** of Hastings. The deceased, who had only entered on his 18th year, had been an inmate of the hospital for the past few weeks suffering from appendicitis. Several operations were necessitated, and at first no serious consequences were anticipated. Some days ago, however, matters assumed a serious aspect, and despite the efforts of the best medical skill, the young lad passed away at 5.55 last evening. Deceased was latterly employed at Messrs. de Pelichet and McLeod's office-, Hastings, and was very popular with his associates. He was well known in hockey circles, and was an enthusiastic member and captain of the Hastings B. Club. Mr and Mrs Poppelwell and family will have the sincere sympathy of a very wide circle of friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place to-morrow, leaving the Catholic Church at 2.30.

1912 March, a young man named George Matthews a grocer's assistant in the employ of Mr G. F. Roach, received rather serious injuries was cycling along his right side of the street towards Havelock, when he collided with a gig occupied by a man and woman. The shaft of the gig struck the cyclist on the chest and threw him violently to the ground. Several onlookers carried him to Messrs. Ballinger's shop. Dr Wilson was summoned and ordered his removal to Nurse Jeffard's Private Hospital. A strong wind was blowing and it is thought that Matthews had his head down and did not see the gig until the driver called out to him. On enquiry at Nurse Jeffard's this morning it was ascertained that Matthews is slightly better, though it will be some time before he can resume work. No bones were broken, but it was found necessary to **operate**, and this was successfully performed, however, he took a turn for the worse, and he gradually became weaker and died aged only 19 years of age, was the fifth son of Mr and Mrs **P. Matthews** of Duke St, Hastings.

1912, FOR SALE, Bradley Gig (rubber tyred), Pony and Harness, also good Saddle and Bridle. - Apply G. B. Mackay, Nurse Jeffard's Hospital, Nelson St Hastings.

1912 May, In connection with the civil case Nurse Jeffard v S. G. Poppelwell, at the Hastings Court yesterday in which it was stated the former obtained judgment by default on account of defence not being filed in sufficient time, Nurse Jeffard wishes to reported that the law allows five clear days in which notice of defence is to be filed, and as this information is printed on the summons, the defendant in every case is given ample time to file a defence.

PRIVATE Hospital For Sale, Hastings, H.B. We have been instructed to sell privately Nurse Jeffard's "Guildford House" Private Hospital; Registered Surgical and Medical Home. First-class business; well and favourably known; recommended by Doctors; freehold premises; furniture and appliances. Price, £1500, £350 cash, balance easy terms, or will lease as going concern. Inquiry solicited from bona-fide buyers. Cassidy and Co., Box 197, Hastings.

1912 May, Selling Privately Nurse Jeffard's Guildford House, private hospital

1913 August, Private hospital for sale in one of the best parts of Hastings. This is thoroughly and scientifically fitted up, all ready for use as a going concern. Stands on an acre of ground. Full particulars re terms – Fred Cassin Station St

The Jeffard's went to NSW Australia where William was a Signalmen for the Railways, Rebecca (Bec) nee Smith b:1882 UK, died September 1948 aged 69 NSW.

Nurse Nairn's Private Hospital, Southampton St west near King St -

Miss Flora Elsie Nairn a Registered nurse from Dannevirke and N. McNeill as Nairn and M'Neill private hospital

1909 October, WANTED Cook and Housemaid. Apply Nurse Nairn; Private Hospital, Hastings.

1909 November, Birth, Sercombe- At Nurse Nairn's private hospital, on Saturday, 13th Nov., the wife of Frame Sercombe, Paki Paki, of a daughter.

1909 December, Little Malcolm Baker who was kicked in the face by a horse on Friday night is progressing favourably under careful nursing at Nurse Nairn's private hospital. It will be some time before the wound is healed and it is not known -yet whether it will leave permanent disfigurement.

1910 March, Death. Swan - At Nurse Nairn's Private Hospital, Southampton St, Hastings, Mary Ana (Polly) Swan, aged 28 years. The Funeral will leave Southampton St for the Hastings Cemetery.

1910 January, Considerable annoyance and discomfort is experienced by patients in Nurse Nairn's private hospital through traction engines passing along **Southampton St**. The matter can easily be remedied by drivers of traction engines passing along Lyndon Rd or Knight St. As attention has been drawn to the matter drivers will doubtless avoid giving further cause for complaint.

**NURSE NAIRN,
PRIVATE HOSPITAL.
Southampton street, HASTINGS
Telephone 190.**

1910 May, Flora Elsie Nairn's private hospital, 404 Southampton St, Hastings west

1910 May, Mrs Beckman's Death. Mr S. E. McCarthy, Coroner, held an inquest into the cause of death of Mrs Julia Beckman, aged about 33 years, who was found in a weak state in her bed on the night of the 14th inst, when she was removed to Nurse Nairn's hospital, where she died the following day of Typhoid.

1910 Directory lists – Miss Flora Elsie Nairn and Miss Martha McNeil, private hospital, Southampton St, Hastings

1910 January, Death. Cottle - At Nurse Nairn's Private Hospital, Hastings, Lawrence Cottle, beloved husband of Ethel May Cottle; aged 52 years. The Funeral will leave his late residence, Maraekakaho Rd, for the Hastings Cemetery

1911 Directory lists – Miss Flora Elsie Nairn private hospital, 404 Southampton St, Hastings

1911 February, Death Fortune - At Nurse Nairn's Private Hospital, Hastings, Robert, the beloved husband of Jennie Fortune, aged 35 years. The funeral will leave his late residence, Warren St, for the Hastings Cemetery.

1911 July, Constable Dwyer of the Hastings Police force is at present an inpatient of Nurse Nairn's private hospital suffering from a severe chill.

1911 November, We regret to record the death of Mr Patrick Herlihy of Pukahu, which took place at Nurse Nairn's private hospital, Hastings, yesterday. Deceased had been ailing for some time and was in his 52nd year. The funeral will leave the Hastings Catholic Church to-morrow at 4 p.m.

1911 Directory lists – Mrs Flora E. Nairn private hospital, at 404 Southampton St, Hastings

1912 August, A very old colonist in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Ramsdon passed away at the residence of **her neice**, Nurse Nairn, at Hastings on Saturday last. The deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 94 years, arrived in New Zealand some seventy-one years ago, and for the greater part of the intervening period has been a resident of Pourere, in the Waipawa district. The interment took place at the Havelock cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr Lush of Havelock, conducting the burial service.

1913, **Nurse Flora Elsie Nairn** ceased her private hospital when she married - At St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, the contracting parties were Nurse Nairn of Hastings, daughter of Mrs Henry Nairn of Cambridge Waikato, lately of Pourere, Hawke's Bay, and Mr Douglas Barrington Kent, solicitor of Hastings and son of Mr. Douglas Barrington Kent of Christchurch. The Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her cousin Dr. Nairn.



The Hastings YMCA in March 1958 acquired the big old two-storeyed house on 2 ½ acres at 503 Railway Rd, with a huge Sequoia tree in the front grounds that belonged to Dr Walter William Moore and was **once a home of Dr. H. M. Wilson and private hospital of Robert Nairn surgeon**. The Makirikiri creek flowed near this property

1932 April, The death is announced of Dr Robert Nairn aged 70, a resident of Hastings since 1894. The deceased served for two years on a hospital ship between Gallipoli and London during the war.

1944 January, Mrs **Mary Cecil Nairn**, a former resident of Havelock North died at Nether Liberton House, Edinburgh, last week, according to cabled advice. Mrs Nairn, who was the eldest daughter of the late Sir William and Lady Russell,

was born at Redcliff 74 years ago and was educated in Switzerland and Germany. In 1899 Mrs Nairn married **Dr. Robert Nairn, who practised in Hastings for a number of years.** Dr. Nairn died some years ago. Mrs Nairn made several trips to England and four years ago disposed of her interests at Havelock North and left New Zealand to live in Scotland. There are two daughters - Mrs Keith Stewart (Nether Liberton House, Edinburgh) and Mrs H. F. Zino (Madeira) and three sisters, Mrs C. B. Fox (Havelock North), Miss Violet Russell (Scotland), and Lady Price (Gloucestershire)

Nurse O'Callaghan's Private Hospital, Hastings -

1911 March, Nurse O'Callaghan had commenced her duties as Plunket Nurse at Hastings.

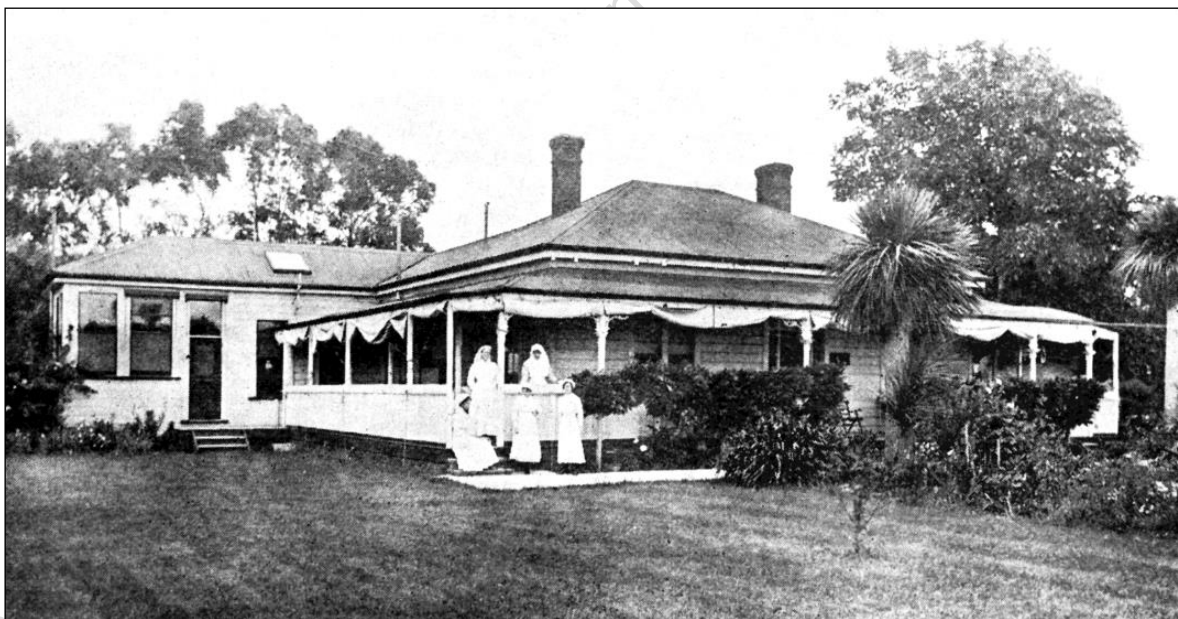
1912 January, Nurse O'Callaghan is leaving after a year of work, intends opening a **private hospital at Hastings.** Nurse O'Callaghan was very sorry indeed to leave her people at Uruti, to whom she had found most kind and appreciative. She had many trying experiences, but will always remember her year among the back-blocks settlers with the greatest satisfaction.

1912, Nurse O'Callaghan district Plunket Nurse at Hastings has resigned in order to take up private nursing in Hastings.

Miss Annie O'Callaghan was a Registered Nurse born in Victoria Australia and arrived in NZ aprox 1908, and with her younger sister (Nellie) Miss Ellen Monica O'Callaghan they established a private hospital at Hastings, another sister was Miss Mary O'Callaghan.

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Medical, Surgical, and Midwifery.
MISS O'CALLAGHAN.
Certificates—Perth General Hospital,
Melbourne Women's Hospital (Mid-
wifery and Gyneacology).
Tel. 186.

1912, Nurse O'Callaghan Private Hospital 711 Avenue Rd east Hastings



Nurse O'Callaghan Private Hospital 711 Avenue Rd east near Riverslea Rd, wooden single story twenty beds, fully equipped with every convenience, taken in January 1918 when put up for sale as a going concern by Christchurch owners Stringer Bridge of Cathedral Square. Dr. Tosswill purchased the property 1920 and it became the first Royston private hospital

Frances Mary Columbia Stack b: 1896 in Hastings the daughter of Catherine and John William Stack, took up the nursing profession when she was 17 years of age at Nurse O'Callaghan's. Nurse Frances Stack died in January 1922 in Hastings aged 26.

1912 May, Charles King who took an overdose of sleeping-draught at Stortford Lodge and was removed to Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital where he died.

1913 May, The Mayor, James William Garnett resident of Market St sth died at Nurse O'Callaghan's Private Hospital in Hastings aged 57.

1914 January, Master Colin McCorkindale died at Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital following a serious operation aged 20, the youngest son of **Mr and Mrs Alan McCorkindale of Hastings**. Colin worked at Paki Paki freezing works.

1914 October, Mr Vickers sen, suffered a serious illness and was removed to Nurse O'Callaghans private hospital. Mr Vickers' condition is still such as to warrant the most careful care and attention.

1914 December, The death took place last evening at Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital of Mrs Rose Heeney, wife of Mr Hugh Heeney of Tomoana Rd Hastings at the early age of 25 years. The deceased had been ailing for some two months, death being due to syncope. The husband and young family will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

1916 October, John Maggin died at Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital following another serious shunting accident at the Hastings Railway Yards. John Maggin was the son of Patrick Maggin. Mr J. E. King was driving the shunting engine. John Hanning was the Railway Stationmaster and **John Hislop** an Engine Driver was in charge of the shunting at Hastings. Dr Ernest Boxer. John Hislop was involved in an earlier fatal train accident at a Napier crossing.

1916 December, Death, Cobb. At Hastings, Lizzie, wife of the late Arthur William Cobb; aged 45. The funeral will leave Nurse O'Callaghan's Hospital for the Napier Cemetery. S. T. Tong, Undertaker.

1917 August, Mrs Lena Horton wife of Mr Thos. Horton of Pakowhai Rd died at Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital aged 48.

1918 November, Death, Vidal - At Nurse O'Callaghan's Private Hospital Hastings, Gerald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Vidal of St. Aubyn St, Hastings; aged 22 years. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

1919 July, Advert - Wanted for Private Hospital, a GOOD SURGICAL NURSE. Apply this month to — Miss A. O'Callaghan, 711 Avenue Rd, E, Hastings, Hawke's Bay.

1919 April, Cyril Gigg, aged 9, son of Mr and Mrs Geo Gigg of Dufferin St Hastings was handling a detonator which he is supposed to have struck with an axe causing it to explode. The result was that the thumb, first, and second fingers of the left hand were blown off, and the thumb and first finger of the right hand and his face and right leg badly injured. The explosion was heard all round the neighbourhood, and Mrs Gigg rushed out and found her son covered in blood. **Dr. Boxer** was immediately sent for and on arrival he ordered the boy's removal to Nurse O'Callaghan's private hospital, where he was to undergo an operation.

1920 January, David Barrett, or Coker a returned soldier aged 25 and single, whose people are said to reside in Christchurch, met with his death as the result of a collision: with a motor car. Barrett was flung violently and his condition being vital, he was conveyed to Nurse O'Callaghan's Hospital, where he died.

1920 **Miss Annie O'Callaghan** left the district for Northland, she died at her home "The Pines" Parua Bay in June 1924 aged 59, following an unsuccessful operation six months prior. She leaves a younger sister Nellie, who was her partner in the farm at Parua Bay, a brother at Hikurangi, a sister in Hastings and three sisters in Australia. Miss Mary O'Callaghan died at Hastings in 1933 aged 65.

1920 October, Nurse Beatrice McLean intends doing private nursing at Hastings.

In 1921, **The Royston Private Hospital Avenue Rd west** was named after a village in Kent opened - a group purchased Dr Tosswill's property on Avenue Rd including his medical equipment and they opened it as a private hospital, but most ailing Hastings citizens could not afford it. April 1921, **Nurses MacLellan and Walker** have given up their private hospital at Hastings and for the present intend to do private nursing. These nurses recently returned from a year's trip to England where they had a delightful holiday. In April 1927 **Nurses Kendall and McWilliam** who have successfully run the Royston Private Hospital in Hastings for several years are giving up their profession on account of marriage. **Nurse Alberta Sugden** trained at Napier Hospital and **Nurse R. S. Williams** of Christchurch Hospital have taken over.

Dr. John Cecil Tosswill died at his home, Hastings in August 1934 aged 69. He was born in 1867 at Prebbleton, Canterbury, where his father was a wellknown early settler. Educated at Christ College, he later went to Edinburgh University, where he obtained his degree in medicine. After practicing in various hospitals in England, he went to Hastings in 1895, and was partner with Drs. Faulkner and Linney, and later practised on, his own account. About ten years ago he suffered a serious breakdown in health, and after his recovery he did not continue in practice. Dr. Tosswill is survived by his widow and two sons, Mr John Terence Tosswill, who is practising as a solicitor in Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States and Mr Rowland Cecil Tosswill, engineer of Toronto, Canada.

1906 May, The following Hastings residents have been registered under .Section 1, of The **Midwives** Registration Act, 1901 - Mary Baldwin, **Ellena Bamforth**, **Jessie Bullick**, E. Cable, Georgina Moss, **Agnes Robertson**, A. Rogers and Mable Sands.

1906, **Nurse Rogers'** Registered Lying –In Home, Queen St Hastings –

[A CARD]
Nurse Rogers
REGISTERED LYING-IN HOME
QUEEN STREET,
Hastings

1906 September A. Rodgers

1907 June, **Nurse Cable**, Registered Nurse Queen St Hastings

NURSE P. J. SMITH,
CERTIFICATED NURSE
(Late of Waipawa).
PATIENTS ATTENDED TOWN
OR COUNTRY.
Address—
MRS DE SEYMOUR,
Nelson street, Hastings.

1908 August, Nurse P. J. Smith Nelson St, late of Waipawa till October 1908

1908 May, Birth. Ellingham - At **Nurse Rogers'**, corner of Nelson St and Avenue Rd on May 12th 1908, the wife of Alfred Ellingham, Pacific Hotel, Hastings - a son. Both doing well.

1908 August, Dr George Anderson Copland, medical practitioner at Hastings

Dr. George Anderson Copland b:1868 in Otago, the son of Katherine and James Copland. He had two brothers and three sisters. In September 1866 in Dunedin he married Katherine Rutherford Anderson. They had six children. She died in November 1887 in Dunedin, George Anderson Copland died in 1927 aged 59.

1908 August, Nurse P. J. Smith (late of Waipawa) inserts a professional notice. Communications are to be addressed c /- Mrs de Seymour, Nelson St Hastings.

1909 August, Birth. Muir – At Nurse Rogers' Avenue Rd, Hastings, the wife of G. Muir, a son.

1910 January, Birth. Deighton. At Nurse Rogers' Home, Hastings, Mrs H. A. Deighton - a daughter.

1911 January, Birth White - At Nurse Rogers' Lying-in Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. H. White of Hawkston, a daughter.

NURSE ROGERS' LYING-IN HOME.

NURSE ROGERS wishes to inform the Residents of Hastings and surrounding Districts that she has engaged the services of a Nurse to assist her in Maternity Cases, thus ensuring day and night attendance.

Ladies wishing to be nursed in their own homes can make all necessary arrangements with Nurse Rogers at corner Nelson street and Avenue road. Hastings. Telephone 401.

1912, Nurse Rogers' maternity lying-in home corner Nelson St and Avenue Rd Hastings

1910 January, Birth. Biel - At **Mrs Bamforth's Nursing Home**, to Mr and Mrs Charles Biel, King St Hastings – a daughter.

Annie V. Thomas, a registered nurse and midwife of 114 Duchess Cres Hastings

Jean Mackenzie Young a registered nurse and midwife of 201 Nelson St Hastings

1911 January, Births, Ross - At **Nurse Smith's private hospital**, to Mr and Mrs A. D. Ross, twins, son and daughter.

1911, **Dr. Bernard Samuel Story** b: January 1872. He married Winifredae Pascalinae Pedrazzini b: 1867 in Gloucestershire. They had one son and two daughters. Winifredae Pascalinae Pedrazzini nee Story died November 1923 in Hastings aged 56 and Dr. Bernard Samuel Story died September 1937 aged 65, and he was buried in Hastings.

**NURSE JEFFERD'S MEDICAL AND
SURGICAL NURSING HOME,
NELSON STREET, HASTINGS,
Is now ready for Patients. Terms on
application.
Ten years' Nursing Experience, four
of which were spent in West London
Hospital, for which institution Nurse
Jefferd holds certificate. All patients
will receive personal attention. Com-
munications to be addressed to Nurse
Jefferd, Guildford House, Nelson street,
Hastings. Phone 298.**

1912, Nurse Jefferd's medical and surgical nursing home, Nelson St Hastings

1912 February, **Miss Browne**, C.R.M.W., Private Nursing Home for Ladies, corner Grays Rd and Queen St Hastings

1912 May, **Miss Browne**, C.R.M.W., Private Nursing Home for Ladies, now at 503 Pepper St, Hastings.

1913 October, Mrs Annie thrown from a spring trap on Heretaunga St west was taken into **Dr. Macdonnell's surgery** Heretaunga St west and was removed to **Nurse English's** private hospital where she died.

1913 October, Carl Ritz aged 53 a native of Austria, employed at Horton's Nurseries, Hastings, who drank an irritant poison on Monday evening, died at Nurse English's private hospital.

1914 July, Births - Pohio - At **Nurse Bamforth's, King St**. Hastings, the wife of W. Pohio - a son. Downey - On August 7th, 1914, at Nurse Bamforth's, King St, Hastings, the wife of J. J. Downey - a daughter. Hood - On August 13th, 1914, at Nurse Bamforth's, King St, Hastings, the wife of E. W. Hood - a daughter.

1915 April, Birth, Franklin, At Nurse Smith's Maternity Home. Hastings, the wife of J. L. Franklin of Waimarama - a daughter. Both well. James Lawrence Franklin had married Ada Brittin in March 1914.

1915 August, A very old resident of Hastings in the person of Mr John Bee, second-hand dealer, passed away at **Nurse English's private hospital** aged 71.

1915 August, The death took place at Nurse English's private hospital of **David Roberts**, well known in the Wairoa district. Deceased was **12 years of age and was for some time employed as a drover** at Mohaka.

1915 August, The many friends of Mr and Mrs Terence Wellwood of Dannevirke will regret to hear of the death of their 5 weeks' old child, which occurred at Nurse Bamforth's private hospital, Hastings.

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1915 October, Birth, Taylor - At **Nurse Sullivan's**, corner **Queen St and Princess St**. Hastings, to the wife of William Taylor of Longlands - a son. Both doing well

1916 February, Birth, Scullion - At **Nurse Johnson's, 311 Hastings St**, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs S. Scullion, of Meeanee - a son. Both well

1916 April, Birth Webb - At **Nurse Harper's, Hastings**, to Mr and Mrs Webb of Beach Rd - a son.

1916 April, Death, Sister Margaret Henderson Ross - At the Napier Hospital, Margaret Henderson Ross of Edinburgh, Scotland, **niece of Mrs McLeod Watson of Hastings H B and nurse to the late Mr J. N. Williams**, Frimley Hastings. Sister Margaret Henderson Ross, who passed away recently, had her training in Birmingham (England) and Scotland, and was assistant in charge of a hospital in Glasgow. She was the eldest daughter of Alexander Ross of Edinburgh and was related to Charles Ross of Balmatcowan Castle, Rothshire. Deceased came to New Zealand 21 years ago and did private nursing in the Hawke's Bay district. Messages of sympathy have been sent to her sister by a large number of friends.

1916 June, Birth, Ewart - At Nurse Johnson's, 311 Hastings St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs F. Ewart - a daughter- Both well.

NURSE BRAZINGTON SMITH
 Has returned to Hastings, and is prepared to take engagements for general and Maternity Nursing.
 Address: C/o Mrs. Thompson, St. Aubyn street; or E. H. Leigh, Grand Pharmacy, Hastings.

1916 June, Nurse Brazington Smith has returned to Hastings, maternity nursing, later at Avenue Rd and 210 Miller St

1916 July, Births. Glengarry - At **Nurse Osborne's Maternity Home, 213 Avenue Rd east**, Hastings, the wife of R. Glengarry - a daughter.

1916 July, Births. Garland - At Nurse Osborne's Maternity Home, Avenue Rd, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs S. O. Garland - a son.

1916 August, Birth. Nelson - At **Nurse Rogers**, to Mr and Mrs F. A. Nelson, Southampton St, Hastings - a daughter.

[A CARD.]
NURSE SNOW
 QUALIFIED MATERNITY NURSE,
 is open for engagement either in town or country.
 Address: 411 Eastbourne Street, HASTINGS.

1916 August, Nurse Snow, Qualified Maternity Nurse, is open for engagement either in town or country. Address: 411 Eastbourne St Hastings.

1916 September, Birth, Jessop - At Nurse Johnson's, 311 Hastings St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Alfred Jessop - a son. Both well.

1917 January, Birth, McCormick - At Nurse Johnson's, 311 Hastings St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs John McCormick of Frimley - a son. Both well.

1917 February, Deaths, Hawthorne - At Nurse English's Private Hospital, William Edwin, beloved husband of Ellen Hawthorne, in his 37th year. The funeral will leave his late residence, Brunswick Rd, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, 20th inst.

1917 February, Death, Smith - At Nurse English's Private Hospital on February 22nd 1917. George, the beloved husband of Ellen Smith: aged 70 years. The funeral will leave the private hospital for the Hastings cemetery. An old resident of Hastings passed away at Nurse English's private hospital yesterday in the person of Mr. Geo. Smith, who was well-known as a gardener and was widely respected. Deceased had been suffering from an internal complaint, and was 70 years of age. He leaves a widow, Mrs Ellen Smith of Oliphant Rd to mourn her loss.

1917 April, A motor car owned by Mr Ernest Manning of the Tavistock stables Waipukurau and driven by Mr P. Maloney, with an occupant, a child 13 years of age, the son of Mr Manning, met with a serious accident at about 9 o'clock last night. The car was going from Waipukurau to Napier and when between Waipatu and Karamu bridge something went wrong with the steering gear, with the result that the car dashed with considerable force into a telegraph pole. The driver escaped injury, but the child was badly cut about. The sufferer was taken to Nurse English's private hospital and is progressing as favourably as can be expected. No serious results are feared.

1917 June, Birth, Geake, On June 3rd at **Nurse Howard's, Avenue Rd** Hastings, to Mr. and Mrs Geake of Havelock, a daughter. Both well.

1917 July, Birth, Cullen - At Nurse Bamforth's, King St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs E. Cullen - a daughter. Birth, Thompson - On July 26th, 1917, at Nurse Bamforth's, King St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs A. Thompson - a daughter.

1917 July, Birth - At Nurse Osborne's, 213E Avenue Rd, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs R. M. Thompson of Pakowhai - a son.

1917 July, Birth, McCarthy - At Nurse Bamforth's, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs J. McCarthy, of Napier - a daughter.

1917 July, Birth, Hodges, At Nurse Bamforth's, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs F. Hodges, of Tunanui - a daughter.

1917 July, Mr Harry Cotton, painter and an old resident of Hastings, passed away at Nurse English's private hospital. Death was due to heart failure. Deceased was 67years of age.

1917 August, Birth, Stanley - At Nurse Bamforth's, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs W. N. Stanley, Fenwick St - a son (premature)

1917 August, **Mrs Agnes Robertson**, widow of the late William Robertson blacksmith passed away yesterday morning at her residence 411 Eastbourne St Hastings aged 87. For the past 34 years has resided in Hastings and **devoted most**

of her life to work among the Maoris, and did much valuable service for that race in Hawke's Bay. She took over the work left by Sister Mary Joseph Aubert, and was beloved by the natives and pakeha alike. Deceased leaves one son and five daughters to mourn their loss;

1917 November, Birth – Donovan, At Eastbourne St Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. D. Donovan - a son (the seventh) **Nurse Mercer**.

1918 February, Birth, Franklin - At **Nurse Smith's Maternity Home**, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs J. L. Franklin of Kahuranaki - a son; both well.

1918 February, Birth, Batt - At Nurse Bamforth's, King St, Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Batt, a son (premature, still-born)

1918 March, Birth, Britten - At Nurse Smith's Maternity Home, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs A. Britten, Pukahu - a daughter. Both well.

1918 April, Birth, Todd - At Nurse Howard's Maternity Home, Avenue Rd Hastings, to Mr and Mrs C. W. Todd of Norsewood, a daughter.

1918 September, Births, Summers - At Nurse Bamforth's, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs John Summers of Pakowhai - a son (premature, still-born).

1918 September, Births, King - At **Nurse Walden's, Southland Rd** Hastings, to Mr and Mrs King of Puketitiri - a son. Both well.

1918 October, Birth, Aldridge - At **Nurse Percy's, Alexandra St**, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs T. Aldridge, Caroline Rd, Hastings - a daughter.

1918, Influenza deaths at the Emergency Hospital, Hastings –

An emergency hospital was erected at the **Hastings Racecourse** for the influenza epidemic, it was later closed down for the H.B. Jockey Club's New Year race meeting.

A **Maori Hospital** was set up in **Drill Hall** Hastings for the Returned Maori Soldiers and their effected families

During the terrible influenza scourge of 1918, **Dr. Thomas Waterworth** the well known Hastings dentist of Charlotte Crescent along with other brave men and women threw themselves into the work of fighting the epidemic in the duties of orderly and general nursing work at the emergency hospital on the Hastings racecourse. Dr. Thomas Waterworth died suddenly in February 1921 aged 50, he was son of the late Tom Waterworth early Hastings.

1918 November, The death occurred early this morning, at the **Hastings Influenza Hospital** of Mr **F. A. Stone**, a cadet telegraph operator at the Hastings Post and Telegraph Office. Deceased, whose parents reside in Palmerston north and who had been ill about a week, developed serious symptoms yesterday and last night no hopes were entertained of a recovery. He was only 17 years old and had been in Hastings about three months. General sympathy is expressed with the family.

1918 November, Death. Sullivan - At Emergency Hospital, Hastings, Walter John, the beloved husband of Minnie Sullivan; aged 31 years.

1918 November, Death. Gigg - At Emergency Hospital, Hastings, Edward (Jerry), the beloved husband of Ruby Gigg; aged 31 years.

1918 November, The remains of Mr **A. G. J. Cookson** an employee at the Hastings Railway Station, who was a victim to the epidemic, were interred at the Hastings cemetery. Six of his comrades in uniform acted as pallbearers, the whole of the Railway staff being represented at the funeral. Rev. P. Ramsay officiated at the graveside. The deceased who by his cheerful and happy disposition, had endeared himself to all he came in contact with, had been some nine or ten months on the local staff, having been transferred from the South Island early in the year. He leaves a young widow and three young children to mourn their loss and to these a wide sympathy is extended. The announcement of the death of Mrs **Jane Boyd**, which occurred at the residence, Whitehead Hastings, yesterday, was received with great regret of all who knew her. Deceased lady who was the wife of Mr Allan McNeill Boyd, was only in her 31st. year and she leaves a family of four children, the eldest six and the youngest two years, with whom, as well as her husband, much sympathy is expressed. She came to Hastings from Gisborne five years ago and, during her residence here, she was beloved and esteemed by everyone who was acquainted with her. The funeral took place to-day. Mr **John J. Cassin** of Hastings, who has been laid aside for the part fortnight with influenza, has recovered from his attack and will be able to resume business in a few days. This morning the condition of Mr **F. M. Quigley** of Hastings was reported as being improved. Mr **Sam Brown** aged 41 a brother of Mr Jarvis Brown, carrier. Deceased, who has resided in Hastings for about eight years, leaves a widow and large "family. This was the man who escaped from his bed, in a delirious condition a few nights ago and wandered the roads half clothed until he was captured and conveyed to the hospital. Very slight hopes were entertained of his recovery from the first.

1918 November, Death. Leech - At Emergency Hospital, Hastings, (**Nurse**) **Ina Geraldine**, beloved daughter of Evelina and the late George Leech of Rangiora; aged 26 years.

1918 November, Death. Goldsborough - At Emergency Hospital, Hastings, Richard Horace, beloved son of Louisa and the late George Goldsborough, and late of C Coy. 1st Batt. N.Z.R.8.; aged 24 years. The funeral (military) will leave the hospital grounds for the Hastings Cemetery

1918 November, Death – Mason - At the Emergency Hospital Hastings, Walter Mason, beloved eldest son of Nina and the late R. H. Mason, and grandson of the late Thomas Mason of Taita, Wellington, and of the late Freeman R. Jackson, Wanganui; aged 35 years. Interred at Hastings Cemetery.

1918 November, Mr Arnold J. Kitt, another returned soldier, died from influenza at the Hastings Emergency Hospital. Deceased, who left for the war with the Main Body, was a son of Mr and Mrs J. Kitt of Maraekakaho Rd, with whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place this morning with Semi-military honours. **Arnold John Kitt** b:1891 the son of Mary Jane and John Kitt of Wall Rd Hastings, Gnr Arnold John Kitt 2/516, Field Artillery 1914 – 1916 Gallipoli and Western Front 1917.

1918 November, Mrs Lucy Coe died yesterday at the Hastings Emergency Hospital of the epidemic. Deceased was 29 years of age, was the wife of Mr Daniel Coe of Frederick St and daughter of Mr Crawford, dairy farmer of Hastings, with whom general sympathy is expressed,

1918 November, The many friends of Mr and Mrs Killeen, Lyndon Rd will be pleased to hear they are recovering from their attack of influenza.

1918 November, Joseph (Joe) James Menaham Parker died at Hastings of Influenza.

1918 December, Sister M. Thecla died at Hastings Convent, one of the victims of the **influenza pandemic**, the youngest daughter of Mr James McLaughlin Westport, R.I.P.

1918 December, Death, Hickey - At Nurse English's Hospital, Hastings, John Hickey, dearly beloved son of the late K. and D. Hickey, of Cambridge; aged 35 years. —R.I.P.

1918 December, Births. Birch - At Nurse Smith's, Avenue Rd, Hastings, to Mrs. F. C. Birch – a son.

HASTINGS MAORI HOSPITAL.
ALL ACCOUNTS owing by the above
Hospital must be rendered by
FRIDAY, 20th inst.
T. MASON CHAMBERS,
Chairman.

1918 December, Hastings Maori Hospital - All owing by the above Hospital must be rendered by Friday, 20th inst. T. Mason Chambers, Chairman

1918 December, **Maori Hospital** – Influenza - The **Drill Hall** has been closed down, as the wards have been cleared of patients. The convalescent tent is also vacated and operations have ceased, **Nurse Colnett (matron)** and **Sister Batty** of the Maori Hospital, left Hastings this morning, on then return to Auckland, their work in connection with the epidemic having been concluded. **Nurse Wells** of the nursing staff of the Hastings Emergency Hospital 'will return to Napier in a couple of days, to resume her duties on the staff of the Napier Hospital. As the 'train steamed out the nursing and orderly staffs (Maori and Pakeha) of the hospital, as well as the manfriends the nurses made during their sojourn in Hastings, cheered loudly and expressed their wishes for good luck.

1918 December, **Maori Hospital, Valedictory** - Mr T. Mason Chambers, Chairman of the Hastings Maori Hospital Committee, presided at a farewell gathering of the nurses, orderlies, officials, general staff and others to the number of about a hundred who assembled in the hospital dining hall last night to hold a social evening, prior to disbanding, after their successful campaign against the epidemic. **Dr. R. Nairn**, Medics' Superintendent, was also present, and a most enjoyable few hours were spent in vocal and instrumental music. In the course of the evening Mr Chambers, on behalf of the patients, orderlies and Maori nurses, presented the Matron Nurse Colnett who was returning to Auckland, with a handsome silver-mounted toilet set as a slight appreciation of her devoted service to the H.B. Native's, during a trying period, and at a later interval he presented a purse of thirty sovereigns to the Pakeha Nurse's to be used for the purchase of whatever articles they desired, as a token of the gratitude of the Natives for the care and attention bestowed on them by the nurses in the wards.

HASTINGS MAORI HOSPITAL.
ALL unclaimed stretchers and mat-
tresses, after Thursday next,
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FLEWELLEN KING,
Hon. Secretary,
Maori Hospital Committee.

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1919 January, Birth, Lockie - At **Nurse Mercer's, Alexandra Crescent**, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs A. H. Lockie - a son.

1919 March, Births, King - At 'Cartref' Ellison Rd Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Flewellen King - a son.

1919 March, Births, Hay - At 'Shepperton' Alexandra St, Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. Hay - a daughter. Both well.

1919 May, Birth Foulkes - At Nurse Osborne's, to Mr and Mrs J. Foulkes of Pakowhai Rd, Hastings - a daughter. Both well.

1919 June, Birth, Horton. At Nurse Osborne's, Avenue Rd to Mr and Mrs Chas. B. Horton, Lyndhurst Rd, Hastings - a son.

1919 July, Death, Libby - At a Private Hospital Hastings, Edna Allan, the beloved wife of Charles Henry Libby aged 31 years. The funeral will leave her late residence, Southland Rd for the Hastings Cemetery, S. T. Tong, Undertaker.

1919 September, Birth, Boyd - On September 7th 1919 at Nurse Bamforth's, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Arthur Boyd, a son. Both well.

1919 November, Birth, Vercoe - At Nurse Waldon's, 511 Avenue Rd, the wife of F. Vercoe (late N.Z.R.B.) — two little Diggers (boy and girl). All well.

1920 June, Birth, Apperley - At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs A. W. Apperley, Riverslea Rd - a son.

1920 June, Birth, Palmer - At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home Hastings on June 6th, to Mr and Mrs P. S Palmer - a daughter.

1920 June, Birth, Whimp - At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs P. Whimp - a son.

NURSE SMALE
TREVALLOW PRIVATE HOSPITAL,
Heretaunga Street West,
HASTINGS.
(Late Nurse English.)
Telephone 596.

1920 July, Nurse Smale, Trevallow Private Hospital, Heretaunga St west, late Nurse English. In July 1921 Nurse Smale moved to Waipawa where she secured the Islington Hotel for a Trevarrow private hospital.

A CARD.
LYNDHURST HOSPITAL
711E, AVENUE RD, HASTINGS.
The above Hospital has been taken over from Miss O'Callaghan, and is open to receive Medical and Surgical Cases.
SISTERS HOLTON & LAW.

1920 July, Lyndhurst Private Hospital 711 Avenue Rd east, Sisters Holton and Law

PRIVATE MATERNITY HOME.
Corner
GRAY'S RD. & QUEEN ST W.
NURSE FAHEY
Late St. Helen's Hospital.
Tel. 960

1920 July, Nurse Fahey, Private Maternity Home corner Grays Rd and Queen St west

1920 July, Births – Hodgson - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St, Hastings, on June 21st, to Mr and Mrs A. J. Hodgson, Avenue Rd, Hastings - a son.

1920 July, Births – Robertson - At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home. King St. Hastings, to Mr and Mrs W. Robertson, Southland Rd, Hastings - a son.

1920 July, Births – Supton - At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home, King St, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs F. Supton, Paki Paki - a son.

1920 July, Births – Tims - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs W. A. Tims, Heretaunga Factory, Hastings - a son.

1920 November, Births at Nurse Bamforth's Reg Maternity Home, King St Hastings - to Mr and Mrs Chas. Harper of Maraekakaho - a daughter. Struthers - to Mr and Mrs Struthers, Railway Rd, Hastings - a daughter. Masters, to Mr and Mrs Sidney Masters of Havelock Rd - a son.

1921 January, Birth, Olsen – At **Nurse Fahey's**, Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. Olsen, Lyndon Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1921 January, the first Royston private hospital, Avenue Rd west near the railway station

1921 January, Birth, Kitt - At **Nurse Wilkins** 506 Nelson St, Mr and Mrs H. E. Kitt of Maraekakaho Rd, Hastings a daughter. 506 Nelson St - Late Nurse Jefferd's private hospital

1921 January, Birth, Hogg - At **Nurse Smale's** Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. Hogg - a son

1921 January, Birth, Smith – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. Smith of Twyford, a son.

1921 February, Natusch – At **Trevallow Hospital** at Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Rene Natusch, a son.

1921 February, Birth, Hodgson – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs E. Hodgson of Warren St Hastings, a daughter.

1921 February, Birth, Taylor – At **Nurse Mercer's** to Mr and Mrs E. C. Taylor St. Aubyn St Hastings, a daughter.

1921 February, Birth, Pocock – At Nurse Smale's Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs C. W. Pocock Southland Rd Hastings, a son.

1921 March, Birth, Fear – At (**Valesco**) Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Arthur Fear, a son. Both well.

1921 March, Birth, Scrivener – At Sister Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. R. Scrivener, a daughter.

1921 March, Birth, Cross – At **Nurse Wilson's**, Southland Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. J. Cross of Whakatu, a daughter.

1921 March, Birth, Lomas – At **Nurse Johnson's** Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. Lomas, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Hunt – At **Nurse Allison's, Outram Rd** to Mr and Mrs H. Hunt, Raupare – a son.

1921 April, Birth, Downes – At **Nurse Smith's, Avenue Rd** Hastings to Mr and Mrs B. D. Downes of Twyford, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Parton - At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs Robt A. Parton, a son.

1921 April, Birth, Ross – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs John H. Ross, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Aldridge – At **Nurse Corlett-Robinson's Fitzroy Rd** to Mr and Mrs G. P. Aldridge, a son.

1921 April, Birth, Furness – At **Nurse Wilkins** to Mr and Mrs F. M. Furness, a daughter, still born.

1921 April, Birth, Bunny – At Nurse Smith's, Avenue Rd to Mr and Mrs H. B. Bunny, a son

1921 April, Birth, Heffer – at Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs R. Heffer, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Underwood, At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs J. Underwood, a son.

1921 April, Birth, Hope – At Nurse Smale's to Mr and Mrs J. E. Hope, a son.

1921 April, Birth, Lino – At Nurse Johnson's to Mr and Mrs J. Lino, Dufferin St, a son. both well.

1921 April, Birth, Golds – At Nurse Smale's Private hospital to Mr and Mrs H. Golds, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Morrison – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs William Morrison, a son

1921 April, Birth, McCarthy - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs J McCarthy of Havelock North, a son.

1921 April, Birth, Finlay – At Nurse Wilson's Southland Rd to Mr and Mrs A. Findlay of Whakatu, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Lomas – At Nurse Johnson's Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. Lomas, a daughter.

1921 April, Birth, Percival - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs L. Percival, a daughter

1921 May, Birth, Williams - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. S. Williams, Puketitiri, a son

1921 May, Birth, Hayward – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Cyril G. Hayward of Eaton Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1921 May, Birth, Houston – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. R. Houston, a son. Both well.

1921 May, Birth, Wishart – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs D. Wishart, a son.

1921 May, Birth, McCombe – At Nurse Mercer's, Alexander St Hastings to the wife of Cecil McCombe, a son. Both well.

1921 June, Birth, Cullen - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. C. Cullen, Te Mata Rd Havelock North, a son.

1921 June, Birth, Gibson - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Robert Gibson, Waimarama, a son.

1921 June, Birth, Reeves – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs G. S. Reeves, Clive Grange, a son.

1921 June, Birth, Sant – On June 2nd 1921 at Nurse Mercer's Maternity Home, Alexander St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. H. Sant, Park Rd, a son.

1921 June, Birth, Butler – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Gordon Butler, Riverslea House Havelock, a daughter.

1921 June, Birth, Dixon – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs G. A. Dixon, Karamu Rd, a daughter.

1921 June, Birth, Phillips – At Nurse Fahey's Private Nursing Home, Hastings to Mr and Mrs Eric Phillips, a daughter.

1921 June, Birth, Brunton – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. F. Brunton, a son

1921 July, Birth, Wilkins – At **Nurse B. Smith's, 210 Miller St** Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. J. Wilkins, a son. Both well.

1921 July, Birth, Kyle – On July 13th at Nurse Fahey's Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs Kyle, Southland Rd, a son

1921 July, Birth, Russell – At Nurse Mercer's, Alexander Crescent Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. C. Russell – twin sons. All well

1921 July, Birth, Baker – At Nurse Mercer's, Alexander Crescent Hastings to Mr and Mrs Baker, a daughter. Both well.

1921 July, Birth, Haldane – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs C. Haldane Southland Rd Hastings, a son. Both well

1921 June, Birth, Donovan – At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. Donovan of Eaton Rd Hastings a daughter. Both well.

1921 July, Birth Finnie – At Nurse Mercer's Hastings to Mr and Mrs R. Finnie of Wall Rd Hastings, a daughter. Both well.

1921 July, Birth, Hodgson – At Nurse Bamforth's Reg. Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs A. J. Hodgson, Avenue Rd Hastings, a son

1921 July, Birth, Thornborrow – At Nurse Bamforth's Reg. Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Thornborrow, Frimley, a son.

1921 August, Birth, Pothan – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. L. Pothan, a son.

1921 August, Birth, Crithley – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs Crithley, Tomoana Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1921 August, The many friends of Mr W. Watson will be sorry to learn that he has had to enter the **Lyndhurst Hospital** Hastings to undergo treatment.

1921 September, Birth, Worsnop – At Nurse Bamforth's Reg Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Edgar Worsnop (nee Cooper) Teohu South Norswood, a son

1921 September, Birth, Cameron – At Nurse Bamforth's Reg Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. M. (Jack) Cameron, Tomoana Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1921 September, Birth, Malone – At Nurse Fahey's Maternity Home Hastings to Mrs Brian Malone, a daughter.

1921 October, Birth, Hutton – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Charles Hutton of Havelock North, a daughter.

1921 October, Birth, Bayly – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. R. Bayly, Fitzroy Ave Hastings, a daughter.

1921 October, Birth, Land – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs Sim Land of Havelock North, a son. Both well

1921 November, Birth, Heslop – At Nurse Fahey's Maternity Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Heslop, a son.

1921 November, Birth, Bailey – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. L. Bailey Park Rd, a daughter.

1921 November, Birth, Harper – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Charles Harper, a daughter.

1921 November, Birth, Scott – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs G. R. Scott, Karamu Rd, a daughter.

1921 November, Birth, Goulding – At Nurse Fahey's Private Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs J. W. Goulding, a son

1921 November, Birth, Hall – At 'Valesco' Maternity Home, Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs F. Hall of Omakere, a daughter.

1921 November, Birth, Turner – At Nurse Mercer's on November 12th to Mr and Mrs H. Turner, a son.

1921 December, Birth, Tayler – At Valesco Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Archdale Tayler

1921 December, Birth, Wright - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. A. Wright of Longlands, a daughter.

1921 December, Birth Thompson - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Hugh Thompson 'Tarui' Havelock North, a son

1921 December, Birth, Boys - At Sister Fahey's the wife of H. C. Boys, a daughter.

1921 December, Birth, Taylor - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. Byron Taylor, a son.

1921 December, Birth, Herd - At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs R. G. Herd of Nelson St Hastings, a son.

1921 December, Birth, Fleming - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. H. Fleming 'Heathcot' Hastings, a daughter

1921 December, Birth, Fendall - At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. W. Fendwall, a son.

1922 January, Birth, Stowe – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. Stowe Gordon Rd Hastings, a son.

1922 January, Birth, Chaney – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. G. Chaney (nee H. Stanley) of Hicks Bay – a son both well.

1922 January, Birth, Townsend – At **Nurse Wilkin's private hospital Nelson St** Hastings to Mr and Mrs R. E. Townsend, Mareakakaho Rd, late of Gainstow England, a son. Both well.

1922 January, The unexpected death of **Sister Frances Stack** of Hastings, was announced. It appears that Miss Stack had gone to Gisborne on a nursing engagement and she went to Opotiki to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs Maurice Carroll of Opotiki. The particulars to hand are confused and rather meagre, one reference being to a fatal drink of lemonade. The deceased young lady, who was widely known and exceedingly popular in Hastings and district, was the youngest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr J. W. Stack of Hastings. She took up the nursing profession when she was 17 years of age, entering Nurse O'Callaghan's private nursing establishment in Hastings and after getting experience there she went to the Gisborne hospital where she qualified in 1919, going into private practice subsequently. A sympathetic and capable nurse, with a cheerful and kind disposition, she endeared herself to circle of friends, and indeed, to all who knew her.

1922 January, Mrs Annie Maria Dalby died in a private hospital at Hastings, the beloved wife of William W. Dalby, late of Coombe St, Wellington.

1923 January, Birth, Bailey – At Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs S. H. Bailey, a daughter

1922 February, Births, Curline - At Nurse Fahey's, Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. J. Curline - a daughter (premature)

1922 February, Death, Curline - At Royston Private Hospital, Hastings, Dorothy, wife of Mr H. J. Curline, and youngest daughter of the late D. S. Jolly and Janet Jolly, St. Clair.

1922 February, Birth, Mathews – At Valesco, Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. Mathews, a son.

1922 February, Birth, Skeet – At Nurse Fahey's Nursing Home Grays Rd Hastings on 9th February 1922 to Mr and Mrs J. Skeet, 909 Fitzroy Ave Hastings, a daughter.

1922 February, Birth, Curd – At Nurse Wilkin's, Nelson St Hastings to Mr and Mrs S. C. Curd, a daughter. Both well.

1922 February, Birth, Bowen – At Nurse Wilkin's, Nelson St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. E. Bowen, a son. Both well.

1922 February, Birth, Quinn – At (Valesco) Sister Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings the wife of F. M. Quinn, a son.

1922 February, Birth, Boyd – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. W. Boyd, a son.

1922 February, Birth, Gilbert – At Nurse Fahey's Nursing Home Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Don Gilbert, a daughter. Both well.

1922 March, Birth, Salmon – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs W. C. Salmon, Hastings, a daughter.

1922 April, Birth, King – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs Donald A. King Poukawa, a son, Both well.

1922 April, Birth, Macklow – At Nurse Bamforth's registered Maternity Home King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs J. Macklow, Fitzroy Ave, a son.

1922 April, Birth – Dodd – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. H. Dodd, 812 Avenue Rd Hastings, twins.

1922 April, Birth, Bennett – At Nurse Bamforth's registered Maternity Home King St Hastings, to Mr and Mrs F. C. Bennett, Karamu Rd, a son.

1922 April, Birth – Cameron – At Nurse Fahey's Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs George Cameron, a daughter

1922 April, Birth, Osborne – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, Alexander Cres Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Osborne, Laurence St, a son.

1922 May, Birth, Mason – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs B. C. Mason, Hill's Rd Fernhill, as son.

1922 May, Birth, Leathley – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs G. W. Leathley 812 Havelock Rd Hastings, a son.

1922 May, Nurse Bamforth of Hastings has a daughter residing in Johannesburg

1922 May, Birth – Fulford – at Nurse Fahay's Hastings on Tuesday to Mr and Mrs H. Fulford of Havelock North, a son

1922 May, Births, Bowkett – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. Bowkett, Tomoana Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1922 May, Births, Bainbridge – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. F. Bainbridge, Maraekakaho, a son.

1922 June, Death, Cooper - At Royston private hospital Guy Selwyn Sisson Cooper, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Cooper, aged 56 years.

1922 June, Births, Wiggins – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs A, Wiggins. Quarry Rd Hastings, a son. Both well.

1922 June, Births, Bainbridge – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home, King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. C. Morris, King St Hastings, a daughter. (still born)

1922 June, Births, Brooking – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs A, W. Brooking, a daughter. Both well.

1922 June, Births, Beacon – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs R. Beacon, a daughter. Both well.

1922 June, Births, Farnell – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs P. W. Farnell, a son. Both well.

1922 June, Births, Beaven – At Nurse Mercer's Registered Maternity Home, to Mr and Mrs T. D. Beaven, a daughter. Both well.

1922 July, Birth Hill – At Nurse Mercer's Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Hill, Garnett St, a son

1922 July, Birth, McPhail – At Nurse Bamforth's Reg Maternity Home King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs McPhail of Southampton St Hastings, a daughter.

1922 July, Nurse Jane Keith nee Dey died at Hastings, aged 86 at the residence of her son Mr Thomas Keith, Queen St west Hastings, wife of the later William Keith snr. There passed away in Hastings an old lady, who was widely known and profoundly more familiarly called **Nurse Keith** in her 86th year. Deceased lady was very capable in her profession and that together with her kindly and sympathetic nature, brought her into contact with a large section of people, to whom she greatly endeared herself.

1922 August, Birth, Epps – At Nurse Bamforth's Nursing Home to the wife of H. J. Epps Wellwood St Hastings, a daughter.

1922 September, Birth, Page, At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs Oswald Page, Raupare, a son and daughter.

1922 September, Births, Mathews – On September 1st at Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs P. Mathews, Tunauui, a son.

1922 September, Birth, Hughes – At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs W. F. Hughes, a son. Both well

1922 September, Births, Smith – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs M. Smith, Riverslea Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1922 September, Births, Begley – At Nurse Bamforth's Registered Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs J. H. Begley, Riverslea Rd Hastings, a son.

1922 September, Birth Davies – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs H. H. Davies, a son.

1922 October, Birth, Stewart – At Sister Fahey's Nursing Home to Mr and Mrs Douglas Stewart, a son

1922 November, Birth, Sharp – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs Leo B. Sharp of the Maori Agricultural Collage, a girl. Both well.

1922 November, Birth, Pilcher – At Nurse Fahey's Hospital to Mr and Mrs J. Pilcher, a daughter. Both well.

1922 November, Birth, Sanders – At Nurse Wilkin's Maternity home Hastings to Mr and Mrs P. A. Sanders, a daughter. Both well

1922 November, Birth, Kelly – At Nurse Bamforths King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. G. Kelly, Tologa Bay, a son.

1922 November, Birth, Warren – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs P. Warren Southland Rd, a son.

1922 November, Birth, Spencer – To Mr and Mrs G. Spencer, Quarry Rd Hastings, a daughter. Both well.

1922 November, Birth, Ross – At Sister Fahey's Home Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Kenneth Ross, Frederick St Hastings, a daughter

1922 November, Birth, Whyte – At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Alex Whyte of Crowthorpe, a daughter.

1922 December, Birth, Mitchell – At Nurse Symes to Mr and Mrs Tom Mitchell Twyford, a daughter. Both well.

1923 January, Birth, Hall – At Valesco Maternity Home Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs F. B. Hall, a daughter.

1923 February, Birth, O'Neill – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs Martin O'Neill, a daughter

1923 February, At Hastings yesterday there passed away a former well-known resident of Feilding in the person of Mrs J. B. Pickering, her death following an operation from which she never recovered.

1923 August, Birth, Biggs – At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs P. Biggs Napier a son. Both well.

1923 August, Birth, Townsend – At Nurse Mercers to Mr and Mrs R. E. Townsend, Charles St – a daughter. Both well.

1923 Birth, Taylor – At 'Valesco' Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs T. Taylor, Buller St Hastings – a son. Both well.

1923 Birth, Anderson – At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs L. Anderson, Wall Rd Hastings – a son. Both well.

1923 September, Birth, Hatherell – At Sister Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs A. Hatherell of Havelock North – a son.

1923 October, Birth, Gills – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Gills – a son

1923 October, Birth, Hodson – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Roy Hodson – a son (stillborn)

1923 October, Birth, Jones – At Sister Fahey's, Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs B. W. Jones - a daughter. Both well.

1923 October, Birth, Tomoas – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Sydney Tomoas – a daughter

1923 October, Birth, Spence – At Sister Fahey's, Mr and Mrs Gordon Spence – a daughter.

1923 October, Birth, Honey – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Roy Honey – a son (premature)

1923 October, Birth, Harren – At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs D. Harren – a daughter.

1923 October, Birth, Hill – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd, the wife of Leonard R. Hill – a son. Both well.

1923 October, Birth, Preston – Thomas – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings on to Mr and Mrs Preston – Thomas of Havelock North – a daughter.

1923 October, Birth, Many – On October 30th 1923 at Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs Eric O. Many of Knight St – a son.

1924 January, Birth, Howlett – At Nurse Fahey's Maternity Home Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs Harold Howlett, Fernhill, a daughter.

1924 January, Birth, Burns - At Valesco Nursing Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. J. Burns (once Lillian Smith) a daughter, both well.

1924 January, Birth, Brunton – At Nurse Fahey's Maternity Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs Jim Brenton, Hastings, a son. Both well.

1924 January, Birth, Epps – At Nurse Bamforth's Nursing Home King St to Mr and Mrs H. J. Epps, Wellwood St Hastings.

1924 February, Birth, Whyte – At Valesco Hospital Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Alex Whyte of Crowthorpe, a daughter.

1924 February, Birth – Ross – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs J. W. Ross of Twyford, a daughter.

1924 May, Births, Cameron - At Nurse Bamforth's private hospital Hastings to Mr and Mrs Jack Cameron, twin sons

1924 May, Births, Halstead - At Nurse Bamforth's private hospital Hastings to Mr and Mrs Percy Halstead a son

1924 May, Births, Crearer - At Nurse Bamforth's private hospital Hastings to Mr and Mrs Ernest Crearer a daughter

1924 May, Births, Grey - At Nurse Bamforth's private hospital Hastings to Mr and Mrs William Grey a son

1924 May, Birth, Agnew – At Nurse B. Smith's, Miller St Hastings to the wife of James Agnew, 'Crownthorp' a son. Both well.

1924 May, Birth, Somerville – At Nurse Wilkin's Maternity Home, Nelson St to Mr and Mrs T. B. Somerville of Wairoa, a son.

1924 June, Death, Johnson – At Nurse Mercer's Private Hospital, Zalda Teresa (Bonny) dearly loved infant daughter of Stella and William Johnson aged 11 mths.

1924 July, Birth, Hay – At Nurse Bamforth's to Mr and Mrs Arthur Hay a son. Both well.

1924 August, Birth, Dewson – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs R. T. Dewson of Whitehead Rd, a son.

1924 August, Birth, Hay – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs G. L. Hay, a son.

1924 August, Birth, Elliott – At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs H. Elliott of Wellwood St Hastings, a son

1924 August, Birth, Cooper - At Valesco Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs J. L. Cooper of Havelock North, a daughter

1924 August, Birth, Dysart – At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs H. H. Dysart of Queen St Hastings, a son

1924 August, Birth, Campbell – At Valesco Nursing Home to Mr and Mrs Innes Campbell, a son.

1924 September, Birth, Campbell – At Valesco Nursing Home to Mr and Mrs Innes Campbell, a son.

1924 September, Birth, Minty – At **Nurse Waldin's 'Cambrai' Eastbourne St**, Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. Minty, Otane, a son.

1924 September, Birth, Weber – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs H. E. Weber, a daughter.

1924 September, Birth, Fannin - At Nurse Bamforth's King St Hastings to Mr and Mrs Seymour L. Fannin of Havelock North, a son. Both well.

1924 September, Birth, Baker-Gabb – At Valesco Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs D. Baker-Gabb of Havelock North, a son.

1924 October, Birth, Harris – At Nurse Mercer's Hastings, to Mr and Mrs Ken Harris, a daughter.

1924 October, Birth, Martin – At Valesco Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs C. Martin, Tomoana Rd, a son

1924 October, Birth, Clarkson – At Nurse Fahey's Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs Neville Clarkson of 'Glen Doone' Sherenden, a son.

1924 November, Birth, True – At Nurse Bamforth's, to Mr and Mrs True of Tollemache Rd, a daughter.

1924 November, Birth, Warren – At Nurse Bamforth's, to Mr and Mrs Warren of Southland Rd a daughter

1924 November, Birth, King – At Nurse Fahey's, Grays Rd to Mr and Mrs Donald King, a daughter

1924 November, Birth, Quigley - At Nurse Fahey's, Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs F. M. Quigley, a son

1924 November, Birth, Darragh – At Nurse Fahey's Private Hospital, to Mr and Mrs W. A. Darragh, a son.

1924 November, Birth, Fear – At Nurse Fahey's Private Hospital, to Mr and Mrs A. Fear, a son. Both well

1924 December, Birth, Toogood – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs S. C. Toogood of Twyford, a daughter

1925 January, Birth, Rixon - At Sister Fahey's, Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. E. Rixon of Charles St Hastings, a son

1925 March, Birth, Dorward – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs G. Dorward, a son

1925 March, Birth, Campbell – At Sister Fahey's private hospital to Mr and Mrs R. F. Campbell of Charlotte Crescent Hastings, a son.

1925 April, Birth, Wilson – At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs Dave Wilson, a daughter.

1925 May, Birth, Rigby - At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs N. F. Rigby of Twyford, a daughter. Both well.

1925 May, Birth, Heighway – At Nurse Bamforth's King St to Mr and Mrs S. Heighway, a daughter.

1925 May, Birth, Berry - At Nurse Wilkins to Mr and Mrs T. H. Berry of Ellison Rd Hastings, a son. Both well.

1925 June, Birth, Whyte – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs A. W. Whyte of 708 Tomoana Rd, a son.

1925 June, Birth, Dodd – At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs J. h. Dodd, a son.

1925 July, Birth, Rule - At Nurse Wilkins to Mr and Mrs H. Rule of Waipuna St Hastings, a son. Both well.

1925 July, Birth, Rowe - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs B Rowe of Hastings, a daughter. Both well.

1925 August, Birth, Hatherell - At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs Bert Hatherell, a daughter.

1925 September, Birth, Meikle - At Valesco Hospital Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Arthur Meikle of Crownthorpe, a daughter.

1925 September, Birth, Chaney - At Sister Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. G. Chaney, a son.

1925 October, Birth, White - At Valesco Hospital Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Alex White of Crownthorp, a son.

1925 October, Birth, Goymour - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. Goymour, a daughter.

1925 October, Birth, Wilkins - At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs M. E. Wilkins of 903 Queen St Hastings, a daughter. Both doing well.

1925, December, Birth - Baxter- At Sister Wilkins to Mr and Mrs J. F. Baxter of Ellis St, a daughter. Both well.

1926 January, The infant female child of Ethel Daisy and Edward William Bennett a labourer of Havelock North died at Nurse Bamforth's Maternity Hospital Hastings. Nurse Elinor Bamforth a registered nurse said the child was born at 4.30pm. There was no doctor in attendance. She spoke to Dr. Reeve of Havelock North and he said he would come to the case if she thought it was necessary. She did not think it was necessary as the mother had been a patient at her home five times previously. A doctor was in attendance at the previous confinement as the mother was suffering from goitre, but she had been operated on in the meantime. The child was normal, but it was not as strong and as healthy as previous children. The child was sleepy and did not take nourishment from the mother and refused the milk and water. The child's face went a peculiar colour and she phoned for the doctor. Cecil Garret Wright MD arrived at 7.5 am and found the female infant dead. There were no suspicious circumstances and considered asphyxia.

1926 March, Birth, Gibbs - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs G. J. Gibbs a daughter

1926 March, An outbreak of fire occurred at the residence of Nurse Percy, Miller St Hastings but was extinguished before the brigade arrived and damage was done. Some material which had been collected for burning in the wash house copper had caught fire.

1926 March, Birth, Macdonald - At Nurse Wilkins' Nelson St to Mr and Mrs G. Macdonald, a son. Both well.

1926 April, Birth, Pullford - At Sister Fahey's Maternity Home to Mr and Mrs George Pullford of Clive, a daughter.

1926 April, Birth, Clark - At Valesco Gray's Rd Hastings to the wife of W. R. Clark of Lascelles St, a daughter

1926 May, Birth, Berry - At Nurse Mercer's Hastings to Mr and Mrs L. D. Berry, a daughter.

1926 May, Birth, At Nurse Mercer's to Mr and Mrs W. Smyth a daughter. Both well.

1926, June, Birth - At Valesco Hospital to Mr and Mrs F. W. Gilmore, a son.

1926 June, Birth - Hall - At Valesco Private Maternity Home Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs F. B. Hall of Lyndon Rd Hastings, a son. Both Well

1926 June, Hastings Fire - At Nurse Smiths residence at 204 Miller St occurred in the dining room which was gutted and all the furniture with in destroyed and other rooms smoke and water damaged.

1926 June, Birth, Axbey - at Valesco Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs Harold Axbey, a son

1926 July, Birth - Wilson - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs Dave Wilson of Waimarama, son

1926 July, Birth, Rixon - At Sister Fahey's Grays Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs E. E. Rixon of Victoria St, a daughter.

1926 July, Edridge - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs R. H. Edridge of Beresford St Hastings, a daughter.

1926 July, Birth, Martin - At Nurse Fahey's to Mr and Mrs F. M. Martin of Gascoigne St Hastings

1926 August, Birth, Gigg - At Sister Fahey's Gray's Rd to Mr and Mrs W. Gigg of Tomoana Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1926 September, Birth, Stone - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs W. R. Stone of Meeanee, a son.

1926 September, Birth, Hay - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs Jock Hay a son. Both well.

1926 September, Birth, Sutcliffe - At Nurse Fahey's Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. E. Sutcliffe of Tomoana Rd Hastings, a son.

1926 September, Birth, Goldfinch - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs F. H. Goldfinch of Beresford St Hastings, a son.

1926 September, Birth, Dann - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs C. H. Dunn of Avenue Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1926 October, Birth, Eberhard - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs C. Eberhard of Ellison Rd Hastings, a daughter.

1926 October, Birth, Philpott - At Sister Fahey's Nursing Home Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. H. Philpott, a son. Both well.

1926 November Birth, Adamson - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs N. J. Adamson of Queen St Hastings, a daughter.

1926 November Birth, Pothan - At Nurse Wilkins home, Nelson St Hastings to Mr and Mrs B. Pothan, a daughter. Both well.

1926 November Birth, Joll - At Sister Fahey's Gray's rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs F. P. Joll, a son.

1926 December, Birth, Apperley - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs Apperley a son. Both well.

1926 December, Birth, Badland - At Sister Fahey's Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs R. Badland of Omahu Rd, a son.

1927 March, Birth, Fargher - At Sister Fahey's Valesco to Mr and Mrs Ron Fargher, a daughter. Both well.

1927 March, Birth, Wetherall - At Valesco Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs R. H. Wetherall nee Barns, a daughter.

1927 March, Birth, McNab - At Valesco Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs J. A. McNab of Twyford, a son.

1927 March, Birth, Graham - At Valesco Gray's Rd Hastings to Mr and Mrs Alf Graham of Kaiapo Rd, a daughter. Both well.

1927 April, Birth, Smith - At Nurse Schroder's to Mr and Mrs T. Smith of Mona St Hastings a daughter.

1928 April, ANZAC Day – The opening of the new Hastings Emergency and Maternity Fallen Soldiers Memorial Hospital

1929 December, Jowsey - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs W. T. Jowsey, "Te Whana," Kereru - a son. Both well.

1934 September, Birth, Toor - At Sister Fahey's Gray's Rd Hastings to Sybil wife of Cecil Torr, a son. Both well.

1934 October, Birth, Tobin - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs H. B. Tobin, a son. Both well

1934 October, Birth, Brown - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs Eric D. Brown, a son

1934 November, Birth, Flanders - At the Memorial Hospital to Mr and Mrs G. N. Flanders, a son.

1934 November, Birth - James - At the Memorial Hospital to Mr and Mrs J. James of Queen St Hastings, a son.

1934 November, Birth, La Broome - At Sister Fields Private Hospital to Mr and Mrs A. I. La Broome a daughter. Both well.

1934 November, Birth, Chapman - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs F. H. Chapman of Sherenden, a daughter.

1934 November, Birth, Wake - At Sister Fahey's to Mr and Mrs A. A. Wake, a daughter. Both well.

1940 June, Miss **Dorothy Menzies** is to open a cottage hospital in Hastings for babies and small children along the Karitane lines.

1940 May, **Sister Cooper's Home in St. Aubyn St –**

1944 March, Birth – Affleck - At Sister, Cooper's Home, Hastings, to Olive, wife of W. J. Affleck - a daughter; both well.

1944 March, Birth – Lean - At Sister Cooper's Hospital, Hastings, to Merle, wife of Doug. Lean (late of Hurman St, Karori) a daughter.

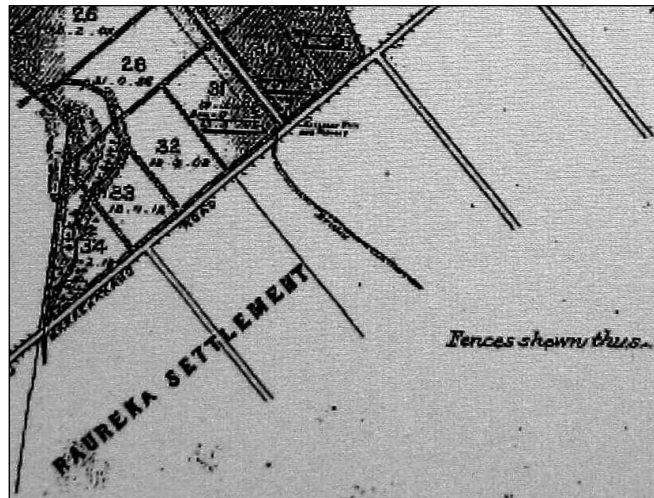
1944 August, Birth. Hedgman - At Sister Cooper's, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs A. G. Hedgman - a daughter. Both well.

1944 August, Birth. Donovan - At Sister Cooper's, Hastings, to Marian, wife of Verdon Donovan - a daughter; both well.

1944 October, Birth, Murphy - At Sister Cooper's, Hastings, to Mr and Mrs George E. Murphy, a son. Both well.

The Makirikiri creek course –

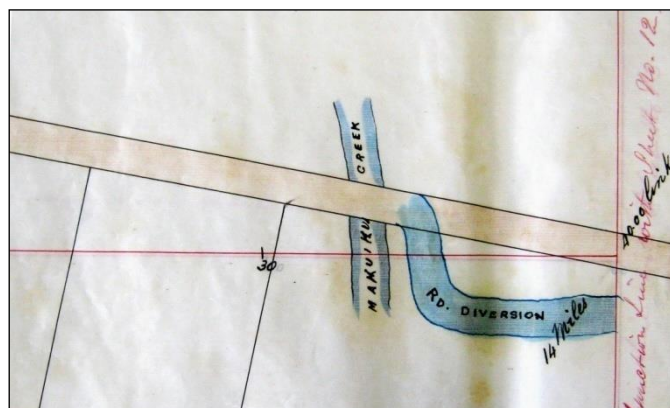
The **Makirikiri (stony) creek** was 6ft wide in places through Hastings with plenty of ells and introduced carp – gravel washed down into the swamp creek bed - it was a branch of the Ngaruroro River that broke off near Roys Hill then disappears and percolated underground through the shingle until it rose to the surface again at Kaiapo Rd.

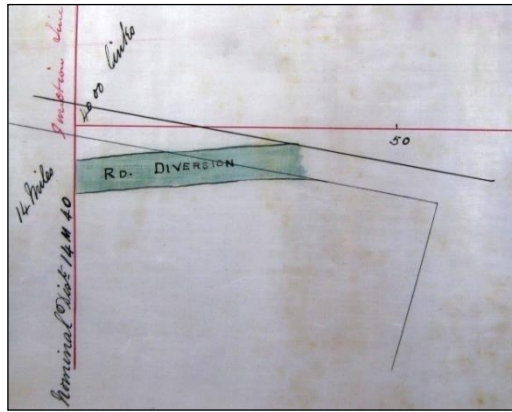


1899 March, shows the old Makirikiri creek crossing Maraekakaho Rd at Kaiapo Rd into the Hastings Borough in the Raureka settlement at St Leonards

The Makirikiri creek went down Gordon Rd through the Ebbett Park water course and entrance to enter the racecourse lake.

The Racecourse began in January 1879, The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club. At the King Edward VII Coronation Day celebrations in August 1902, two large war canoes were floated on the racecourse lake, poi dances, canoe songs and a haka were performed in front of the grandstand - the lake was named Jubilee Lake. The Hastings Jockey Club secretary in 1901 was Mr Frederick D. Luckie, then Mr W. J. Stratton 1908 and Mr A. W. Knight 1912. In 1897 the racecourse had a flat bottom boat.

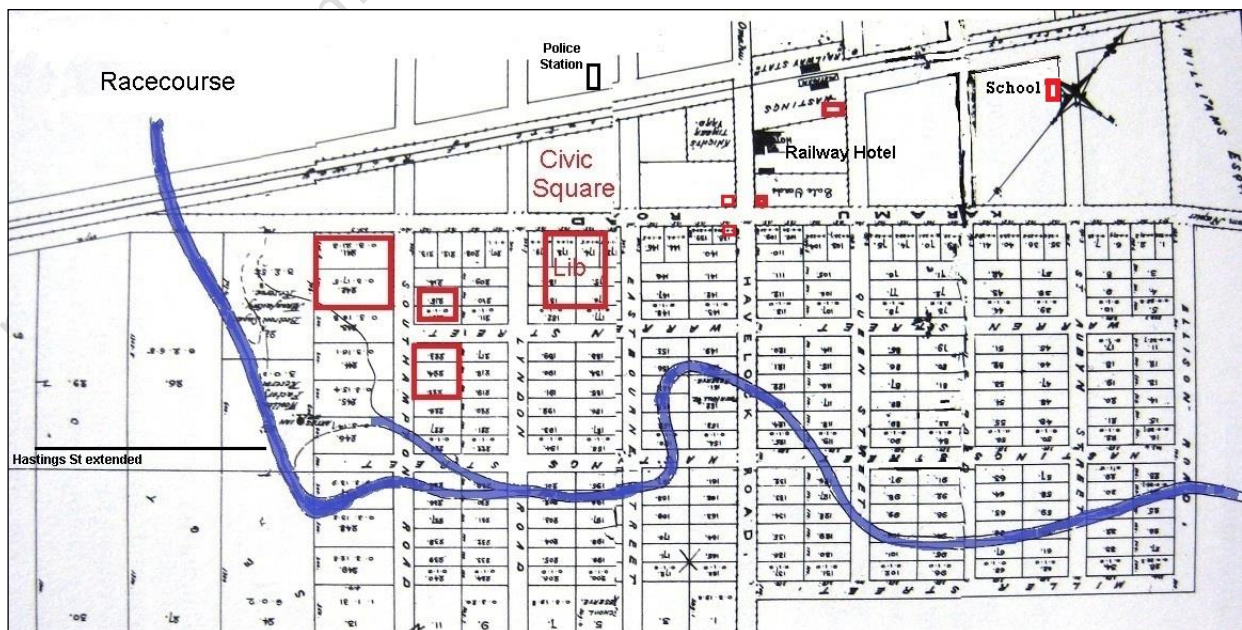




1872, Shows the Makirikiri Stream spelt – Makuikui creek with the road diversion of the new Railway Rd onto the Karamu Pathway with horizontal railway line in red and Karamu Pathway to Gascoigne St



Shows the Makirikiri creek marked in black crossing from the racecourse lake on sections of Guy Hamilton in 1883 occupied by the HB Agricultural & Pastoral Association, racecourse under the Railway and Karamu Rd towards (Well Rd) with part of Gascoigne St right edge. The HB Agricultural & Pastoral Association used this site until 1911 when they purchased the Tomoana grounds from Mr Nelson. A Mr Guy Hamilton a Sheep Farmer of Ormond Gisborne died in November 1879 aged 38. Thomas Tanner owner of the Akina sections - the later Intermediate School with Karamu Rd sth formed to High School.



Makirikiri creek from the Racecourse to Ellison Rd – there were several putrid hollows/lagoons complained of along the Makirikiri creeks course, there were proposals in 1890's to divert the racecourse lake into a drain along Railway Rd. Originally, Karamu Path Rd only started at Well Rd near Pattison St, then it was extended south to the front gate of the Hastings High School, after it was extended further to Murdoch Rd, Poplar trees were planted opposite Hastings Boys High School.

In March 1890, the portion of Eastbourne St east between Hastings St and Willowpark Rd **was still not formed and the Makirikiri creek was still open.**

In April 1891, Eastbourne St east - This is a street behind the Wesley Methodist and Catholic Churches. The Overseer gave estimates of £105 for fully forming it and an estimate for temporary work to it of £28 2s. Cr. Hughes said that although he was personally interested in Eastbourne St east, he should oppose the formation of the road. **It was a natural street** and one of the last in Hastings he would wish to see interfered with at least until the borough was in a position to completely make and finish the road and path. All the residents there wanted was that the Makirikiri creek at the approach to it should be filled up as in bad weather it blocked the entrance. In reference to the formation and metalling of Eastbourne St east, it was resolved that the Makirikiri creek at the Hastings St end of the road be filled up and that the question of forming and metalling be deferred for the present.

In March 1892 March, Borough Council - From Mr T. Morgan calling attention to the defective state of that part of St. Aubyn St which crosses the Makirikiri Creek and asking the Council to make a crossing over it. - The work to be done.



The Makirikiri creek, Jubilee Lake at the Racecourse

1898 June, Kingfishers are very numerous in and around Hastings just now. These birds are very mischievous and are destructive to small fish. On Sunday morning a number of kingfishers were observed to be diving into the lake on the racecourse and capturing carp.



The long Makirikiri creek, Jubilee Lake 1900 at the H B Jockey Clubs racecourse taken from near Railway Rd looking west shows pond lilies



The long Jubilee Lake 1900 at the H B Jockey Clubs racecourse taken from near Railway Rd looking west, by A. King shows trees pruned and lake weeded



Jubilee Lake reflections at the H B Jockey Clubs racecourse, by Clapham postcard



A hand coloured photographic postcard 1912c of person and bicycle by the long Jubilee Lake at the H B Jockey Clubs racecourse, by Muir and Moodie

The Racecourse owned a flat bottom boat name **Rob Roy** which was used on the lake and in flood rescues.

From the Lake the Makirikiri creek travelled east beside section 503 Railway Rd – now under the long driveway of the Angus Hotel to cross under the railway and Karamu Rd sth into the back lower part of the State Central School grounds where the proposed H B Woollen Manufacturing Co factory was planned for in 1887 (I recall often riding my bike along the shortcut drive to the Small Bore Riffle Club behind the State Central School and down the little creek bank to pick up speed where the old Makirikiri creek once flowed) From there it crossed Hastings St, went behind the flats opposite the fire station, passed near the Wesley Methodist Church near the corner of Eastbourne St east over to the Power Board yard – Sects 158, 159, 160, the tarsealed creek bed still visible between the Theatre and Municipal Buildings Sects 153, 154 where a man once nearly drowned, it crossed Heretaunga St, and Hastings St to Queen St, Avenue Rd bridge and out towards the end of Albert St to Beatson's Park (later named Windsor Park 1935) and out towards Saint Georges Rd North outlet next to where Mr T. Tanners residence use to stand and his Riverslea Hop Gardens were established, there it flowed into the old Ngaruroro River Course opposite Flanders Rd. The Makirikiri creek was later diverted into the Southland Drain after a major flood occurred Easter 1897 and many houses at Pukahu were damaged. The Borough Council created a drain at Selwood Rd to end at the boundary - where it caused too much dampness from the town's storm water for the Riverslea Hop Gardens and the hop vines died. Approximately two and a-half miles of the Makirikiri creek from Sylvan Rd to the outlet was tendered to be reopened in 1898.

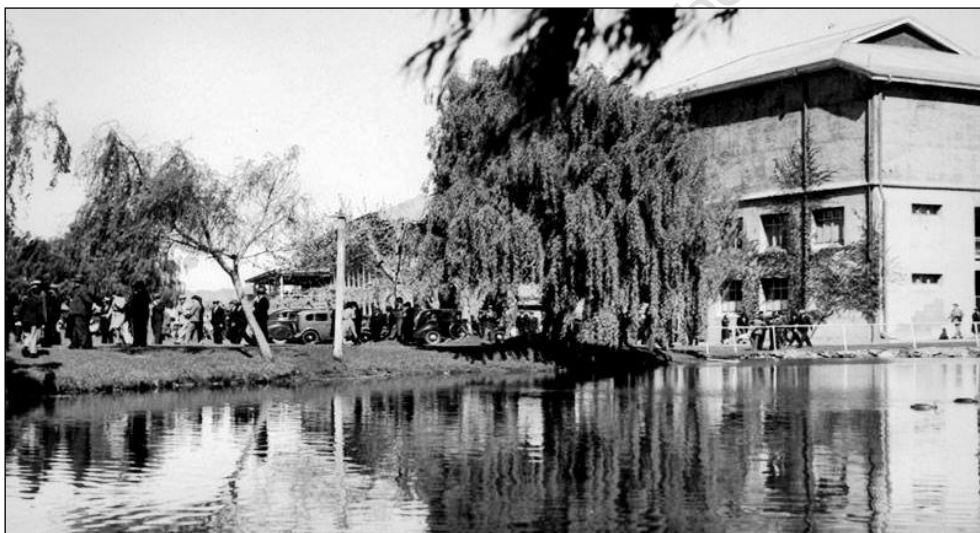
1894 May, A special meeting is to be held on Thursday, when Messrs Mclvor and Wyatt, Prior Horne and R Gooseman will have to state their objections to the Council taking possession of their land **for the purpose of reopening the Makirikiri creek.**

1894 July, The Makirikiri creek, the overseer reported that the water going from it across the **woollen factory reserve** was causing a great nuisance in Southampton St. As a remedy he suggested an open drain to Railway St. - After some discussion the suggestion was adopted.

1925 March, The committee of the Hastings Borough Council appointed to inspect the portion of the **Makirikiri creek** which it has been proposed to pipe and fill in, at the joint expense of the owners of the land abutting and the Borough Council, one to do the filling in and the other the piping as may be decided upon, visited the locality. After examining the position and discussing the question no definite decision was arrived at.



1938 January, The remaining Makirikiri pond beside the H B Jockey Clubs grandstand, which ran parallel to Prospect Rd. Race day patrons could embark from the special trains via a platform by Karamu Rd sth opposite the racecourse and walk across to the meeting.



Makirikiri pond reflections at the H B Jockey Clubs racecourse



1929, The HB Jockey Club racecourse, shows the Makirikiri pond near corner entrance at Southland Rd



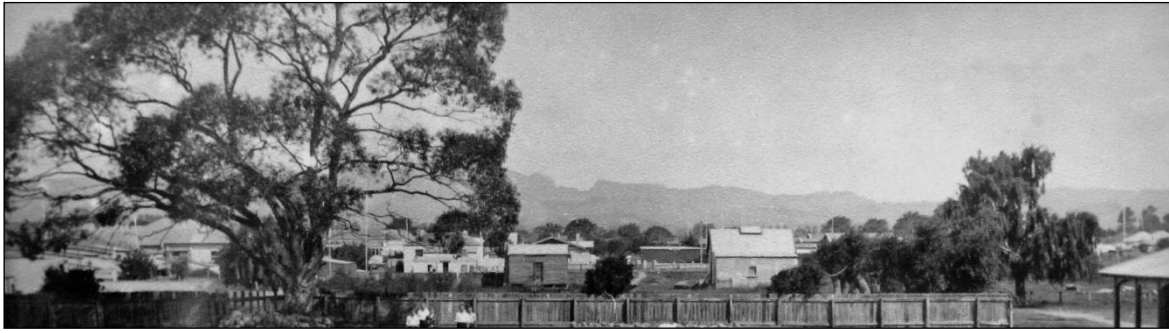
1931 February, The HB Jockey Club racecourse shows post earthquake temporary hospital tents and the remaining Makirikiri pond near the grandstand and corner entrance at Southland Rd



An early 1950's aerial view of Eastbourne St, bottom, with the convergence of the Karamu Path sth towards Railway Rd at top behind the Gas Works (established 1887) at top left where the **Makirikiri creek** crossed over from the racecourse behind State Central School grounds, taken before the new library was built, shows Civic Square and the Hastings Bowling Club on the corner of Lyndon Rd and Railway Rd next to the Police Station, with Poplar trees line Karamu Rd sth opposite Hastings Boys High School at top



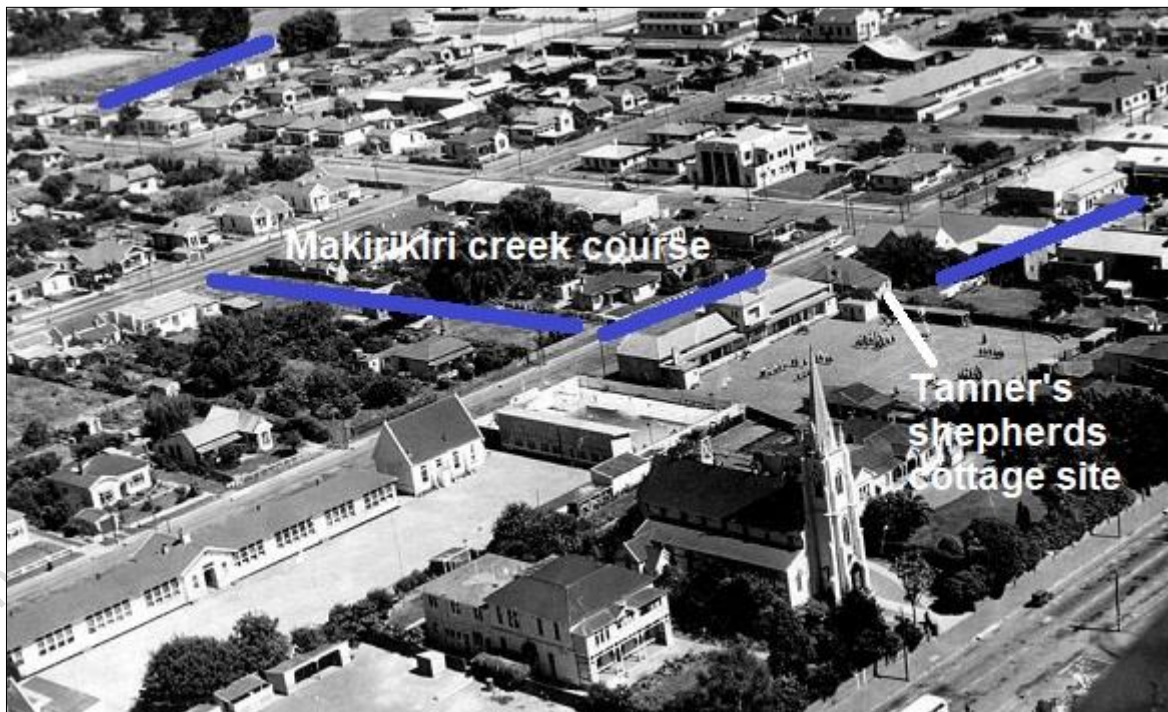
Today - the old Makirikiri creek dip across Railway Rd near the racecourse



Looking east towards Hastings St sth where the Makirikiri creek traversed around the back of the State School, Central Hastings

Well Rd was an early pathway to the Karamu Pathway at the Makirikiri ford. It was a dirt pathway along Sec 23 which gave direct access to and from the end of Hastings St sth - as far as Hastings St sth originally went. Well Rd pathway adjoined the proposed woollen factory reserve and was never properly formed by the council as it did not align with other Hastings east streets; there was no housing on Well Rd. In May 1893 a contract was approved for taking shingle from the woollen factory reserve quarry at 1s 5d per yard to repair the footpaths, which later caused a lagoon. Well Rd was later replaced after Mr Pattison built his big house in July 1896, poss on Sec 4 and his road was named Pattison Rd - a short distance south from Well Rd. Pattison Rd was properly formed by the council in May 1907 and became a public road in February 1910. The old Well Rd pathway was absorbed to become part of the Hastings Public technical school site, adjoining the excavated woollen factory reserve.

In the 1960's we attended woodwork with Mr Hingsman and the girls had cooking classes in a long old narrow building - poss placed on the old Well Rd site off Karamu Rd sth at the rear of Central school. The footpath to the woodwork/cooking rooms on the south side sloped down to the old excavated woollen factory reserve site, with new pensioner flats built across on the southern side. The woollen factory reserve site is now filled-in with new buildings. A remnant of Well Rd still exists from the Hastings St sth entrance to Central School and to the old Small Bore Rifle Club room and range.

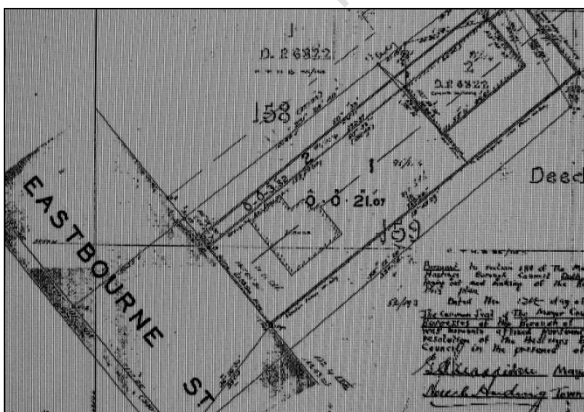


The Makirikiri creek travelled from behind the Central School across Hastings St sth and Lyndon Rd to Eastbourne St east through from Lee's property, opposite Tension Collage, by Tanner's shepherds cottage, to behind the Wesley Methodist Church on Hastings St sth, across Hastings St sth again to go behind the Municipal Theatre then across Heretaunga St east

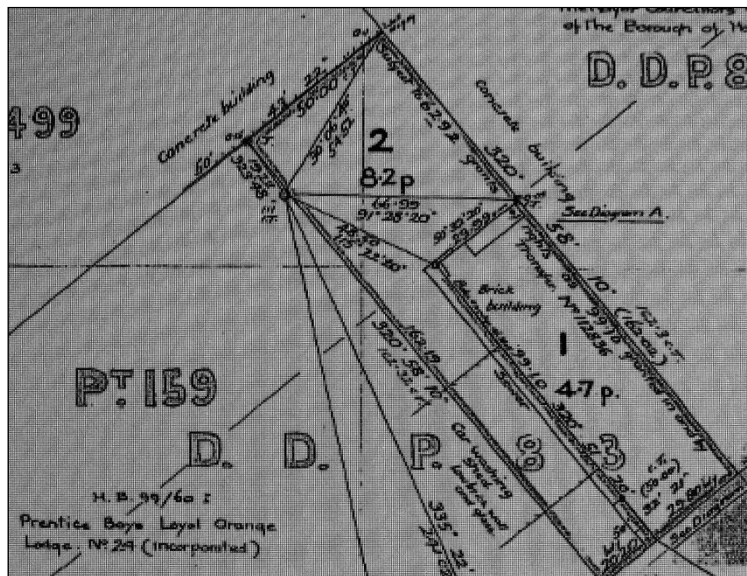


1932, The rebuilt Wesley Methodist Church on Hastings St sth with a new building being erected on right side and the original wooden buildings **further down to Eastbourne St east** where the Makirikiri creek once flowed across the street to veer around the Municipal theatre, by Henry Norford Whitehead

*Tanner's shepherd - Watty Church lived in an early cottage just over the **Makirikiri creek** near where the new Wesley Methodist church stands to the right, and where Francis Hicks lived for a while in the old shepherd's cottage near the Convent site. In 1887 the Borough Council were filling in the Makirikiri creek that ran across Hastings St near where the Wesley Methodist Hall stands and Einar List got too near the edge of the new filling and he sank up to his neck before being rescued.*



1936 plan shows an old house 1887 and small concrete building off Eastbourne St east next to the 'Right of Way' beside the later Power House built 1912 later extended, with the rear corner of the concrete Theatre building and Charles Apperley property on the Warren St side



1936, plan shows the brick Royal Cafe, Ice Cream & Soda building next to the concrete Municipal Theatre building the property extending back to the concrete Power House building – also shows a car washing shed and the adjoining property owners as Prentice Boys Loyal Orange Lodge where the Makirikiri creek once flowed around



1929, **Hastings St** sth looking towards an old cottage on Eastbourne St east corner and a building behind on Chas Brausche - Hastings Timber & Joinery Co Ltd site, later Council yards with the Municipal Theatre's Royal Cafe, Ice Cream & Soda by Evening Post and another later view with corner residence



1926c, The Municipal Theatre shows the dip down the alley where once the Makirikiri creek ran with sheds behind and the neon Pictures sign above.



The Municipal Theatre reconstruction 1932 almost completed, taken from **Hastings St** sth looking north with Eastbourne St east intersecting. The **Makirikiri creek** once flowed across Hastings St into the now empty section and around the rear of Municipal Theatre which may have caused the damage, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1905, Heretaunga St east – a rise in the road can still be seen at Hastings St intersection where the old bank of the **Makirikiri creek** ran across the main road - just past the carriage on Warren St and past the Borough Council Chambers on right before Heretaunga St was levelled out

A **deep running creek** (Makirikiri) flowed across the site now occupied by the Municipal Buildings, Mr Cullen recalled having swum and fished in the creek as a boy.



The old Cullen Bakery and Store on the corner of Heretaunga St east and Hastings St in 1957 before the first New World supermarket, taken from the Municipal Buildings – the Makirikiri creek flowed across Hastings St nth at left edge through the rear of the Cullen section across Queen St east on towards Beatson / Winsor Park

The Cullen Bakery and Residence buildings at 101 Hastings St nth (opposite the old Lilac Cafeteria, now New World carpark) stood on their own, skirting a **Maori pa** (Queen St) which extended over the area known as the **old courthouse site** and the Regent Theatre block. (1892 November 5th Hawke's Bay Herald still mentions a creek near the Maori pa at Hastings) The next building was on the corner of Heretaunga St and Warren St and there was not another then until the Union Bank was reached.

Boxing Day 1894, a fire started at the bakehouse, a large number of willing helpers went in, and in the most orderly manner commenced to remove the flour and other stock to a place of safety. Luckily there had been recent rain and the large hole at the back of their property from the old Makirikiri creek had filled with water to douse the fire. Fortunately there was scarcely a breath of wind at the time, and there being a large willow tree between the house and the fire, the house was protected from it.

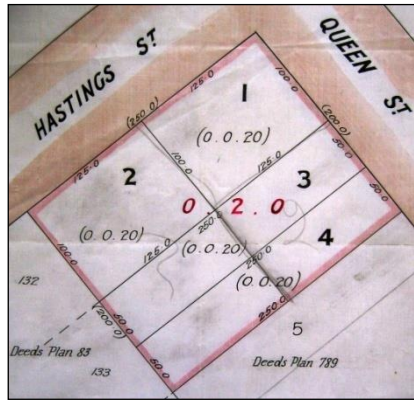
The *Willow pa* was situated just east of Tomoana Rd and the *Omahu pa* was along Omahu Rd past the hospital. Behind the Blacksmiths corner shop in Heretaunga St east and Hastings St North – the Regent block there was a small **Maori pa** settlement in Queen St situated by the then deep Makirikiri creek that flowed from under the current Municipal Theatre and Civic Buildings are across Heretaunga St then across Hastings St and Queen St.



The small Maori Pa in the Regent block near where the Makirikiri creek once flowed across Heretaunga St east to Hastings St nth and Queen St east, later the new Monarch Motors Ford service yard on Queen St east, celebrated Queen Victoria's Jubilee 3rd June 1897 in cooking a bullock in a hangi for the large gathering of Maori visitors staying there.

The Sutherland family lived across the swamp at the back of the Municipal Library 1881. The Makirikiri creek was crossed by a small bridge close to the Municipal buildings. The kiddies used to go there to catch eels and bathe with the Maori children and Sutherland's on Saturdays and holidays. There was a small Pa on its bank not far from the junction of Warren St and Heretaunga St.

In November 1924, Sections 126, 127 of DP 83 on the corner of Hastings St nth and Queen St east were purchased from G. R. Beamish, H. E. Beamish and F. L. Barcroft for a new Hastings Courthouse, but in 1928 the old courthouse on Railway Rd was extensively renovated with additions, removing fireplace & chimneys, relocating water tank and stand to boundary, new strongroom, porch windows etc. In May 1937 it was suggested the empty sections on the corner of Hastings St nth and Queen St east should be sold, but they were not sold off until 1950 - Lot 1 & 2 to Anderson & Hansen Ltd and Lot 3 to Miss Norma Giorgi.



This land behind Cullen's bakery where the Makirikiri creek once flowed across became a lagoon when Hastings St was formed and used as an early rubbish depot, it was not build on, but in the early 1940's WW2 an Air Raid shelter was sunk there, then it was purchased for a new courthouse, but that did not eventuate there, it finally became a supermarket carpark. Previous owners - T. Tanner, George Baillie, M. A. Baillie, W. M. Broughton, John Cullen, A. P. Pattison, Jane Cullen, Ellison & Duncan Ltd, T. J. Cullen, D. F. Scannell, and A. Cullen.



1931, Earthquake damaged cars parked on the empty sections purchased for a new Hastings Courthouse at the corner of Hastings St nth and Queen St east behind Cullen's Bakery where once the Makirikiri creek crossed and a small Maori Pa was established across the road in the Regent block



An early 1950's aerial view of Hastings looking west up **Heretaunga St**, the Sacred Heart Church bottom left at Miller St and the Cullen two storied corner residence and shop with bakery building at Hastings St – the dirt pathway across the empty Courthouse sections behind would have followed the Makirikiri creek course from Municipal Buildings across Hastings St to Queen St

1911 June, J. W. Fearn and ten others living in the vicinity of the **northern end of Makirikiri Creek** drew attention to the state of the drain, which was overgrown and blocked with weeds.—Referred to the Public Works Committee.

Tanner's reserve, later called - Queen's Park - this area later named Beatson's Park then Windsor Park - from where the narrow **Makirikiri creek** widened at the pine plantation it was called **Te Mangapouri**, further on the Te Mangapouri was called **Te Awahou** before entering the Ngaruroro River.



The last vestiges of the Makirikiri creek through Windsor Park from the tennis courts left circling around the Hastings Open-Air Skating Club rink laid with cement especially imported from China. This Makirikiri creek name was later changed to the Awahou stream

There were several drains and creeks entering the park – the old Makirikiri creek, a drain from Alexandra St, the drainage from behind St. John's Collage second site on Jervios Rd and the Te Mangapouri creek from between Grove Rd and Collinge Rd all contributing to the lagoon and subsequent creek, **later named the Awahou stream.**

Other creeks and streams in Hastings – The Awahou Stream, The Awanui Stream Paki Paki, The Karamu Stream, The Karawarewa Stream, The Raupare Stream, The Ruahapia Stream and The Te Puna Stream.

The Tomoana Freezing Works –



William Nelson and his brother Frederick Nelson formed a partnership with J. N. Williams in building a new boiling-down works at Tomoana - a tallow and canned-meat factory which opened in July 1881 with bachelor living quarters and a model settlement of workers cottages. Williams remained a shareholder after the company was partly sold in 1882. In early 1884 William Nelson established the Tomoana Freezing works. And in 1884 Nelson Brothers acquired Robert Wellwood's property - Maxwell Lea, which became the William's homestead Waikoko. William also resumed farming and with his brother Frederick and acquired more properties to supply stock for the works. He soon had 5,000 acres on the flats and 30,000 acres of hill country William's property at Chesterhope was used to train young men in farm work and management and from a 7,000-acre bush property Whenuahou, he milled timber and obtained firewood for the furnaces. William Nelson died at Hastings in November 1932 aged 89. Older brother of William Nelson - Frederick Nelson b: 1839 Warwickshire arrived in New Zealand by the *Devonshire* in February 1863, he later returned to England and died in February 1908 aged 69.

The Tomoana Freezing Works - killing was initially started on the 1st of October 1883.



1881, **Henry George Warren** joined Mr Nelson as a cadet to Nelson Bros and Williams at Tomoana, joining their counting-house. He joined Nelson Bros., Ltd., in 1883 as a clerk and rose progressively as accountant, secretary, and manager. He was first married in April 1887 at Napier to Alice Leslie Thomson of Canterbury, in 1888 January, Henry George Warren of the "**The Island**" Tomoana, Alice Leslie died in 1892. He then married in 1899 to Miss Katherine Hardy. He filled the position of general manager of Nelson's (N.Z.), Ltd. Tomoana until he retired in June 1925.

Frederick Ferdinand Christensen b: November 1863 in Denmark, he was educated at public schools and was brought up as a nurseryman. He immigrated to New Zealand in 1881 and for sixteen years was employed as head gardener for Mr William Nelson of Tomoana.

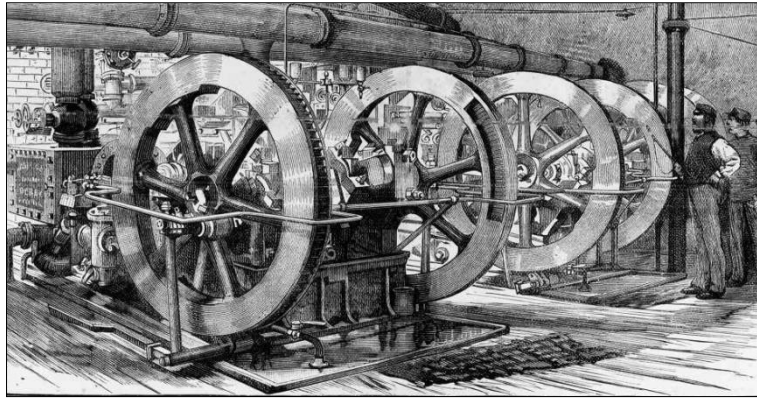
1883 August, **A fire** had occurred at Messrs Nelson Bros works. The fire broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in a boiler shed. Immediately Mr Nelson and his men turned out and worked with a will. Steam was got up in a spare boiler, pipes were hastily screwed together and connected with the abundant water-supply and by 8 a.m. the fire was to all intents and purposes subdued, although it was not extinguished till about 9 a.m. The loss amounts to between £200 and £300 is only partially covered by insurance, a wood-stack and other matters which were uninsured having been destroyed. The dead loss amounts to about £150. But for the judicious arrangements for meeting such a contingency and the plucky manner in which the workmen exerted themselves the damage might and probably would have been much greater. As it is, the establishment began work at 11 a.m. and will be in full working order by the day after tomorrow. The origin of the fire is unknown.

1884 January, Robert Rutherford Douglas (chief engineer Tomoana freezing works)

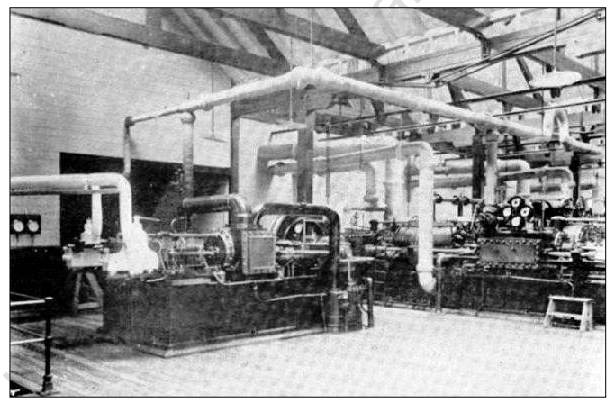
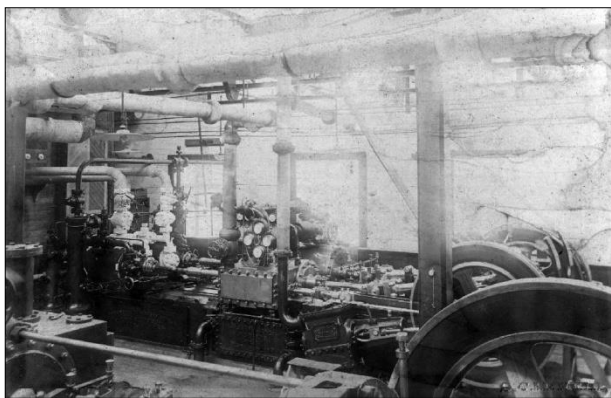
1884 February, The meat freezing process must be seen to be appreciated for the prosperity of New Zealand. It may perhaps be well to premise that the principle upon which the process is based is that air becomes hot under compression and that on removing the heat by cold water and allowing the air to return to its original volume, cold is developed. If then we hang carcasses in a chamber through which a current of this cold air is caused to pass (the outer air being carefully excluded) we refrigerate and thus preserve them. The slaughter-house is a building 60 x 28, communicating with a battened stage outside, on which the sheep are kept as clean and comfortable as possible till they are drafted into pens in the house, whence they are taken as required on to a concrete slaughtering floor, where they are killed and dressed. The carcasses are hooked to friction pulleys travelling on over-head rails, and are run into the "cooling-room." The skins and the refuse fat and offal are conveyed by trolleys on a tramway to other parts of the works to be suitably disposed of. The cooling-room is constructed with a double ceiling, through which a current of air is drawn by a fan driven by a donkey engine. After hanging here for twelve hours the carcasses are passed into the refrigerating chambers, which are fitted with sliding air-tight doors. There are four of these chambers, be that while one is in use the others are being filled and emptied. The first and second are 30 x 24, and will contain 400 carcasses. The third and fourth are 15 x 25, and will contain 200 carcasses. Six hundred carcasses can be dealt with per day. Each chamber has an inlet air-trunk through which the cold air is introduced, and an outlet air-trunk through which the air, after doing duty in the chamber, passes back into the refrigerating machine, in which it is again reduced to the required temperature. The walls and floors are formed with spaces or compartments containing charcoal with air spaces at each side. The sheep remain in the refrigerating room thirty-six hours at the expiration of which they are removed to the "storing rooms" three in number, each of which is 30ft square and is furnished with air-trunks in the same manner as the refrigerating chambers. **They open on to a railway siding** (having air-tight doors at each end) where the frozen carcasses are put into trucks constructed on the same principle as the refrigerating rooms. The machine room is 78ft x 18ft, and contains two refrigerators capable respectively of delivering 40,000 and 15,000 cubic feet of cold air per hour. There are also the fan and engine hereinbefore referred to and there will be an electric light machine on Siemens's principle, Steam at a pressure of 801psi supplied to the several machines from three 20 h.p. Cornish boilers mounted in an adjoining boiler-house. The engines and boilers are by Messrs Haslam of Derby. The engine by which the air is compressed is on the compound principle, being worked partly by steam and partly by the compressed air which is passed through an expansion cylinder on its way to the main inlet air trunk. The air to be cooled first enters the "compressors" which are similar in action to an air-forcing pump. Here the air becomes heated by compression. It then passes into a condenser similar to the surface condenser of a steam engine. Here it is cooled. From this it passes at a pressure of 45lb into an accumulator, and thence into another condenser or cooler (boxed-in off one of the store-rooms) through the tubes of which the air passes and thus cools the exhaust air from the chamber, which passes between these tubes on its way back to the compressors, by which it is again compressed. The inlet air after passing through the condenser tubes and the expansion cylinder of the engine, passes into the main inlet air trunk, whence it is distributed by the branch inlet trunks into the refrigerating chambers, after doing duty in which it enters the exhaust trunks and returns through the cooler to the compressors as described. It will thus be seen that a constant circulation of air through the chambers and apparatus is maintained. I should here mention that the cold air has an awkward way of forming snow both in the valve chest of the expansion cylinder (the cover of which has consequently to be removed from time to time) and also on escaping there from, although I am informed that Messrs **Haslam's machines** form much less snow than other machines. The air is therefore passed through a snow-trap or catch-pit which intercepts this undesirable element. The several air trunks are furnished with sliding valves by means of which the air can be distributed in or cut off from the chambers as required. The freezing chambers and store rooms are separated by a passage with air-tight doors, so that the meat from the former can be passed into the latter without exposure to the outer air. There are also small apertures by which access can be gained to the thermometers in the rooms without entering therein. The trains containing the frozen carcasses discharge them into a steamer which Messrs Nelson have made arrangements to fit up with refrigerating machinery. This vessel will take the carcasses of to the ship which is to take them to England. The buildings, which (unlike the boiling-down buildings) are in one block, and are built of mixed timber on concrete foundations. Messrs Nelson speak (with reason) in high terms, not only of the thorough manner in which Mr **Chapman, the contractor** and his **foreman, Mr Baillie** carried out the work, but also of their expedition; the buildings, which were only begun on the 1st October last, being now finished. I have to thank Messrs Nelson for the facilities which they afforded me, and **Mr R. Douglas, the chief engineer**, and Mr Chapman for their information respecting the departments under their charge, and Mr J. P. Elwood for a view and explanation of the plans prepared by him, which must have cost him a great deal of thought and labour. So much for this wonderful industry. Wonderful in principle and in the ingenuity with which that principle is carried into practice, but most wonderful in the fact that after employing all the costly apparatus necessary for freezing the meat and for preserving from the time of its shipment after paying the preservers, the freight to England and the salesman's charges, it should be possible to sell the meat there at a profit for from 6d to 6½d per lb.

1884 February, the Tomoana freezing works - **the first hundred wethers were killed, dressed, and hung** in the receiving room ready to go into the freezing chambers for the London market from Mr J. N. Williams' Frimley estate and

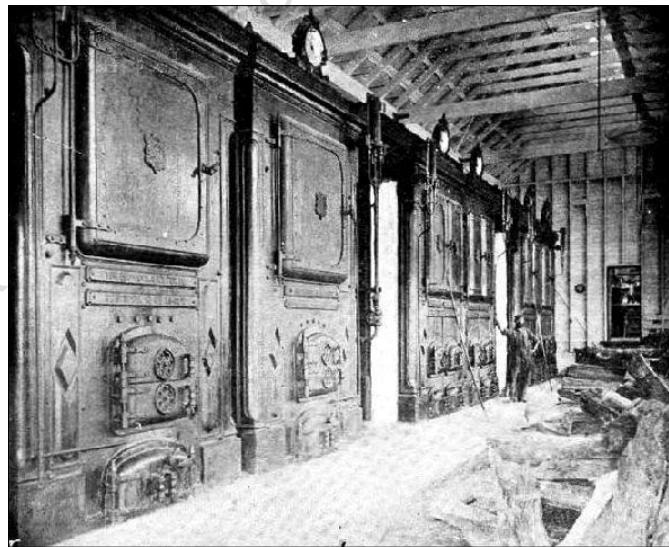
are a credit to Hawke's Bay. ' The company estimate freezing 300 sheep per day at present and now have everything in good going order under the able management of Mr W. Nelson.



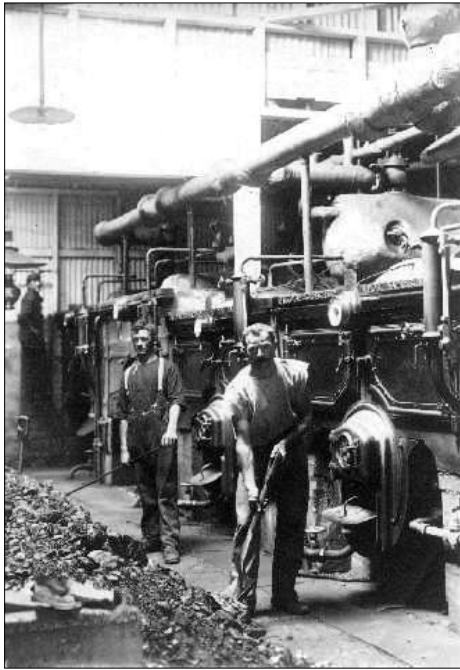
Nelson Bros, Tomoana, the Haslam freezing machinery in the refrigerating chambers



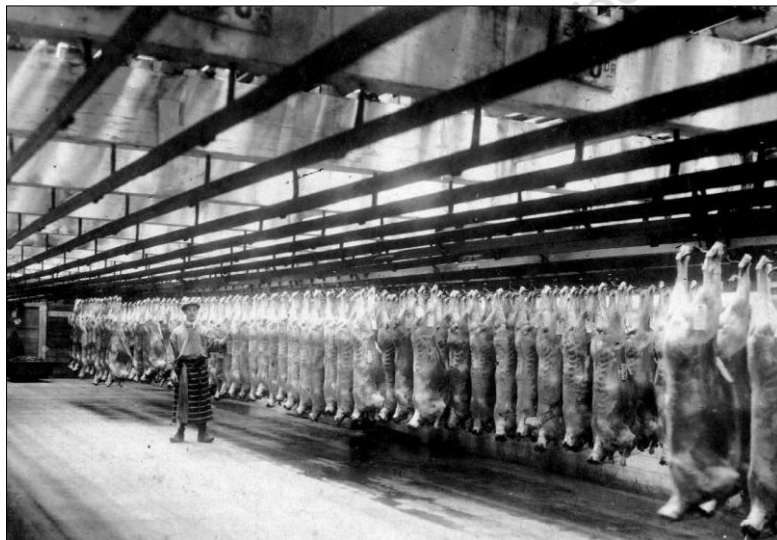
Nelson Bros, Tomoana, the Haslam freezing machinery in the refrigerating chambers, iced up



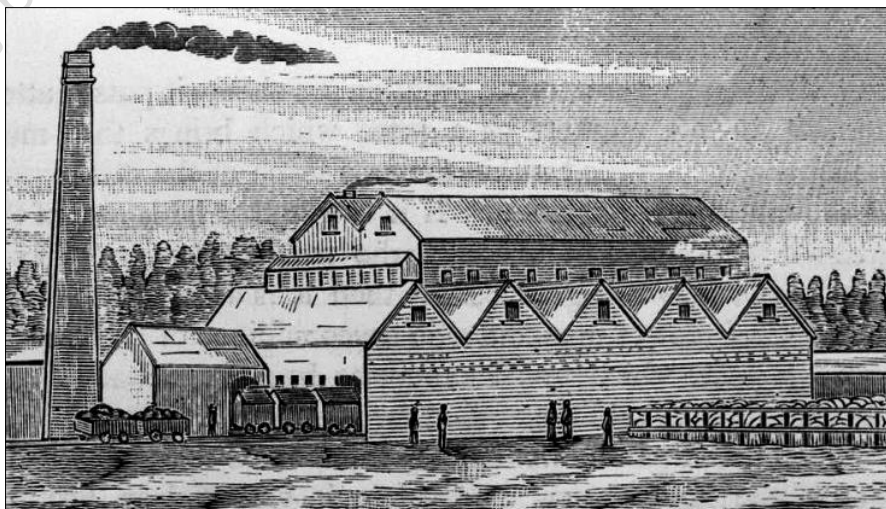
Man standing at the furnaces of the Tomoana Freezing Works



Three unidentified men standing at the stokehold of Tomoana Freezing Works



The cooling floor at Tomoana Freezing Works, with a butcher man in mid ground. The name Jock Drysdale has been handwritten on the back of the photograph



Shows the chillers building with interior wagon loading, Nelson Brothers Tomoana Freezing Works



Nelson Bros, Tomoana Freezing Works old insulated short wagon



The old Tomoana Freezing Works locomotive, there were two sidings at Tomoana Works
George Henry Jones was an engine driver at Tomoana 1887, he died Waipukurau February 1894

1884 March, I took the train and rode out to Messrs Nelson Bros, and Co., and visited their freezing, boiling-down, and present meat works, and was struck with the regularity of the work carried on. My first visit was on seeing the fine flock of sheep waiting their turn to be slaughtered, and the next the regularity of which those were put through the performance of being killed and cooled ready for freezing. And on visiting the engine-room, I had the pleasure of seeing what is done by local industry. The snow and frost produced by their machinery must be seen before believed, as any one visiting the works can see snow and ice. The machinery is from the Haslam manufactory, Derby. England, and is a credit to the firm, and has been erected by Messrs Nelson Bros, under the **supervision of Mr Elwood**, for which too much praise cannot be awarded for the manner he has carried it out. I might mention that the **present freezing works were started on the 1st of October 1883**, and now they have **7000 sheep frozen and ready to be shipped on board the ship *Turakina***, commencing next Monday. The said works have absorbed 21,000 feet timber, and the work has been carried on by Mr Chapman, contractor, and his foreman, Mr Baillie, and the whole work has given satisfaction to the proprietors I must not forget to mention that I received the greatest of kindness and information from Mr Corbett, second engineer, who was on watch in the engine room, also **Mr Clark in the meat preserving department**, which is conducted by him, and the cleanliness and compactness must be seen to be believed. The establishment on the whole, for strength, combined with comfort, engineering skill, and workmanship cannot be surpassed. On my return at the Spit, I visited the s.s. *Weka*, which is also being fitted with one of Haslam's refrigerators under the supervision of Mr Neven, engineer to that firm, and also the vessel is being re-lined and isolated by Nelson Brothers under the management of their foreman, Mr Baillie, and the whole work will be completed by the 10th instant ready to embark frozen meats off to the ship *Turakina*, and this being the first ship of frozen meat from here I hope to see many more follow to reward Nelson Brothers for their great perseverance and civility, and likewise the owners of the s.s. *Weka* for their enterprise.

1884 March, The first consignment of frozen meat from Tomoana was shipped from Port Ahuriri in the *Turakina*. There were three shipments of frozen meat made by the company in 1884.

1884, Robert Rutherford Douglas was chief engineer Tomoana freezing works

1884 April, Good butchers are wanted for the Tomoana freezing works.

Nelson Brothers Tomoana Freezing Works near Hastings became a main employer for Hastings, besides the many butchers, they had a staff of engineers, blacksmiths and tinsmiths workshops, so could make their own equipment required for their production. William Nelson helped many to stand on their own feet, notably his young stockman, William Richmond, who set up his own meat-exporting business.

1884 October, George Paddison was born at Tomoana, the son of John and Elizabeth Paddison. He died September 1946 in Wellington aged 61.

John Paddison b: November 1853 in England, the son of Jno and Anna Paddison. In March 1884 at Napier he married Elizabeth Sands in b: 1854 Lincolnshire, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Sands. They had eight children. John Paddison died April 1933 in Wellington aged 79.

1885 May, W. J. Caulton of Tomoana

1885 October, Education dept - From Captain Russell said the committee at Hastings had arranged to have a **side school at Tomoana** if the Board sanctioned that course. The younger children would be taught at Tomoana, while the elder ones would attend at Hastings. Mr Nelson has offered to give a room. The teacher would be one belonging to the Hastings school.

1886 April, About 300 of the frozen sheep sent to England by the *Coptic* turned out in bad condition, although they left Tomoana in first rate order.

1886 May, Thomas Alexander Hogg of Tomoana

1886 May, The Tomoana men are all hard at work getting the cargo ready for the ship *Northumberland* which will soon be dispatched with a full load of frozen mutton. It is estimated that when loaded she will have about 17,000 carcasses of mutton aboard, besides legs and haunches.

1886 August, Mr Allen of Tomoana

1886 September, A footrace for £5 a-side took place at Tomoana. The contestants were two well-known local "peds" Messrs A. Brown and C. Sharp and a good deal of interest was manifest in the event over 80 people being present. The distance was 100 yards and Sharp conceded his opponent three yards. Mr Doran acted as starter and Mr Steer as judge. Brown got away best at the start, but when 50 yards had been covered Sharp commenced to pull up. However when nearing the post he fell and of course Brown came in the winner. Sharp is evidently not satisfied with the result as we notice by the advertisement that he challenges Brown to another trial of speed.

CHALLENGE.

I HEREBY accept C. Sharp's challenge to Run him 100 yards for £5 a side, he to concede three yards start.
A. BROWN.
Tomoana, Sept. 10, 1886.

1886 October, The Tomoana social hall has been added to lately and will open with a ball

1886 October, Mr Wallter Caulton of Tomoana met with a nasty accident. It appears he was cleaning one of the engines when one of the cranks moved and his leg got jambed against a couple of bolt heads, one of which inflicted a nasty wound in the calf, while the other took away a triangular piece of flesh. The sufferer will be laid up for two or three weeks. Dr. Linney attended to the injuries.

"CHRISTMAS PRESENTS."

WE are prepared to take Orders for Single Carcases Frozen Sheep and Lambs, this season, at the following rates
DELIVERED IN LONDON—
Sheep, 32s 6d per carcase ; Lamb, 25s per carcase.
Additional charge for "inland carriage" on application.
NELSON BROS. (LIMITED).
Tomoana, Oct. 27th, 1886.

1886 October, Messrs Nelson Bros announce they will forward Christmas presents to friends in London

1886 November, Messrs Nelson Brothers Limited report – The frozen meat market is again feeling the depressing influence of an arrival of mutton in inferior condition. Such parcels especially when the trade is somewhat dull, do immense harm. We have to report many sales of useful carcasses at reduced rates and consequently a lower tone throughout the trade. Lamb is again very dull. We quote average New Zealand mutton 3s.6d to 3s.8d per 8lbs – 15 Dowgate Hill, 24th September 1886.

Thomas Bennett b:1858 was foreman of the freezing department at the Tomoana Freezing Works. He severed his connection with Nelson Bros. around 1906 and settled in England where he got married. He died in Manchester in November 1918 aged 60.

John Palmer/Patrick Elwood worked at Nelson Bros Tomoana as an engineer. He had married Edith Maria and he died January 1921 and Edith Maria Elwood died January 1940 aged 80.

Gerald Roland King a clerk b:1864 died at Hastings April 1934 aged 70

William Peacock died at Hastings March 1923

James Aldridge butcher, later Southampton St east near the Gas Works, James Ernest Aldridge died at Hastings July 1902 and Mary Catherine Aldridge died April 1944.



Friedrich Paul Hentschke b: July 1854 in South Australia, the son of Johann and Johanne. In August 1876 he married Jemima Louisa Mina Goldfinch b: August 1858 in Auckland the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Goldfinch. They had six children – 1886 Elizabeth Annie Hentschke. 1890 he was listed at Tomoana. Jemima Louisa Mina Hentschke nee Goldfinch died April 1894 in Hastings aged 35. In 1901 he married Sarah Jane Blair b: 1861, she died June 1902 in Hastings aged 41 and Friedrich Paul Hentschke died December 1922 in Wellington aged 68.

Thornton Charles Littlewood Holroyd b: 1865 in Lancashire Eng, the son of Charles and Mary Holroyd worked at Tomoana, in 1903 he married Amy Dorothy Wyatt. poss a brother James Percy Holroyd also of Tomoana

Charles George Hopkins jnr b:1844, the son of Charles and Agnes Hopkins. He had two sons and one daughter with Lydia Elizabeth Parke. Charles Phillip Hopkins b: April 1888 in Hastings the son of Charles and Lydia Hopkins Charles Phillip Hopkins died July 1959 in Hastings aged 71. Lydia Elizabeth Hopkins nee Parke died June 1948 in Hastings.

Joseph Laurence Coe b: April 1852 in Auckland, the son of John and Mary Coe. In 1874 he married Ellen Hunt b: 1857 the daughter of Richard and Catherine Hunt. They had six children. Ellen Coe nee Hunt died as a young mother in November 1886 at Napier aged 29. In 1908 Joseph Laurence Coe married Mary Elizabeth Powley b: 1852, he died September 1935 in Hastings aged 83.

James Mackintosh b: February 1847 in Inverness Scot, the son of Colin and Helen Mackintosh. In November 1875 at Napier he married Catherine McKenna b:1857 in Monaghan. They had ten children. He died in 1922 in Napier aged 75.

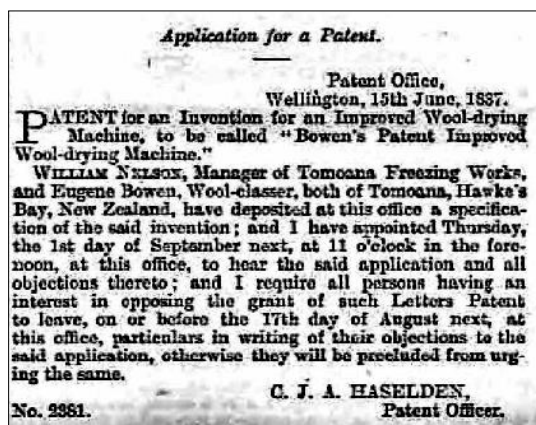


Thomas Johnson Carruthers b: January 1837 Lancashire, the son of Edwin and Jane Carruthers. In March 1862 he first married Jane Mentry and they had four children. She died as a young mother in November 1870 at Wellington aged 29. He then married Francis Jane Woolley born in 1851, they had six children. Thomas Johnson Carruthers died August 1907 in Wellington aged 70.

Eugene Dickens Bowen b: October 1854 Cheshire the son of Charles and Martha Bowen. In June 1881 he married Mary Jane "Polly" Jackson in Canterbury NZ. They had five children. Walter Eugene Bowen b: August 1883 in Hastings and Winifred Daisy Bowen b: October 1889 in Hastings. Eugene Dickens Bowen worked at Nelson Bros Tomoana as an Engineer. They patented a wool drying machine in June 1887 and he was taking the invention to England to ensure he made a living for his family, but sadly died on board the ship and died as young father in July 1889 aged 34, buried in London.

1887 ER for Tomoana lists – Henry Joseph Bargrove, Tomoana, a butcher, Thomas Bennett, Tomoana, a labourer, George Bright, Tomoana, a tinsmith, Samuel Brooking, Tomoana, a fellmonger, George Burnett, Tomoana, a fellmonger, Robert William Caldwell, Tomoana, a meat preserver, Thomas Johnson Carruthers, Tomoana, a cook, Walter John

Caulton, Tomoana, a labourer, Benjamin Clarke, Tomoana, a labourer, Charles Oakley Clarke, Tomoana, a painter, Hubert Edward Clarke, Tomoana, a clerk, Marmaduke Clarke, Tomoana a cook, William Crompton, Tomoana, a watchman, John Cox, Tomoana, a tinsmith, Peter Donecker, Tomoana, a meat preserve, Albert Ellis, Tomoana, a fellmonger, Joseph Farley, Tomoana, a labourer, William Charles Fisher, Tomoana, a labourer, Joseph Franklin, Tomoana, fireman, Sidney Horace Furniss, Tomoana, a clerk, John Harker, Tomoana, a labourer, William John Harper, Tomoana, a labourer, James Arthur Heir, Tomoana, an engineer, John Henshaw, Tomoana, a butcher, John Frederick Hentschke, Tomoana, a tinsmith, William Hitchings, Tomoana, a butcher, Henry Hodding, Tomoana, Thornton C. L. Holroyd, Tomoana, a labourer, Charles Hopkins jnr, Tomoana a butcher, George Henry Jones, Tomoana, an engine driver, Michael Kearns, Tomoana, a labourer, Gerald King, Tomoana, a clerk, David Stewart Kinross, Tomoana, a labourer, James MacIntosh, Tomoana, an engineer, Patrick McCarthy, Tomoana, a carter, Thomas Murdock, Tomoana, a labourer, Peter Nelson, Tomoana a labourer, William Bray O'Brien, Tomoana, an engineer, Cornelius O'Neil, Tomoana, a labourer, John Paddison, Tomoana, a labourer, Ernest Henry Passfield, Tomoana, a blacksmith, Thomas Henry Phillips, Tomoana a wool stapler, James Reidy, Tomoana, a foreman, Edward Ryan, Tomoana, a labourer, Abraham St. George Ryder, Tomoana, a wool stapler, Charles Seruoy, Tomoana, a labourer, Fred John Sexton, Tomoana, a labourer, Thomas Shanahan, Tomoana, a butcher, John Sharp, Tomoana, a labourer, Edward Shields, Tomoana, a greaser, James Silver, Tomoana, a labourer, George Edmund Simpson, Tomoana, a labourer, Robert Sims, Tomoana, a labourer, William Smith, Tomoana, a butcher, Joseph Steer, Tomoana, a fellmonger, James Sullivan, Tomoana, a butcher, John Harvey Thomas, Tomoana, an inborer, Henry Thomson, Tomoana, a butcher, William Thurlow, Tomoana, a butcher, Charles Timms, Tomoana, a labourer, Edward Tolley, Tomoana, a butcher, John Walden, Tomoana, a butcher, Reginald Walker, Tomoana, a fireman, William Ward, Tomoana, a butcher, Henry George Warren, Tomoana, a clerk, Joseph White, Tomoana, a butcher, Samuel Wright, Tomoana, a fellmonger, Ralph Wilkinson Young, Tomoana, a labourer.



1887 June, Wool-drying machine patent by William Nelson and Eugene Bowen

1887 June, E. A. Church of Tomoana

1887 October, **The Tomoana 'boys'** gave their Hastings and other friends a real treat in the shape of a supper and ball. The former was excellently provided by Mr L. Brown who fully proved his ability as a caterer. The little hall was very tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags etc. Dancing commenced at 8.30 and was kept up till about five o'clock the next morning, everyone having enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The music was everything that could be desired and Mr Mersen gave every satisfaction in the capacity of MC.

1887 October, An invitation ball was given by the **married people of Tomoana** at which about 35 couples attended. Dancing began at 8.30 in the hall which was tastefully decorated with flowers, flags and ferns. After the first portion of the programme was completed, an adjournment was made to supper laid in the spacious dining room attached to the hall. A capital spread was provided and ample justice having been done to it the company returned to the ball room and resumed dancing till the programme was exhausted. Mr Newbould presided efficiently at the piano and Mr Franklin as MC was in the right place. Mr Lois Brown had charge of the supper table, and gave unusual satisfaction. In fact, everybody voted the ball one of the most enjoyable they had attended. It is understood that a fancy dress ball on a large scale is projected, Mr John McKay being engaged in inquiring into preliminaries.

1887 October, Considerable activity at present prevails at the freezing works of Messrs Nelson Bros, Tomoana where considerable additions are being made to the buildings. The firm has just added a **new engine boiler** to take the place of two which formerly did service. The works will be in full swing shortly, which means the employment of **100 additional men** at least.

1878 December, The Tomoana Freezing Works - The many buildings which extend over about five acres, the industries carried on in the long workshops, cleanliness which everywhere prevails. From **the machinery room** where powerful engines work the refrigerators, to the boiling and tinning rooms, where all sorts of 'friandises' are prepared and pressed into the shining tins soon to travel east, west, north and south, everything being utilised. Thus the skins of the refrigerated sheep are cured for subsequent manufacture into parchment 'Moroccos' and " roans, the clippings from the pelts are washed and dried by patent machines and turned out as short wool; the kidneys, tongues, &c, are tinned, and

even the horns and bones of the bullocks are sent to a bone dust factory, where, departing from the good behaviour which characterises them at Tomoana, they evolve the "strange and invisible perfume" which "hits the sense" (uncommonly hard, too) and informs delighted travellers that they have arrived at Awatoto. Few of those who pass Tomoana in the train have any idea of the magnitude and diversity of the operations carried on in the little place. **The Slaughter House** - at the long shed where the sheep have arrived at 'the sticking point' and come under the hands of twenty butchers who are busily killing, skinning and dressing them. Through this shed runs a miniature railway. trollies on which take away the fat to the boiling-down house, the skins to the fellmongery, the guts in due time becoming fiddle-strings to charm or torture as the Fates decree. Overhead are a number of rails on which run friction rollers, to which the carcasses are hooked, and here they begin the long journey which is to end in London. Along those rails they are rolled into the cooling room, in which they remain till all their animal heat has been abstracted, when they are passed into the refrigerating chambers, where they are frozen for 36 hours, by the end of which time they give out a bell-like sound when struck. From these chambers (which hold from 200 to 600 carcasses) they are removed to storing rooms and in due course are taken away to the port of shipment by specially constructed railway vans. 1400 sheep can be prepared per day, and there is storage for 28,000 carcasses. From the slaughter house we pass to **The Boiler House** in which in addition to four 20h.p. boilers, a striking novelty in the shape of a 60-h.p. Babcock and Willcock's boiler in which the steam is generated in groups of tubes between which the heat from the furnace circulates, which tubes depend from a horizontal steam-drum mounted on trunnions at its ends, which arrangement allows for an unequal expansion of the parts, the drum being luted to the brick, setting enclosing the tubes. The flues of all the boilers lead into one of 'Green's Economisers' containing 168 tubes, 12ft s long and 4in in diameter for heating the feed-water which is passed through them ; on its way from the condensers to the boilers, and is thus heated by the Waste: heat circulating between the tubes. Adjoining the boiler-house is **The Refrigerating Machine** - Here are four Haslam dry-air refrigerators busy at work, in which the air on its way to the freezing chambers is first heated by compression, then cooled by passing through pipes surrounded by cold water, and then passed into a chamber containing drying pipes, which apparatus was the subject matter of the recent action of Haslam v. Hall in respect of the alleged infringement by the latter of the former's patent, in which action the verdict was for the defendant. After passing through these pipes the air is expanded, by which means its temperature is reduced to 80deg below zero, it then passes through air trunks into the freezing chambers and after doing its duty, passes back through exhaust trunks to the compressors. Taking a lamp in his hand my cicerone swings open a small but massive door, and enters a narrow passage. Here the cold is intense frost on the roof, on the walls, on the floor and here and there a little snow for we are in the freezing chamber where countless carcasses are hanging. The engine room and freezing chambers are lighted at night by Siemens electric light, the dynamo for which is driven by a 3h.p. engine which is highly polished. Leaving the engine house we pass two large reservoirs from which 700,000 gallons of water are daily passed through the machines. In these reservoirs sundry goldfish disport themselves, typical as it were, of the auriferous returns "arising and accruing" from the industries carried on around them. Entering **The Wool Shed** where an invention which will probably revolutionise all these processes in which wool requires to be dried after being washed, dyed, &c. Sheepfarmers, fellmongers, wool-scourers, and dyers have long sighed for some inexpensive and efficient apparatus which should render them independent of the weather, and enable them to do their work with precision and certainty, This desideratum is at last supplied by Messrs Nelson and Bowen in their patent wool-drying machines, two of which are here at work, and by which the wool to be dried is exposed to a blast of warm air so that its fibres may be repeatedly acted upon thereby and thus be regularly and rapidly dried, the dried Wool being expelled from the machine by means of the blast. Each machine consists of a sparrd drum open at both ends and revolving on friction rollers in a casing, between the bars of which dram air is forced from a longitudinal air trunk. The interior of the drum is furnished with sparred shelves, which as the drum revolves successively take up portions of the wool and allow them to fall, and thus expose them fully to the current of air, and also shake out any dust or other foreign matters - a great advantage in this process. Both drums are 8ft in diameter, one being 14ft long and the other 30ft. The shorter drum is worked intermittently, i.e. a charge of wool is thrown in at one end and when dried is blown out at the other by turning on a, blast. In the longer drum, which is designed chiefly for use in Home manufactories, the feeding and discharge of the wool are carried on continuously, the wool fed in in handfuls through a hopper at one end, and the blast from the air-trunk being directed by means of adjustable 'feathers' on to the wool in an oblique direction, so that the blast both dries and propels the wool through the dram. The apparatus, which is simple in construction, can in two hours be taken to pieces for transmission and as readily set up on its arrival at its destination. The Carpenters' and blacksmiths' shops, a fitting and repairing room with a 14in shaping machine by Sheppard Hill and Co. a powerful self-acting drilling machine by the same firm, besides lathes and other appliances "too numerous to mention," as the auctioneers say. **The Fellmongery** - a couple of large washing machines by which the pelts are expeditiously and thoroughly cleansed, prior to the curing, which leaves them in excellent condition. The flesh pots of Tomoana, **The Tin Manufactory** with its steam presses for cutting out the tops and bottoms of the tins, its shears for cutting the strips for the sides, its shaping rollers, soldering furnaces, &c. **The Kitchen** - Here it is that the potted meats, kidneys, soups, &c, are prepared by boiling in huge cauldrons heated by steam. At one side a rotatory chopping machine and a colossal machine for the manufacture of sausages, which from an epicure's point of view are perfect. They do not carry with them the romance and mystery which shroud the London article, which one eats with a thrill of wonder (not unmixed with awe) as to what sort of animal it was made of. Adjoining the kitchen is **The Press Room** - where the cooked meat is forced into the tins by means of plungers. Passing through the boning-room and sailing-house, the shortest broad gauge railway in the world. On it runs a truck which conveys the tins from the room in which they are filled to the next room, where they are enclosed in steam-heated retorts, the tins being put into cages running on rails across the aforesaid track. The retorts have corresponding rails, so that when the truck is wheeled up to a retort the cages thereon can he run into it. From the retorts the tins are plunged into vats of cold water and then lacquered, labelled and packed in cases. The fat is boiled down 'tastefully rendered' under pressure, and that 'neat's foot oil' is extracted from the sheeps' feet. A most flourishing local industry in Hawke's Bay.

1888, Nelson Bros Tomoana – James Aldridge a butcher, Eugene Bowen, A. Edser, Charles Whiting, E. A. Church

1888 January, Messrs Nelson Bros have purchased Mr Conroy's Butchery business in Napier and it is rumoured that the firm intends opening a branch establishment in Hastings.

1888 April, James Reidy an employee of Mr W. Nelson's Tomoana Works died aged 35

1888 August, William Robertson an Engineer of Tomoana

1888 November, Chris Neilson a butcher of Tomoana

Edward Walter Long b:1860 Berkshire Eng, the son of Thomas and Julia Long. He was married to Margaret Post b: October 1868 in New South Wales. He died April 1946 in Napier aged 86. Son - George Percy Long b: February 1888 at Tomoana, He married Gertrude Jennie Le Bas in 1925. They had two children. He died June 1927 in Napier aged 39. Son - Thomas Francis Long b: June 1889 at Tomoana, the son of Edward and Margaret Long. He married Grace Clarinda Williamson in 1912. They had one child. He died on 17 August 1962 in Wellington aged 73.

1889 May, James Eccles a butcher of Tomoana

1889 June, John Carroll a Labourer of Tomoana

In March 1888, The treatment of frozen meat in Smithfield market has produced an offer from Mr W. Nelson of the Tomoana freezing works to give his views on the bearing of the Smithfield Market on the frozen meat trade.

In May 1888, The cold meat stores of Messrs **Conroy and Co., in connection with the Tomoana freezing works,** were opened today and the revolution in the retail meat trade of this town has thus been inaugurated. As our readers have already been informed, the principal store is that which was formerly known-an **Wardrop's**, and this has been divided into commodious departments for receiving, freezing or cooling chambers, storage rooms, and retail shop, everything being most conveniently arranged under the direction of Mr W. Nelson. All the meat is supplied from Tomoana by rail and delivered straight into the store from the trucks, and to-day the trade was opened with fifty carcasses of mutton, and four of beef, besides a large quantity of cases of preserved meats, soups, &c. The trade is to be strictly a cash one except in certain cases in which a weekly account can be opened by arrangement. From the price-lists which are conspicuously displayed for the benefit of customers, we learn that beef is sold from 2½d to 4d per lb, rump-steak 5d; mutton from 1d to 3d for loins; veal 2d to 5d beef sausages 4d; pork 6d. An extra charge of ½d per lb is made for delivery. The tinned meats are also greatly reduced from ordinary store prices. Householders will not fail to appreciate the enterprise that has thus brought down butcher's meat to a price commensurate with the value of live stock. They will have the assurance also of knowing that this is no flash in the par., but a permanent institution that has been established so opportunely by Messrs Conroy and Co. to meet the times.

1888 June, The Colonial Shipping Company's steamer *Ashley Brooke* is now due at Auckland from Sydney, she is expected here about the beginning of next week for a cargo of 14,000 carcasses of frozen mutton to be shipped by Messrs Nelson Bros. of Tomoana.

1889 May, The New Zealand Steam Shipping Company's R.M.S. *Rimutaka* left for Lyttelton at 8 o'clock: this morning. She took away some 12,000 carcasses of mutton from the Tomoana freezing works.

1890, Donald Henry Potts resided at Tomoana where he was a manager.

1890 November, We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. J. Townsend who passed away this morning at his residence, Tomoana. Mr Townsend was for many years Incumbent of St. John's parish, Napier, having come here about the year 1867. He resigned the cure in 1878 and was appointed to Lyttelton, returning to Hawke's Bay in 1886 when he was offered and accepted the curacy of Tomoana. For the last six months the Rev. gentlemen has been gradually failing in strength and to-day quietly breathed his last at over 70 years of age. The Rev. John Townsend belonged to the Masonic Craft and was at one time W. M. of Lodge Scinde, Napier.

1891 March, Messrs C. B. Hoadley and Co, will offer a number of building allotments within a short distance from the Tomoana railway station. This should be good news for the large and daily increasing population that is employed in the neighbourhood, as we understand that no other freehold can be obtained within miles of the Tomoana freezing works.

1891 April, Mr Nelson approves of the sale of the Karamu Sections by Messrs C, B. Hoadley and Co as it will enable his workmen and others in the neighbourhood to acquire the only freeholds obtainable so near to the freezing works. Already negotiations have been opened for securing a site for a church and school and those who are watching the sale must see that nowhere is there such an opening for the establishment of a township. and should therefore expect to see considerable competition for the various allotments, not only from those wanting them for immediate settlement, but also from those who are looking a few years ahead.

1891 November, ELECTRIC LIGHT. In the adjoining room are the engine and Siemens dynamo by which is generated the electric current for the 250 Edison-Swan lamps by which the whole of the works are lighted. The lamps are of 16 candle power, some for special illuminating purposes reaching 32 and 50 candle power. I understand that there is to be **erected near the Tomoana railway station an out-door arc light of 3000 - candle power**, which will no doubt brilliantly illuminate the works in that vicinity. The engine (by Messrs Gwynne and Co., of Hammersmith) is on the same bed as the dynamo and transmits motion thereto directly through the crank shaft without the intervention of belts or gearing. This insures great steadiness. A noticeable feature is the patent governor, fitted with a worm and screw

regulator operating through a coiled spring, by means of which absolute steadiness (as testified by the volt-meter) is maintained in the action of the dynamo. An ingenious device for oiling the bearings is also worth inspection. Mr Nelson desires to acknowledge with thanks the valuable advice given by **Mr E. H. Bold**, C.E., who was consulted respecting the plant and electrical engineering of this installation, THE PUMP ROOM. We next proceed to the room wherein are the pumps for feeding the boilers for fire extinguishing and for general work. All these are connected by pipes with the condenser, great economy being thus effected. THE BOILER HOUSE Here are mounted six Babcock boilers of 136h.p. each. These have been tested up to 200lb, and are worked at 100lb. They are multi-tubular, but instead of the heat from the furnace passing through the tubes, the tubes contain the water and the heat circulates around them, the said tubes being arranged at an incline in sections communicating by means of a "header" with the steam drum. By means of suitable fire bridges the heat is caused to ascend, descend) and then again ascend among the tubes, and passes out to a Green's "economiser" in which it heats the feedwater, which presses through a number of tubes on its way to the boiler. When like "Tom Bowling" the heat has thus "done its duty" it is at last allowed to "go aloft" into the chimney. Before saying " Good-bye " to the "economiser" I must notice an ingenious and effective device of Mr Nelson's for cleaning the tubes from soot. It consists of a number of vertical pipes connected by flexible pipes to a steam pipe, and so suspended as to be capable of travelling up and down between the " economiser " tubes and delivering upon them jets of steam which blow off the soot. THE FREEZING CHAMBERS. We wind up with five it to these chambers, into which we walk through a large door instead of squeezing through the little hole which used to give a romantic thrill to the visitor. These chambers are arranged in two tiers, one above the other, thus affording increased accommodation, which enables Nelson Bros, to freeze 2000 sheep ft day and store 66,000. A new departure in this part of the Works will be appreciated by the general public. A number of legs of mutton are frozen separately be that persons wishing to make presents of frozen mutton to friends in England, but not caring to go the entire animal can send these legs at a small cost. Undoubtedly, the profits of so vast an enterprise are large, although many items crop up to "rub the gilt off the Gingerbread." As an instance may mention that a **freezing room erected eight years ago has had to be re-built owing to decay in the wood**. THE SLAUGHTER HOUSES. Passing through the slaughterhouses I note that they have been considerably enlarged to meet the increased requirements of the trade. My attention is attracted by some tickets bearing mysterious hieroglyphics, I ask Mr Nelson their meaning and he explained that the firm have introduced a radical improvement into the trade with the view of recovering the prestige which New Zealand frozen meat formerly held in the Home market, but which has been to a great extent lost owing to the reckless exportation of inferior meat which has been called on. They have therefore decided to export no ewes over 65lb, and no sheep over 75lb, and these they classify into ten grades which ore distinguished in the Home marked by an ingenious system of marks on the tickets aforesaid. Consumers of this meat can therefore rely on getting it "young and tender" I may here thank Mr Nelson for his pilotage and explanations, which not only enhanced the pleasure of my visit, but materially aided me in my work. CONCLUSION. In recording the successful completion of a work which **gives employment to 160 men** it is but right to give a word of praise to those gentlemen of Messrs Nelson's staff whose skill and care contributed t» the Aladdin like transformation. The plans and specifications were drawn by **Mr J, P, Elwood**, who supervised the general erection, the buildings being erected under the immediate supervision of **Mr Stevens**, and the machinery was fitted up by **Mr Hare, chief engineer**, and a capable staff of assistant. All worked with a will, and may feel proud of their share in one of the biggest " eye-openers " on this side of the line.

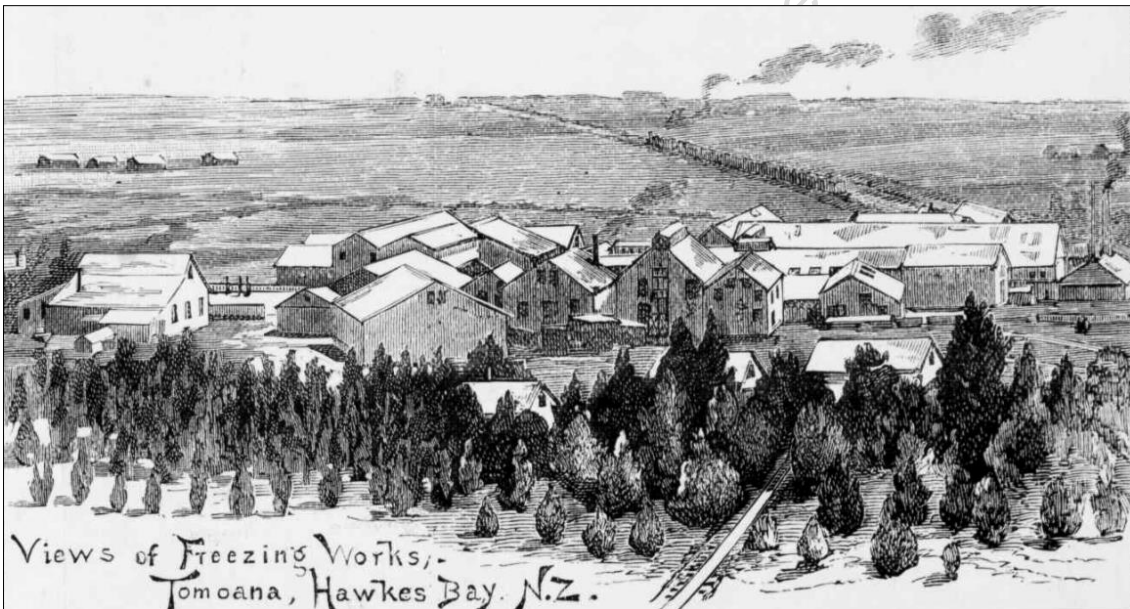
1891 December, Messrs Nelson Brothers, Limited, with their usual generosity, sent a Christmas present to all the employees at their works, and the carpenters who were recently working at the additions to the Tomoana works, although many of them were paid off a month ago, have each been kindly remembered, the souvenir taking the form of frozen sheep.

1892 July, The freezing works at Tomoana are being completely altered and renewed, in preparation for the coming season. To give an Idea of the magnitude of the work it may be stated that over 40 men are employed in making the alterations, and will be for some time to come. Over 20 of them are carpenters, some from Napier and the others from Hastings.

1893 November, Messrs Nelson Bros Works at Tomoana will start freezing next week. There is an immense number of sheep ready to be sent to the works.



1893, Nelson Brothers Tomoana Freezing Works buildings, shows a cluster of large and small buildings before subsequent fires, mostly tall and narrow with small windows, a tannery, by Andrews Bros of Napier Portrait Studio.



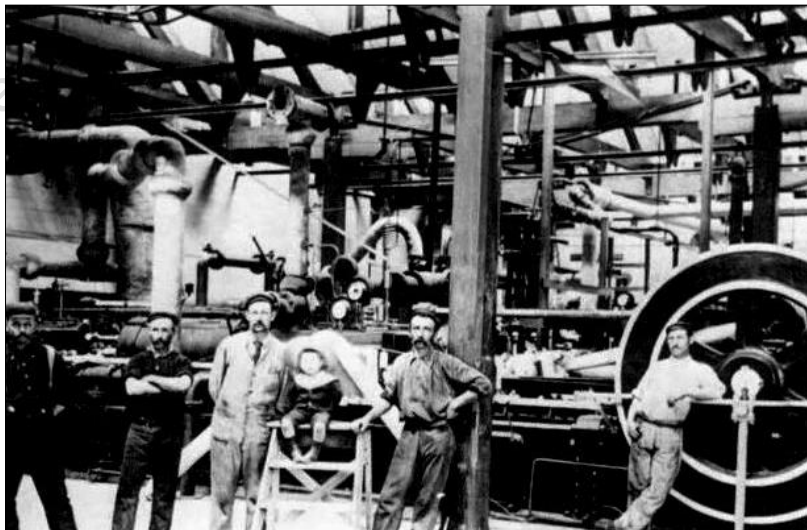
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1893, Tomoana working man's village, by Andrews Bros of Napier Portrait Studio.



1893, A group of workers and children at Tomoana in Hastings, by Andrew Bros of the Napier



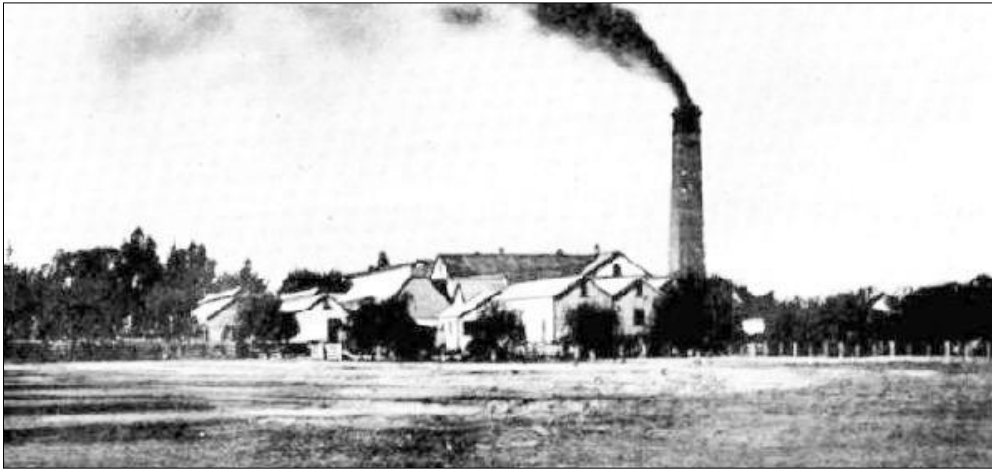
1893, Tomoana Freezing Works refrigeration plant, shows five men and one child



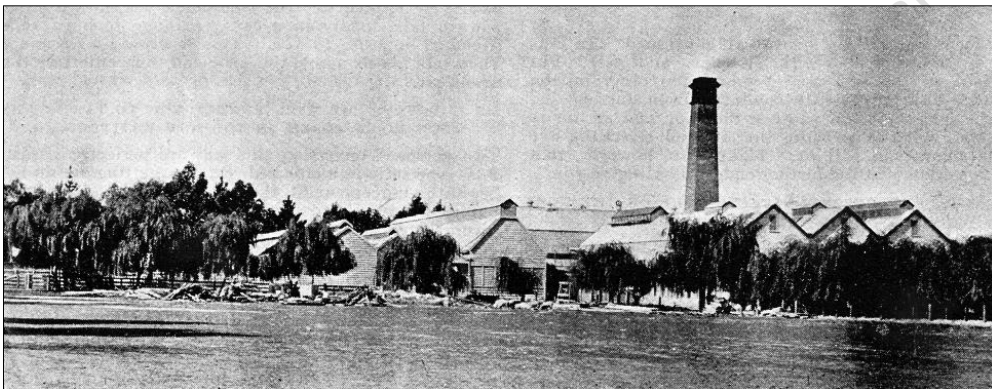
An early group of workers outside the original bag room at the Tomoana Works located at the east corner of the property. The three men at the right of the photograph are identified on the back as Arthur Thomas, Dave Spence and Paddy Gilhouly

1895 March, Messrs **Nelson's wool shed at Mangateretere** where a number of sheep were being 'dagged' by Wolseley machines driven by Messrs Nelson and Niven's patent apparatus, the novelty of which consists in driving the cutters (which are of the ordinary kind) by means of a rotator motor through which water is forced. The motors are suspended from the roof of the shed by chains, and the induction and eduction pipes are led along the sides of the shed, and are connected by flexible pipes to the motors, which are thus practically isolated as regards vibration from the pipes, so that no vibration is communicated to them and all strain upon the shed is prevented. The force and suction pumps with their subsidiary mechanism (made by Galloway and Co) are mounted upon a tumbrel by Faulknor of Hastings and are driven by a 4-h.p. steam engine by Brown and May. The power thus supplied would be sufficient to work twenty-two machines easily, but only eight are at present in use. As is well known to shearers, the operation of 'dagging' is an exceedingly difficult one to perform well with ordinary hand shears, especially when the sheep is very dirty, but the apparatus made a clean and rapid job, shearing close to the skin without cutting it. In fact, although the shearers were with one exception all new to the work, they expressed themselves well satisfied with the apparatus. I myself tried one of the machines and found the vibration reduced to a minimum. The following are the chief advantages of Messrs Nelson and Niven's motor over the ordinary driving mechanism :- 1. No vibration in the shed, so that the machine can be applied to any shed without the latter having to be strengthened. 2. Portability ; the whole plant can be carried about in a cart, and fixed in any shed in a few hours. 3. A Saving of 50 per cent in horse power. 4. The same water is used over and over again, 5. Far less vibration to the hand of the shearer, 6. Speed ; 2600 revolutions per minute, Messrs Nelson and Niven invite the inspection of their apparatus by all interested. It will be at work at Mangateretere for the next ten days following.

1895 March, **Fire at Tomoana Works** estimated at £1000. About half-past 3 on Sunday morning the Hastings firebell rang out a violent alarm, and even in the moonlight a bright glare was perceived in the direction of Tomoana. The brigade turned out promptly, and the steamer was ready for action in a few minutes, but no horses were available, and though it could be seen by the conflagration that the fire was of considerable magnitude, nothing could be done. In the meantime telephonic messages came to hand imploring assistance to save the works. However, half an hour elapsed before **horses could be procured from Messrs Barry Bros.** Once underway however, the brigade was quickly on the spot, but found on arrival that all danger was past, the portion of the Tomoana works which had caught fire having been reduced to a heap of burning debris. The fire had its origin in that portion of the **building used as a carpenters, blacksmiths and filters establishment, which contained a large stock of machinery** of all kinds. This building stood detached, yet right in the centre of the works, so that it can be easily imagined that had there been the slightest breeze the whole would have been consumed. When the alarm was sounded in Tomoana the local brigade turned out promptly, and fixed their hose on to a small donkey engine, which however refused to work. Subsequently, however, they got to work with their manual, and were enabled to render much valuable service in preventing the spread of the conflagration. When the Hastings steam engine arrived on the scene they attached to an adjacent well and began to pump, but in five minutes the supply of water had run out, and they had to pause awhile to refill. This occurred five times before the flames were properly quenched. If the works as a whole had once got properly alight all the fire brigades in New Zealand would not have been able to subdue the flames. As it was damage to the extent of over £1000 is estimated to have been done. The origin of the fire is unknown. The night-watchman says that while on duty about 2 o'clock he noticed a very strong smell of paint, but had noticed nothing of the fire prior to its bursting out in the joinery room. Nothing is known as to the extent of the Insurances, &c, the manager being away at present. It is likely that a stringent inquiry will be held to endeavour to dissipate the mystery in which the occurrence is at present enshrouded.



1895, Tomoana Freezing Works



1895 August, Tomoana Freezing Works

1895 September, Ten Shillings Reward - Lost, Black and White Tan Collie, in Hastings on Wednesday 4th September. Please return to Waikoko. Answers name "Glen" - E. W. Nelson.



Steam engine locomotive pulling Nelson Bros Ltd long carriages, poss going to Port Ahuriri, by William Williams

1896, John Ender was now a fellmonger at Tomoana with Alice Beatrice Ender, they poss went overseas.



1896 June, Flooding at Tomoana, a stranded motorist

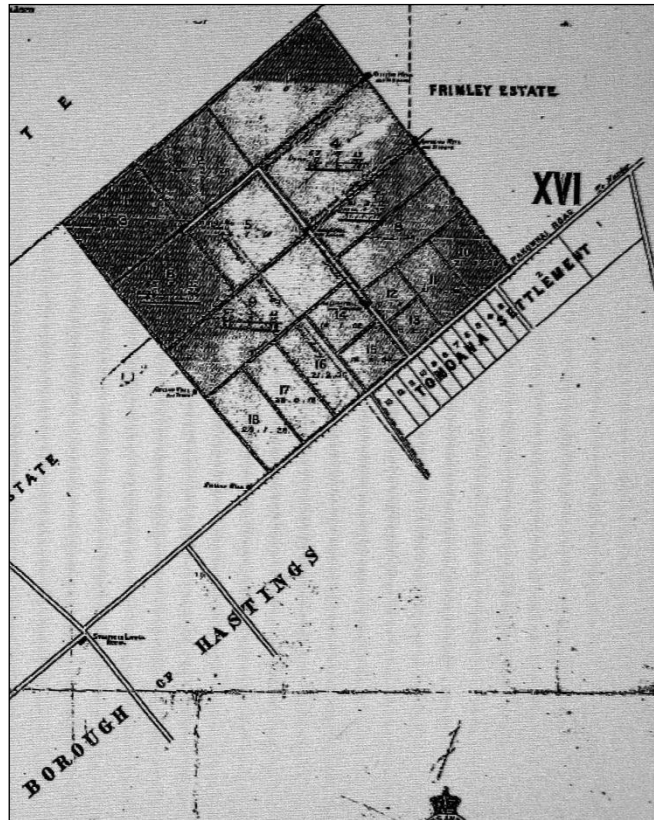
1897 May, A workman at Tomoana met with a nasty accident yesterday. The man was engaged in grinding bone dust when his finger got entangled in the cogs and was severely lacerated. Mr Tyerman attended to the requirements of the case and today the sufferer is reported as doing well.

1897 May, **Fire at Tomoana Works** - At a quarter before two this morning the Tomoana whistle was heard in Hastings. As this is never blown during the night except as an alarm for all hands to turn out, it was surmised that there must have been a fire. The rumour was that the handsome offices at the works had been destroyed. On proceeding to Tomoana it was found that the scene of the fire was **the old office on the west of the line now used as a store**, and in which the bags for freezing were kept. The powerful appliances for fire extinction were soon at work, and the flames extinguished, but not until much damage had been done to the bags. The cause of the fire is at present unknown. Later, **The building in which the fire took place is the oldest in Tomoana** and in consequence very dry, and the contents being chiefly of an inflammable nature, was a ready prey for the flames. In answer to the "buzzer" the entire force of men were at the fire in quick time, and soon showed their usefulness as a fire brigade under Mr W. Nelson and Mr Elwood. Only two 7/8 jets were necessary, and these extinguished the fire completely in twenty minutes although it had a big hold by the time the men arrived. Willing hands were immediately at work under the direction of Mr G. Cooper and arrangements for fire extinction are so complete that in three minutes from the alarm Mr Ellwood had the fire jet on the fire. The steam pumping machinery had on at once 100lbs of steam and could have been got up to 150lbs. Directly the fire alarm is given the apparatus is automatically set to work. The service was so effective that the fire, although raging furiously in the store, was not permitted to get through a partition dividing the store from the offices. The chief damage is to the bags, of which a large stock was on hand, but which are now useless. It is supposed that the fire originated by spontaneous combustion amongst a quantity of cotton-waste. A number of scrim bags were destroyed, but the damage is slight. The store was closed at 5 p. m. yesterday, when no lights were necessary and no fire or light was used during the day. Close by is the paint store, which would have made a tremendous conflagration if it had caught. The men worked with a discipline worthy of the best brigade. Mr Nelson snr was one of the most industrious in quelling the blaze. One or two of the hands who could find nothing to do were roused up by one of the foremen with the remark, 'What a jolly shame you fellows letting the boss work.' The speaker was not killing himself with overwork when he made the remark. The building was insured for £300 and the contents for £400 in the New Zealand office. The loss is roughly estimated at £700. With the splendid appliances for fire-extinction at the Tomoana Freezing Works, it is a wonder that a brigade corps has not been started there amongst the hands. This morning, although many of the workmen were quite unaccustomed to the practice some really smart work was put in; but had the fire had a firmer hold there is no telling what the result might have been. The hands would only be too glad to assist in the formation of a corps, and there is no telling when important works such as Nelson Bros. may be unfortunate enough to require their assistance.

1897 June, It will be noted that amongst the Jubilee honours is that of K.C.M.G. conferred upon Mr E. Nelson, brother of Mr W. Nelson of Tomoana.

1897 June, Mr George Carrington of Tomoana, cook, has applied for Letters Patent for an invention for an improved machine for cleaning bottles, decanters, mustard-pots, jugs, lamps, chimneys, and other similar vessels or articles.

Guy Selwyn Sisson Cooper b: 1865, the son of George S. and Ellen Cooper, worked at Tomoana 1896, he died June 1922 in Hastings aged 57.



1899 March, Mahora, shows the Frimley Estate with Stortford Lodge and the Tomoana Settlement sections north along Pakowhai Rd

1898 December, Mr A. Leipst of Hastings, has just finished the sinking of **four two-inch wells** for Mr W. Nelson at Tomoana. This makes **nine wells sunk** by Mr Leipst for Mr Nelson during the present year, and **twenty-six** (including a six-inch well sunk on the property altogether). In each case a good and permanent flow has been obtained.



1900, A group identified as the Tomoana Freezing Works Hands, taken under the shade of large trees near an underground drain left edge, by W. McGuire



1901 June, Staff standing in front of the Nelson Brothers Limited Office at the Tomoana Freezing Works. The two men standing on the extreme left are thought to be Jim Drysdale and Reg Pinckney, by L. Daroux



1901 June, Staff standing in front of the Nelson Brothers Limited Office at the Tomoana Freezing Works entrance, from left to right: Back row – M. Higginson, F. Tipping, Cucitt, M. Fenwick, Elwood, G. Cooper. Middle row - William McCulloch, Hetley, G. R. King, R. Pinckney. Front row - Henry George Warren, William Nelson (sitting with Tiddles) G. L. Sunderland



1901 June, A group of staff at the Tomoana Freezing Works Office, from left to right: Back group – J. Leonard, J. Fraser, C. J. Hetley, W. G. Cato, J. King, W. McCullough, G. L. Sunderland, R. Pinckney. Front group – J. P. Elwood, M. Higginson (seated) B. Hobbs (seated)

George Langdale Sunderland was the first manager of Nelson Bros.' Taruheru works in Gisborne and later manager of the Tomoana works at Hastings.



1901 June, A group of unidentified workers of the Tomoana Freezing Works, by J. H. Daroux

1903 November, Messrs Nelson Bros have been requested by a South American freezing company to send over one of their butchers, with a view to teaching the latest style of slaughtering adopted by the New Zealand trade. The request has been granted and **Mr Jens Neilson**, one of the best butchers at Tomoana will leave for Monte Video in a few days, under a six months' engagement. This should be good news for New Zealanders, who have been led to believe that the South American trade had nothing to learn from New Zealand.



A group of twelve employees of the Tomoana Freezing Works. Eight of the men are identified on the back of the photograph as - Mick Kearns, Percy Long, Aussie butcher ? Kearns, Dave Henderson, Arthur Adams, Tom O'Connor and Jack Archibald who was the stockyard foreman with his dog



1904 July, William Nelson's woolshed at Waikoko by the old quarry lake, adjoining the nearby freezing works

1904 December, Thomas Henry Rainbow was employed at the Tomoana Freezing Works as was Richard Samuel Pepper and Geo. Henry Orchard, labourer living in Hastings and working at Tomoana.

1910 - 1930 Janet and David Henderson a shepherd at Tomoana, 1938 Janet and David Henderson, Retired C/- The Mansions, Southampton St, Hastings



1909 April, Tomoana Freezing Works

1913, **William Archibald Alexander** b: Scotland married Margaret Hodge. They were involved in a vehicle accident. Children - 1915 Mary Helen (Molly) Alexander at Tomoana and May 1916 John William Alexander in Tomoana. William Archibald Alexander apparently worked at Tomoana works 1904 – 1918 he was keen on Pigeons, Mary Helen (Molly) Alexander supervised the functions held at Waikoko homestead Tomoana. William Archibald Alexander died April 1940 and Margaret Alexander nee Hodge of Nelson St died July 1972 aged 85.

1915 May, **Tomoana Works smokestack demolished** to its foundations – The prominent monumental smokestack of the pioneer industry a land mark sentinel guarding over the Plains for quarter of a century – trees had grown around it – the old builder recalled 365.000 bricks went into it. It had stood the test of time and some severe earthquakes.



Shunting sheep rail trucks at Tomoana, the office distant behind engine

1923 February, Messrs Nelson Bros Ltd have concluded contracts for the reconstruction of their freezing works at Tomoana throughout bring it up to date in all departments. Messrs Hamilton and Williams builders of Napier signed a contract £50,000 including a four story ferro-concrete building with slaughter board on the top and gravitation principle down to lower floors This building will be 260 ft long by 140 ft wide and 72 ft high. The plans drawn up by Mr A. Duncan the companies architect and the whole work being carried out under the supervision of Mr J. Gichard the companies' contractual engineer. Several additional subsidiary contracts. The grounds at Tomoana have been in process of preparation for the building scheme and buildings removed.

1924 January, Messrs Nelson (NZ) Ltd notify that the reconstruction of the Tomoana freezing works enables the company to announce a substantial reduction in freezing charges as from January 21st to the rates advertised.

1924 November, Hastings Abattoirs William's St - New Building to be erected – At the Borough Council meeting the Mayor reported that he had conferred with Hon W. Nosworthy Minister of agriculture and dr. C. J. Reakes head of the Agriculture Department Wellington and following on that conference the council has decided to give **Nelson's Ltd NZ** twelve months notice to terminate the present slaughtering delegation and also that steps be immediately take to build a

new abattoirs for the borough, the master butchers to be asked to confer with the Abattoirs Committee regarding this matter. It was further decided that the matter of the disposal of old abattoir property be referred to the Works Committee. It was pointed out by the Mayor that the department would not on any account allow the abattoir to be used for slaughtering meat for human consumption. The **old concrete Hastings abattoir building** possibly lay empty till 1947 to become the new Hastings Milk Treatment station.

1925 February, Nelson NZ Ltd staff gathered to farewell Mr J. L. Giehard superintending engineer who is leaving for a trip to the Old Country. Mr H. G. Warren mentioned the difficulties Mr Giehard had to contend with and overcome in the reconstruction of the Tomoana freezing works.

1925 June, A large assembly of staff of Nelson Ltd Hastings and other staff of associated company's at the Hastings Assembly Hall to tender valedictory to Mr Henry George Warren general manager after 51 years service. Mr A. Rowlands representing Vestey Bros occupied the chair with Mr R. D. Rogers manager of Nelsons Ltd and Mr p. McCarthy one of the oldest of the company's servants. Toasts of past associated of Staff Mr G. R. King, Messrs W. Richmond and Mr F. Toleertan. Songs Messrs F. R. Lee, H. Judd, J. Craig, Recitation Mr T. Brennan instrumental from Mr Ferbrache and the orchestra.

1925 September, At Tomoana works Mr Graham works manager on behalf of the employees made a farewell presentation to Mr J. B. Hird head fellmonger who has severed his connections with the establishment after 36 years. James Buckman Elms Hird came to Hastings when aged 24 and was engaged in the fellmongery department at Tomoana Freezing works, eventually being in charge of the department for many years. He then set up in business on his own account as a cartage contractor and became well known throughout the province. Also Mr Frederick James Lord who is leaving the Tomoana works to enter into business on his own account, he had not been at the works very long.

1925 December, the **Tomoana works road from Waipatu to Nelson Avenue in Pakowhai was renamed Elwood Rd** by the Hawke's Bay County Council in a request from the Hawke's Bay Agriculture and Pastoral Society.

1926 February, The death occurred at Gisborne of Mr George Langdale Sunderland aged 78. He entered the Royal Navy at the age of 13 and served for nine years going to poverty Bay in 1875 and taking up farming. He was the first manager of Nelson Bros Taruheru works and later manager of Tomoana works Hastings. Mr Sunderland was a prominent member of the Hawke's Bay Club for a number of years and till the time of his death he had been its president. Mrs O. Nelson of Tomoana and Mrs C. Giblin of Waipukurau are daughters of deceased. As a mark of respect to his memory the flag was flying half-mast at the club buildings in Hastings and Napier.

1926 February, At the Tomoana works a number of old employees who had worked under Mr J. B. E. Hird during the period 36 years that he had charge of the fellmongery department and who were unable to participate in the presentation made to Mr and Mrs Hird on a previous occasion.

1926 May, Raymond Poppelwell a lad of sixteen the son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Poppelwell of Warren St Hastings met with a rather serious accident at Tomoana works. He was walking up some steep passageway and when near the top he slipped and fell to the bottom. He as seen to rise and to stagger to a seat in a shed where assistance arrived before he became unconscious. He was at once taken to Hastings where he received medical treatment. He remained unconscious for nearly five hours, but fortunately there were no complications and was reported to be progressing satisfactory.

1926 October, Timothy John Downing who for twelve years on the engineering staff of the Tomoana Freezing Works leaving there to take up dairy farm at Mangateretere was accidentally killed at Waipukurau October aged 42. A brother Mr Andrew Downing at Tomoana.

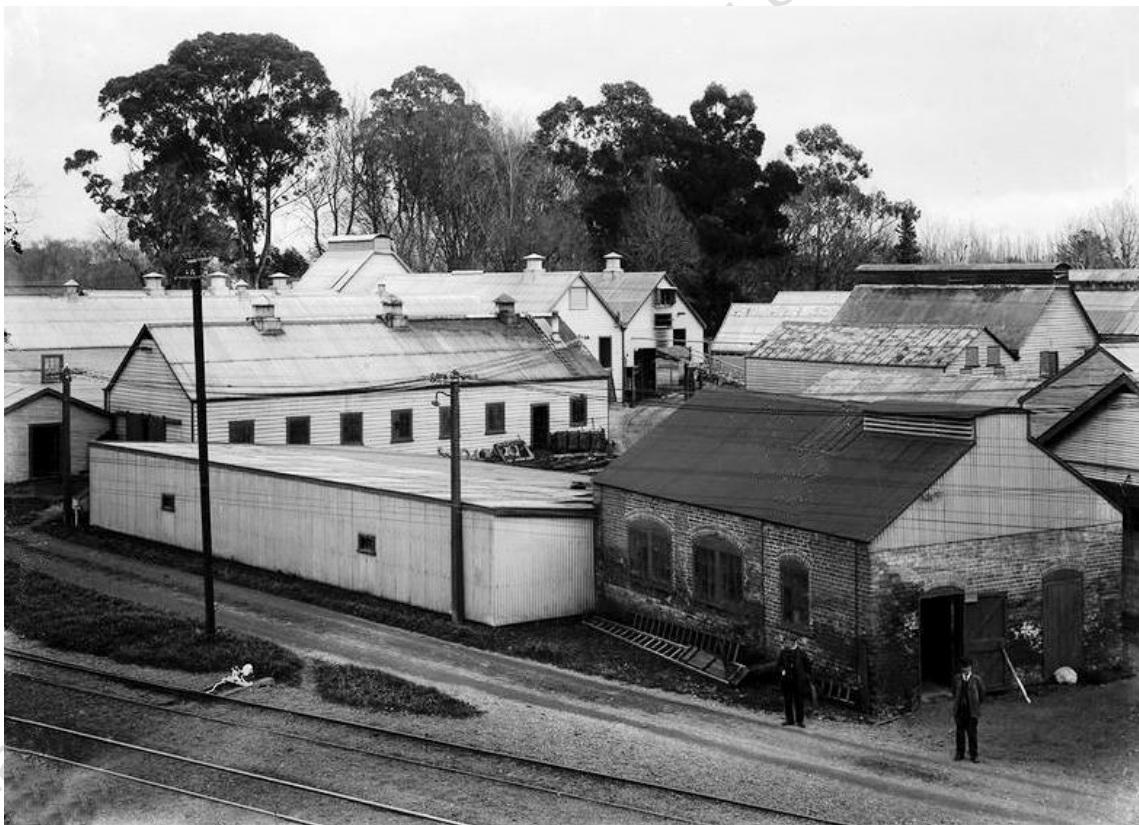
1926 September, A pleasing ceremony took place at Nelson Bros Ltd's works at Tomoana when staff gathered for Mr Alexander Kirkpatrick on the eve of his marriage to Alice May McCorkindale. Mr Grant works manager.



1920's Tomoana Freezing Works



1920's Tomoana Freezing Works rail sidings and buildings



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1920's Tomoana Freezing Works housing



1920's Tomoana Freezing Works flag pole and buildings



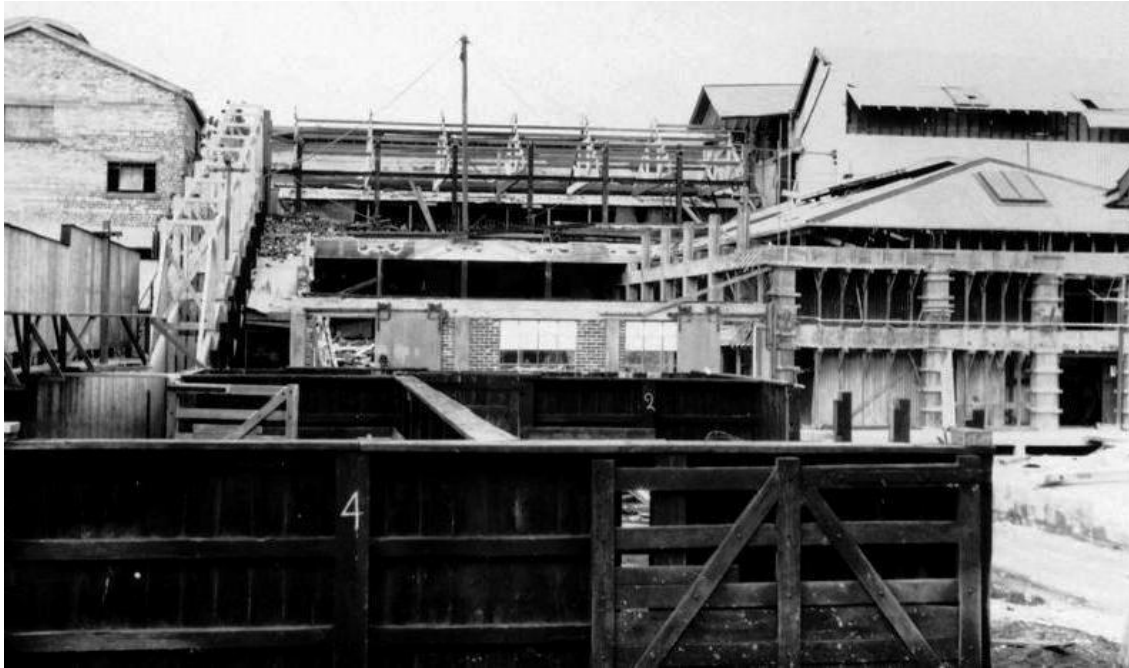
1920's Tomoana Freezing Works housing



1931, Tomoana Freezing Works earthquake damage

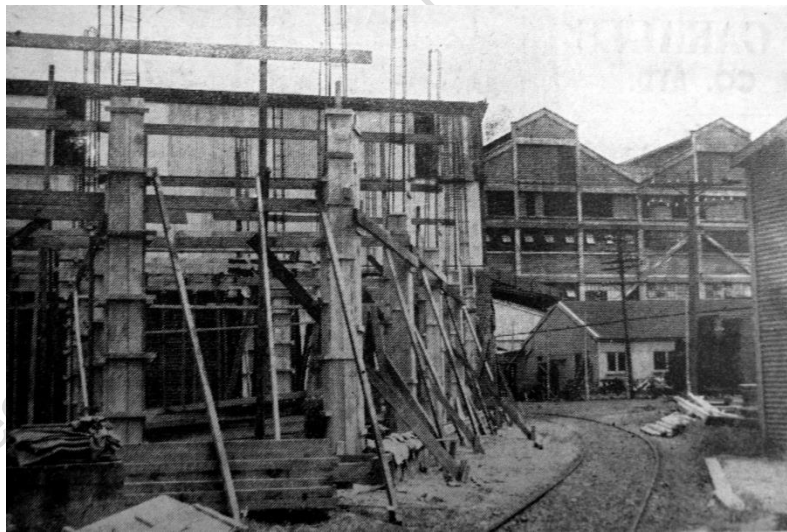


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1934 April, Lindsay Henry Jackson of Clive a young employee of Nelson's NZ Ltd Tomoana and son of Henry William Jackson of Clive had his right foot amputated following an accident sued for damages etc. While in the employ Lindsay was engaged on the top floor of the freezing works and as part of his duties was required to take a barrow-load of sawdust to the offal dept on the third floor. Whilst he was returning in the lift with the barrow his right foot was caught in wire-netting which lined the walls of the lift wall and as a result the foot became jammed and crushed and had to be amputated.



1939 November, Expansion at Tomoana Freezing Works to meet growing demand



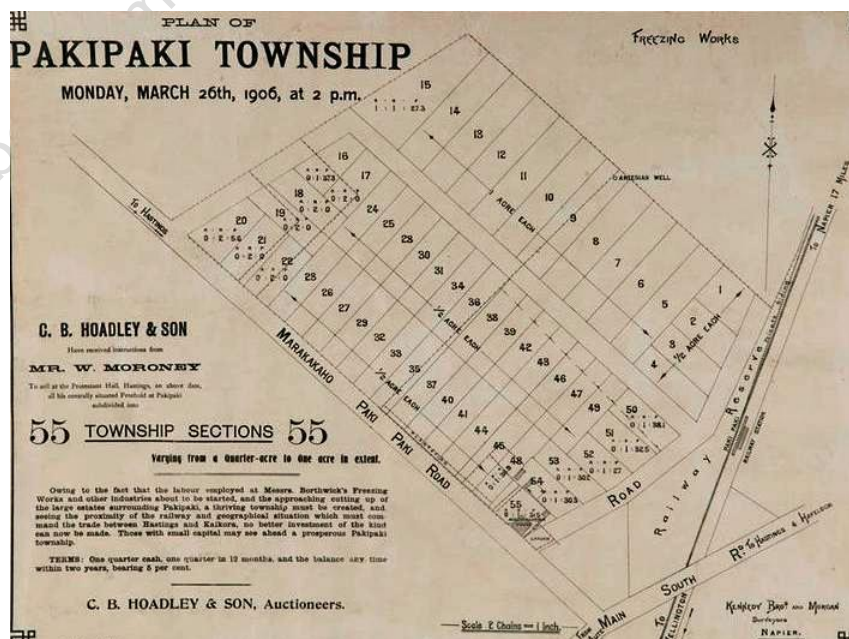
Tomoana Freezing Works sheep yard with chimney, buildings behind

1946, Two graders were fare welled by Tomoana workers – After being associated with the Tomoana freezing works for 24 years Messrs John Barr, supervising meat grader to the New Zealand Meat Producers Board and William Le Geyt grader are retiring. Both men were entertained at a social function attended by members of Nelson's NZ Ltd at Tomoana. The manager Mr A. Kirkpatrick and Mr R. E. McCracken, and works manager Mr D. J. McKay.

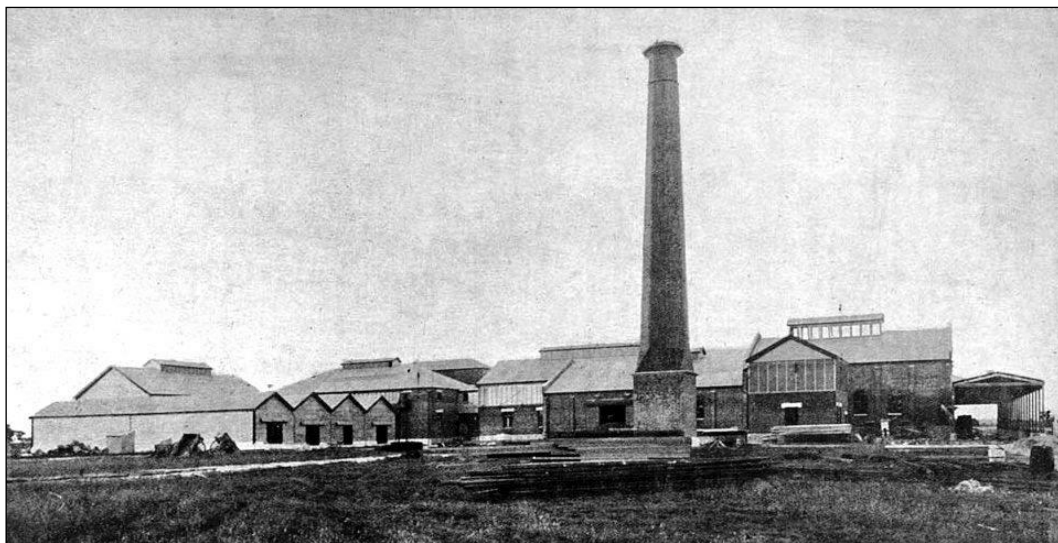
Borthwick Freezing Works at Paki Paki -

1905 February, The **Hastings Freezing Works, Paki Paki for Borthwick Bros.** Mr W. G. Jamieson of the firm of Messrs J. and W. Jamieson, Christchurch, contractors for the new freezing works at Paki Paki, was in Hastings this morning, and drove out to the site where the works are to be built. Active operations will be started almost at once. Mr J. Borthwick, one of the owners, and Mr J. C. Maddison, the architect are expected to arrive here this evening.

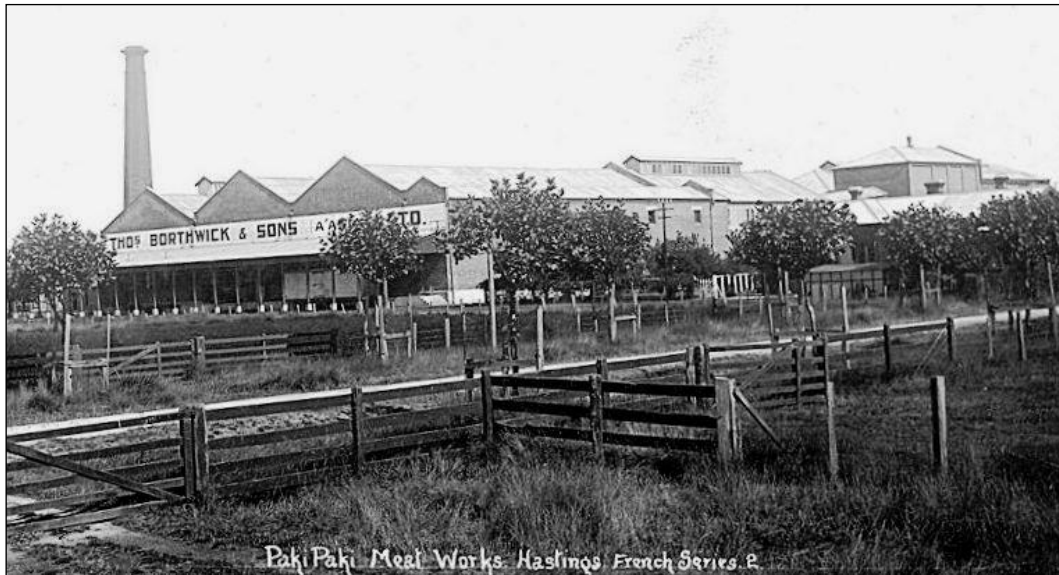
1905 June, The building of the New Freezing Works at Paki Paid is being proceeded with as speedily as possible. The bricklayers have been delayed somewhat owing to the bad weather, but they have now resumed their work. Carpenters seem to be rather scarce, as it is believed that the contractors want forty more before the end of the month. The building, when completed, will be a very large one, the area at present enclosed being over two acres.



55 Paki Paki Township sections in March 1906 for William Moroney adjoining the proposed Borthwick's new freezing works, and poss part of his father Patrick Moroney's military farmland claim in 1882

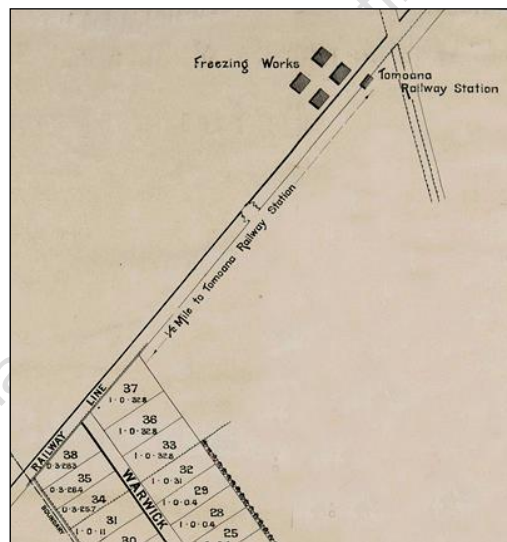


The Hastings Freezing Works of Borthwick Bros at Paki Paki, by E. Brett



The Hastings Freezing Works of Thomas Borthwick and Son Ltd at Paki Paki

Thomas Borthwick and Son Ltd, freezing works at Paki Paki stood on a site of 300 acres, to which there were two entrances - from Maraekakaho Rd and Railway Rd. Mr G. R. Croll, who was closely identified with the development of refrigerated storage both in New Zealand and Australia was born in Dunedin and received his education in Christchurch. He was appointed chief engineer and works manager for Thomas Borthwick and Sons. Ltd., at Waitara and then made superintending engineer to the company in 1907. During 1908 -1909 he took over the control of the company's new works at Paki Paki, Hastings, following which he was sent abroad for two years. He died August 1943 aged 75.



1907 January, Shows the Freezing Works opposite the Tomoana Railway Station

NOTICE.

**HASTINGS FREEZING
WORKS,
PAKI PAKI.**

MESSRS THOS. BORTHWICK
& SONS (A'SIA), LTD

BEG to notify their Clients that
the above Works will be Open to
RECEIVE STOCK on and after
NOVEMBER 18th, 1907.

1907 November, Hastings Freezing Works at Paki Paki Messrs Thos Borthwick & Sons (A'sia) Ltd

1908, Martin Fisher Baird a buyer of stock for Thomas Borthwick and Sons at Paki Paki, a position he held for some 17 years when he retired.

1909 January, The trouble at Paki Paki is apparently ended for the men who knocked off yesterday returned to work this morning. The dispute was confined to the fellmongers, who under the new foreman, were not allowed to smoke while working. Their demand yesterday for "smoke-ho" was refused as not being provided for in the award and at 3 o'clock they knocked off work in batches of five. Particulars of the terms on which work has been resumed are not available, further than that the men in future will be permitted to smoke during work or allowed an interval for "smoke-ho."

1908 December, Another union - A meeting of 'employees at the Paki Paki and North British Freezing Works was held last night, Mr Reardon (of Wellington) presiding. It was resolved to form a branch of the Wellington Slaughtermen's Union. Of the 50 present, 21 at Paki Paki and 16 of the North British workers handed in their names as members. Mr J. Hunt of Pakipaki, was appointed secretary.

1913 January, Slaughtermen Strike at Hastings, The slaughtermen at the Tomoana and Paki Paki freezing work have given formal notice to cease work on January 31st.

William L. Wright of Borthwick and sons Paki Paki.

In September 1920, The first annual social and dance of the Paki Paki freezing works employees was held last evening, and was a great success, the Paki Paki Hall being altogether quite inadequate to hold the large crowd which attended. There was also a large number of visitors present from Hastings, Nimon's bus having to make two trips each to and from the dance. The hall was prettily decorated with flags and evergreens under the tasteful and energetic supervision of Mrs. Taggart. Mr Eric O. Maney was a courteous and efficient M.C., and excellent music was supplied by the Y.M.P. orchestra. A first-class supper was provided by Mr. T. Dale who was assisted by Mesdames Brooker and Eplett. About 150 couples participated in the dancing which was interspersed with vocal items and indulged in which great zest till an early hour this morning. The following committee had charge of the arrangements:- Messrs. R. Martin, A. Jones. D. Patton, E. O. Maney and J. Chapman (secretary). The social and dance was in aid of "Save the Children Fund," which, as a result, will have a fair sum handed over to it.

Eric Oliver Andrew Maney was on Borthwick's staff 1925

Thomas Tomlins snr b:1882 was a cooper in service to Borthwick's Ltd at Paki Paki till the 1931 Quake.

William Hamilton Maitland was secretary for Thos Borthwick and Sons Ltd Paki Paki.

Frank Henry Orchard a married man and labourer for Borthwick and Sons Ltd Paki Paki died as a young father WW1 in October 1918 in Le Cateau, Nord, France aged 23 and was buried in Fontaine Nord, France.

Albert Lawson b: 1864 Yorkshire Eng, employed at Borthwick and Sons Ltd Freezing Works at Paki Paki. Albert Lawson Southland Rd Hastings died by self in October 1926 aged 62.



"Manawatu", a side-tank steam locomotive, type 0-6-0 was built by Andrew Barclay & Sons, Kilmarnock, Scotland arrived in New Zealand on board the SS *Rangatira* in 1910. In **1929 it was sold to Thomas Borthwick & Sons of Paki Paki** (later of Waingawa) after the 1931 Quake which destroyed the Works. It is at the Silverstream Railway Museum.

Mr Michael J. Killeen was the Government meat inspector at Paki Paki Freezing works for seven years and was promoted to New Plymouth in January 1924. Mr J. Bone chief engineer, Mr A. W. Barnes veterinary officer.

In September 1926, Mr W. H. Maitland secretary Messrs Brorthwick and Sons freezing works at Paki Paki intends leaving in October for Johannesburg South Africa where with his wife he intends to settle permanently. Mr Frank

Brathwaite a brother of Mrs Maitland has been in Johannesburg for several years. Mr Maitland has been a resident of Hastings for over 15 years.



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works destroyed by the Quake



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works near railway line shows men and boy surveying the damage with pile of pipes spread behind note vertical wall with window below, wooden roof ventilation, by Sydney Charles Smith



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works damage site with pipes at left, wooden roof ventilation and the Havelock Hills distant, by Sydney Charles Smith



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works shows 3 men working on demolition site with wheelbarrow, wooden roof ventilation, by Sydney Charles Smith



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works, wooden roof ventilation top left edge



1931, Borthwick Freezing Works

The Borthwick Freezing Works was destroyed beyond repair in the 1931 earthquake and caught fire, the remaining concrete foundations lay in the paddock for years after, although Borthwick's still continued to operate from Whakatu Freezing Works for many years after.



1931 April Bricks and debris were dumped in an adjoining paddock of Borthwick Freezing Works at Paki Paki

The Oddfellow Lodges -

There were two versions of Oddfellows in Hastings

1877 November, The Loyal Hastings Lodge (I.O.O.F, M.U.) Manchester Unity (Oddfellows) was established at the Hastings Hotel with George Love and others. The first officeholders were tradespeople.

1878 October, A meeting was held at Mr Beecroft's hotel to form a Hastings chapter of the Oddfellows Order – called the **Loyal Hastings Lodge**.

1880, Loyal Hastings Lodge Oddfellows (I.O.O.F, M.U.) issued shares to erect a Hall.

1880 April, We understand that nearly the whole of the shares have been taken up in the undertaking for the erection of an **Oddfellows Hall at Hastings**. The promoters of the scheme expect to be in a position to commence the erection of the building in a few weeks. - poss **built at the top of King St**.

1880 September, A **new Town Hall** is to be erected (later A. J. McEwan's) opposite Mr Somerville's store and will be completed about the end of October and when finished, a portion of it will be occupied as an **Oddfellows' Hall** and the other for the benefit of the general community.

1882 March, A Foresters' Court is to be opened here next Monday. I hear that it has a good many members to start with. The Oddfellows have got a pretty strong lodge here - about **80 members** and I trust they will increase in numbers and put up a **lodge-room for both sections, as our town hall is of no use to either of them**.

1882 August, New Buildings - **there are the Oddfellows' Hall and the house adjoining at the top of King St**.

1883 November, The Oddfellows held grand celebrations at Hastings.

A second american version of Oddfellows was established in Hastings

A new lodge of Oddfellows* under the American Constitution, was opened in Hastings last evening, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Master, Bro. H. Naphtali, assisted by numbers of the Hawkes Bay Lodge. For the purpose of a lodge room, Mr McEwan had kindly granted the use of an apartment in his building, the fitting up of which has been satisfactorily carried out by Mr Simon. Soon after 8 a'clock, the candidates, about 20 in number, presented themselves for admission, and were duly initiated according to the ancient rites of the Order. The next business was the constitution of the Lodge, which is called the "Hope of Hastings," and the installation of officers. This part of the proceedings also passed off very well indeed, and the following were installed:--N.G., Bro. J. H. Clayton; V.G., Bro. J. Benjamin; Secretary, Bro. B. C. Ware; Treasurer, Bro. A. J. McEwan; Conductor, Bro. W. J. Tyerman; Warden, Bro. Murray; R.S.N.G., Bro. E. D. Smith; L.S.N.G., Bro. H. Bowler; R.S.V.G., Bro. Hansen; L.S.V.G., Bro. D. Simon; S.S., Bros. Gibson and Whibley; Guardian, Bro. Wall. The G.M. then addressed the Lodge, and in a few well chosen remarks wished it every prosperity.

1887 July, New american version of Oddfellows Lodge room at Mr A. J. McEwan's apartment in his Hastings House called the "Hope of Hastings" alterations undertaken by Mr D. Simon, NG - J. H. Clayton Valuation December 1887 £561.15.6



Heretaunga St west shows - A. J. McEwan draper early wooden store left - his 'Hastings House' pass the first Town Hall frontage and where the new Oddfellows Lodge was between Somerville's old wooden Hastings Store with single veranda post - these two wooden buildings were replaced by a larger one. D. D. Hyde & Co branch tobacconist wooden corner store with barbers poles, the old wooden first **Pacific Hotel** with veranda and Gas light on the corner of Market St, by Burton Brothers

1887 July, The Oddfellows' Hall, a capital little room is open for lease. Particulars from the secretary of the Loyal Hastings Lodge Mr H, Chadwick - this was used by the Borough Council for a few meetings.

1887 July, The Hastings **Borough Council held its meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall** - at the rear of A. J. McEwan's Hastings House by the Hastings Hotel and not in the new Town Hall.

1893 August, Even the buildings in Hastings are moving with the times. The Oddfellows' Hall, a small but well-built and nicely finished place of meeting, is to be brought into the centre of the township, **opposite Messrs A. Jones and Sons' implement factory.**

1893 August, Tenders invited by Hastings Oddfellows up to noon of Wednesday next for moving their hall to Market St.

1893 November, An accident happened about 5.30 last evening to a little Maori boy well known about the township as Sullivan, but whose real name was Karako Nikora. The traction engine owned by **Mr Thomas Pepper** had been engaged in shipping a building, which was placed upon a trolley - a strong frame work upon wheels. He was returning home with Captain Brausche after having **removed the Oddfellows' Hall to its new site in Market St**, when several children mounted the wooden trolley used in the removal. Not content with seats on the trolley, some of the children commenced dancing, amongst them being little Sullivan. He unfortunately slipped between the two beams of the trolley, and it is little short of a miracle that he did not meet with Instant death

1893 November, The neat little hall built by the Oddfellows, and which has done such good service in Hastings, has been removed to a more central position. **Twenty feet will be added** to it, besides two ante-rooms. With these additions, a long-felt want will be supplied, the Princess Theatre now being too large for small meetings, etc At some future date it is contemplated to build offices in front of the hall.

1893 December, At last night's meeting of the Hastings Lodge of Oddfellows it was resolved, " That the lodge express its deep sympathy with the Maraekakaho Lodge in the loss it has sustained by the untimely death, under distressing circumstances, of F.G. Bro. Duncan Macfarlane, who was formerly a member of the Hastings Lodge." The P.D.G.M. Bro A. A. George, P.G. Bro. Land, and P.S. Bro. Martin were appointed a committee to arrange matters in to connection with the new hall, and with Lodge matters generally. The following nominations of officers for the evening term were read:- N. G. Bro. Burton and P.G Bro G. D. Love; V.G., Bro. Forsyth; ES , Bro W. Chapman. Three new members were admitted by clearance, and two candidates for membership were admitted. The lodge has disbursed over £50 for sick pay during the session, chiefly for cases arising one of accidents.



Looking south from St. Aubyn St west 1909 along Market St nth lined with an avenue of trees shows the second Masonic Hall - Heretaunga Lodge (No. 78, N.Z.C.) originally built 1878 was removed, renovated and reopened on Market St in March 1901 and the Oddfellow's Hall distant originally built 1880 was removed, renovated and reopened on Market St nth in November 1893



Market St nth shows the old Oddfellows Hall and new hall on the corner third Masonic Hall site near the St. Aubyn St rail crossing

1913 January, The fortnightly meeting of the M.U. I. O. O. F. Oddfellows, Hastings branch, was held last evening in their hall, **Market St**, P.P.G.M. Bro. G. D. Love in the chair. One new member was initiated. The committee report on the lodge funds was adopted A number of visiting brethren being present, the lodge adjourned for half an hour's harmony, when the following contributed songs, etc.. Bros. W. Brooking, Burton, Meade, G. Love, Farrington and Oakley. A hearty vote of thanks to the pianist, Bro. Oaklev, ended a most enjoyable evening. P.P.G.M. Bro. G. D. Love and V.G. Bro. T. Scott were elected delegates on the United Friendly Societies' Sports for Easter Monday.



. The old Oddfellows Hall with Gordon Walker 1982 Ltd and The Fish Donut. The derelict Oddfellows Hall with fencing **demolished 2017**, provided by Madelon Van Zijll De Jong

The Heretaunga Lodge No. 73 –

1878 December, Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings formed at the Napier Lodge - W.M., Bro. J. M. Batham ; Treasurer, Bro. Gr. R. Grant ; Secretary, . Bro. W. Beilby ; S.W., Bro. W. O. McLeod ; J.W., Bro.. D. A. Wright; S.D.; Bro. W. Y. Watson; J.D., Bro. Hayes; I.G., Bro. Chapman. The first Hastings meetings were held at the Railway Hotel

1879 November, HAWKE'S BAY EDUCATION BOARD. TENDER - The following tender was accepted :- For the site and old school buildings at Hastings - the Heretaunga Lodge Freemasons, £270



1879 November, The first Heretaunga Lodge No 73 Masonic Hall was also the first state school building on section 36 St. Aubyn St east, on Hicks School Reserve opposite first Williams St (Caroline Rd later Holt Pl) later next to where the Schaffer's Boarding-house, in June 1900 the old school was moved across rail line to become a kindergarten at Miss Hodge - virtually directly opposite their new Masonic Hall on Market St nth


HERETAUNGA LODGE, 1812, E.C.

THE Regular Monthly meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall, St. Aubyn street, on WEDNESDAY, 9th instant. The Lodge will be tyled at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

By command of the W.M.
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
 Secretary.

1887 February, Heretaunga Lodge, Masonic Hall St. Aubyn St, George Williams, Secretary



HERETAUNGA LODGE, No. 73.

THE Brethren are requested to meet at the Lodge Room TO-MORROW, at 1.45 p.m. sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother T. Foreman.

W. BEILBY,
 Secretary.

1896 August, funeral for Thomas Foreman



HERETAUNGA LODGE, NO. 73.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Lodge will be held THIS EVENING in the Masonic Hall, St. Aubyn Street.


The Lodge will be Tyled at 7.30 p.m.

Visiting Brethren cordially invited.

W. BEILBY,
 Secretary.

1896 June, The annual meeting of the **Heretaunga Masonic Lodge. No. 73**, was held at the Masonic Hall St. Aubyn St, Hastings last evening for the purpose of installing P.M. Bro. W. G. Martin as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The attendance was exceedingly good considering the inclemency of the weather. After the routine business was transacted Grand Superintendent W. Beilby duly installed Bro. W. G. Martin as Worshipful Master. Afterwards the following brethren were appointed and invested with offices :—Senior Warden, Bro. Dr. Linney; Junior Warden, Bro. F. Cook; Senior Deacon, Bro. A. Tasker; Junior Deacon, Bro. G. Land ; Tyler, Bro. H. Chudley. Congratulations and good wishes were received from the various lodges in the different centres of the colony. After the lodge closed the brethren


adjourned to the refectory, where a capital dinner had been prepared by Bro. R. Winsley. The usual toasts were duly honoured and various brethren contributed songs, Bro. A. A. George acting as organist.



HERETAUNGA LODGE,
No. 73.

THE Usual Monthly Meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall, St. Aubyn street, this (WEDNESDAY) evening.
Lodge tyled at 7.30 sharp.
Visiting brethren cordially invited.
By Order of the W.M.

Heretaunga Lodge. No. 73, Masonic Hall St. Aubyn St, Hastings



HERETAUNGA LODGE, No. 73.

AN Emergency Meeting will be held at the Lodge-room on **FRIDAY AFTERNOON** for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late P.M. Bro. George Williams.
The Lodge will be tyled at 2 15 p.m. sharp.
T. MORGAN, P.M.

1897 March, George Williams funeral

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of the New Masonic Hall, Hastings, and for the purchase and removal of the present building. Plans, Specifications, and Conditions can be seen at Mr D. McLeod's. Tenders close September 7th. The Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. G. MARTIN, P.M.,
Secretary.

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1900 August, A notice appears inviting tenders for the erection of the new Masonic Hall, and for the purchase and removal of the present building. Tenders are invited for the Erection of the New Masonic Hall, and for the purchase and removal of the present building. Plans, specifications and conditions can be seen at Mr D. McLeod's. Tenders close September 7th. W. G. Martin, P.M.

1901 February, The new Masonic Hall by architects Messrs Cook and McLeod which Mr **S. T. Tong** is engaged in **building for the Heretaunga Lodge No 73 in Market St Nth** is approaching completion and will be formally opened on March 33th, when there will doubtless be a large gathering of visiting brethren from the surrounding districts. Bro. Renaud of Napier has charge of the musical portion of the ceremonies and the Napier Masonic choir will assist the local Lodge on the occasion.

1901 March, Mr A. L. D. Fraser, who wired the Premier recently to secure his presence at the consecration of the new Masonic Hall in Hastings, has received the following reply: - "Will strain every nerve to be with you on Wednesday." This practically means that the Right Honourable gentleman will open the new lodge-room and arrangements are being made for his suitable reception. The opening and consecration ceremonies in connection with the new hall of the Heretaunga Lodge of Masons, on next Wednesday, will be a function of no ordinary importance in which the Right Honourable the Premier and members of the craft from all over the province and other parts of the colony will assist. The building is not yet completed, the finishing touches in drapery and ornamentation giving colouring and distinctive life of character to the pile, having yet to be added.

1901 March, The Right Hon. the Premier, and others primarily concerned, were much annoyed at the report of the consecration proceedings, in connection with the **new Masonic Hall in Market St Nth Hastings** appearing in a Napier

paper, which reported remark a dropped under the impression that the press were excluded and that the privacy of the Craft had sway. Our reporter was refused admission by the officers in authority on the grounds that Masonic business was to be transacted which prohibited the presence of strangers, and yet one of their body is allowed to report to his own organ matters which are admittedly of a private nature.

1901 March, **New Masonic Lodge** opened in Hastings at corner of Market St and St. Aubyn St. Mr A. L. D. Fraser and Mr W. Beilby proceeded to Te Aute to meet the Premier who is to be present at the opening in connection with the new Masonic Lodge in Hastings. A constant stream of visitors was passing in and out of the new Masonic Hall in Hastings which was thrown open for public inspection. Standing on the corner of Market and St. Aubyn streets the structure presents an imposing appearance and does credit alike to the architects, Messrs Cook and McLeod and the contractor Mr S. T. Tong who spared neither time, trouble, nor expense in the work he put into the building. The edifice presents three gables, the two in front being supported by pilasters representing pillars surmounted by Corinthian capitals and the main entrance is under a lofty porch supported by columns emblematic of the craft, with the rule and compass emblems emblazoned on the facade. Coming in from the porch, the first room the visitor enters is the refectory, in which the Masonic banquets and socials are held. This is a spacious hall lit with incandescent jets, measuring 30 x 25 with a 16ft stud and capable of seating over 100 people. Included in the furniture is a first-class Waldimir piano, the property of the Lodge. Passing further, one enters the Tyler's or ante-room, measuring 14 x 14, off which is a small dressing room for the use of members. The Tyler's room introduces the visitor to the main hall or lodge room, where the Masonic meetings are held. This is a really imposing space 50ft long and 27ft wide, with a stud of 16ft. The ceiling is covered, and from floor to dome gives a measurement of 20ft, The system of ventilation is perfect, as on either side of the room are four ventilating shafts and in the ceiling are three circular perforated ventilators, whilst the roof is fitted with Burt's patent torpedo ventilators and a Louvre ventilator is fixed on each gable. At the head of the hall is the master's chair on an elevated dais under a canopy with rich cardinal drapings and seats for the senior and junior warden are at the end and right hand side of the room. Running round the sides is a slightly elevated tessellated dais for the members and the place is lit with a brilliant service of incandescent light. On the walls are photographs of Brother Beilby, Provincial Grand Master, Brother R. J. Seddon past Grand Master for the colony and besides the usual Masonic accessories the room boasts a splendid organ. The structure as an ornament is a distinct acquisition to Hastings and both architects and contractor are to be heartily congratulated on the result of their labour.

1901 March, The new Masonic Hall in Market St Nth was opened last night, and there were present at the function members of the craft from all parts of the colony. Bro. G. Land, W.M., opened the lodge at 7.30 p.m., and a good deal of business was transacted. Bro. R. J. Seddon reached the lodge-room about 8.35 p.m., when the Grand Lodge entered for the purpose of formally opening the hall. The Grand Lodge officers were:- Bros. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M. : W. Beilby, P.M., G.S.; Very Rev. De Berdt Hovell, P.G.M., G.C. ; H. C. A. Wundram, G.S.W.; F. I. de Lisle, G.J.W. ; S. J. Freeman, G.S.D.; T. C. Dawson, G.L.D. ; and P. H. Lucas, G.S.B. Grand Lodge was received with full Masonic honours, the Grand Superintendent, Bro. Beilby, at the request of P.G.M. Bro. Seddon, taking the chair. The introductory address was given by P.G.M. Bro. Seddon, in which he exhorted Masons to keep to the tenets of the craft. At the conclusion of his speech the Grand Lodge proceeded to consecrate the building after the orthodox Masonic principles. After the consecration a sumptuous supper was laid in the Refectory, to which the large gathering sat down, Bro. G. Land presiding, The W.M. proposed " The King " and " The Craft and the Grand Lodge " to which Bro. R. J. Seddon replied. "The Sister Constitutions" was proposed by P.M. Bro. Cook ; " The Visitors," by P.M. Bro. Morgan (responded to by Bro. Dean Hovell) ; "Heretaunga Lodge" by Bro J. K. Martin, and responded to several of the representatives; " The Prov. Grand Superintendent," by Bro. A. L. D. Fraser, who said that Bro. Beilby was the corner and keystone of Masonry in Hawke's Bay. They had met to bid him adieu, but not farewell. Bro. Beilby's whole life had been wrapped up in the one idea that " one touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Bro. Beilby responded. Songs were rendered by Bro's. R. J. Seddon, Slade, Simpson, Winsley, Hosking, Knight, Morgan and Land. Bro. Briasco gave a very effective violin solo. The tables were very artistically decorated with flowers presented by Mr A. E. Merewether, and the catering, which was placed in the hands of Mr R. Winsley, was done in the first class style for which he is famous.



The new Heretaunga Lodge, No. 73, Masonic Hall in Market St Nth Hastings

1901 June, the installation of Bro. R. Shaw, of the Heretaunga Lodge, No. 73, took place last evening at the Masonic Hall, Hastings. Several visiting brethren from Napier were present. The lodge was opened by installing - master P.M. Bro. J. W. McDougall, assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Hobson and Lucas. The following were the officers installed. P.M., Bro. G.

Land; W. M, Bro. R. Shaw; S.W., Bro. W. A. Carter; J. W., Bro. G. F. Roach; treasurer, P.M. Bro. D, Mclood; secretary, P.M. Bro. W. G. Martin; S.D., Bro. .J. Hird ; J.D., Bro. A. Leipst; T.G., Bro. A, E. Merewether. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were honored, and the company spent a very pleasant evening.

"Town of Blazes" – List of Hastings Fires 1890 –1946 -

After the leases were issued for the Railway Reserve cheap buildings were erected and the sparks from steam boilers and the shunting engine and causing many of the early fires on Station St and along the railway line.

- 1890 March, The house of the late Mr Joll, now rented by Mr Naumann near Quarry Rd.
1890 March, A dwelling-house on Karamu Rd was destroyed, occupied by Mr A. Plummer, butcher
1890 June, Pacific Hotel shed off Market St, used by Mr Simon for the storage of flax – prediction of big block fire !
1891 June, Mr Knight's timber-sawing shed
1891 November, A girl aged 3 named Townson died at Hastings from injuries received through her clothes catching fire.
1891 December, Mr Loughnan's house.
1892 April, A shingled roof house owned by Mrs Warrilow and occupied by herself and husband.
1892 October, A four-roomed house with a lean-to of Mr James Aldridge, butcher, near the gasworks.
1893 February, The Great Fire – started in Arthur John McEwan's store Heretaunga St west, 22 business premises
1893 June, The Roman Catholic Church vestry, extinguished by inmates
1893 December, the stables at the back of Mr Patterson's house, near the Council Chamber
1894 September, fire in Miller St
1894 October, a four-roomed dwelling house in King St of Mr A. Stanley, belonging to Mrs Cox.
1894 October, Hyde and Co tobacconists and hairdressers gas-stove
1894 December, Cullen bakehouse Heretaunga St east and Hastings St nth
1895 May, two-storey store facing Eastbourne St
1895 May, Gorman's Carlton Club Hotel chimney
1895 July, Karamu Rd, old house occupied by George Lambert gunsmith, A row of macrocarpas. The building was just behind Symond's coach factory, it was first a shop, later occupied by Mrs Lagor, boarding house owned by John Heeney.
1895 September, a detached cottage of four rooms and a lean to, Some months ago a fire in the same house without much damage, owned and occupied by Mr Balmforth.
1895 October, Mr Frank Bethell's saddlery establishment the shop adjoining, Mr Prior Hornes' boot repairing shop, was in flames
1895 November, Three buildings destroyed Heretaunga St east between Bennett and Bone's and the Albert Hotel occupied by Messes John Casey, bootmaker, and Henry Duggan, tailor, on either side of a large empty building which had been used for some time as a restaurant.
1896 January, Two buildings in the main street, situated between Mr Hastings, painter and Mrs Cobb, photographer. The house was built upon land held in trust by the Government. Mr Mayo holds the lease, and built the house, used for some years as a fruit shop. Recently, it had been in the occupation of a phrenologist, Mr Thripp. The next place is Mr Peters' boot shop.
1896 January, Station St Mr P. A. Herman's auction mart, including Palmers Herbalist chemist and Jos Mayo's fruit shop - Palmers junr a Fruiterer under the same roof were all destroyed and Messrs Eccles, Blythe, the adjoining building of G. Dewsnaps Jewellers shop was also damaged, the property of Mrs T. Hayes.
1896 January, Three large buildings on Station St one used as a saddler's but lately untenanted. It was built and used for some time by Mr George Inglis as a produce store. It is now in the hands of Mr J. T. Blake the ground land lord. The large dwelling house built by Mr D. Smart, recently enlarged and improved by Mr Blake, and a boarding-house, containing nine rooms on lease to Mr Michael Sullivan.
1896 March, dwelling house of Jeremiah Conway on Karamu Rd east burnt down while he was away.
1896 April, dwelling house of Mrs Whitehead, wall of the kitchen adjoining the chimney stack had caught fire owing to a defect in the brickwork.
1896 May, B. L. Knights Sash and Door Factory off Heretaunga St east
1896 August, Mr Thomas Rowlands, four roomed cottage in Terrace Rd near railway
1896 September, A four roomed cottage of Mrs Ebbett occupied by Mr Chudleigh, gardener,
1896 June, A house four rooms at the corner of St. Aubyn St and Warren St, owned and occupied by Mr George Hayes
1896 June, Station St, Dale's restaurant, now in the occupation of John Wawn discovered by Martin Dale, cook,
1896 August, cottage lately occupied by Mrs Mary Kemp, situated about two miles outside the town,
1896 September, Hastings Hotel of D. O'Reilly
1896 November, The new Trocadero Restaurant and Tea Rooms on Station St of George Pinnock
1896 November, A four-roomed cottage at the corner of St. Aubyn St and Willowpark Rd, owned by Mr S. T. Tong occupied by Mr J. Driscoll.
1897 January, Station St, Blake's block, in the back of Mrs Moore's fruit and lolly shop, saved property of Mr McCorkindale
1897 February, John Hickey's two-story Boarding House in Market St containing 14 rooms
1897 February, A four-roomed cottage in the Raureka Block, occupied and owned by Mr H. Lane
1897 March, Sample-rooms occupied by Mr Cohen of Lieber and Pauh, behind Mr Pitt and the Carlton Club Hotel
1897 March, The dwelling-house of Mr James Garnett in Dufferin St
1897 April, A four-roomed cottage at the corner of Lyndon Rd and Willowpark Rd occupied by Robert Guthrie, the property of John Henry Joll of Havelock.

1897 June, A large haystack in Warren St the property of Dr. Linney

1897 June, House at Raureka of Mr Lean

1897 July, Cottage on the section opposite Annett's corner shop in Warren St was once Tanners old shepherd cottage.

1897 July, Orlig Station, managers house of Mr Clarke

1897 July, Outram Rd house occupied by Mrs Murphy

1897 August, The draught horse stables of the Hon. J. D. Ormond of Karamu

1897 October, The six roomed house of Mr Robert Bader at Pukahu.

1897 October, The five roomed cottage of Mr Harrison of Pukahu

1897 December, The residence of Mr M. Barry, which was extinguished

1897 December, Messrs G. H. Vickers and Co.'s auction mart Station St, Messrs Stubbs, Pattersons' offices and Vickers' bicycle depot Messrs Mansfield and Co., jewellers, on one side, and Beck and Co., drapers

1898 January, Queen St east, Mrs MacDonald's seven roomed house occupied by Mr James Williams a herbalist

1898 January, Robert Trimble's eleven roomed house

1898 February, Tar, in the back yard of Mr William White's boarding house, Market St.

1898 February, Back shed on premises lately occupied by Mrs Bogle Omaha Rd, which Mr Arthur Hector Gore an insurance Agent law clerk was in the process of moving into the house

1898 June, Caulton Hotel Stables Guttled.

1898 June, St. Matthew's Hall, Heretaunga St west at King St near Mrs Hartshorn's house

1898 July, William Stock's stables in the occupation of Mr Vincent on Maraekakaho Rd near Gordon Rd

1898 September, A two roomed cottage in a right-of-way off Warren St owned by Mr B. L. Knight occupation of Mr William Nelson and family.

1898 October, At the back between Kershaw's and Mr Garnett's business premises Heretaunga St west opposite Pacific Hotel spread to Mr J. Robertson's jewellery shop and a co-worker's store formerly occupied by Mr Thompson but recently taken over by Mr Garnett.

1899 April, Three stacks of clover, belonging to Mr Sowersby

1899 September, A three-roomed cottage belonging to Mr R. Wellwood on the Raureka estate

1899 November, Heretaunga St east, near Albert Hotel the shop of Mr T. Macdonald (grocer) in Heretaunga St was ablaze, and rapidly spread to Watkins' (saddler) shop, which was completely gutted, and the adjoining shop belonging to Mr Casey bootmaker was scorched. These new buildings had replace previous burnt

1900 January, J, Garnett's store, a stock of kapok contained in the store.

1900 March, A cottage owned by the Railway Department and occupied by Mr E. L. Musgrove, situated in St. Aubyn St and near the railway line.

1900 April 1900, In the loft of the stable at the rear of Mr Bousfield's butchers shop, Heretaunga St

1900 September, A two-roomed cottage situated in Churchill St

1900 October, Stables destroyed, three horses died, Crissoge, Omaha Rd

1900 November, a four-roomed cottage, owned by Mr Fritz Reiher, occupied by Mr John Hassett situated near Knowles' Folly

1901 May, a house in Hastings St owned by Mrs Mary Wilson, Tod - John Sweeney jun was brought up on remand charged with having set fire to a house in Hastings St occupied by him, dismissed.

1901 August, The premises of Murfitt's livery stables, adjoining O'Reilly's Hastings Hotel, groom, J. Gibbs was absent.

1901 November, The brick-built workshops in the rear of Garnett's furniture warehouse, a lad named Dornan lit kapok

1901 November, a three roomed house in Dufferin St, owned by Mr S. T. Tong and rented by Mr Patrick O'Donnell destroyed.

1902 January, Heretaunga St west, the last five-roomed house in the row known as Vaughan's cottages, tenanted by Mr S. Spence and his family.

1902 January, at the rear of Mr A. Scott's house near Tomoana.

1902 February, An unoccupied house owned by R. McGaffin

1902 November, The dwelling-house owned and occupied by Mr James Ebbett in Murdoch Rd

1903 January, A four roomed cottage owned and occupied by a family named Murphy

1903 January, The destruction of three shops in the main street occupied by J. P. Johnson fruiterer, W. Read bootmaker and W. Conway's boot factory. Dwellings attached to Johnson's and Conway's shops were also destroyed.

1904 May, A four-roomed house at Stortford Lodge, owned and occupied by Samuel Barnes

1904 August, Milburn Bros sawmilling and timber working shed facing Eastbourne St east at the rear of their premises on Heretaunga St.

1906 December, the paint shop of W. Symonds Coach Factory & Cycle Depot Queen St destroying Paterson, Mossman & Co (agents) Booth MacDonald & Co (implement manufacturers) John Thomas Blake and David Scannell premise (solicitor) a large livery stable in course of erection, Keith and Styles (builders)

1907 May, Heretaunga St west 2nd great block fire - Williams & Kettle, Maddison & Co store owned by Mr Little, J. W. Gower's Cafe, E. H. Leigh's chemist, the BNZ, the Imperial Cafe

1908 January, Station St Martin Johnson's Silver Grid restaurant

1908 February, A six-roomed cottage on Southland Rd, owned by Patrick Heeney, occupied by Frank Hay

1908 May, an old two-storey wooden building of Mr E. Newbigin's Burton brewery

1908 August, the two-storied residence of Mr Morris Mason.

1908 September, the residence of Mr Bethel Chas Ware at the corner of Avenue Rd and Market St.

1908 December, Two cottages in Ellison St - One was occupied by Mrs W. G. Hastings, owned by Mrs Fitzgerald of Petone. The adjoining cottage owned by John Boyd occupied by Archibald McDonald

1909 February, a six roomed house owned by J. G. Hill and occupied by Mrs H. Christian.

1909 March, old Beecroft's stables at the rear of and adjoining a block of shops fronting Station St. The back portions of the shops ignited, R. W. Jones, Fitzpatrick's billiard saloon building damaged

1909 April, at Phillips and Wright's furniture factory Heretaunga St west at the rear of the two-storey portion of the building on the ground floor. The adjoining four-roomed cottage occupied by Mr H. J. Hallinan's (blacksmith) cottage and owned by Mr A. F. Douglas.

1909 May, W. L. England and Son' grain store in Queen St

1909 June, A house owned by James Sourdon and occupied by John H. Parker was burnt to the ground

1909, Garnett's sash & door factory the timber yard in Eastbourne St east between Karamu Rd and the Railway line was saved

1909 November, A nine-roomed house in Maraekakaho Rd, owner Mrs Geo. Smith occupier Mr William Sinclair

1910 April, a two-storey wooden building known as Webber's Corner, Heretaunga St and Station St

1910 March, residence owned by E. Stevenson and occupied by T. Walsh

1910 March, A 13 roomed house owned and occupied by Mrs E. Bamforth

1910 July, an old two-storey block of buildings next to the Grand Hotel.

1910 September, A five-roomed house belonging to and occupied by Mr W. Lane at Pukahu.

1911 February, Hastings Hotel, plentiful supply of water, flames quickly subdued.

1911 May, The residence of Mr A. M. Brodie in Tomoana Rd.

1911 October, A five-roomed house Gordon Rd owned and occupied by Harry Hickey

1911 October, A five-roomed cottage on the Karamu Rd owner, Mr Thomas Ryan

1911 October, Residence of Mr Charles Cress in Arvedsen St

1912 January, Hastings Fire - A five-roomed house owned and occupied by Thos. Mulholland

1912 January, A new three roomed cottage in Omaha Rd near the Frimley Canning Factory, Mr and Mrs Neilson and family owned and occupied.

1912 March, A five-roomed house owned by Mr J. Hill, occupied by Mr Gavin.

1912 December, The training stables and whare occupied by Mr Leslie Carrick

1913 January, A arson in a cottage in Queen St west occupied by Mrs C. Barry mother of Mrs John Heeney of Mahora.

1913 February, The Hastings Sash and Door Factory

1913 August, a four-roomed cottage at the corner of Albert St and Princess St owned by Mr Robert McFarlane, occupied by Mr Thomas Harlen.

1913 September, Patrick MacNamara charged setting fire to a dwelling-house in Treacle Lane

1913 December, a Chinese restaurant Heretaunga St, spread to the adjoining premise of Messrs Little and Fairey (butchers) William Kirchner (confectioner) and Mrs Ingrain (draper)

1914 January, A five roomed dwelling in Terrace Rd, near Beatson's Park, owned by Mr George Tucker (an employee of Mr H. Hitchcock, baker) and occupied by Mr George Davidson, carrier.

1914 April, motor car owned by Messrs Graham and Gebbie, livery stable keepers, caught fire on the road near Paki Paki

1914 April, Heretaunga St west a shop occupied by Mr L. G. Forster (fruiterer) and Mr John Fells London Pie Shop

1915 February, Messrs Kilford and Ebbett and occupied by Mr Tustin (painter) and Mr Moore (second-hand furniture dealer)

1915 March, A six-roomed house owned and occupied by C. D. Anderson

1916 September, Avenue Rd, fronting Messrs. Dalgety and Co.'s new premises, a wooden building belonging to Mrs J. T. Blake, containing a bake-house, occupied by Mr C. H. Pearson, & boot shop, occupied by Mr R. S. Pepper, an unoccupied shop, a dwelling of 6 or 7 rooms partly destroyed,

1917 January, Mr. C. L. Mackersey's fourteen roomed residence in Gordon Rd

1917 April, the Hawke's Bay Fruit, Produce & Cool Storage Company depot on King St nth

1917 August, F. Watson and Co's tallow and manure works near the Karamu Rd bridge

1918 January, a five roomed cottage owned by the Tourist Motor Company and occupied by Mr John McCormick, situated on the Omaha Rd one of the row known as the "Frimley Cottages"

1918 February, Warren St and Lyndon Rd, The Manor Boarding-house consisting of 28 rooms owned by Mr W. H. Compton

1918 September, Mr S. T. Tongs furnishing establishment Karamu Rd nth

1918 November, Heretaunga St east the wooden premises occupied by Mr Hyde and Mr Hinde opposite the Grand Hotel

1919 February, Norton Rd, owned by William Taylor, occupied by William Phillip Bowden.

1919 March, The Elms, a 12 roomed two-storey residence, owned and occupied by Mr Joseph Truman

1919 July, A wash-house adjoining the residence, owned by Mr McGaffin, and occupied by Mr E. Love on the corner of Avenue Rd and Sylvan Rd

1919 December, Garnett's timber yards

1920 December, A Six Roomed House Destroyed in Karamu Rd, owned and occupied by Mrs H. M. Jones, her father (Mr John Collinge) and Mr J. Jones, who also occupied the house

1922 February, A five-roomed dwelling of Mr Timothy Donovan adjoining his wood and coal yard in Warren St

1922 February, A shed and motor-cycle destroyed at the residence of Mr G. A. Nicholls 407 Ellison Rd

1922 March, Arson - A succession of six small fires, five in unattended buildings, during the past three weeks, in White and Company's wood and coal yard amongst 150 bales of hay

1922 March, Station St Billiard Saloon and shops guttered. The fire outbreak in Mr J. Hennah's Billiard room at the rear of Albert Wilhelm Kummer a seedman and florist establishment and the Herald's agency

1922 March, The tenth fire in Hastings within the past five weeks occurred at The Hastings Timber and Joinery Company corner of Warren St and Eastbourne St

1922 April, James McLaughlin's fruit shop, Heretaunga St near Warren St,

1922 May, A twelve-roomed boarding house on Karamu Rd owned by Mrs G. Phillips and occupied by Mrs K. Bedford

1922 June, A wooden fence on fire adjoining Messrs H. H. Campbell and Son's timber yard Karamu Rd nth

1922 July, Amongst some rubbish in a shed at the rear of Willie Tien's fruit shop in Heretaunga St.

1922 July, An old wooden building on fire at the side of the right-of-way used by public leading from Queen St to the rear of Messrs Prebble and Co's grocery establishment and used by the firm for storing produce and chaff.

1922 September, In a trap shed on Park Terrace, the premises of Mrs N. Watson

1922 September, The Wesley Methodist Assembly Church Hall Hastings St sth started on the right-hand corner of the anteroom at the back of the hall used as a kitchen and book storage

1922 September, Fire broke out in J. Irwin's tyre repairing and hood factory, Station St. The fire crept over a brick partition to Langley's grain store.

1922 September, The Tourist Motor Company Hastings who had three cars and a number of cases of accessories as well as other property badly damaged in Market St

1922 October, Electric wires caused a slight outbreak in the lining of a house in Frederick St occupied by Mr Barden.

1922 October, A four roomed cottage in St. Aubyn St nearly opposite Mr C. H. Slater's fruit store caught fire, it was owned by Mr C. Apperley and tenanted by Mr W. H. Wakelin

1922 October, Mr E. Ware's sawmill in Riverslea Rd

1923 January, A motor lorry housed in Messrs Powdrell Bros workshops in Eastbourne St caught fire

1923 February, A dwelling house of fire rooms, owned and occupied by Mr A. J. Hodgson

1923 August, the shop of Richard Martin, outfitter, Heretaunga St, owned by J. M. Cameron

1923 September, A 12 roomed residence of Mr R. S. Chilton near Beatson's Park recently occupied by Mr R. Brathwaite the dwelling being completely destroyed, owned by Mr J. C. Parker of Onga Onga

1924 January, A fire erupted at the Tribune Office, Queen St in the bulk paper department.

1924 August, A four bed roomed house owned by the Hamblyn estate, occupied by Mr and Mrs A. Hobart situated at the southern end of Park Rd

1925 April, The Stortford Lodge hotel dining room, a stove heater had got in between the boarding's of the wall

1924 September, A fowl house at the rear of a dwelling on the corner of Grays Rd and Fitzroy Ave.

1925 January, A sawmill and timber stocks at the rear of Mr E. Ware's residence Riverslea Rd.

1925 February, Electric Batteries Ltd Market St sth building owned by Land and Heighway

1925 May, William Speirs died in his three-roomed cottage at Tomoana

1925 July, A fire at Holts timber mill St. Aubyn' St Hastings destroyed milling shd and machinery

1925 August, Drill Hall Hastings western side lean-to

1925 August, A fire at C. and T. Odlin's timber mill in Hastings destroyed modern machinery

1926 February, A seven-roomed house, owned by Mr C. J. Tipping and occupied by Mrs Lawton as a boarding house in the commercial centre of the town

1926 February, Messrs Land and Heighway's premises off the right-of-way in Market St sth, a fence and some boxes ablaze.

1926 March, A seven roomed residence of James Wilson, 709 York St

1926 April, Mr E. Ware's sawmill in Ferguson St, the damage was slight.

1926 April, The washhouse detached from the residence of Mrs Thomas Keith

1926 April, A four roomed house outside Hastings at Raureka was completely destroyed. Occupied by Jack Somers his wife and family.

1926 May, A five roomed dwelling at Raupare owned by Henry Alfred Wall, occupied by Frederick Ramsay

1926 May, A chimney fire at the residence of Mr A. B. Little in Eaton Rd

1926 May, Mr P. Connolly's residence at the corner of Park Rd and Heretaunga St

1926 May, Mr F. W. Fox 403 Warren St a five roomed house owned by Mr O. Burge.

1926 May, Wooden buildings next to Messrs E. M. Langley's produce store Karamu Rd used for storing produce and house the motor lorries. When the fire was discovered it was a light in two places.

1926 June, An eight roomed, two storied residence of Mr Guy Rochfort in Duke St was destroyed along with all the valuable furniture and contents.

1926 June, At nurse Smiths residence at 204 Miller St occurred in the dining room

1926 November, Mr Lionel B. Rhodes residence at the corner of Fitzroy Rd and Gray's Rd

1926 November, The railway station where a truckload of rubbish had caught fire.

1926 November, the dwelling at 905 Terrace Rd owned by Mrs Mary Watson occupied by Mr Benjamin Macfarelane

1927 January, A fire in Russell St in Mr F. M. Quigley of the De Luxe Motor Service with Barcham's photographic studio above, Mr Webber leased with Mr Rogers, and Mr Robjohns

1927 January, a large brick building in Russell St owned by John Blake of Hastings and occupied by A. E. Bullen & Co auctioneers

1927 April, An eight-roomed tiled house in Fitzroy Ave owned by Morrie Wood of Blenheim and occupied by W. Stratford, his wife and family.

1927 May, A fire in Russell St shop occupied by Anthony Zakris, purveyor of fruit, orange crush

1927 August, Olympia Cabaret, Karamu Rd sth owned by Mrs A. Room was practically destroyed by fire

1928 January, A large vacant 12 roomed house recently used as a boarding house owned by Mr J. W. Harding

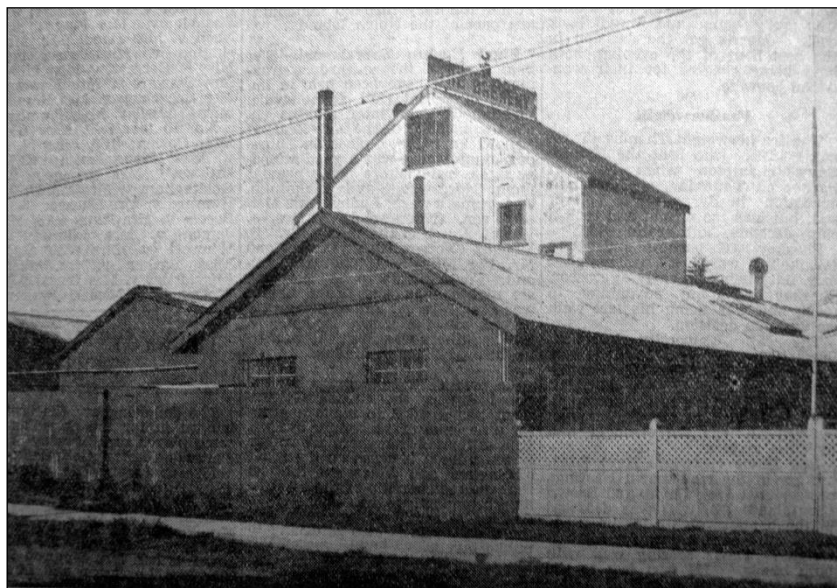
1929 January, H B Farmers Cooperative Associations large store corner of Market St nth and Queen St west

1930 December, The annexe was an old building at one time known as Richard Sorenson's Building opposite Albert stables.

1946 February, old grass-seed husks in an old shingle pit at the corner of Omahu Rd and Irongate Rd of P. Lowe the fire travelled up the Eskdale valley.

1894 December, Mr Newbigin, the energetic proprietor of our local brewery, has a notice concerning the removal to Hastings of the whole of his bottling business and appointment of his agent in Napier. Mr Newbigin states that the Englishman's natural beverage was never in more demand than at present.

Lesley (Les) William Fowler settled in Hastings where he was engaged in brewing at the Burton Brewery of Mr E. Newbigin



Burton Brewery of E. Newbigin, Hastings, adjoining the old Cordial factory

1896 June, Mr John Simpson and wife moved to Woodville to run the Commercial Hotel near the railway station owned by Mr E. Newbigin of Hastings.

1897 May, While engaged in the cellar of Newbigin's brewery a beer barrel came clown with a run on top of Mr John Smith. Beyond an ugly cut under the eye little damage was done, but it was miraculous that Smith's cheek-bone was not broken.

1898 August, Mr **E. Newbigin is having new offices built** in connection with his brewery in Hastings. This is only a beginning of a series of extensive alterations which the premises are to undergo in order to increase the storing accommodation and to cope with a rapidly growing trade.

1898 December, Mr E. Newbigin of Hastings intends opening a wine and spirit store in the premises in Heretaunga St occupied some time since by Mr W. J. Tyerman.

1898 December, Mr John Simpson recently of Hastings took over the Commercial Hotel at Woodville which caught fire and was destroyed . Mr E. Newbigin of Hastings was the proprietor of the hotel and intends erecting a handsome new hotel on the site at Woodville.

1899 April, Mr E. Newbigin of Hastings, is reported to have purchased the Upper Mohaka Hotel.

1900 October, Mr J. A. Pothan of the Hastings Coach Factory, has turned out a brewer's dray, made to the order of Mr Newbigin

1900 December, The Cordial factory of E. Newbigin with adjoining Burton Brewery.

1901 March, A pony attached to a trap, the property of Mr E. Newbigin, bolted in the Karamu Rd Hastings and after careering twice round the block between the State Schools and the Havelock road made off in the direction of Havelock. After doing Havelock the giddy little thing headed once more for home but unfortunately got foul of the Havelock Bridge and broke the shafts. It was then captured, exhausted with its efforts, and led back to Hastings.

1901 May, Mr E. Newbigin has purchased the Clarendon Hotel, Napier.

1901 May, Mr W. C. Andrews, of Havelock Rd Hastings, has completed arrangements with Mr E. Newbigin for taking over the Clarendon Hotel, Napier and he will enter into possession as soon as Mr W. Y. Dennett has finished the valuation which he commences on Monday.

1901 May, The requirements of his extensive business having rendered it imperative, Mr E, Newbiggin has just installed at his Hastings brewery a new Howard's tubular boiler of 901bs pressure. It was supplied to his order by the Vulcan Foundry Company, and was tested yesterday, giving every satisfaction in the trial.

E. NEWBIGGIN,		
BURTON BREWERY, HASTINGS.		
<p><i>These Ales are admitted to be the best obtainable, and have been Awarded</i></p> <p>FIRST PRIZE WHEREVER SHEWN.</p>		<p>LATEST AWARDS: — FIRST — FOR BOTH ALES AND STOUT AT Hawke's Bay & Manawatu A. & P. Shows.</p>
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.		
BOTTLER & AERATED WATER MANUFACTURER.		
Agent for Celebrated TE AROHA WATER, Invaluable for its Medicinal Properties.		
B. GLASS, UNION HOTEL, NAPIER, SOLE AGENT.		
1st Prize Stock Ales, Bottled Ales & Stout a Speciality.		

1904, E. Newbiggin, had agency for Te Aroha mineral water before the later Lemon & Paeroa

1908 May, Hastings Fire – Brewery Destroyed - **Mr E. Newbiggin's Burton brewery**, an old two-storey wooden building was demolished by fire at daybreak had a good hold of the lower floor and the structure being an old one, was a roaring mass of flames in a few minutes. At a little after five o'clock he was aroused by **Mr A. Sims** telling him that "the brewery was on fire." Mr Newbiggin scantily clad, rushed out and entered the office, managing to secure his books. Even at this early stage it was impossible to save any of the stock. The Brigade arrived shortly after only to discover that they were unable to put the fire engine into use, owing to there being no water available for the steamer.. A strong easterly wind was blowing, accompanied with rain. The latter, however, had no effect in checking the progress of the fire. The Brigade turned their attention to saving the cottage adjoining, owned by **Mr Fritchley**, forming themselves into a "bucket brigade." Mr Newbiggin went through the building at 1a.m, for the purpose of inspecting the fermentation of a brew and everything then appeared to be safe. He surmises that some coal stacked alongside the boiler caught fire. The building used as the cordial factory is intact. Arrangements have been made to cater for the local trade as before. Insurances: Stock, £400 in the Alliance; building, £850 in the National. The cellars and stores were heavily stocked. It is estimated that the loss is fully £2000 over the insurances. A new brewery building was built.



Burton Brewery, shows water tower a Ford delivery truck and an Austin truck



Burton Brewery staff 1920's



Burton Brewery brick buildings on Ellison Rd, former **George Ellis** St. Aubyn's Brewery after the two storied wooden building was destroyed by fire in May 1908, signage – Newbiggin's Burton Brewery's, Leopard brand Ale & Aerated Waters & Cordials, Wine & Spirits, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1931, post quake Heretaunga St west shows Burton Brewery Ford delivery truck



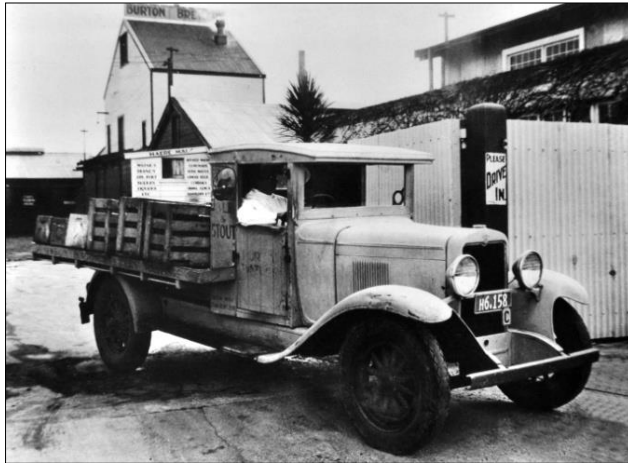
1931, advert Leopard brand, Burton Brewery, Est 1881



E. Newbigin, Burton Brewery delivery truck with signage for Leopard orange cordial



E. Newbigin, Burton Brewery delivery truck with goods undercover



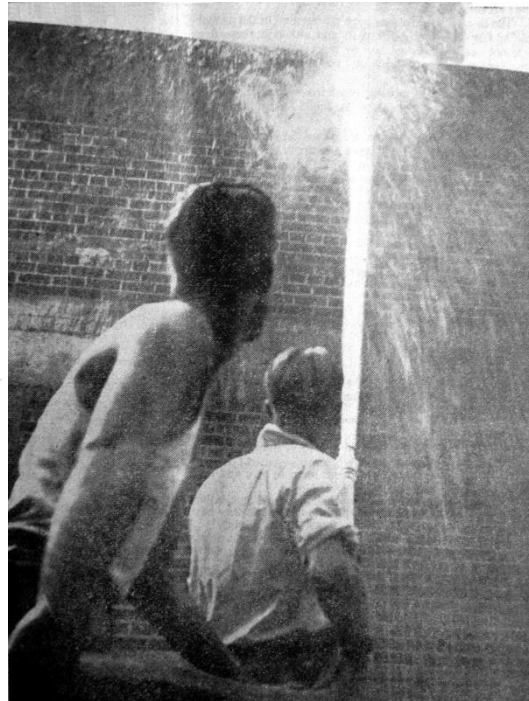
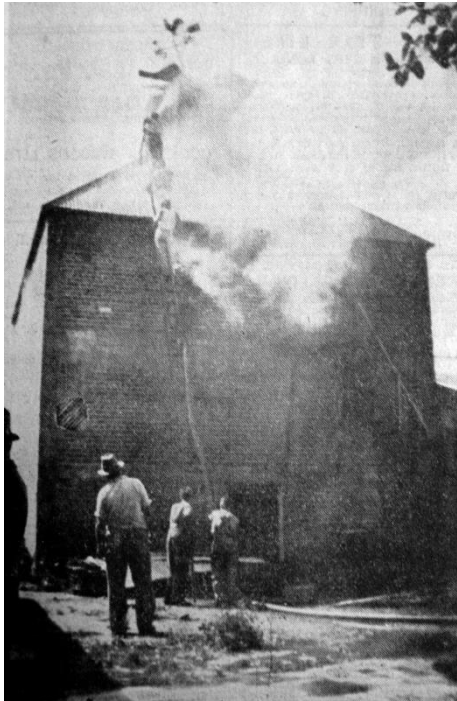
Burton Brewery delivery truck at entrance gate



E. Newbigin, Burton Brewery, Hastings delivery truck at the Stortford Lodge Hotel 1930's signage - Purity Waters, Ales & Stout, Ph 4318. Edward Newbigin owned the Stortford Lodge Hotel



1939 January, Newbigin's Burton Brewery malt house on fire taken just prior to the brigade arriving. The brick and tin roof building supported by wooden beams was not in use at the time and its special ventilator in the roof enabled a terrific draft to circulate and fan the flames



1939 January, Newbigin's Burton Brewery malt house, the brigade succeed in dousing the flames



Burton Brewery wooden beer kegs dept



Burton Brewery three story brew house built 1895, the name was changed to Leopard Brewery to distinguish it from the Palmerston North Brewery, shows their petrol bowser



Burton Brewery three story brew house, shows their petrol bowser



Newbigin's Burton Brewery, a later view 1940's of the old brick buildings on Ellison Rd and new buildings with Leopard Ale

Edward Newbigin owned the brewery till 1956, Leopard Breweries Ltd was sold to the Malaysian Breweries Ltd Singapore



1960, Leopard Brewery Ltd on Ellison Rd



Roach Bros formed -

G. H. ROACH requests that all Accounts owing to him as to June 20th, be paid at once to Roach Bros., whose receipt will be a sufficient discharge.
June 29th 1904.. 787

1904 June, G. H. Roach, all accounts paid to his sons **Roach Bros**

1904 June, **George H. Roach**, who has been prominent amongst Hastings business people for the past **twenty years**, has sold out his extensive drapery business in Heretaunga St to his sons Messrs **George F. Roach and Victor R. Roach** who will carry on the concern as from this date under the title of **Roach Bros**. Mr Roach has seen in Hastings grow from a small strolling village into the thriving town it is today. During all that time he has applied himself closely to his business, except for a brief period in January 1902 when he made with Mrs Roach a visit to the old country: but his business has repaid the strict application he made, for he is now about to retire and have the cares and worries in connection with it in the hands of his sons. While not taking part in any local politics Mr Roach has always helped on any movement for the advancement of the town, and withal has not failed to hold out a helping hand to those who were in urgent need of assistance. In retiring from active business in Hastings Mr Roach has the best wishes of all, for he has earned a reputation for commercial integrity and personal worth by his consistent actions. We hope he will be long spared to enjoy his leisure and feel sure that his successors will prove themselves "worthy sons of such a sire" G. H. Roach retired and played bowls at the Hastings Bowling Club.

G. H. ROACH having disposed of his Drapery Business, desires to cordially and sincerely thank one and all of his numerous friends and supporters for their very great kindness in the past twenty years, and trusts the same will be continued to his successors, Roach Bros., who now are absolutely slaughtering the well-assorted stock. This is no puff, but the truth, as one visit will prove.
Yours very truly,
764 G. H. ROACH.

1904 July, G. H. Roach having disposed of his Drapery Business to his sons **Roach Bros**

ROACH BROS.,
Hastings
Standard House,
STATION STREET.
Winter Goods
NOW SHOWING
At PRICES that DEFY Competition.

1904 July, Roach Bros drapers, mercer, clothiers, now in temporary store in the **Standard House on Station St** before moving into their new two story premises on Heretaunga St west next to Land and Highway near Market St in February 1905 and painting Roach Bros in large letters on the roof, while the original store at King St corner simply retained the signage G. F. Roach till 1914

1904, Miss Elliott began employment in the dressmaking department of Messrs Roach Bros.

HASTINGS HOUSE.
 AN Entirely New and Up-to-Date Stock of
SPRING GOODS
 Are now opened for your inspection at this establishment
 Beautiful Spring Novelties in all their Pristine
 Loveliness
 SUPERB CREATIONS IN MILLINERY.
 New Goods in all Departments.
ROACH BROS.
 DRAPERS, MERCERS, CLOTHIERS & C.
 HASTINGS

Roach Bros, 'Hastings House' September 1904



Roach Bros, Hastings House, Drapery, Millinery, Clothing, Outfitting, Hosiers, Glovers, Hatters



Roach Bros new premises



1905 February, **Roach Bros new premises** - Mr G. F. Roach owner and his brother V. R. Roach. There can be no surer indication of the solid prosperity of Hastings than the hold enterprising spirit at present pervading our leading business men; and an excellent illustration of this spirit is afforded by Messrs Roach Bros. For some time past the tasteful displays made in the windows and inside the shop of this firm have attracted general attention and now that substantial additions to the building have been made by the erection of an upper storey, the establishment promises to make a name for itself, even outside our district. The upper storey contains six large rooms, which are to be comfortably furnished and fitted with every convenience and, as most of our readers are aware, these rooms will be mainly devoted to the newly established dressmaking department. There are two very large workrooms stretching across the front of the building, and behind these, on one side, ladies will find a comfortable waiting room and a well appointed fitting room; and on the other side there is a luncheon - room for the dressmaking staff and a large room for reserve stock. The dressmaking department will be amply provided with a set of the most up-to date sewing machines. The firm has been most fortunate in securing a thoroughly competent lady to take charge of the dressmaking department. **Miss Hayton** comes to Messrs Roach Bros, with a very high reputation, which she has earned in lending houses in Launceston, Hobart and Melbourne. When the Duke and Duchess of York visited the colonies, Miss Hayton had the honour of making a number of presentation dresses for Her Royal Highness. Miss Hayton has the happy knack of charming all her patrons, and her experience and skill will prove invaluable to the ladies of Hastings. An artiste that understands "style" as Miss Hayton does, has long been wanted here, and that want now to be more than satisfied; Messrs Roach Brothers' dressmaking department will prove a boon to our ladies. Miss Hayton has already arrived and with her staff of assistants, is ready to receive patrons. The addition of the upper storey will in no way interfere with the illumination of the ground floor, as a bright well light supplies ample brightness to the premises by day, and the lighting by night will be as brilliant as ever. **Mr V. R. Roach** has just returned from a visit to the large wholesale warehouses in Wellington, where he has secured new goods of such assortment and style as has never been even approached in our growing town. Altogether it is evident that Messrs Roach Brothers, drapers and clothiers, with millinery and dressmaking departments, intend to earn and maintain a reputation for enterprise, completeness of stock and general "up-todateness" that will make the firm well and favourably known throughout Hawke's Bay. The grocery and general store, including a crockery and ironmongery department is domiciled in **separate buildings**.

Victor Reginald Roach b: December 1877 in Wellington, the son of George and Hannah Roach, in 1906 he married Ildefonsa Rose Lee b: January 1877 in Napier the daughter of George Edmund and Amelia Bournman Lee. George F. bought out Victor's share of Roach Bros, then Victor moved to Woodville where he ran his own store. Victor Reginald Roach died 1957 aged 80, and Ildefonsa Rose Roach nee Lee died January 1965 in Hastings aged 88. A Carl Lee d: June 1976 aged 87

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 The Largest and most Up-to-date Stock of
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 FIRST-CLASS MILLINERY.
 DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT UNDER THE
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Saddlery of All Kinds
 MADE TO ORDER.
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LAND & HEIGHWAY,
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Collar Makers.
 Corner of Heretaunga and Market Streets, Hastings.
 ALL SORTS HORSE BOOTS MADE TO ORDER.

1905, Roach Brothers, on Heretaunga St west and Land & Heighway, Saddlers corner Heretaunga St west and Market St sth

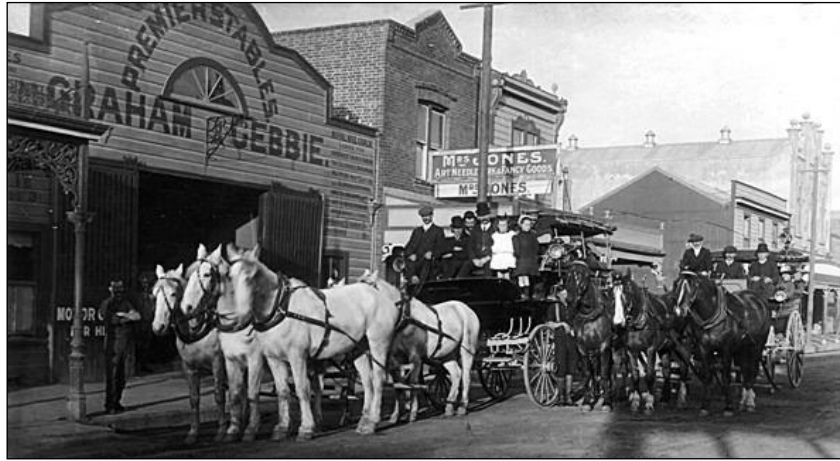


1905, Heretaunga St west from Market St shows new Roach Bros and wooden building Land & Heighway (saddler) George Land & Simon Heighway previous Somerville's store site, looking towards the railway line with H. Williams and Sons (ironmonger) distant roof signage right with the new Hastings Hotel, the Bank New South Wales is left, a Café, the BNZ and Maddison & Co before the May 1907 fire - note the man on ladder against the gas street lantern on cast iron post with man working and two men further up standing on the middle of the railway line, by Henry Norford Whitehead.
George Land died October 1931 aged 73

1905 February, Mr **Maurice Cheer** who has been engaged in Mr G. F. Roach's grocery establishment for the past **15 years**, severed his connection with that, establishment last Saturday in order to take up an important position in Messrs Williams and Kettle's Hastings branch. Previous to his leaving, **Mr Masters** on behalf of the staff presented him in a complimentary speech, with a gentleman's dressing case in token of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow employees and Mr Cheer having feelingly replied, the incident terminated. And in June 1908, **John Rouse Upton Foot** salesman left Mr G. F. Roach's shop.



1905, G. F. Roach on Heretaunga St west at King St looking toward Havelock, shows Art Pottery Fancy Goods store left side situated near Premier Stables of Graham & Gebbie opposite G. F. Roach branch store – he was the only one advertising 'Art Pottery' for a short while between Oct – Nov 1905, also shows the first Pacific Hotel with veranda further down on right

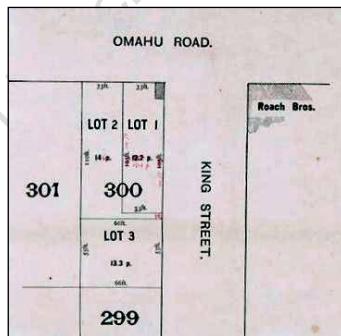


Shows the Art Pottery Fancy Goods store left side behind Mrs Jones Art Needlework & Fancy Goods new brick store signage in 1910, adjoining the new Premier Stables of Mr S. Graham & Gebbie built August 1904 at 351 Heretaunga St west on the site of the old St. Matthew's opposite Roach's.

Mrs Jones Art Needlework & Fancy Goods new brick store and Art Pottery Fancy Goods store later became L. G. Forster (fruiterer) and John Fells London Pie Shop and L. G. Forster (fruiterer) and both stores were gutted by fire in April 1914, the buildings owned by Mr G. F. Roach

Mrs W. B. Jones
 FANCY GOODS REPOSITORY
 —
 New Stock Arriving Every Month
 Shop open all day Saturday and
 closed Wednesday Afternoon.

Mrs W. B. Jones, Fancy Goods Repository in 1912



The old 'Heretaunga Store' site at King St corner, now Roach Bros



Heretaunga St west looking east from Nelson St taken aprox 1905 with telegraph poles, shows a building without veranda near right, then G. F. Roach old grocery on corner further up, the trees on left are at King St by the old St. Matthew's Church site and the Art & Pottery Fancy Goods store, Note the large tree growing over the main road in distant near Market St and in photo below



1905, Looking east now shows the first Pacific Hotel with veranda further down behind horse & carriage right side, the Art & Pottery Fancy Goods store lest side with gas lantern at the site of the old St. Matthew's Church. Shows **G. F. Roach** grocery store with cloth shading the sun on Heretaunga St west at King St, his father G. H. Roach purchased it from T. A. Hayes in 1884, the store signage still remained G. F. Roach to 1913 but no longer called 'Heretaunga House' which was now being used by S. H. Knight boots store next to the Pacific Hotel.

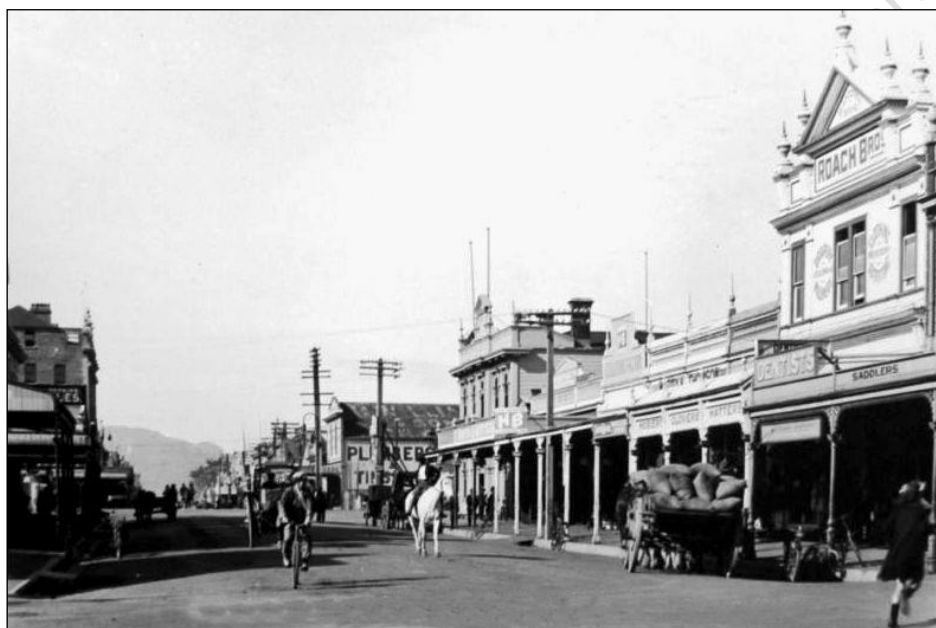
1908 June, A pleasing ceremony took place at Mr G. F. Roach's shop last evening, when Mr J. R. Foot was presented by the firm's employees with a hot water kettle and stand in view of his approaching marriage. Mr G. F. Roach, in a few well chosen words, wished Mr Foot and his intended wife a long married life and heaps of success.

1908 August, Miss McCormick who for some time has been in the employ of Messrs Roach Bros., was presented on behalf of that firm and their employees with a handsome travelling rug and straps on the occasion of her leaving for Wairoa.

1908 September, Miss Elliott who for the past five years has been in the employ of Messrs Roach Bros, in the dressmaking department, was presented by Mr Victor Roach, on behalf of the employees of the establishment, with a handsome travelling rug on the occasion of her departure from Hastings. Miss Elliott left by the express train on Saturday to take a position in a drapery establishment in Wellington.

1910 September, The firm **Roach Bros**, General Drapers, Clothiers, Mercers, Milliners and Dressmakers Heretaunga St Hastings has been established over a quarter of a century, the founder being Mr **G. H. Roach, who has since retired from business, but who still resides in Hastings**. The present partners are Messrs G. F. and V. R. Roach, the later being the managing partner. Mr G. H. Roach commenced in a small way as a general storekeeper in Hastings and the present very large business is a striking illustration of what can be done by industrious energy and sound business principles. Mr Roach always aimed at a high class trade, good quality for the money, and promptness and attention to all matters of detail. He was a very thorough man and believed that if anything was worth doing it was worth doing well. Previous to his coming to New Zealand Mr Roach was on the staff of Shoolbred and Company the well known London firm of drapers whose premises are on Tottenham Court Rd. Hastings was not very large place in 1883 when Mr Roach came to the place, but it did a good deal of business even in those days. After five or six years Mr Roach found that in consequence of the extension of his business he would have to increase the size of his premises, he therefore **moved from the corner of King St and Heretaunga St to the present site on Heretaunga St west**. The new premises were two-stored with a 40ft frontage and very handsome exterior. The general store and drapery business were separated, the former being placed under the charge of Mr G. F. Roach the present occupier. Mr G. H. Roach remained in personal charge of the drapery establishment, having for auxiliary Mr V. R. Roach.

1908 November, In the window of Messrs Roach Bros. drapers, are to be seen some magnificent rose blooms, grown by Mrs M. E. Tosswill. The collection, which comprises 19 varieties of the choicest kinds procurable, reflects credit upon the grower.



1910 September, Heretaunga St west from Market St shows Roach Brothers (drapery, millinery and clothing outfitter) a bookseller and stationer, H. K. Thomson (clothier and draper)

George Matthews was employed at Mr Geo. Roach's store in March 1912 died aged 19 following an accident.

Clarence Masters oldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Masters of Selwood Rd staff of G. F. Roach in April 1915

Their father George Hamilton Roach died August 1914 at Southland Rd Hastings of heart trouble aged 74.



1915, Roach Brothers new mission style ferro-concrete department store being built on the corner of Heretaunga St west and King St where their father originally purchased the business from T. A. Hayes in 1884. The two storied brick building designed by Christchurch architect Sydney Lutterell under construction shows Roachs' Drapers Est 1884 and Glasgow House signage corner veranda right edge



1915 November, Roach's Ltd new mission style ferro-concrete department store opened with plate-glass frontage of 100 feet on the corner of Heretaunga St west and King St opened taken 1920c from the side of the Cosy De Luxe Theatre, by Stefano Webb. This store collapsed in the 1931 earthquake with 17 fatalities.



Roach's Ltd big new departmental store, which comprises Drapery, Mercery, Ladies' Tailoring, Dressmaking, Millinery, Carpets, Linoleums, Furnishings, Ironmongery, and Groceries. The four entrances from Heretaunga St open into a 10 ft. wide corridor, which extends the whole frontage of the building. From this corridor approach to the several departments is given by 6 ft. wide sub-corridors, which are again crossed by two 6 ft. wide- corridors, parallel to the main corridor, thus dividing the whole ground floor space departments into numerous fitments, giving customers an opportunity of moving

from one to another. From the centre of the china department a very wide and handsome staircase leads to a landing and then to the right and left on to the front floor. On the southern side (top floor) are the ironmongery and fancy departments. The central portion, facing Heretaunga St., is occupied by china and crockery. Electric light and power for working a passenger lift and cash delivery service. The passenger lift is to be of the latest automatic type operated by the pressure of a small push button and rendered entirely safe by the simple fact that so long as any of the gates remain open the lift cannot possibly move. Mr D. Robertson was a foreman and Mr D. Tanish a staff member at Roach's Mr A. F. Parkinson, Tate, Brennon, Taylor, Harding and Dorkin all staff of Roach's.

George F. Roach later bought out his brother's share and Victor moved to Woodville where he ran his own store

Andrew Fox Parkinson died November 1919, he managed the drapery department of Roach's Ltd.

In October 1924, Mr Victor R. Roach of Auckland is in Hastings on a visit.

In December 1924, Mr Frank H. Roach left Hastings for Porangahau where he takes over the local store.

1925 July, A motor van belonging to Roach's Ltd driven by Mr Donkin which was travelling from Hastings towards Havelock collided with a car driven by Mr Compton coming down Riverslea Rd to Heretaunga St. 'Tanner's bend'

Graham Bros, Graham & Gebbie –

1904 August, A commodious **livery stable is in course of erection on the site of the old St. Matthew's Church**, opposite G. F. Roach's 'Heretaunga Store'. The **Premier stables** is being built for **Mr S. Graham** and it is intended to erect shops on the site which he occupies at present.



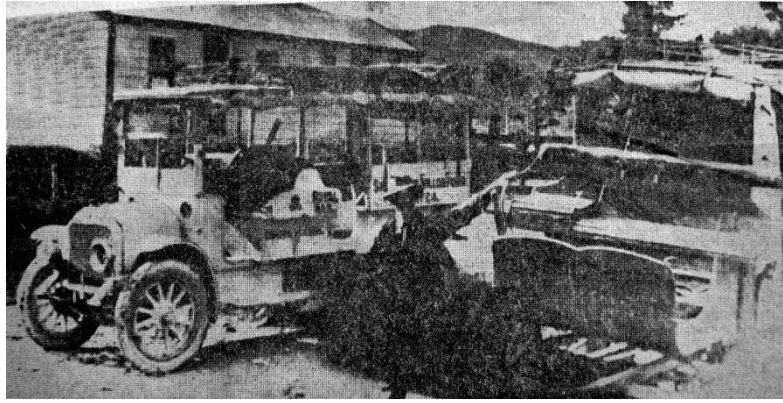
Graham Brothers – large Premier Stables at 351 Heretaunga St west, next to Thompson's Butchery old site before Gebbie joined

GRAHAM BROS.

BEG to announce that they have opened their new Stables in Heretaunga-street, opposite Roach's Store, and will run them in conjunction with their old premises during show week.

Expert attendance and the best of
Horse Feed. 520

1904 October, Graham Bros opened Heretaunga St west opposite Roach's store



1905, Graham and Gebbie of Hastings first service car with the old stage coach alongside

Premier Stables,
HASTINGS.
GRAHAM BROS, Proprietors

THE Most Up to Date Stable in the Province, with a Plan that is equalled by none, consisting of Drags (open or covered in), Landau of the best English make, Waggonettes, Buggies, Dog Carts, Gigs, and Spider Buggy, and nothing but the best of horses kept and careful drivers

Special Trips undertaken to any part of the Country

Weddings and Picnic Parties catered for in the most up to date style

Town or country people wishing to have a pleasant drive ring up 159, Hastings Exchange, and you will be suited with whatever you require

1906 January, Premier Stables Graham Bros, on the site of the old St. Matthew's church corner Heretaunga St west and King St

1906 January, Messrs Graham Bros of the **Premier Stables**, advertise their business in this issue. Their premises are the most commodious in the province; their plant is one of the best kind in Hawke's Bay. The plant consists of Landaus from the best English makers, wagonettes, two large drags (opened and covered in) dogcart, buggies, Ranfurly gig, and Bradleys of all descriptions, and last but not least, a splendidly appointed spider buggy, which is hard to beat for lightness and comfort. The plant is always in good working order, and looks well, as the proprietors spare no expense in catering for the general public. The horses are all guaranteed fast, staunch, and reliable. Graham Bros, undertake weddings and picnic parties, large or small. Their drivers are experienced and careful. Visitors to the district, as well as local people, will never regret giving this firm a trial, and we feel sure that anybody having business connections with the Premier Stables will be more than satisfied.

By August 1907 they had acquired an ambulance – To The Editor, *Sir - In answer to your correspondent regarding an ambulance van for Hastings, I might inform him that I have just received an up-to-date conveyance built on the lines that he suggests, with the exception that the curtains are black not white. If the correspondent will come along, I shall be only too pleased to let him see it. I might also say that any one requiring the ambulance can rely on promptitude and every attention, Yours, &c, S. Graham, Premier Stables.*

1909 August, Mr S. Graham of Graham Bros at Hastings left the partnership to concentrate on his livery stables and William J. Graham then formed a partnership with William James Gebbie from Taradale

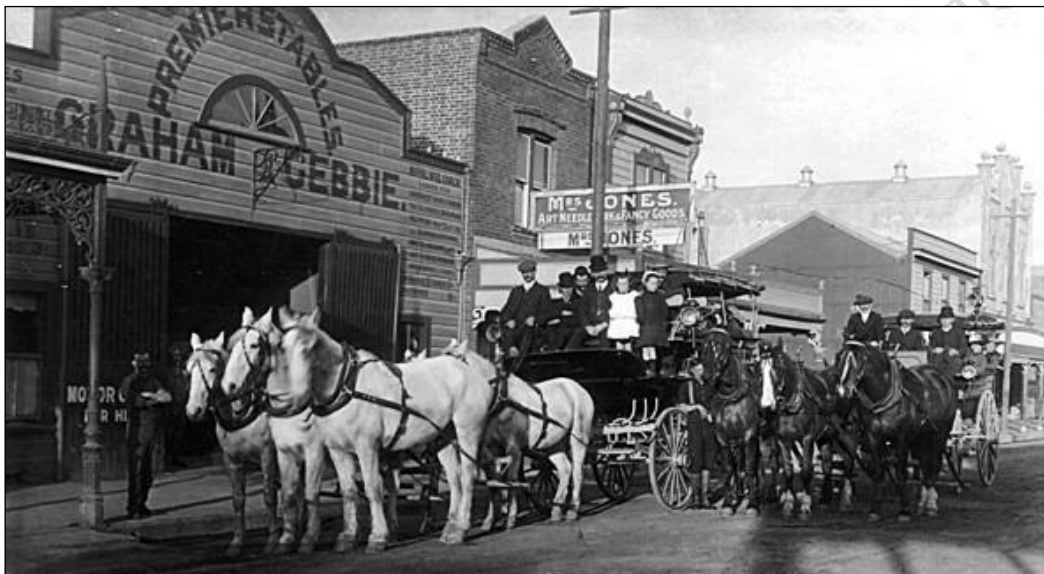
William James Gebbie b: July 1866 the son of Thomas and Louisa Pritchard. William James Gebbie of Taradale An interesting marriage took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, February 1904 the contracting parties being Mr W. J. Gebbie, manager of the Motor Company's Taradale stables and eldest son of Mr T. Gebbie, Taradale, and Miss Mary Ann (Mabel) Henn, eldest daughter of Mr John Henn, Napier, and well known in musical circles. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Bowes and Miss Minnie O'Connell, and Mr H. Rymer was groomsman. After the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. Father Goggan, the wedding party were entertained at the residence of the bride's father, in France Rd. William James Gebbie died at Hastings April 1954 aged 87 and Mary Ann Gebbie died June 1944 aged 75. John Alexander Gebbie son of W. J. and M. A. Gebbie died October 1941 aged 37.

In 1908 Gebbie was one of the first in Hawke's Bay to get a motor taxi from Tourist Motor Co and a licence, there were only two cars in the district in conjunction with the horse mail and passenger coach service. The roads were bad, repeated floods, monotonous breakdowns. The cars did not last long and gave constant trouble tyre punches accidents and getting bogged. The Maori were very keen to have rides in them.

Samuel Nathan Graham had worked at Premier since August 1908 and Frederick Gebbie



Premier, shows Graham & Gebbie under seat - written on the back reads: Graham and Tom Gebbie used this in their bus service in Hastings (father of Bill Gebbie, Coach driver)



1910, Premier Stables, Graham & Gebbie at 351 Heretaunga St west, with Motor Car for Hire. Text on building: *Royal Mail Coach Leaves for Sherenden, Tuanui, Glenross....* Mrs Jones Art Needlework & Fancy Goods was next to the later London Pie Shop opposite Roach's. Graham & Gebbie later acquired Tattersall's stables in Market St sth near the old Fire Station

1911 January, Mr A. A. Hollis, late of Hastings notifies that he has taken over the Livery and Bait Stables Napier, formerly owned by Mr Graham and trusts to receive a continuance of the support accorded to his predecessor for some considerable period was employed by Messrs. Graham and Gebbie at Hastings.

In February 1912, A valuable horse owned by Messrs Graham and Gebbie was run into by the "Wild" Cat" on the railway line between Lyndon Rd and Southampton St, Hastings, at an early hour this morning, and sustained injuries which necessitated its being destroyed. It appeal's that the horse, with others, was kept in a paddock adjoining Messrs. de Pelichet and McLeod's store sheds, and the gate leading to the railway siding in front of the sheds was left open, allowing the horses to stray on the line.

Graham and Gebbie ran the only two horse ambulance in the town and carted freight and goods around the central North Island.

In September 1913, Graham and Gebbie Hastings, first advertise that a motor "bus will leave the Premier Stables on Sunday next at 2 p.m., making round trip, via Havelock, Port Ahuriri, Taradale and Omaha.



1913, Graham & Gebbie – Premier Stables at 351 Heretaunga St west, next to Thompson Bros Butchery left with Mrs Jones Art Needlework & Fancy Goods right side. In September 1915, Samuel Nathan Graham took over from his father William John Graham of Graham & Gebbie in partnership with William James Gebbie

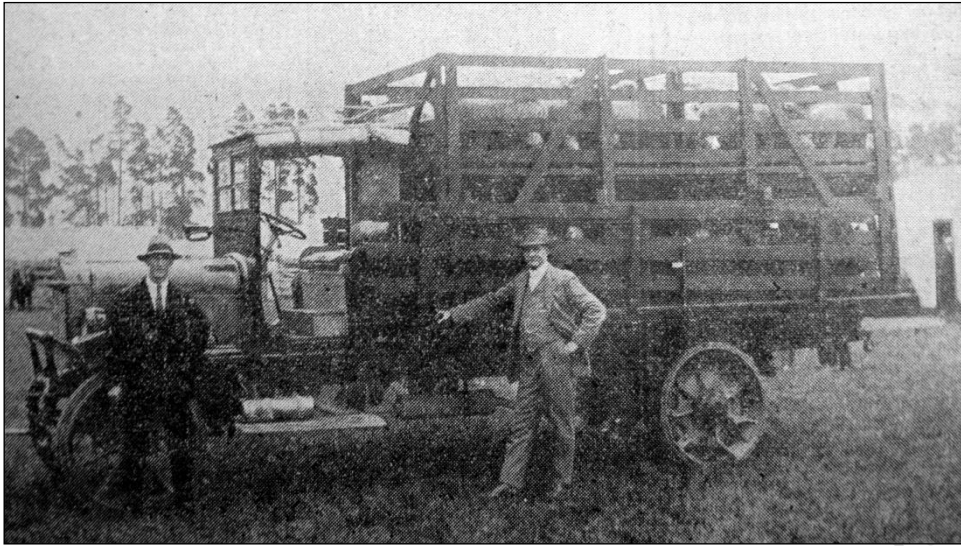
1913 December, A man named **Josh O'Connor** employed at the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Karamu station was kicked on the head by a horse at Messrs **Graham and Gebbie's stables Hastings** on Saturday night and sustained two deep wounds about three inches long. He was attended by **Dr. Wilson** who ordered his removal to the Napier Hospital. This morning O'Connor was reported to be much better. O'Connor fell out the horse's heels, causing it to lash out violently and had it not been for the prompt action of Mr **Charles Gosling**, he would probably have been kicked to death.

1914 April, Hastings fire - A 60-h.p. Napier motor car owned by Messrs Graham and Gebbie, livery stable keepers, caught fire on the road near Paki Paki last night through the friction of the foot brake igniting the benzene. Only the driver was aboard. The car was completely destroyed. It was insured for £400.

1914 June, An up-to-date motor bus which has just been completed at Pothan's coach factory to the order of Messrs. Graham and Gebbie made its appearance on the road today and attracted considerable attention. The bus is built on a 130 cwt. Thorneycroft motor chassis, for which Pothan and Co are agents, the body being constructed of English oak and trimmed with the best English leather. It is provided with spring folding cushion seats, with a capacity for passengers, in addition to a considerable amount of luggage. A special feature of the conveyance is that it is running on the cheapest grade kerosene, all about but the cost of benzene. The bus shows good workmanship throughout, and compares more than favourably with anything of its kind built in New Zealand. It will run between Maraekakaho and Hastings.

1920 October, Messrs. **Graham and Gebbie** have purchased Mr A. E. Hurley's half-acre of land and buildings corner of **Eastbourne and Nelson Sts**, Hastings. It is understood this firm will be erecting large buildings suitable for their increased business.

1921 January, Graham and Gebbie's motor car, lorries, stabling and bicycles stands will be at their Market St livery stable while their office will be in Nelson St.



The first double decker sheep truck in Hawke's Bay purchased by Graham and Gebbie after WW1

1924 September, Joseph William Dagg of Albert livery stable keeper of Hastings entered into partnership with W. J. Graham in the motor business in Hastings. He was then quite solvent and had vehicles valued at one thousand pounds free from any charges. The vehicles were taken over by the firm and later the firm was formed into a limited liability company under the name of the **Hastings Motor Company Ltd.** The company went into liquidation; Joseph William Dagg went bankrupt in September 1926.

1924 November, A motor mail bus owned by Graham and Gebbie Hastings caught fire while endeavouring to pass a vehicle loaded with wool at a sharp bend in the road to Whana, went off the highway over a small decline and upset. The bus burst into flames and was destroyed. It was insured for £300 and was valued at £1200. There were no passengers and the mails were saved. The same firm had a similar misfortune last week, when one of their motor lorries was burnt at Crownthorpe. It was insured for £400.

The Powdrell Bros -

Henry Hamilton Powdrell, Frank Ernest Powdrell and Herbert Dutton Powdrell.

FROM Monday next, June 26th, the business lately carried on under the name of Messrs Barry Bros and Co., will be conducted by Messrs **Powdrell Bros.**, who undertake to supply Coal, Coke, Wood and Grain at the lowest rates.

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We have the **LARGEST** Carrying Plant in The District
And are therefore in a position to do all kinds of work.

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Furniture, Etc., Carefully Removed.

All orders entrusted to us will receive Prompt Attention.

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**POWDRELL BROS.,
HASTINGS.**

1899 June, The Hastings business of Messrs **Barry Bros and Co.** Queen St west has been purchased by Messrs **Powdrell Bros of Meeanee.** It including a weighing bridge for the convenience of farmers and others, which will take loads up to 12 tons. Mr J. Sullivan, who has been the local representative for the firm of Barry Bros and Co intends starting business on his own account.

1899 June, Barry Bros thanking the Hastings Public for the liberal support accorded them for the past 7 years, announce that they have disposed of their Hastings business to Messrs Powdrell Bros whom they have every confidence will give entire satisfaction, and solicit the same support for their successors.



Powdrell Bros, carriers premises on Market St for their traction engine maintenance, a tall shed with two levels of window, poss Barry Bros old stables in Market St and a small entrance office further along

Powdrell Bros later established a depot at the corner of Eastbourne St west and Nelson St sth, then eventually took over J. A. Pothan's premises in Market St sth and at 105 Eastbourne St west before Market St sth.

In December 1899, Advertisement - Picnic Parties wanting conveyances should call on Powdrell Bros. Brake Parties are specially catered for.



1900, Powdrell Brother's, carriers and expressman firm at Hastings, their new traction engine operating a thrashing machine at Hastings

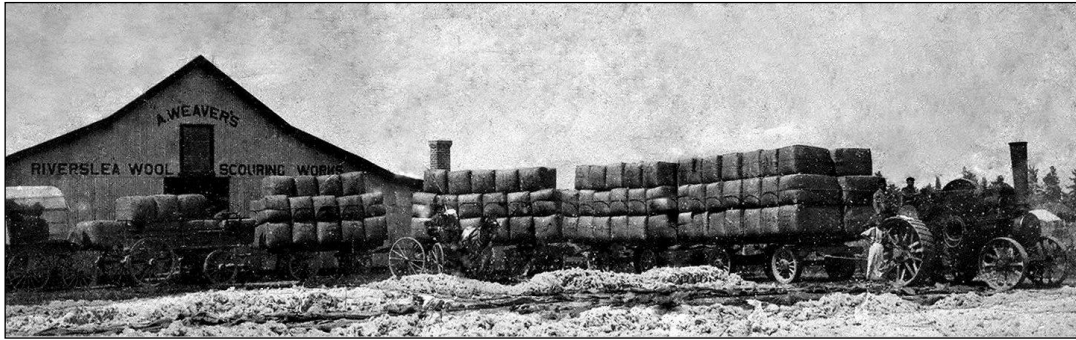
In May 1900, Mr W. Stock has purchased the large buildings at Clive which were formerly Weaver's works, are in course of removal to Hastings by Powdrell Bros for the new creamery.

In July 1900, Fred Cassin lately in the employ of Messrs Powdrell Bros has been successful in passing the examination prior to joining the permanent artillery. He will proceed to Wellington to take up his new duties.

In August 1900, Messrs A. Jones and Son have just turned out a dray for Powdrell Bros., which is not only noticeable for its good work, but for a set of movable tires. These are wide tires for paddock work and are put on over the ordinary tires. The advantages are that the ground is not injured and that the work is much easier. These tires are made up to eight inches wide.

In March 1901, We are indebted to Messrs Powdrell Bros., the Hastings firm of carriers and expressmen and agents for the N.Z. Express Company, for a neat Pocket Commercial and Tourist's Guide issued by the N.Z. Express Company, Ltd., containing a lot of information indispensable to travellers in the colony.

In March 1901, Powdrell Bros the Hastings firm of carriers, with their usual enterprise have ordered from Home at the cost of £750, one of Fowler's 6 h.p. compound traction engines on springs and capable of a speed of three to eight miles an hour. The firm intend using the engine for heavy haulage purposes.



In December 1901, Messrs Powdrell Bros, are at present engaged in loading up 100 bales of wool from Mr A. Weaver's Riverslea Scouring Works off St. George's Rd nth. This is the largest load which has ever left any wool works in the North Island and includes several bales of Waimate wool which has been subjected, to treatment by Mr Weaver's hydro centrifugal machine.

In December 1901, The Hastings Presbyterian Sunday School staff have arranged a novel method of conveying their scholars for their annual picnic to Mount Erin. The party will leave the Church at 8.30 a.m. on Boxing Day drawn by Messrs Powdrell Bros' new traction engine and four large trollies, which will be fitted with seating accommodation. The youngsters are loud in their praises of the kindness of Messrs Powdrell Bros placing their new plant at the disposal of the teachers.

In January 1902, The teachers connected with the Hastings Presbyterian Sunday School held their annual picnic on Boxing Day. The caves across the Tuki Tuki River, beyond Te Mata, were visited. The river being exceptionally low, the ford, which has such a bad reputation, was crossed without difficulty, and a pleasant day was spent in visiting the caves and bush adjoining



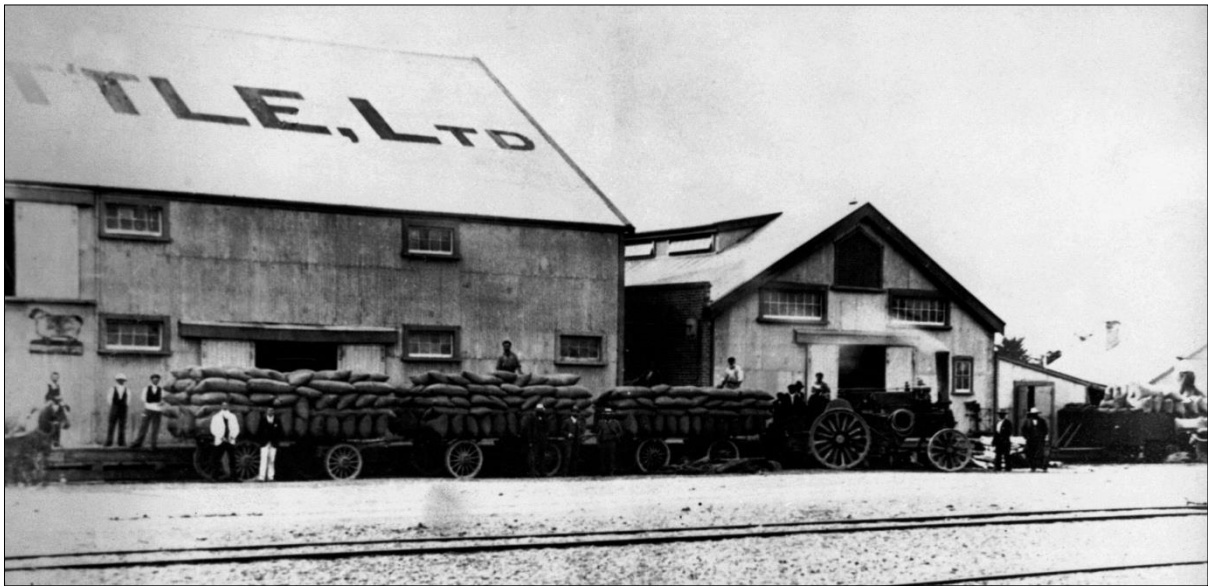
January 1902, Powdrell Bros engine and trollies conveying the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school Hastings from their annual picnic on Boxing Day, by L. C. Whitehead

In September 1902, Powdrell Bros' traction engine and lorries brought into 20 tons of potatoes from Mr O. P. Donnelly's and 15 tons from other sources, all consigned to the local branch of Messrs Williams and Kettle.

In March 1903, Powdrell Brothers of Hastings commenced their roading contract using their traction engines and trucks, the empty train weighing 15 tons and the loaded train 40 tons. The road in consequence was greatly damaged and in the winter is became unfit: for traffic, culver's were smashed and the bridge suffered considerably under the strain. The Borough was written too as to the damage and in November 1903 a reply was received by the County stating that when the present metalling contract was completed the Borough would confer with a committee of the County Council on the question of the proportion of cost to be borne by each body in repairing the road. On November 26 the County wrote-again calling the attention of the Borough to the damage caused to the Hastings -Te Mata road by traffic by traction engines and calling on them to immediately refrain the same." On March 14th, Committees from the two Councils met, and the Hastings Borough agreed to pay one third of the cost of repairing the damage. In accordance with this, agreement the Borough paid £56 .1/s 6d. The haulage of metal over the road was continued and on September 14, 1904 the County wrote to the Borough holding it liable under the Public Works Act, both for the damage already done and also that which may be done. Messrs Powdrell Bros continued with their traction train until November 1905.

In December 1903, Some 250 children and Sunday School teachers of the Presbyterian Church were conveyed by traction engine to Mount Erin on Boxing Day, where the Sunday School picnic was held. These were supplemented with drags from Beecroft's, Tattersall's, and Anderson's stables, besides a large number of private conveyances. Children's

games and a very good programme of events was provided, and some really good prizes were competed for. Luncheon was partaken of at noon, tea between 4 and 5 o'clock, and about 0.80 p.m. the party proceeded homewards, arriving in Hastings shortly before 8 o'clock. Mr Kemp (Havelock) supplied the engine and some lorries free of charge, whilst Mr Powdrell lent two lorries.



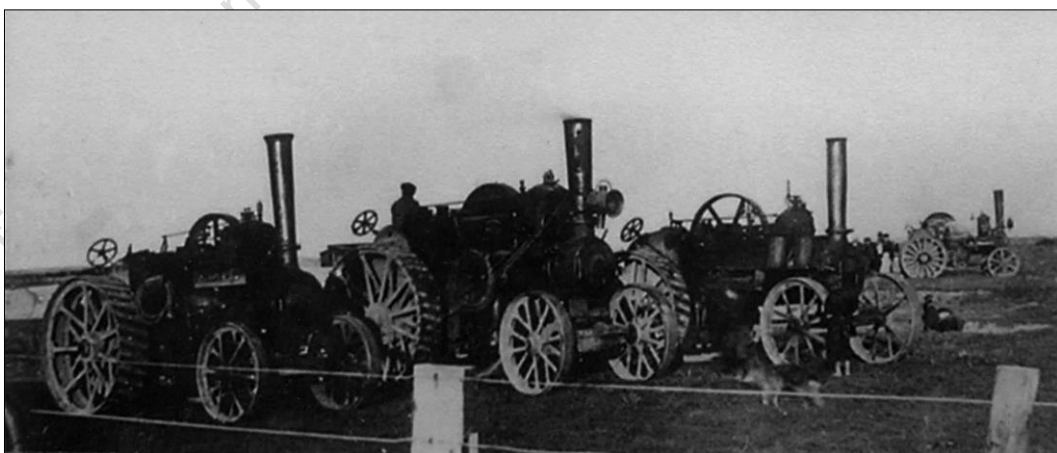
1904, Powdrell Bros traction engine hauling sacks of grain or potatoes to Williams and Kettle Ltd siding, Hastings Railway Yard

In August 1904, Powdrell Bros, Market St, firewood and coal

In October 1904, Charles Baker a carter of Knowle's Folly was in the employ of Messrs Powdrell Bros

POWDRELL BROS .
MARKET STREET,
FOR
Firewood and Coal
LARGE Contracts taken for Cart-
ings 440

1905, Powdrell Bros, firewood and coal on Market St



Four Powdrell Brothers traction engines



1905, Powdrell Brothers traction engine carting 120 bales of wool; with shearing gang



1910, Powdrell Bros, carriers and coal on Queen St west, between Nelson St and King St. Powdrell Bros can supply Drays, Expresses, or Lorry, at the shortest notice, and having the Largest Carrying Plant in the District we can guarantee satisfaction. Furniture carefully removed in low drays or lorry by competent men. Westport, Newcastle and Brunner Nut Coal and Coke always on hand. Firewood in long or short lengths. Horse and Fowl feed of every description in hand or delivered. Powdrell Bros Hastings and a depot at Eastbourne St west. Powdrell Bros were the owners of a weigh station, P. J. Devine a clerk in the employ of Messrs Powdrell Bros.,



'Powdrell's Corner' – Ernest, Jack Powdrell, Tom Lawton, Frank Powdrell, Phillip Lowe, Harry Powdrell, Harry Powdrell jnr. Shows ten Thornycroft trucks with drivers outside their depot at the corner of Nelson St sth and Eastbourne St west. The Thornycrofts were reputed to be just like a car to drive. Self starter a 6 cylinder motor developing 80 horsepower and a top speed of 40 miles per hour; two-decker crates carrying 144 lambs.



Powdrell Bros, at the corner of Nelson St sth and Eastbourne St west they later took over J. A. Pothan in Market St sth

In June 1913, Vincent Henry John Austin from the **employee of Mr J. Mills (late Powdrell Bros)**

In October 1915, Henry Powdrell went into partnership with John Alfred Pothan and established the motor engineering concern known as Pothan & Powdrell Motor garage along with Mr W. Heyward. In March 1920 Mr Powdrell's brother Mr Frank Powdrell purchase Mr Pothan's interests in the concern and the business was carried on as Powdrell Bros. At that time it was a dual business of motor garage and carrying concern with headquarters in Market St sth, but after the destruction of the building in 1931 earthquake the firm relinquished its interest in the garage and continued with transportation.

Edwin (Alf) Alfred Watkins saw service in WW1 and after leaving the Railways Dept, he worked for Powdrell Bros until commencing business on his own account.

In March 1920, Harry H. Powdrell took over the business of Pothan & Powdrell Motor garage as Powdrell Bros.

NOTICE.

THE Motor Engineering, Coach and Motor Body-building Business, lately carried on by Messrs. Pothan & Powdrell, has been purchased by Powdrell Bros., who trust, by strict attention to business, to merit a fair share of public patronage.
POWDRELL BROS.

1920 April, Powdrell Bros

In March 1920, Wanted: First-class Coachsmith. Apply Powdrell Bros., Market St, Hastings.

In April 1920, For sale: Motor Delivery Van, Standard, in first-class order, cheap. Apply Powdrell Bros., late Pothan and Powdrell, Hastings

In January 1923, A fire at Powdrell Bros workshops in Eastbourne St, the contents of chemical tubes were thrown on the outbreak which was quickly subdued before any serious damage was done.

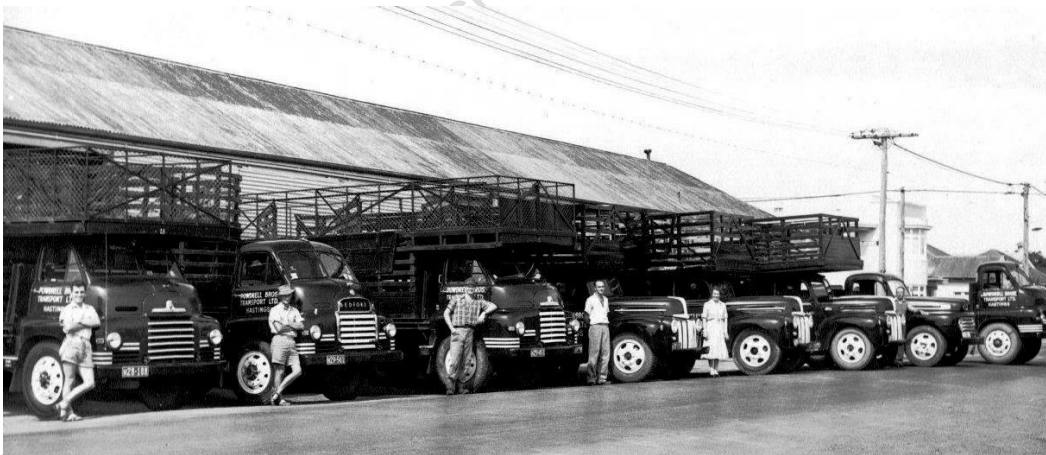


Eight Powdrell Brothers Thornycroft trucks at the corner of Eastbourne St west and Market St sth, the old A. J. Pothan building



Powdrell Bros in both buildings on Market St sth 1920 - the old wooden arched roof of J. A. Pothan coach building right side at Eastbourne St west – the old Goodwin’s Hall site. Powdrell Bros, motor engineers and agents for the International Harvester Coy and the newer brick building. Several staff members stand on the street in front of parked vehicles. P. J. Devine was a clerk in June 1910. Upstairs from Powdrell Bros in the building on the left is the business of F. G. Fryer dentist and to the left are the premises of the Hawke’s Bay Jockey Club. The brick building was later Morris agents and both buildings were destroyed in 1931 Quake

1926 Powdrell Bros at Eastbourne St west between Railway Rd and Market St, 1936, Powdrell Bros at 105 Eastbourne St west before Market St, 1938 Powdrell Bros at 401 Eastbourne St west between Nelson St and Southland Rd.



Powdrell Bros Transport Hastings, Line of truck, drivers, staff

Roger Winsley’s The Cafe Hastings –

1887, Roger Winsley had arrived in Hastings and was chief at the Carlton Club Hotel for nine years.

Roger Winsley b: December 1863 in Devon, the son of Elizabeth Solman and Amos George Winsley. Roger served his time at Messrs Watley and Sons, 20 and 21 Cheap St, Bath, Eng, where the original bath buns were manufactured. Roger aged 28 arrived in NZ on the *Rimutaka* in 1891, he had an older brother Harry living in Otago, then in Taranaki. Roger settled in Hastings and worked at Gormans Carlton Club in 1895 before opening his The Cafe in August 1896. In March 1899 he married Emily Ethel Maxwell, but she left him a few years later. He lived on Murdoch Rd and went bankrupt in September 1901, by 1905 he had left Hastings and died in Wellington in 1907 aged 44, Emily Ethel reverted to her maiden name of Maxwell and she died 1951 aged 85.

William Emmanuel (Edward) Maxwell died September 1895 in Hastings aged 32.

1896 February, Roger Winsley for the past nine years, chef with Mr P. Gorman, Carlton Club Hotel has purchased the business of the late W. E. Maxwell and renamed it 'The Cafe' Hastings.

R. WINSLEY.
For the past Nine Years Chef to Mr P.
Gorman,
HAS much pleasure in notifying the
Public of Hastings and Surrounding
Districts that he has Purchased the Business
of the late W. E. Maxwell, and hopes, by
strict attention to business, to merit a fair
share of public patronage.
Luncheons from 12 till 2.
Afternoon Teas a speciality.
Balls, Picnics, Parties, &c., catered for.
First-class Style Guaranteed.
R. WINSLEY,
THE CAFE, HASTINGS. 710

1896 February, Roger Winsley opened The Cafe, Hastings, he was to have two other cafe business premises



Roger Winsley opened 'The Cafe' in Heretaunga St east opposite the Carlton Club Hotel Hastings with first class boarding house, Roger then established himself in the Victoria House Heretaunga St east next to the Union Bank and The Cafe became Cowrick's then Saunderson's The Cafe and in September 1901 it became Henry Seymour Bone's first Imperial Cafe

1896 March, Mr Roger Winsley in order that his establishment should be able to cope with any large orders for catering, has erected a large oven and capacious bakehouse at the rear of The Cafe on the most approved principle. Wholemeal bread, according to the recipe of a celebrated physician, is one of Mr Winsley's specialties. Mr Winsley has been appointed caterer for the Trotting Club meeting.

The Cafe, Hastings.
THIS Popular Restaurant has recently undergone complete alterations in order to cope with the enormous increase of business. Visitors to Hastings can combine comfort and economy by patronising it.
Balls, Parties, and Picnics Catered for.
Wedding Cakes, Pastry, and Fancy Goods a Speciality.
AFTERNOON TEA.
ROGER WINSLEY,
PROPRIETOR.

In April 1896, **The Cafe, Hastings**, Roger Winsley renovations completed

In August 1896, **The Cafe, Hastings** is one of the best known restaurants in the province, and under Mr Roger Winsley's proprietary is daily becoming more and more popular. The additions, which the increased business demanded, are nearly complete, and the accommodation for regular boarders or casual visitors will then be much larger. The confectionery department is under Mr Winsley's own control, and he has at present a wedding cake on view which would do credit to one of the large centres. Mr Winsley's energy deserves well at the hands of the public. A sample of Mr Winsley's art was left at this office and all who partook thereof said it was good. Later became the first two story Imperial Cafe ?

In April 1897 **Warren H. Cowlrick** announces that he has taken over the other business lately carried on by Mr R. Winsley at The Cafe and a first class boarding house. Under Mr Winsley's management this restaurant became one of the most popular houses in the district and it is Mr Cowlrick's aim to keep the renamed 'The Hastings Cafe' up to the level it has attained, till March 1898 when **Frank Saunderson** took it on but only till March 1899. It was offered for sale in September 1900, In September 1901 it became Seymour Bone's first Imperial Cafe.

NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
—
THE
Glasgow Dining Rooms,
Opposite Carlton Club Hotel.
GEO. SMITH - - Proprietor.
Meals at all hours, 1s.
—
Comfortable Rooms for Boarders,
Terms, 17s. per week.

In October 1896, Mr **George Smith**, well and favourably known throughout the district, will open the **Glasgow Dining Rooms** opposite the Carlton Club Hotel on Saturday next. The premises lately occupied by Mr **Newman** have been entirely renovated and fitted up in keeping with a first-class restaurant. The rooms for boarders have been well appointed, and as the terms are exceedingly reasonable Mr Smith will no doubt receive the patronage his enterprise entitles him to. Later became R. Winsley.

In November 1896, Our well-known and enterprising local restaurateur, Mr. Roger Winsley is about to open a branch restaurant in **Heretaunga St** in the shop at **present occupied by Mr Burton**, where grills, light luncheons, and summer drinks of every description may be obtained. With Mr Winsley's capacity for management, and his thorough knowledge of the public requirements. his latest venture should prove as successful as his previous efforts in public catering.

The Cafe, Hastings.
—
ROGER WINSLEY,
PROPRIETOR.
—
FIRST-CLASS Accommodation.
Unimpeachable cuisine.
—
Balls, Parties, and Picnics Catered for.
—
*THE HASTINGS CAFE (Branch
Establishment).*
—
ROGER WINSLEY begs to an-
nounce that he Opens a Branch
House in 55, Heretaunga street on
SATURDAY, NOV. 15.
—
Summer Drinks ! Summer Drinks !
Iced Creams.
—
Pastry, Buns, Muffins, Crumpets
a speciality.
—
Wedding Cakes made to order.
—
AFTERNOON TEA.

In November 1896, Roger Winsley of The Cafe Hastings, has opened a 2nd small Branch outlet at **55 Heretaunga St** near H. J. Burton photographer studio

In December 1896, Roger Winsley's (branch establishment) ice creams are largely patronised this hot weather. His airy, comfortable restaurant affords a cooling retreat for the many clients of Mr Burton, whilst waiting their turn to be photographed. Mr Roger Winsley notifies having just opened a varied assortment of English and colonial confectionery, which with a large consignment of Island fruits, raspberries, and strawberries, he is prepared to supply the public at reasonable prices. Mr Winsley served his time at Messrs Watley and Sons. 20 and 21 Cheap St. Bath, Eng, where the original bath buns were manufactured. Consequently he is enabled to supply the public of Hastings with bath buns made

from the original recipe, together with mince pies, pastry, Christmas cakes, and every delicacy incidental to the Christmas season, for which he is open to receive and execute orders with promptitude.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE—The Business, Lease, and Goodwill of the Hastings Café, and the branch shop. Both doing good business. Satisfactory reasons will be given for selling out. Apply to R. WINSLEY, the Café.

January 1897, Roger Winsley, Absolute lease of the Hastings Cafe and the branch store

TO LET, Shop at present occupied by Mr R. Winsley, confectioner. Best position in Hastings. Rent moderate. Apply Burton, photographer.

March 1897 Shop occupied by R. Winsley To Let, apply Burton Photographer

In April 1897, Mr William Dodds of Napier has just opened a new and fashionable tailoring establishment in the branch shop recently occupied by Mr Winsley at 55 Heretaunga St near H. J. Burton photographer studio.

In April 1897, Mr Roger Winsley has moved into the large premises formerly known as the Glasgow Dining Rooms, opposite the Carlton Club Hotel where he intends to cater for the public requirements in buns, muffins, pastry, and fancy confectionery. The windows display a choice exhibit of Island and other fruits of every description, and he is about to receive a shipment of Auckland rock oysters. The premises have been subjected to a thorough renovation, the alterations throughout the house being of a sweeping description. The front room, measuring about **35ft by 12ft**, is to be converted into a social hall and a room for meetings, &c. A new bakery has been erected at the back of the premises, and Mr Winsley's energy and enterprise is evident all through. Mr Winsley as a caterer has proved himself above criticism by the luncheon he provided for the H.B. Jockey Club race meeting, and he deserves all the success which falls to him in his new venture. Winsley then leased his The Cafe Hastings to Mrs W. H. Cowrick.



1897, Heretaunga St east shows – two women at Roger Winsley's 3rd premises - Pastry-cook, Caterer & Confectioner building Victoria House adjoining McIlroy's and **next to the Union Bank** on Hicks corner opposite the Carlton Club Hotel, former Glasgow Dining Rooms. Access gates left side of building and entrance steps for upstairs, later a large social room. A new bakery was added at the rear. In September 1901 this business became the first Imperial cafe of Seymour Bone till June 1905, later became Carr's Restaurant in July 1905 poss James Henry Carr who had a bakery in Market St sth opposite the Athenaeum only had it till October 1905. Winsley staff - 1898 Mr Whisky cake decorator and 1900 Thomas Espinall



The Victoria House, Roger Winsley's 3rd Pastry-cook, Caterer & Confectioner building next to the wooden Union Bank of Australia

In April 1897, Mr W. H. Cowlrick announces that he has taken over The Cafe from Mr R. Winsley. Under Mr Winsley's management this restaurant became one of the most popular houses in the district, and it is Mr Cowlrick's aim to keep the Cafe up to the level it has attained.

THE HASTINGS CAFE.

W. H. Cowlrick

HAS taken over THE CAFE from Mr R. Winsley, and begs to notify that he can afford First-class Accommodation to boarders on reasonable terms.

FISH AND OYSTER SUPPERS A SPECIALTY.

W. H. Cowlrick supervises the Cuisine arrangements, and he will leave nothing undone to merit the public patronage and sustain the prestige attained by the late under the late management.

Mr Cowlrick having taken over the Cafe from me, I beg to thank the Public for the patronage bestowed upon me, and trust they will transfer the same liberal support to my successor.

—ROGER WINSLEY.

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SALE BY AUCTION.

HAVING failed to dispose of my business, I have instructed Mr Dennett to sell by auction on April 6th the whole of my stock-in-trade.

Particulars in future advertisement.
W. H. COWLICK,
The Café.

In July 1897, Mr Roger Winsley has just completed the furnishing of a large room over his premises capable of accommodating from 40 to 50 people. The room is comfortable and well appointed and could be used as a meeting room for societies, a banqueting hall, or for public meetings. The furniture includes a beautifully toned piano, which should make the room popular for social reunions or choral societies. Victoria House opposite the Carlton Club Hotel.

In January 1898, Mr Roger Winsley has on view a beautiful bridal cake, made to the order of Taranaki for the wedding of his brother, which takes place on Wednesday. The cake, like everything else that leaves Mr Whisky's hands, is the perfection of art, and does credit to him as a tradesman who takes a pride in his work. Victoria House opposite the Carlton Club Hotel.

In January 1898, Case dismissed - **William Goldsmith** a young man about 17 years of age was charged with having on or about November 23rd indecently assaulted **Ruth Evelyn May Maxwell**, a child aged seven years. Mr Lee appeared for the accused and Constable Smith conducted the prosecution. Ruth Evelyn May Maxwell knew the accused, Willie

Goldsmith. **She lived at Mr Winsley's cafe with her mother. Accused was also living there**, helping Mr Winsley in the bakehouse, which was situated in the yard at the back of the cafe on the ground floor. There was a loft above the bakehouse, in which boxes of soap and bananas were stored. The loft was approached by steps outside and inside. She recollected Constable's Smith and Potter speaking to her regarding the assault about a week ago, and they did not speak to her about the matter since. About a week before the constable spoke to her, her mother sent her to the bakehouse to take Mr Winsley a fruit board, but as he was not there she thought she would take it to the loft herself, and she went up from the yard. Saw accused in the bakehouse, but said nothing to him. When taking the board out she met Mr Winsley in the passage, but did not speak to him. Took the board to the loft because she knew it had to be taken there. Accused asked her if he would come up, but witness nodded a negative. He made an improper suggestion. (Witness here detailed the assault.) Her mother called her and she went down and told her of the occurrence. Accused did not come down with witness, and she did not see him come down. Cross-examined by Mr Lee: She did not know why she did not tell Mr Winsley. She had a board when she met him in the passage. The reason she took it to the loft was because her mother told her to take it to Mr Winsley on the loft. She knew accused as "**Goldie**" He was there about twelve months. She played tricks only once or twice and **pulled his hair**, for which he struck her and called her names. She played tricks on him which he did not like. Did not take up the board to the loft for mischief. Was away two or three minutes from the time she went on the loft until she came down again. When she came down her mother beat her. Her mother had spoken to her about the case since the Constable's interview. To Constable Smith: Her mother told her to tell all that she knew. To the Bench: She told her mother of the occurrence before she beat her. To Constable Smith: Her mother beat her before and after she told her of the assault. **Mrs E. Maxwell**, mother was a **widow** residing at Mr Winsley's Cafe. Her daughter Ruth was seven on her last birthday. The Bench considered the evidence insufficient to send the case for trial, and the accused was accordingly discharged

In March 1898, Mr W. H. Cowlrick, of the Hastings Cafe intends offering his stock-in-trade for sale by public auction on April 6th Mr W. Y. Dennett will hold a public auction of the furniture and effects of W. H. Cowlrick and his interest in the Hastings restaurant known as "The Cafe" at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Luncheon will be provided.

In May 1898, Tenders are invited by Mr R. Winsley for the purchase and removal of four bedrooms, with verandah attached.

WANTED TO LET—Those centrally situated premises known as the Hastings Café with immediate possession. Apply **R. WINSLEY**, Hastings.

1898 May, Roger Winsley wanting to let 'The Hastings Cafe'

Frank Saunderson
(Late of Waipukurau),
BEGBS to notify to the public that he has re-opened the Hastings Café which he has renovated throughout, and as he will leave nothing undone to cater for his patrons' requirements he trusts to meet with the public favor.
—
Restaurant, Board and Lodging.
—
Meals at all hours.
—
THE CAFE, HASTINGS.

In June 1898, The Cafe Hastings, Mr Frank Saunderson late of Waipukurau has re-opened the well-known restaurant known as the Hastings Cafe, which was carried on so successfully by Mr R. Winsley. Mr Saunderson is a chef of great experience and in taking over the cafe his great desire is to maintain it as a first-class restaurant where the most fastidious patrons will find their requirements scrupulously attended to. Persons desiring board and lodging should take advantage of the reasonable terms offered by the Cafe, only till March 1899

Francis Ernest Dominic Saunderson b: 1850 in Hobart, Tasmania, the son of Henrietta and John Saunderson. In 1879 he had one daughter with Rebecca Newman b:1855 in Staffordshire, the daughter of Sarah and John Newman. Francis Ernest Dominic Saunderson died April 1913 in Waipukurau aged 63 and Rebecca Newman died August 1915 aged 60. In February 1906 at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Abbie Moss, daughter of Mrs G. Moss, McLean Rd Hastings was united in matrimony to Mr Frank Saunders of Napier. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for south to spend their honeymoon.

In March 1899, Mr Roger Winsley of Hastings was married in St. Matthew's Church by the Rev John Hobbs to Mrs Emily Maxwell widow of the late W. E. Maxwell of the Hastings Restaurant, she left him soon after. R. Winsley's had premises on Murdoch Rd.

THURSDAY NEXT, 9th MARCH,
At 11 o'clock, a.m.

On the premises of the Cafe, Hastings,

Under instructions from Mr F. Saunderson, who is leaving Hastings,
Y. DENNETT

W. will sell whole of the contents of the above restaurant, consisting of:

Tables, chairs, spring couches, chest of drawers, bedsteads, mattresses, pillows, blankets, quilts, sheets, washstands and ware, looking glasses, crockery, lamps, gas stove, cooking utensils, copper boiler, oyster opener, forms, curtains, blinds, pictures, cutlery, glassware, portable boiler, forms, a great variety of miscellaneous lots.

No Reserve,
The whole to be cleared.

W. Y. DENNETT,
Auctioneer:

In March 1899, The Cafe, Hastings, Mr W. Y. Dennett held a successful sale in Hastings, yesterday, of the effects of Mr **Saunderson, boarding-house- keeper** who is leaving Hastings. It later became Imperial Cafe. In September 1900 Mr W. Y. Dennett has received instructions from T. M. Penn, Esq. of San Francisco Cal. to sell without reserve at the Mart Hastings: Part of Town Section No. 70, containing 20 perches 50 links frontage by 250 links, with all buildings thereon and known as the Cafe, Hastings. The above freehold is for absolute sale and well worthy of the attention of capitalists and investors. It was sold for £495 and burnt down in the May 1907 fire.

In July 1899, The streets of Hastings were unusually busy this morning. Boys were to be seen hurrying along in all directions with trays of various kinds of edibles. Upon inquiring as to the reason of this unwonted activity, we ascertained that these were Mr Roger Winsley's **outsiders**. Following the business track we came to the Princess Theatre and there discovered that Mr Winsley had quite exceeded even himself in the manner in which the catering department of tonight's banquet had been arranged. The tables were spread with dainty viands and places set for 300 guests. If anything is wanting to make to-night's proceedings a thorough success the fault will certainly not be found in Mr Winsley's department. This was a banquet for Captain Russell and his many dignitaries from around the country.

In September 1899, Mr Roger Winsley - 3rd Applies to make a small alteration in wood for which permission was refused on Monday evening, surely shows the necessity of altering the wording of the by-law so as to allow small alterations of this class being made in wood. Mr Winsley proposed converting a right-of-way into a dining room. The dividing wall between his premises and **McIlroy's**, together with the upper portion of the house, are of course, already built. The by-law allows Mr Winsley permission to put up an ordinary wood and glass shop front, and the side walls and upper storey of the building are already built, so that when the alteration is completed according to the by-law, this will leave a building two storeys high built of wood back and front with a small patch of brickwork, say 15 feet square, at the rear of the building surrounded on both sides and one storey above built of wood.

R. WINSLEY,
CATERER AND CONFECTIONER,
HASTINGS.

Caterer for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Napier Park Racing Club, Hawke's Bay A. and P. Society, and all the Best Functions in Hawke's Bay.

FOR LARGE and Small Parties, Balls, Picnics, &c., Catered for at Shortest Notice and on Reasonable Terms.

WEDDING AND BIRTHDAY CAKES MADE TO ORDER.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

AFTERNOON TEA A SPECIALTY.

Letters and Telegrams Promptly Attended to.

1900, R. Winsley, Caterer and Confectioner, Victoria House, he went bankrupt soon after

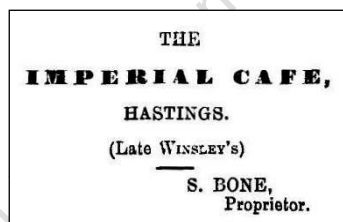
1900 August Mr R. Winsley has converted the rightway alongside his premises into an additional room 10ft x 36ft and with a shop front window. The room is light and airy and is a great improvement to the convenience of the place. It is proposed to keep the room more especially for ladies and as an afternoon tea room. This will be much appreciated by Mr Winsley's many patrons

In July 1901, Auction sale, R. Sowersby on Mr R. Winsley's premises, Murdoch Rd, Hastings, express, stock, fowls, etc.

In September 1901, A meeting of creditors was held at the Courthouse this morning (Mr M. Lascelles, Deputy Official Assignee, presiding) in the bankrupt estate of Roger Winsley, confectioner of Hastings. There was a very large attendance of creditors, the Courthouse being nearly full. The bankrupt, sworn, said that he commenced business in Hastings in February 1895, having then £30 in cash. Continued to progress till March 1897 when he went into the premises occupied by him at the time of filing. Altered them to suit a first-class catering and confectionery business at a

cost of £200 almost all of which had been paid out of the business. **His wife had left him and he believed that she had taken £200 in cash with her.** His books had been kept first by Mr H. Hunt and afterwards by Mr T. Morgan. The statement of assets and liabilities shows liabilities (all unsecured) £760 13s 9d; assets (book debts £65, cash in hand. Winsley had been for some years in business as confectioner and caterer and In May last had a valuation made of his assets, which amounted to **£930**. He then, in my opinion, honestly believed that he had a surplus of some hundred pounds. **Owing to some domestic trouble** he found it desirable to sell his business, and after several attempts negotiated with one Bone, who afterwards became the purchaser. **In July Bone being desirous to buy** and having only part of the cash, was introduced to **Mr J V. Brown**, the defendants' manager, in order that the firm might finance him. This Brown was agreeable to do within certain limits, but made a stipulation with Winsley that he was to be paid the firm's debt out of the purchase money. To this Winsley assented. On the 19th of August an **agreement was made between Winsley and Bone, through the medium of Brown as defendants manager, for purchase at a valuation, and Bone paid to Winsley his (Bone's) cheque for £150 as a deposit**, which Winsley endorsed, and handed over to Brown. Brown then appropriated the money to the payment of the firm's debt as, he claims under his agreement with Winsley. At this time Winsley still thought that he had plenty of money to pay all his creditors in full, and led Brown to believe likewise. After payment of the deposit the valuation was proceeded with, and according to Winsley's idea fell short of his anticipation by more than £100. There was also a bill of sale to Mr Dennett to be paid for out of the purchase money, and there was also rent in arrear for which some pressure was brought to bear. The balance of the purchase money was, after valuation, paid to Brown, and after paying the holder of the bill of sale and the rent, he paid the **balance, was £193**, or thereabouts, to Mr Winsley. This payment was on the 23rd August, and on the 20th Winsley filed a petition to be made a bankrupt. Under these circumstances I am asked to find the payment to the defendants a fraudulent preference. Following the principle set out so fully I do not find any intention on the part of Winsley to prefer the defendants to other creditors. He seems to have believed that he was solvent. It also seems to me that the reason defendants were in fact paid first was simply that owing to domestic troubles Winsley could not carry on his business, and that from its nature it must be sold as a going concern and not suffered to fall back in value pending negotiations. Pressure for rent or by a bill-of-sale would have been fatal to a good sale being made, and hence the prime motive in Winsley's mind was to sell and get rid of his worries. To use his creditor as his agent to dispose of the business seemed to him a reasonable thing to do, and the payment to the defendants of their debt was only incidental. I therefore give **judgment for defendants**, with costs according to scale.

In September 1901, Mr S. Bone well-known in Hastings in connection with the drapery establishment of Mr M. Johnson, has made final arrangements for taking over the confectionery and catering business of Mr R. Winsley, who intends retiring, Mr Bone is young and energetic, consequently the business under his management should make rapid progress, and his many friends wish him every success in his venture.



1901 September, Seymour Bone's Imperial Cafe, late Winsley's on Heretaunga St east – till 1905

July, Death, Lake - At the Napier Hospital, William Frederick Lake, second son of Rose and the late Charles Lake (of Wellington) aged 25 years. Deeply regretted. The funeral will leave the residence of Mr Roger Winsley for the Hastings cemetery.

1905, Roger Winsley had left Hastings for Wellington

In March 1905, Mr S. Bone has secured the premises at present occupied by Lys Bros, Standard House, Station St.

In June 1905, Removing to premises lately occupied by the 'Bulletin' - S. Bone.

In July 1905, Winsley's former Glasgow Dining Rooms in the old Victoria House near the Union Bank became Carr's Restaurant - poss James Henry Carr who had a bakery in Market St sth opposite the Athenaeum he only had it until October 1905.



June 1905, Maxwell's New Restaurant, became the second Imperial Café, Heretaunga St west between the Bank of NSW and the BNZ opposite Roach Bros, was the temporary 'Bulletin' and Herald office of A. A. George before being removed

S. BONE.
 IMPERIAL CAFE,
 HERETAUNGA ST., HASTINGS.
 (Opposite Roach Bros.)
 Best place for all kinds of Fruit.
 Splendid Dining and Tea Rooms.

1905 December, S. Bone, Imperial; Cafe now opposite Roach Bros

Removal Notice
 STANDARD HOUSE, HASTINGS
LYS BROS
 TAILORS,
 BEG to notify the public of th
 removal to Premises oppo
 Carlton Club Hotel, lately in occu
 tion of Mr S Bone, where they w
 commence business on Saturday, 29
 July.

July 1905, Lys Bros, Standard House, removed to temporary premises opposite the Carlton Club Hotel, late S. Bone



1907, The old wooden two story S. Bone's Imperial Cafe was removed from Heretaunga St east to opposite Roach Bros, prior to it burning down in the 2nd Great Hastings Fire in May 1907

March 1907, The death of Mr R. Winsley late of Hastings occurred at Wellington.

The Hastings Rifles formed -

HASTINGS VOLUNTEERS.

A MEETING of Persons interested in the Formation of the Hastings Volunteer Rifle Company will be held at Kelly's Hotel on FRIDAY, 21st instant at 8 o'clock.

WILLIAM O. McLEOD.

1887 January, **Hastings Volunteer Rifle** company formation meeting, William O. McLeod

1887 January, A numerously attended meeting was held last night at Kelly's hotel for the purpose of forming a volunteer rifle corps in Hastings. Mr R. B. Holmes took the chair. Mr W. O. McLeod, the convener of the meeting, read letters from Colonel Butts and Captain Blythe expressing their regret at not being able to attend. Mr McLeod then stated that owing to the inability of the Government to provide other accoutrements it was not possible to start anything **but a rifle corps**. He explained the Volunteer Act and model regulations under which the corps would be worked *ad interim* and stated that bandsmen would receive capitation on performing certain duties and that a member of the corps could resign after a year's service, or in case of illness or of removal from the district. It was proposed by Mr Chadwick, seconded by Mr Thompson and carried - "That a company be formed." Those willing to enrol were then invited to sign their names and 46 signed; 15 others had promised to join, so that altogether about 60 members may be reckoned on for a start. Mr McLeod stated that those who had joined were entitled to nominate their commissioned officers. The following were elected:- Captain Russell M.H.R. captain Mr McLeod, first lieutenant, Mr J. Macdonald junior lieutenant. Mr Wright who had been proposed as lieutenant by Mr McLeod said that he did not know whether his duties would allow of his joining the corps, but that he had written to his department and if he received permission he should be pleased to join either in the ranks as an officer if it pleased them to elect him. Mr Hansen suggested that Mr Wright should allow himself to be nominated. Mr Wright replied that he was willing to be nominated, although he had no wish to oppose Mr McDonald. Messrs Holmes, McLeod, George and Hansen were appointed to choose a range on Mr Chambers property and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Chambers for his kind offer of a range. Proposed by Mr Faulknor, seconded by Mr Wear and carried, "That a vote of thanks be given to Mr McLeod for the trouble he has taken in promoting the formation of the corps. Mr George proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which being duly carried the meeting dissolved. Mr McLeod is to be congratulated on the prospect of the formation of a small but efficient rifle corps in Hastings. When it becomes an actual fact it will be mainly owing to his enterprise and energy.

1887 January, The Hastings Rifle Corps are quickly increasing in numbers. Every day a couple of fresh recruits drop into Mr W. O. McLeod's to have their name put on the roll. The number of volunteers at present, number **76**, which is quite a large company to commence operations with.

In May 1887 The Defence Minister has upon further consideration, agreed to accept the services of the Hastings Rifle Volunteers, **with a commanding officer such as Captain Russell** and energetic subalterns and willing men we may reasonably hope that the Hastings Volunteers will be a credit to their town. The nucleus of a **military band being already in existence**, it only remains for diligent attendance at drill and perfect submission to discipline to make the now corps what it should be a valuable addition to our colonial defence. In July 1887 There was a first rate muster of the **Hastings Rifles at Beck's store**, kindly placed at the disposal of the Hastings Rifle Corps, every man present. No less than the first drill of **51** as fine young fellows as can be found in these parts. After two hours of "facings" and "four formations," Drill instructor Carey complimented the men upon their aptitude, considering that most of the men are recruits, they shaped very well indeed. The parade was then dismissed, and a meeting of the corps was held for the purpose of electing two subaltern officers. Messrs W. O. McLeod and D. A. Wright were unanimously chosen senior and junior lieutenants respectively. The model rules as laid down in the Volunteer regulations were adopted as the rules by which the corps would be governed. Captain Russell addressing the men said that it gave him great pleasure to meet so many on their first parade, and that he hoped they would turn out as good as first impressions led him to expect. He hoped next Tuesday night to be able to appoint non-commissioned officers, as from careful inspection that evening he had noted a few who seemed competent to act in that capacity. Apart from the military value of the Volunteer movement, it has a moral influence of the most beneficial kind in keeping the young fellows from loafing about, and in teaching them habits of discipline and obedience to orders, to say nothing of the physical advantages derived from drill, which "smartens" a man up more than anything else. It is, therefore, a matter for congratulation. Captain Russell intimated that after the next drill on Tuesday he would make some of the appointments of non-commissioned officers. Fifty one have been sworn in. In July 1887 **The Hastings Rifles** team was founded with Sir William Russell first in command. In shooting matters it has always held a good record and in 1905 won the Coleman and Hastings Challenge Shields. The corps has a membership of fifty-six. Parades are held weekly, and special parades are also held with the battalion. There are frequent practices at the drill shed, inspection of arms is conducted quarterly, and class firing is held weekly at the Te Mata range. The members of the corps have two uniforms, one of khaki, with putties and helmet, and the other a blue uniform, with white facings, helmets, and belts; there are also blue field service caps. In September 1887, Resignation of Acting Lt - John M. McDonald, Hastings Rifles. In October 1887, Resignation of Acting Lt - D. A. Wright, Hastings Rifles. In October 1887, Our Volunteers had their first parade in uniform last night, under the command of Lieut. McLeod. **The uniform consists of blue helmets, scarlet tunics with blue facings, blue trousers and buff belts**; and very smart and soldierly the men looked in the uniform, one effect of the red tunics being to make their wearers appear bigger and more stalwart. Lieut. McLeod, in a brief address, enjoined the men to be punctual in attending next Sunday's parade, and acknowledged in suitable terms the courtesy of the Garrison Band in offering to play the corps in. In October 1887 Never has our town presented such an English appearance as it did this morning, when the Hastings Volunteers, preceded by the Napier Garrison Band attended church parade. Before the local corps fell in the band under Bandmaster Tankard played a selection consisting of a regimental call and 'The Sacred Lyre' Then the corps to the number of 55 under the command of Lieut. McLeod marched to the church, the band playing 'Sacred Gems' including 'Adeste Fideles' with fine effect. At church, the good taste displayed in the selection of the music and the way in which it was sung by the choir and congregation, the former having some fine voices among them. The Rev. H. Maclean preached an appropriate and forcible sermon. From the text 'Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God' After the service the men marched back to the drill-shed, the band playing the sacred march 'Loving hearts will greet you' Listening to the martial strains and viewed the silver instruments glistening in the sun, the sight recalled old memories of the Guards playing into church and the militia preceded by their drums and fifes, entering the yew-shaded churchyard where stands the grey old church, hallowed by the worship of centuries. In the afternoon the band by the kind permission of the Jockey Club, played on the racecourse lawn. In November 1887 A fatigue party of the Hastings Rifles went out to **prepare the butts on Mr Chambers run**. Mr Hallett accompanied them to survey **the range** and mark out the various distances. The shelters for the markers will be dug in the ground like rifle-pits. It is to be lipped, that the marker will be carefully pitted lest he should be 'potted' first and pitted after. In November 1887 Mr Tong and two other Volunteers went to Havelock with the targets which are to be fixed up on the range kindly granted by Mr Chambers. A strong team will be sent from Hastings to compete in the bayonet competition at Farndon. In November 1887 The muster parade of the Hastings Rifle Volunteers was held, **Fifty-eight men** attended with arms and accoutrements, and were inspected by Captain Blythe and put through company drill by Lieutenant McLeod. After the parade the election of a sub-lieutenant took place, Mr J. H. Clayton and Sergeants Faulknor and Hansen being nominated. In the ballot one member caused some amusement by writing his name on his voting paper. There is an uprightness and downrightness in this manly avowal of identity which entitles him to my respect. The only drawback was that it lost him his vote. Sergeant Hansen, one of the smartest men in the corps, was elected. Lieutenant McLeod in announcing the result, which was received with cheers, bespoke for the new officer the ready obedience which the men had always shown to him (the speaker). Sub-Lieutenant Hansen briefly returned thanks for the honour done him and announced his intention of giving a cup to be shot for. (Cheers) Lieutenant McLeod then stated that Captain Blythe had asked if the company would go to Napier some evening in order to be brigaded with the Napier Rifles. The general expression of opinion was that if train facilities could be afforded the men would like to go and take part in battalion drill. In November 1887 The Volunteers paraded for drill, when the squad selected to compete in the bayonet exercise at Farndon were put through their facings by Lieutenant McLeod. Considering the short time they have been under instruction, struck with the smartness and precision with which bar one or two slight mistakes) they went through, the various points and guards. Their proficiency is highly creditable to Lieutenant McLeod and Sergeant Instructor Carey. The latter attended (by special request) and gave the men a few hints. In December 1887 Sub-Lieutenant Hansen of the Hastings Rifles has challenged Lieutenant McLeod to a friendly rifle match, each to pick a team and the match to come off on or about the 1st January next. As there are some good shots in the company a keen contest may be expected. When the Hastings corps have finished their class-firing they will challenge the Napier Rifles to a trial of skill. In December 1887 Captain Russell, Hastings Rifle Volunteers applies for six months leave of absence. In December 1887 Election of Acting Lt - Otto Hansen, Hastings Rifles.

In December 1887, Hastings Rifle Volunteers Roll – Name, occupation and age - Capt Wm R. Russell sheepfarmer 48, Lieut Wm O. McLeod ironmonger 39, D. A. Wright Telegraphist 41, Lieut Otto Hansen brewer 25, Lieut Col Wm H. Northe carpenter 41, Sergt Wm G. Faulknor coachbuilder 24, Sergt Wm L. Nuttall plumber 36, Sergt Ordy Wm D. Ireland accountant 32, Sergt John Smith brewer 26, Capt Joseph Donnelly shepherd 20, Capt Robert B. Holmes schoolmaster 28, Capt Adam King brickmaker 24, Robert Sowersby carpenter 29, Corpl Lane Thornton Holroyd labourer 24. Privates – Laurence Anderson carpenter 25, Joseph Annett shopman 23, Robert S. Bowman expressman 24, George Barlow labourer 21, William Beck storeman 25, Alfred Catherall painter 23, Herbert Chadwick agent 26, John C. Cobb cabinetmaker 20, John Clareburt plumber 24, Walter Collinge cabinetmaker 17, Thomas Drury labourer 19, Alfred Dillon jnr butcher 18, Joseph Ellis carpenter 18, William Ellis brewer 19, Leslie Ellis brewer 19, George Euder labourer 24, Edward Faulkner coachpainter 23, Bugler – Alfred A. George printer 38, Privates – Edmund Gilpin horse trainer 25, Alfred Jawbi shopman 18, Valentine Joll carpenter 20, William Joll coachbuilder 18, Benjamin Joll farrier 21, James Kerr brickmaker 27, William Keith jnr carpenter 26, Leonard B. Knight timber merchant 29, Frederick D. Luckie carpenter 18, Arthur H. Lys tailor 24, Edgar G. Lys tailor 22, Charles Lord dairyman 23, Alex McDonald carpenter 17, Duncan McDonald blacksmith 19, Robert McGregor labourer 18, Timorff Makaloff carpenter 41, Henry W. Northe coachbuilder 18, Sidney Northe carpenter 17, John O'Leary, William Peacock labourer 26, Frank Roach shopman 19, Charles Ross coachbuilder 34, George Sands labourer 24, William Shanly labourer 23, Nathaniel Symons telegraphist 19, Thomas Stewart blacksmith 20, David Simon cabinetmaker 34, William Thompson labourer 23, Samuel T. Tong carpenter 38, Harry Vaughan baker 19, Bethel C. Ware clerk 38, James Watson cabinetmaker 17, Thomas Waterworth jnr cabinetmaker 17, William Wyatt butcher 19.

Sergeants Holroyd and Privates Northe and J. Catherall later served the Transvaal War 1899.

In December 1887 December, The Hastings Rifle Volunteers were marched out to the Racecourse in the evening when Lieut. W. O. McLeod gave his 'merry men' some exercises in posting sentries and mounting guard, which were well done, considering that the work was strange to them. The men seeming to be very pleased with the change from the ordinary drill. After a long march the Company returned to the drill shed and after dismissal adjourned to Caulton's Hotel to moisten the New Year.

**MILITIA AND VOLUNTEER
OFFICE.**

Napier, 13th Feby., 1888.
DISTRICT ORDER.

NO. 1. District Order No. 2 is cancelled.

No. 2. The Hastings Rifles will parade at the Railway Station, Hastings, at 5 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst, for the purpose of proceeding to Napier by the 5.10 train, to take part in the Battalion Drill and Government Inspection by Lieut.-Col. Butts. Review Order.

W. R. BLYTHE, Capt.,
Commanding District.

HASTINGS RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

THE District Order for Monthly Inspection on TUESDAY, 14th inst., having been revoked, the usual weekly drill will take place at 7. p.m. sharp.

On WEDNESDAY next, 15th inst., the Company will muster at 5 o'clock p.m., sharp, to proceed to Napier by the 5.10 train for Battalion Drill and Monthly Inspection. Uniform—Full Dress. Every member requested to attend. By order.

WILLIAM O. McLEOD,
Lieut. Commanding.
Hastings Feb. 13, 1888.

February 1888, Hastings Rifles to parade to the Hastings Railway station to proceed by train to Napier to take part in the Battalion Drill

In January 1888 Some of the Hastings Volunteers did their first forced march on Sunday night. They started in Mr Bowman's trap on their return from Napier, but when they had got a short distance beyond Clive one of the horses 'caved in' and the dismounted infantry had to haste their legs. In March 1888, At the usual Hastings Rifles Drill, Lieut McLeod alluded to the forthcoming encampment for four days over Easter. In May 1888 The Hastings Rifles - Sergeant W. H. Northe, Holroyd, R. Sowersby, J. Smith, Sergeant Faulknor, S. T. Tong, W. Ellis retired, Watson, Nuttall, Gilpin, Keith, Melville, Joll, D. McDonald, L. Ellis, Ken, Ross, Hill, S. Northe retired. In May 1888 in honour of the Queen's Birthday the Hastings Rifles mustered outside the drill-shed under the command of Lieut. W. O. McLeod and after inspection marched to one of Mr Tanner's paddocks and there fired a *feu de joie* of three volleys and gave three cheers for Her Majesty. Mr Bartlett the photographer took the opportunity to photograph the corps, the men standing at ease in open order. In November 1888 The Hastings Rifle Volunteers mustered at the range, Havelock for volley and independent firing under the command of Captain Russell, the firing being under the supervision of Colonel Butts. Forty members attended. The volley firing was rather wild, although one of the three squads made so good a score as to be complimented by Colonel Butts.

1890 January, The rifle match between the Napier and Hastings companies resulted in a win for Hastings by 26 points, the winning team scoring 653 while the Napier men put together 627. Private headed the list for the Hastings men with 62, and Private Thompson with 63 was the top scorer for the Napier Rifles. The town corps were considerably handicapped by the fact that this was the first occasion on which they had fired out of the new arms on issue to them, and in addition the Hastings Rifles had already fired over the range during the day in the competition for the company belt, which was won by Sergeant Nuttall. The team to represent the Hastings corps was composed of the twelve best shots for the belt.

1894 January, There will be a parade of the Hastings Rifles and a match at Te Mata range between the Napier Navels and the Hastings corps.

1895 September, The handsome **company belt** of the Hastings Rifles is now on view at the N.Z Clothing Factory. It was presented to the company by the late Lieut. W. O. McLeod and the belt is in good part covered with the annual shields. Mr Sidney Northe is the winner this year.

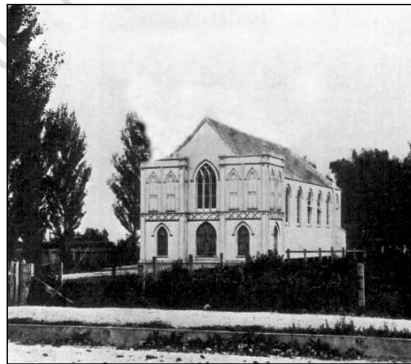
1895 September, In connection with the Hastings Rifles **company belt** exhibited. Lieut Ware has handed the full list of winners, believing that it will be of interest:- 1888 Lieut W. O. McLeod, 1889 Sergeant Faulkner; 1890 Sergeant Nuttall; 1891 Private Smith; 1892 not fired for; 1893 Private Foreman; 1894 Private S. Northe. Only efficient members can compete and if won twice in succession, or three times at intervals, the belt becomes the property of the winner.

1895 October, Great interest was attached to the visitors who were through here from H.M.S. *Goldfinch*. They had journeyed by omnibus to Mr Chambers' Te Mata station where a friendly competition in shooting was brought off between them and a contingent of the Napier and Hastings Rifles. The visitors were beaten by 15 points, but this did not detract from the pleasure of their visit, for they spoke in the warmest terms of the kindness of Mr Chambers and their enjoyable ride through each pretty country.

1895 November, The volunteers have been hard at work this week-. After the inspection by Lieutenant-Colonel Newall the examination of four candidates for non-commissioned officer posts was proceeded with by the Lieutenant-Colonel and Lieutenant Ware with the result that Private Humphries was promoted to sergeant and Private G. Joll to corporal. This morning the company proceeded to the Te Mata range for volley and independent firing, the average coming out at 11 72. This is some points better, than the last Napier record for similar work, which reached the average of 7 91. There was quite a large attendance of officers, Lieutenant-Colonel Newall being present. Major Wood In command. Captain Lewis, Sergeant Ware and Sergeant-Major Hopkins being the military attaché's,

1896 March, On some previous occasions the Hastings Rifle Corps' executive have asked the assistance of the Press in making known the fact that there have been vacancies in the corps, but now, whether animated by the rumours of war which have been filling the air recently or not applications for membership have flowed in upon the officers, with the result that there have been many disappointments, the full strength of the company having long ago been reached. Two Martini Morris tubes and the necessary ammunition have been ordered and will afford good opportunities to the men to become expert marksmen. The Hastings Rifles will be represented at the New Zealand Association meeting at Oamaru by Sergeant Humphrey.

1896 May, The volunteers meet on Thursday night for company drill and for practice with the **Morris tubes** recently received. Notwithstanding the diminutive size of the cartridges used in these tubes, which are fixed within the ordinary pan-barrel, they will readily kill at 40 yards, so that great care has to be exercised their use. At one end of St. Matthew's hall, the company's drill hall, a substantial target with a proper thickening of casing enclosing some solid inches of shingle, has been erected, so that the inmates of the adjoining house need have no fear by reason of the mimic bombardment directed towards them. By means of special sighting and the use of the tube the practice at 40 yards is made equivalent to firing at the ordinary long ranges, and as the apparatus can be used in an ordinary hall, it should afford excellent practice for the volunteers and considerable enjoyment.



St. Matthew's first wooden Church of England with two towers reduced, part of it was being used as Drill Hall and St. Matthew's Sunday School Hall on Section 76, Heretaunga St west at the corner of King St north at left edge, it burnt down in June 1898

1896 May, The first shot fired through the Morris tubes at practice proved a balls-eye. The shot was made by Lieutenant Ware. The volunteers proceed to their range at Havelock. Considerable alterations have been made at the range, and it will when these are completed be one of the best range in the colony. This should mean that the H.B.V.C. should be a body of 'shootists' also one of the best.

1896 July, A social is to be given next week by the volunteer corps. Those who were present at the last one will be only too anxious to receive a farther invitation. The range at Te Mata has been considerably damaged by the heavy rains. This is to be regretted as a considerable amount of money and energy was spent in bringing it to its recent satisfactory condition.

1896 November, From: Officer Commanding, Wellington Re: Hastings Rifle Volunteers for a grant of £25 towards Rifle Range also asking for a grant of £12.10 per annum towards renting a Hall for drill purposes.



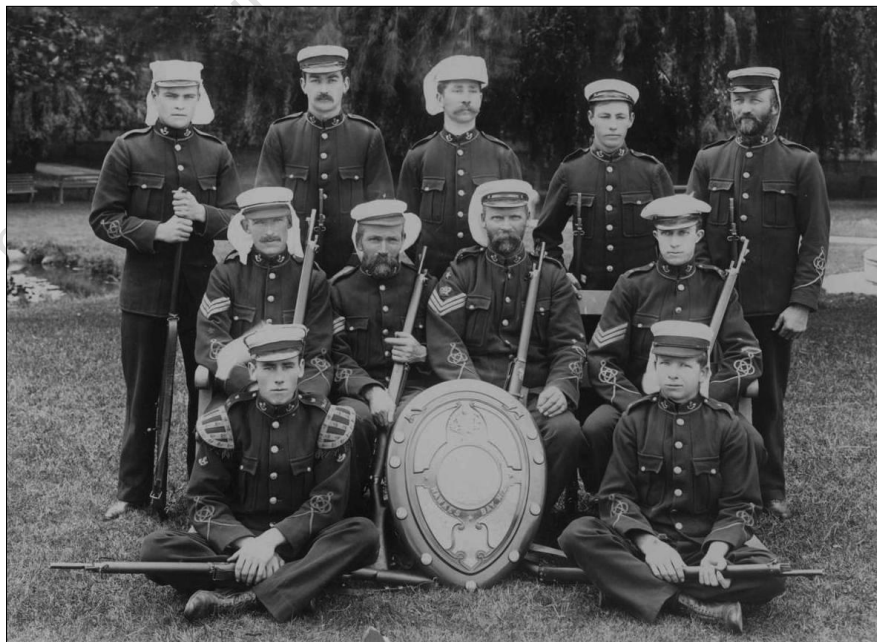
Looking east over **Railway Rd** 1906 at Eastbourne St west corner shows the Hastings Courthouse and Police station and Police residence, an old corner residence next to courthouse pass the old Town Band and Drill Hall until a new purpose was built Drill Hall in 1903

1899 May, The Hastings Rifles will parade in the Drill Hall, In September 1899 The new uniforms for the **Hastings Rifle Volunteers corps** have arrived and will be worn for the first time at Thursday evening's parade following the recent fire at St. Matthew's Sunday School room which destroyed the uniforms. The company will go into camp at Jones' paddock near the Heretaunga School ground on Monday 11th inst, tents being pitched at 5 a.m. sharp. The camp will be open for inspection on Sunday 17th and on the same day a Church parade will be held at St. Matthew's Church. The Hastings Volunteers held their annual inspection in the camp, Colonel Newall, Commandant of the Forces (Wellington) Major Chicken and Adjutant Hughes (Napier) being present. The company were put through about two hours drill, when Colonel Newall, addressing the men, complimented them upon their efficiency in drill, and their smart appearance in the new uniforms. The **majority of the company were photographed** this morning, including the three inspecting officers by Mr Whitehead and another photograph is to be taken of the full company to-morrow morning.

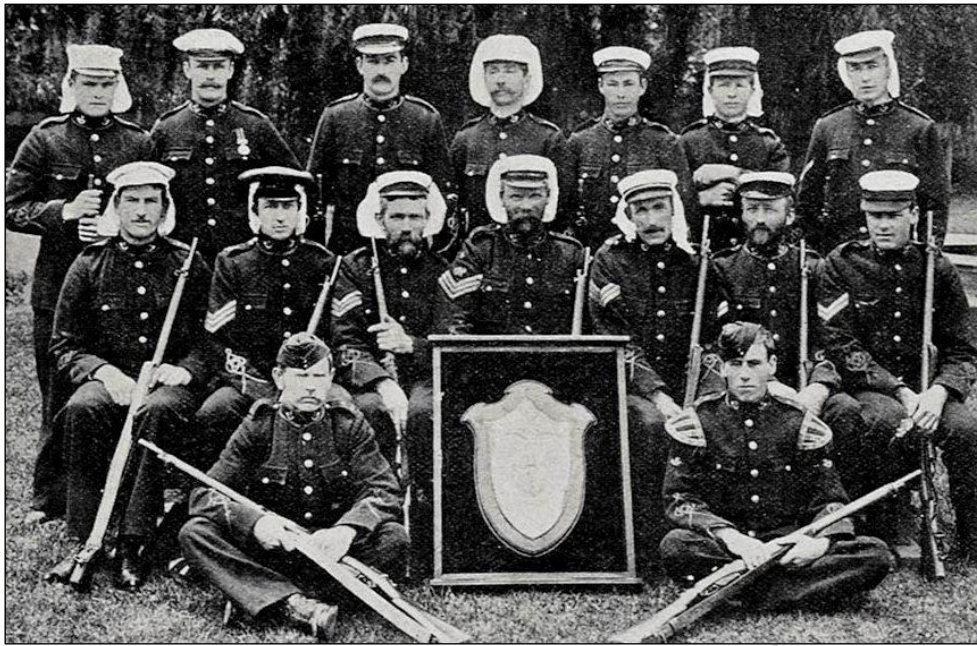
1900 January, The church parade of the Hastings Rifles and Town Band, under Lieutenant Russell, was held yesterday, and was well attended. The men fell in at the Drill Hall and marched to St. Matthew's Church, via Heretaunga St, the Band playing en route. At the Church, which was crowded, the Rev. Allan Gardiner preached a patriotic sermon, and the sum of £7 12s 7d was collected in aid of the Transvaal Relief Fund.

1903, A new purpose Drill Hall was built in Southampton St east

1904, The Hastings Shield was won by the Hastings Rifles 'Back Row: Privates Douglas, Simpson, Symonds, Heatley, Ryder Kemp Lance-Corporal Smith. Middle Row: Private Ware, 'Sergt. Bishop, Sergt. Ross, Col -Sergt Humphreys, Sergt. McLeod, Corporal McKay, Corporal Hartshorn. Front Row: Private Olsen and Bugler Tong. Sorrell and Son, Photo.



1904 November, The Hastings Rifles who won the Coleman Shield, Back row - Privates Douglas, Symonds, Heatley, Ryder, Corporal McKay. Middle row - Sergeant McLeod, Sergeant Ross, Color-Sergeant Humphreys, Sergeant Bishop. Front row - Bugler Tong, Private Kemp. Absent - Private McCullick.



1904 November, The Hastings Rifles team, winner of the Coleman Shield, by Sorrell and Son

The tenth annual rifle shooting competition amongst Hawke's Bay volunteer companies was shot on the Waipawa range, eight companies competing. The conditions were bad, a heavy wind blowing and rain falling at intervals. The last time the Hastings Rifles secured the shield was in 1896 when the competition took place on the Tutaekuri (Napier) range. The following were the scores made - Hastings Rifles. 200 500 600 yds - Cl-Sgt Humphreys 28 85 27- 90 Private Douglas 30 27 81 - 88 Private McCulloch 82 29 23 - 84 Private Kemp 29 28 26--83 Private Heatley 30 27 25 - 82 Sergeant Ross 81 25 24 80 Corporal McKay 30 22 26 - 78 Private Ryder 29 28 21 -78 Sergeant Bishop 27 23 28 -78 Bugler Tong 29 26 22 - 77 Sergt McLeod 31 19 21 -71 Private Symonds 26 21 20 -70.



Colour Sergeant Charles William Ross, Sergeant Donald S. McLeod, who represented his Hastings Rifles corps at the Coleman Shield competitions for six years and Sergeant William Thompson.

1905, **The Hastings Rifles** - Officers of the corps were: Captain Allen Owen Bishop, Lieutenants Arthur Richard Cullen and H. M. Bishop, Colour-Sergeant Charles William Ross and Sergeants Donald S. McLeod, William Ryder and William Thomson. Corporal Vivian Smith was secretary.

1908 November, **The Collins' Shield**. The shield presented by Mr James Collins of Hastings to the H. B. Rifle Association which is now completed and on view, will be competed for on November 10th at the opening of the new Roy's Hill range. The shield is valued at 100 guineas and will be competed for by five men teams. The winners will also receive gold medals presented by Mr W. G. P. Mortensen. The background of the Shield is of highly-polished mottled kauri with a border of exquisitely carved totara, measuring 32 x 28in. The shape is of the latest design. At the top is a semi-circle silver band, bearing in gold letters, "Presented by James Collins, Esq., Hastings." immediately below is the Royal coat of arms with raised gold edges and lettering, encircled by a wreath of oak and laurel leaves, hand worked. Previous to the present instance it was found necessary to import this particular design. On each of the two top corners are solid silver rolled over cornices, giving a very natural appearance. The scrolls weigh five ounces each. Under the coat of arms is a silver and gold crown set with diamonds, sapphires and rubes. Across the shield are two rifles, half the scale size of the ordinary rifles. The rifles are of silver and bronze, the latter in imitation of the woodwork on a rifle, which as time goes on will take on a rich antique copper hue. Nearly 200 separate pieces are used to complete the detail in each rifle, and almost every place is workable, the rime as those in the present day rifle. A really wonderful bit of work on the part of the silversmith. Below the rifles is a raised view of the Roy's Hill range, showing six targets and two target

houses. On a mound is a marksman in solid gold, in a prone position, shown as if in the act of taking aim. Still lower down the shield are two beautifully made New Zealand silver ferns tied with a true lover's knot, in solid gold, and a miniature shield bearing the inscription, Present by James Collins, Esq., Homewood, Kaikora North, for the encouragement of rifle shooting." The shield is surrounded by 10 heavy scrip scrolls upon which the name of the team which is fortunate enough to win can be inscribed. There are also letters in Old English H.B.R.A. The great credit is due to Mr Mortensen and his staff who have carried out the work.

1908 November, The leather work of the 'Lane' Champion Belt, which is to be fired for at the Hawke's Bay Association's meeting, to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next at Roy's Hill range, was manufactured by Mr C. Briggs, saddler, Karamu Rd, upon which it reflects great credit.

1911 September, At the weekly parade of the Hastings Rifles Lieut.-Colonel Hislop presented a 20 years long service medal to Col.-Sergt. C. W. Ross and a 12 years' long service medal to Co.-Sergt. D. S. McLeod.

The Boar War, Transvaal, South Africa - 1899 October The Hastings Contingent - Hundreds of residents assembled at the railway station to bid farewell and Godspeed to the local volunteers for the Transvaal. The platform and its approaches were literally packed, and a number of people viewed the proceedings from the roadway. Sergeants **Holroyd** and Privates **Northe** and **J. Catherall** were attended to at the station by the Hastings Rifles preceded by the Town Band. Upon their arrival at the station the band played "Soldiers of the Queen," and three lusty cheers were given for the Hastings contingent. His Worship the Mayor (Mr FitzRoy) made a few appropriate remarks, complimenting the three volunteers on the spirit which induced them to offer their services to the Empire in time of necessity, and congratulating the Hastings Rifles on having provided three men who were ready to answer at their country's call. He wished them Godspeed, and assured them of a most hearty welcome from every man, woman, and child in Hastings upon their return, which he hoped would be a speedy and safe one. As the train was moving off three more cheers were given for the plucky trio, and the band played "God save the Queen" The proceedings were of a most enthusiastic nature, and Messrs Holroyd, North and Catherall were the recipients of very many individual good wishes as well as being assured of the confidence and blessings of the Hastings people as a body. Two of the contingent (Messrs North and Catherall) are natives of Hawke's Bay, while Mr Holroyd hails from Lancashire. Owing to the serious illness of his brother and sister, Holroyd, who had volunteered for service and had been accepted, wired to Captain Fraser that he would be unable to accompany the contingent. Captain Fraser has telegraphed to headquarters notifying that **Private J. Catherall** is prepared to undertake the duties of **bugler**, and it is probable that his services will be accepted in that capacity. Pte. Sidney Theodore Northe was one of the three members of the First South African contingent who left Hastings, he later died in Rhodesia. In October 1899 On the outbreak of the South African War, Mr J. Catherall volunteered for service and left New Zealand the same month with the First Contingent in the steamer *Waiwera*. He saw considerable service in the field with the contingent and had the unique experience of being captured by General Christian Do Wet at Sanna's Post on 31st March 1900. He remained a prisoner of war at Waterval, along with other British prisoners for a period of 10 weeks and was released when the British occupied Pretoria in June 1900. Returning to New Zealand in 1901, Mr Catherall returned to South Africa with a later contingent and saw further service. He eventually settled in Hastings as a respected businessman. In November 1899 November, The Hastings V. C. The Defence Department has received a telegram from Mr **John Tindall** of Hastings who holds the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery, stating he is willing to go on active service in the Transvaal. He has offered to find his own horse and pay his own passage. The Department is unable to accept his services or those of any other suitable men who may volunteer. In 1899 both sons of Mr W. A. Beecroft enlisted for South Africa - William Wellbourne Beecroft and Ernest Edwin Beecroft. In February 1900 Thirty-eight horses were examined for the Hawke's Bay contingent in Beecroft's yard, and were passed by the, veterinary surgeon. They were then taken to the racecourse and put through a trial over hurdles. Forty men have been picked, from which number 35 men from this district will be taken. The Hastings men selected are:- A. Williams, A. Bockett, L. Collinge, E. Manning, T. Wellwood, T. H. Smith, and F. Poulton. These will go into camp at Napier.

In January 1900, Mr **J. R. Kessell** who left Hastings for Sydney a few months ago has joined the second New South Wales Contingent for the Transvaal. Writing to a friend he states that he passed all the tests, doctors, riding, shooting, etc, "flying." Mr Kessell is at present in camp at Randwick and he states that the contingent will leave for South Africa on the 16th inst, and that he hopes to shake hands with the three other Hastings representatives who accompanied the first contingent. We applaud the pluck of young fellow-townsmen and wish him a safe journey through the campaign as well as prosperity when the fighting is done. In June 1900 the following letter (dated from Heidelberg on June 25th) from Trooper J. R. Kessell (New South Wales Mounted Rifles) formerly of Hastings:- *We entered here two days ago, a column of 15,000 men under Generals Broadwood, Ridley, and Hamilton. It is now nearly five months since we landed in South Africa, and I can assure you we have had many and varied evidences of fighting Boers in the land. Ten days after we landed we had our first 'scrap' with the enemy while travelling across from the Modder River to join Roberts' column in his advance on Bloemfontein, and I don't think I shall ever forget the sound of the first crack of the rifle. In that little 'go' we had the misfortune to have 15 casualties. While in Kimberley I made the acquaintance of a brother of Mr F. Thorp's, of Hastings, who was Paymaster of the Kimberley Guards and lieutenant in the same corps. He was in Kimberley throughout the siege, and I was able to glean many things that happened during the four months they were shut up. Mr Thorp certainly made my stay in Kimberley most pleasant." From Bloemfontein we marched on to very close to the Basuto border, driving the Boer 3 before us every day. Then the column (under General Hamilton) moved towards Kroonstad, passing through the towns of Thabanchu, Winburg, and Ventersburg. At Thabanchu we fought the battle of Houp's Nek, lasting nearly two days. We were there (twenty of us) for thirty hours under a murderous | shell fire within 1400 yards of the Boers. We had to hold a low ridge on the Boer left flank, and during the two days they had ceaselessly played on us three guns and a pom-pom. Then they could not shift us, but had it not been for the cover of the rocks, half*

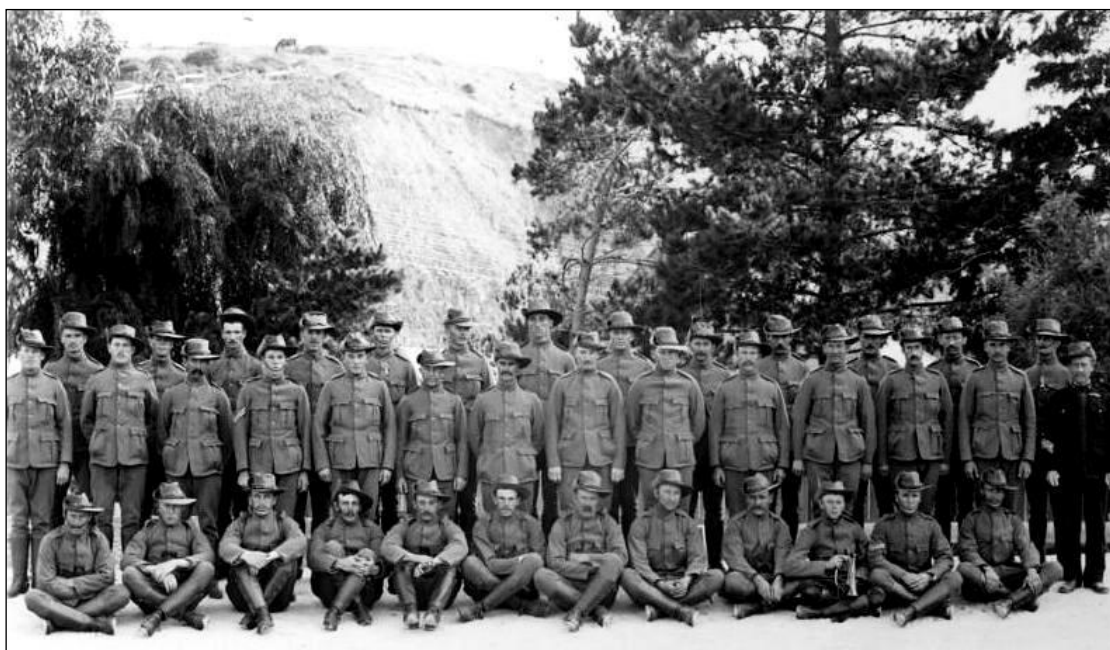
of us would have been non est. On the march from Houp's Nek to Kroonstad we met and engaged the enemy nine times in thirteen days, and drove them back 100 miles into Winburg. Having driven the enemy from the towns of Lindloy and Hsilbroo we started over to the left, and crossed the Vaal River right between two strong Boer positions. After flanking the Boers there we marched on to Johannesburg, fought a battle lasting two days, entered the town, rented there two or three days, and set out for Pretoria. Once again we encountered the enemy on the outskirts of the capital, but after a heavy bombardment on our part we entered the city. After a few days we again set out to attack a very large force of Boers north of Pretoria at a place called Donker Houp. There were 15,000 of the enemy, and they held an impregnable position with fifteen miles frontage. Generals Eobert³, French, Hutton, Hamilton, and Broadwood attacked with their columns and fought for two days. It was a battle scene I shall never forget. Towards the end of the second day New South Wales had to charge a huge kopje on the right of the whole fighting line. Word came for two of our squadrons to do the charge while the others remained on the plain below to draw the fire of the Boer's big guns. While we advanced two pompoms and several guns shelled the position. After a hard gallop of three miles we got to the front under a murderous fire. We dismounted and started to climb up the kopje. One man was shot through the stomach, and almost at the same time Lieut. Harriott fell with his leg shattered by an explosive bullet, and a sergeant was shot through the helmet. When I saw how things were going only five yards from me I fell too - but behind a rock. There trained until our fellows' charged over the brow of the hill with a hideous yell which scared the deuce out of the Boers. Three minutes after Harriott was shot I got up from my position and assisted him, and had to remain with him until late that evening. It is a terrible thing to see bodies lying all round you, shattered and torn in many cases by shots and shell. As we passed over the Boer positions next day there were eight or nine graves capable of holding ten or twelve bodies each, and written on cardboard and left on the grave was this legend: "You might think you have the Transvaal Tommy, but there will be a lot of you buried like these are before the end of the war." An account was read out to us of the work accomplished by our column and it showed a record. We had marched 100 miles in 45 days (including ten days' halt) and met the enemy no less than 28 times during the march. There were nine pitched battles out of the 28 engagements. But fighting is grim business, especially when you see so much of it, and I can assure you that all long for the end of the war and wish ourselves in our little "backrooms" again in a peaceful country. I think I will take a billet under the Government, as I have been offered a good one, but I am not decided yet. Kindly "remember" me to all old friends.

In April 1900 **Trooper S. Northe**, writing from Bloemfontein on April 6th, 1900 writes as follows concerning the capture of the New Zealanders from Colonel Broadwood's column:- One of our drivers, who, was taken prisoner, escaped after three days, and is now in camp again. He says that when he left the prisoners were on their way to Kroonstad, and were all well and being well fed. He also stated that one of our men had been killed, and from the description given we expect him to be a chap from Dunedin way named Waldie. I will try to tell you a little about the fight. We left Bloemfontein on March 17th about 1800 strong, and proceeded in an easterly direction for two days, eventually pitching camp at a place called Thaba 'nchu. A strong Boer force had gone through the evening before our arrival, and Colonel Pilcher took 250 men to watch outside the range of kopjes in our front. General French came out with us, and after receiving a lot of firms which had been delivered up by the Boers who were tired of fighting, returned to Bloemfontein, leaving affairs in charge of Colonel Broadwood. We had a very nice quiet time there for a fortnight, when on Friday, 30th, Colonel Pilcher returned, bringing with him about 20 waggons of forage, etc. Next day, just as dinner was ready, we got orders to saddle-up and pack our waggons for a shift, and in a few minutes we moved off towards Bloemfontein again. The Mounted Infantry and artillery formed up to protect the rear while the waggons got away, and at about seven o'clock we moved off and marched till three o'clock next morning, coming up with the transport, which had halted at the waterworks. We got about two hours' rest here and were awakened by a distant rifle fire in our rear, and shortly afterwards shells commenced to drop amongst us. In a few minutes the mules and cattle were yoked up, and our transport got under weigh, our two batteries of Royal Horse Artillery (the Q and U) being with it. The sick men were riding with the waggons, and **Joe Catherall**, who was suffering from a slight attack of fever, was with these. When the transport had got about a quarter of a mile on the road they came to a dry watercourse, or spruit, and the leading waggons were halted by the Boers lying concealed there. At the same time a terrific fire was poured into the artillery at short range, and men and horses fell fast. A party of Boers were at the same time disarming the few who were with the waggons, and Joe Catherall and 16 others were taken prisoners. The artillery managed to get five guns out, leaving seven with the Boers, who also got all our food, forage, etc. While this was going on on our left the Mounted Infantry were very busy with a strong force in the rear, and for about four hours stood a terrific rifle and shell fire from the Boers. No doubt seeing strong reinforcements coming to our help from Bloemfontein caused the Boers to give up the hunt. The guns from the relieving column soon got to work, and when we had rested a little we continued our march into Bloemfontein. Now for a little of what was to be seen. About five minutes after firing started, rider less horses were galloping about in dozens, wounded and unwounded, and all along the line of march they were limping along following us home. We lost very heavily in this engagement. Our whole force consisted of 1500 men, and of this number from 300 to 500 were killed, wounded, or taken prisoner. The Boers' force consisted of about 7000 men, so they had considerably the best of us in numbers and also held the positions. However, if our guns had been free we should have beaten them off, I firmly believe. The great blunder was made in sending off the transport with no advance guard to clear the way, and also allowing the guns to be so near the front without escort. Of course we did not expect to meet any enemy between us and Bloemfontein, as we had marched out the same road a few days before, and we also thought the Boers were well in our rear. However, they managed to outgeneral us, and got round in front of us during the night by forced marches. I started this letter on the 6th, and it is now the 8th - it is only now and again we get a chance to write. No fresh news has come in, and, in fact you in New Zealand hear a great deal more of the progress of the war than we do, and most of our information comes from New Zealand papers sent to us. **Charlie Holroyd** is well, and wishes to be remembered to all. A letter from the Front - We have been permitted to make the following extracts from a letter (dated Pretoria, June 10th) written to a resident of Hastings by **Trooper B. C. McCormick**, who left here with the **Rough Riders contingent**: - At Kroonstad Major Jowsey resigned and joined the Royal Artillery, Captain Chaytor being then put in charge of the Rough Riders. At the Klip River the Boers had gathered in force. The New Zealanders, with a few Canadians, were sent out to a little kopje in the centre of the valley to draw the fire while General French and Colonel Hamilton got round behind them towards Johannesburg. The

enemy had guns firing on us from different parts of the hills, and we had three returning the fire. They peppered us all day and shells were falling everywhere, actually sometimes tearing up the ground under the troopers feet, but I suppose you will hardly believe that it is possible for shells to drop anion" a lot of men the way they did and do so little damage. We all thought there was going to be a big stand at Pretoria, but General French drove the Boers out of Broderstroom, and they saw the capital would be surrounded in a short time so they removed all their guns from the forts and retired to Lydenburg, 'here they intend to make a stand.' Would not advise anyone to come to this country except first class blacksmiths, wheelwrights, and engineers, as there are far too many blacks in this country for prices to be anything like decent. We all expect to be on our way home in a fortnight. **Leslie Collinge** took bad at Kroonstad and was sent into hospital, but at last accounts he was doing well. Lieut. Berry was left behind very ill at Johannesburg. Both **Trooper Manning** and myself have lost our horses, and those without mounts are doing garrison duty.

In June 1900, A letter from **Trooper Collinge**. The following extracts in a letter received by Mr J. Collenge from his son, who went with the first contingent of Rough Riders to South Africa:- My last letter left me in Aliwal North, so I'll now give you an account of my experiences since. After a day's rest, at Aliwal, we started for the Orange Free State to join the main body of our contingent. We had only proceeded a few miles on the road when a native runner brought word that there were 900 Boers waiting for us at a pass four miles further on, so our captain deemed it advisable for us to return to Aliwal. We got back safely, and after waiting a day started again. We found the road clear, and in three days reached a place called "Bushman's Kop." There we heard that there had been a fight two days before in which our contingent had received their "baptism of fire." The day we arrived at Bushman's Kop we could plainly hear the roar of the big guns in the direction of Wepener. Leaving Bushman's Kop early next morning we had travelled about four miles when our scouts came galloping in with the news that a body of nearly 3000 Boers was advancing to cut us off. We at once turned off across country and passed them without being observed. Next morning we came up with the main body, which was encamped outside Wepener. They had arrived the night before, the Boers retracting before them - so I was just a day late for the relief of Wepener. I learned from Humphries, who had been with the main body, that there had been another fight a couple of days after the first one, which was known as the battle of Bulfontein, and the real cause of the relief of Wepener. The North Island company of our contingent had a "close call" there and it was only the Boers' bad shooting which saved them. They were acting as a body-guard to General Brabant, and were passing a low kopje, when the Boers opened fire on them at less than 100 yards distance. They retired in hot haste, and reached cover without a single casualty. One man got a bullet in his pouch, and **Trevor Wellwood** had a close shave, his horse being shot clean through behind the shoulder. General Brabant said it was one of the hottest corners he had been in during the war. As there was nothing further to do at Wepener, three battalions of infantry, the Malta Horse and ourselves, under General Hart, set out for Smithfield. When within 14 miles of that place, we heard that the town was occupied by a commando of 400 Boers. The mounted portion of our brigade made a night march and surrounded the place before daylight, but the Boers had got wind of our coming and cleared out. So we were disappointed again. We left the infantry at Smithfield and went on to Bethulie, where we entrained for Bloemfontein, having been 14 days marching from Aliwal. The country we passed through is called the "Garden of South Africa." The orchards were beautiful, and all the farmers seem well-to-do; but the land is not equal in quality to Hawke's Bay, and it is not cultivated nearly as much as it might be. The train journey to Bloemfontein was uneventful. We are camped there for a few days to rest our horses before going on to the front, where we proceed tomorrow. Bloemfontein is a town about the size of Napier, and is at present crammed with soldiers. The camps are all outside the town, but the men in from off duty are a small army in themselves. There are 3000 soldiers in the hospitals here, and the deaths average about 60 a week. Some of the First and Second contingents are camped about three miles away. They say that they have had quite enough of South Africa and will be glad to get home again. **Charlie Holroyd** is up at the front about 100 miles from here. All the men of the First Contingent speak very highly of him, saying that he is one of the best men in the contingent. In August 1900, Trooper Leslie Collinge, who went away with the Third Contingent, arrived in Wellington on board the s.s. *Gothic* invalided home. It is the intention of the two local Volunteer Corps and Town Band to accord him a public reception on the arrival of the train at Hastings. Trooper Leslie Collinge sent a telegram saying that he had arrived in good health, but was uncertain as to when he would leave for Hastings.

Trooper Leslie Collinge will arrive in Hastings by the express train this evening. It has been arranged to accord him a welcome on his arrival and members of the Hastings Rifles, Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles and Town Band are requested to fall in at the drill shed in uniform with arms. Notwithstanding the heavy rain, there was a large gathering at the railway station to welcome Trooper Collinge home again. Trooper Collinge was coming home and everybody was craning their necks to get a view of the returned hero. Even the man who looks after the luggage trolley had his eyes on the Man from the Front and his voice uplifted in the tuneful strains of "The Soldiers of the Queen." That may have been the primary cause of the catastrophe and it may not, but, whether or not, the catastrophe occurred. First one man fell over the deserted luggage trolley, then four more fell on top of him and ten troopers, losing their equilibrium and dignity, added forty struggling limbs to the confusion of arms and legs. The martial strains of the band added the realism of the spectacle, and it was some time before our doughty warriors could be convinced that they were not repelling a surprise attack of the Boers. Meanwhile the train moved on and the melee gradually disentangled itself into a row of human beings, more or less shame faded, much disturbed in dress and evidently more disturbed in temper. The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, Hastings Rifles, and Town Band formed up at the railway station and escorted Trooper Collinge to the drill shed, where speeches of welcome were made by the Mayor and Captain Fraser. Trooper Collinge suitably replied and Mr Collinge snr very feelingly thanked the people for the honour they had done his son. He also spoke kindly of the sympathy shown him by the Premier during his son's illness. The band played appropriate music during the demonstration and the choruses were taken up very enthusiastically by the gathering. After a general hand-shaking and expression of congratulations, Trooper Collinge was driven home.



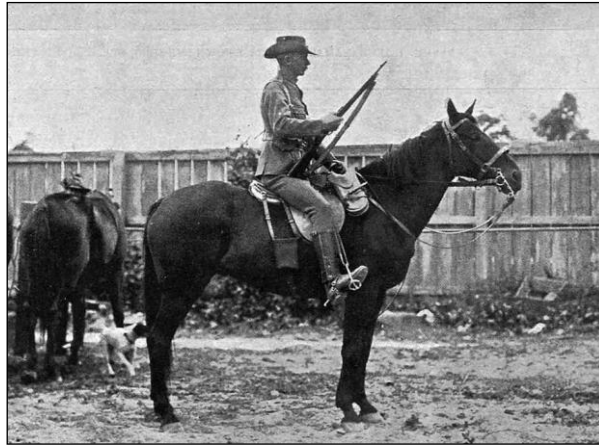
1900 February, An exterior group photograph of the Hawke's Bay Rough Riders' Contingent, taken prior to the deployment of soldiers to the Boer War in South African 1899 -1902. The group consisted almost entirely of volunteers. Back Row: E Harris; D F Morrissey; L Collinge; B C McCormick; N W L Mair; **A McDonald**; R G Saxby; A Peterson; F T Bradley; A Bockett; **S H Smith**; R McCulloch; L Davis. Middle Row: T Cavanagh; H Clarke; J C Hughes; W Scott; E Von Dadelzen; H T Whitson; H Jago; C L Golding; A G B Williams; J B M Paton; J Hobson; J L Absolom; T D Baker; Staff Sergeant - Major Finn. Front Row: T G A Richardson; **A T Wellwood**; C Watt; G W Heslop; L Davey; W J Heifford; J Allan; W E Hawthorne; **E H Manning**; A H McLean; C O Hagganson; A G Taubman, taken by William Henry Neal

In February 1900, The **HB Rough Riders from Hastings** were – Alexander McDonald, Ernest Herbert Manning, Samuel Hooper Smith and Arthur Trevor Wellwood. 1900, Pte. Joseph Catherall served Boer War in South African, later a painter of Hastings.



Eddie Krogh ready for Boer war February 1900

Eddie - **Christian Edward Krogh** b: October 1875 in Napier the son of Helen Susan and Oscar Joachim Krogh, In February 1900 Boer war soldier bound for Durban, South Africa via *Knight Templar*. He retired to Hastings where he died November 1937 aged 62.



Sergeant A. McDonald of Hastings missing at Rietvlei, by Sorrell

In February 1900 About 20 horses for the contingent were brought before the selection committee today at Beecroft's stables, and the balance necessary to complete the required in number of 40 horses was obtained. Among the gift horses were four by Mr B. D. P. McLean, two by Mr G. P. Donnelly, and one each by Messrs D. Fleming, F. Hutchinson, J. Douglas, W. Dodds, J. E. Lane, S. Johnson, and the Rev. S. Williams. The horses were taken to Napier this morning. The four horses presented by Mr E. D. D. McLean are a especially fine lot, and lately have been trained for military purposes, and are used to guns being fired. They have also been taught to charge past men who stood and shook stones in empty kerosene tins, all of which noises the horses have learned to take no notice of. Among those selected are Moonstone (the hurdler) and The Warrior, both well-known horses in this district. In February 1900, Loyal Hastings Lodge, Manning and Bernard McCormack both members of the Lodge had been accepted in the Rough Riders contingent shortly to leave for South Africa to loyally assist the Mother Country in upholding its prestige in that far off land. It was therefore unanimously resolved; (a) That the hearty good wishes of the brethren be given to Bros. Manning and McCormack for success in their loyal undertaking, and also for a speedy triumphant return to New Zealand (b) that this Lodge undertakes to pay the contributions of these brethren, and to keep them good on the books as long as their services are required in South Africa by the Imperial authorities during the present war. (c) That some useful present be seat to each, the selection to be made by the chairman and secretary. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Napier camp without delay. In February 1900 Mr T. Wellwood of Hastings was the recipient of a presentation from Mr A. Wellwood, his family and employees this afternoon on the occasion of his leaving to join the Hawke's Bay contingent of Rough Riders. The presentation took the form of a Smith and Wesson revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition, a gold-mounted fountain pen, and a morocco-bound pocket diary. We wish Mr Wellwood and his comrades-at-arms from Hastings every luck and a speedy return from the seat of war to the more congenial atmosphere of Hawke's Bay. In February 1900 Another enjoyable function was held at Winsley's when a number of the friends of Troopers E. Humphries, McCormick, A. McDonald and T. Wellwood attended to give them a right hearty send-off. Mr Q. Symonds occupied the chair and while proposing the toast of the guests of the evening, made a presentation, on behalf of the employees of Mr W. Symonds, to Trooper Humphries a revolver and to Trooper McCormick of a razor on behalf of Mr Beecroft's employees. Trooper Humphries was also asked to present to Trooper Collinge the revolver which the employees of Messrs A. Jones and Sons had obtained for him. During the evening songs were contributed and closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and with wishing the Troopers the very best of luck in their undertaking. In February 1900 A number of friends and well-wishers of Troopers Smith and Manning, who are on the eve of departure with the Rough Riders Continent, held in O'Reilly's Hotel last night. The gathering was representative of Messrs Nelson Bros.' different stations, although Mangateretere faced predominated. Mr R. Hewitt occupied the chair and proposed the toast of the guests of the evening, both Troopers suitably responding. Songs were contributed by Messrs Holt, Barber, Wright, Home and Mr A. Hyde related the circumstances of an interesting racing episode. Mr W. J. Jones acted as accompanist. During the evening the customary patriotic toasts were honoured, as well as a number appropriate only to the occasion. During the course of the evening the chairman presented a cheque to each of the departing troopers, on behalf of the employees of Nelson Bros. Mr Hewitt explained that they had had some considerable difficulty in deciding upon what present they should give At first they had thought of a revolver, but when the money had been collected they found that they hid enough to buy a cartload of revolvers. They had come to the conclusion that, the money would be just as useful a present as they could make, as there would be plenty of firearms provided for them when they got to the Cape. The proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic nature, and when at 11 o'clock the company broke up, both the Troopers had it impressed upon them that when they came back to Hawke's Bay tiny must bring the head of either Krugec or Cronje, the former for choice. The singing of "God Save the Queen" and "Anld Lang Syne" closed the proceedings and Troopers Smith and Manning took their leave with the best of wishes from everybody. In February 1900 After the Hastings Fire Brigade had concluded their meeting last night, it was agreed amongst the members to send J. Catherall, their member in the Transvaal, a small presentation, and 30s was subscribed among the few members present. In March 1900 A. E. Elwood, the Tomoana boy who took up the collection with a toy-cart drawn by a terrier dog handed to the Mayor £6 .1s - the result of his canvass. Mr F. M. Nelson was so pleased with the boy's patriotism that he placed £4 in the collection-box. In March 1900 Mrs F. J. Dillon of Kaikora gave the order to the New Zealand Clothing Factory, Hastings, to forward to South Africa one pair of New Zealand woollen socks to each member of the Hawke's Bay section of the Third Contingent. In March 1900 Mrs F. Perry has presented Trooper G. Fuszard, who has been accepted for the fourth contingent, with the thoroughbred chestnut gelding Hautai, by Daniel O'Rourke-Pearl. Hautai took

first prizes for lady's hack at the Hawke's Bay Agricultural Show in 1898 and at the Manawatu Show the same year. Trooper Fuszard was for some time in Mr G. P. Donnelly's employ, and can rest assured I that no 'superior [mount to his own has left the colony with the New Zealand contingents. In March 1900 Trooper L. E. Braithwaite left Hastings this morning to join the camp of the fourth contingent, having resigned his appointment in the Union Bank of Australia at Hastings. We understand that his brother, Mr Frank Braithwaite, from Mr T. W. Lewis' office, has taken his place. Trooper Braithwaite has the good wishes of a large circle of friends for his future success. In March 1900 The residents of Pukahu gave a send-off to Trooper Hawkins of the Fourth Contingent, in the shape of a musical evening, which was held in the Schoolhouse, the building being well filled. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Several speeches were made, and a number of patriotic songs and recitations were given. The trooper was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. In March 1900 A large number of friends gathered at the Stortford Lodge Hotel to hold a farewell evening to Mr J. Scott, who has been selected for the Fourth Contingent. Mr W. Stock presided, and various songs and recitations were given. During the evening Mr Stock spoke of the popularity of the guest in that district, and said had much pleasure in presenting him with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of his friends. Mr Fuszard and other members of the Fourth Contingent were also present. In March 1900 The employees of Nelson Bros', various properties and a number of friends assembled at Winsley's last night to give a send-off to Mr A. Wallace, who left for Wellington to-day to join the Fifth Contingent for service in the Transvaal. Mr M. Nelson occupied the chair, and in proposing the health of the guest of the evening stated that he felt confident Trooper Wallace would do his share to uphold the proud position attained by those New Zealanders who had preceded him to the front. In March 1900 Mr R. Braithwaite informs us that he received a wire from his eldest son, who is in Auckland, saying that he had been selected as a member of the Fifth Contingent. His son Lionel has been promoted to Lance-Corporal in the Fourth Contingent. In March 1900 His Worship the Mayor has proclaimed Thursday afternoon a public half-holiday, in place of the usual Wednesday, in order that those desiring to witness the proceedings in connection with the departure of the Hawke's Bay section of the Fourth Contingent from Napier may do so. In April 1900 Mr J. R. Kessell, formerly in the employ of Mr M. Johnson of this town, but now a trooper in the New South Wales Mounted Infantry in South Africa, in the course of a letter written to a friend here, says: "*After Cronje's big stand the sights were indeed terrible. Hands and feet of the dead Boers buried in the trenches were showing above the ground where the bodies had swelled they pushed up the earth and presented a horrible spectacle. Blackened remains strewed the ground over a large area, and the shells fired by the British lay about in hundreds. The scene for its awfulness strikes home an impression which will live an eternity. The four hours we halted there were hours of reflection.*" In April 1900 The employees of Messrs Williams and Kettles Hastings branch gathered together with the addition of a few personal friends to bid farewell to Mr E. Beecroft, who is about to try his luck in South Africa. Mr S. Pattison took the chair and in proposing the toast of "the guest of the evening," took the opportunity of expressing the implicit confidence which Mr Beecroft had earned during his five years' employment with Williams and Kettle. The speaker said that no matter in what sphere their young friend thought fit to enter, he would always be a credit to his employers and earn the respect and good-will of his fellow-workers. Mr Pattison on behalf of Mr Scott, presented Mr Beecroft with a revolver and as a memento from the Hastings branch with an initialled gold Maltese Cross. He impressed upon the recipient the advisableness of getting in the first shot if called upon to shoot at a Boer, as he held that a Boer with a hole through him was much to be preferred to a Boer intact. April 1900 A large number of friends were at die railway station to bid "good-bye" to Mr Ernest Beecroft, who left for Wellington en route for South Africa. In May 1900 We have been permitted to peruse a letter from Trooper B. C. McCormick who left Hastings with the Third Contingent and 10 make the following extracts:- "*On the trip our horses were going back very badly, as the "vet." we have knows no more about a horse than a horse knows about him. If one of the animals took bad he generally ordered him lo have a bran mash with a little sail water, and he has generally waited till it is too late before he has given them any medicine. We lost eight altogether, while a number are that poor that they won't be fit for anything. You will be pleased to hear that Titoki has done very well on the trip, in fact he is looking better than when he started. The Hawke's Bay horses have all done well; one died, but the rest are all fit to go to work at once. It is my opinion that the "vet." starved the horses. The Hawke's Bay boys have been giving over the amount of food all through, in fact many a time we gave double allowance. We got into a row or two over it, but that didn't stop us - we got our horses here in good condition, and that is what we wanted.*" In May 1900 it will be remembered in Hastings that one of the volunteers for the front with the contingents was Mr Thomas Melville, a Russian by birth, but long resident in this district. In May 1901 The following Hawke's Bay trooper who returned by the *Tongariro* : Second Contingent - Private W. R. Boyd, Hastings; Private F. W. Cook, Hastings; Third Contingent - Corporal E. Manning, Hastings; Farrier Humphries, Hastings; Private S. H. Smith, Tomoana. Privates Boyd and Cook who returned from South Africa by the *Tongariro* will arrive in Hastings by the express train. The Town Band will meet them at the station and the men will be officially welcomed back by the Mayor.

In June 1900 Mr B. Skerrett died from wounds received at Faurensburg, Orange River Colony was a son of Mr Skerrett, Clerk of the Court, Hastings. In 1901 Horace Reeves and Harold Connap two well-known Hastings horse trainers have sent in their names for enrolment in the Sixth Contingent for Boer War in South Africa. In July 1901 Mr E. A. Humphries farrier who recently returned to Hastings from the front, left this morning by the Wellington express en-route for Durban, where he intends to settle down. In July 1901 Troopers Braithwaite of Hastings, Whitehead of Wairoa (a Hastings boy) and P. Wells of Olig arrived in Hastings by last evening's Wellington express. A large crowd assembled on the platform for the purpose of extending them a cordial welcome home from the front and as they stepped amongst their friends, three lusty cheers went up right heartily. Trooper Whitehead has been laid up with pleurisy, but he is nearly well once more. The remainder of the Hastings boys will return to-night, when they will be met at the station by the volunteers and the band and a formal welcome will be extended to them by the Mayor on behalf of the citizens. In August 1901 Mr 'Jack' Fraser of the Railway Department stationed in Hastings before he left to take part in the South African campaign arrived here on a visit to Mr V. R. Roach. His many friends in Hastings will be glad to hear that Sergeant-Major Fraser has come back sound in health and vigour, but glad to avail himself of a rest after the strain of the war. Sergeant-Major 'Jack' Fraser speaks very highly and generously of the Boer as an honourable foeman. He says there have been cases of gross on the part of the Boers, but they were only isolated cases which were amply counterbalanced by equally

atrocious acts on the part of the unrestrained rabble portions of the British following. In September 1900 Trooper G. B. Carter formerly of Hastings - The persistency of Trooper Carter who in spite of various obstacles thrown in his path succeeded in getting to the front, has been rewarded, and his friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion. Carter is a nephew of Mr A. Brooke Taylor of this town was recently promoted to be sergeant in charge of No. 4 gun of the Maxim Gun Battery and is considered to be a very smart soldier. In November 1901 Mr J. A. Greenfield has on view in his window next Hannah's boot shop Heretaunga St a very interesting collection of curios from the war in South Africa, gathered by Trooper Hawkins, who has just returned from the front. The collection includes a much weather worn slouch hat "collected" from the head of an unfortunate Boer who was found dead, shot through the chest. In December 1900, Troopers Catherall and Northe are amongst those who left by the *Moana* for Wellington. If they decide to come straight on to Hastings they should arrive by the express train on Thursday evening. It is difficult to say what the Reception Committee should do in the face of this unlooked-for contingency, for the returning men show a distinct, though of course involuntary, objection to making matters easy for those entrusted with the arrangement of a fitting welcome. In December 1900 The Mayor desires us to state that vehicular traffic will be suspended in Station St, from the railway station to Heretaunga St, during the reception of the returned troopers. In December 1900 Members of the Town Band and Hastings Rifles are requested to fall in, in uniform, opposite the drill shed at 6.13 o'clock this evening, to participate in the reception of Troopers Catherall and Northe and those of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles who do not march from the camp will fall in (mounted) opposite the police station at 6.15 o'clock. The members of the Fire Brigade will fall in at the Brigade Station at 6.15 o'clock The town to-day presented a gay appearance, most the business places being decorated in honour of the returning troopers. The programme for the reception is as follows : - It has been decided by the Reception Committee to keep the railway platform clear, while the Mayor, Captain Russell, and Mr A. L. D. Fraser will receive the troopers. They will then be escorted to a brake and will be taken as far as the Standard office, where short speeches of welcome will be made by the Mayor, Captain Russell, and Mr A. L. D. Fraser. The procession, consisting of the returned troopers, Town Band, Hastings Rifles, Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, Fire Brigade, and Church Lads' Brigade, will march along Queen, Warren, and Heretaunga St to Nelson St, finally escorting the two men to their respective homes. In December 1900 Mr Garnett has on exhibition in his window the Queen's chocolate box received by Trooper Catherall when the troops in South Africa had the recognition of Her Majesty's appreciation. There is also in the window a picture of the Paris Exhibition so painted that at night time one can imagine that he is gazing at a view of the Seine with the Eiffel Tower lit up by hundreds of lights, while the whole river front is also illuminated. The scene is a pretty one, and is well worth seeing.

In March 1901, Bombardier **Arthur Brathwaite** of Hastings, who was a member of the Fifth Contingent, and who returned on sick leave about a month ago, has been given a lieutenant commission in the Seventh Contingent, but was rejected by the Medical Board at Wellington. It has been decided that men who have suffered from enteric will not be allowed to return to the front.

In March 1901, An old Napier identity, Mr Stapylton Caulton, who was at one time proprietor of the old Masonic Hotel, was on his way to Wellington, to join the Seventh Contingent, in which he has received a commission. Mr Caulton, who is a **brother of Mr H. O. Caulton of Hastings**, must be the oldest colonist to volunteer for service in South Africa. Mr S C. Caulton has seen active service and had a long experience as a volunteer. As far back as 1863 he joined the Hawke's Bay division of the Colonial Mounted Defence force and was on active service for three years, principally in Poverty Bay and Napier. Joining the Hawke's Bay Rifles in 1866, he was present at the storming and taking of the Maori pah at Omaranui and two years later, with Mr J. Cuff of Napier, was interested in the raising of the Hawke's Bay Yeomanry Cavalry, taking the rank of troop Sergeant-Major. Volunteering with the troops on receipt of the news of the massacre at Poverty Bay he served there until Te Kooti was driven out in 1872. When he went to reside in Poverty Bay Mr Caulton joined the Poverty Bay Mounted Rifles, and 12 years later the " 3 " Battery of Artillery. On the Cook County Rifles being formed in 1886 he was elected a lieutenant, and continued with the company until 1890, when he was transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles, Auckland. He remained with the company until its disbandment, thus completing in all about 20 years' service.



1902 May 31st Saturday, Central Heretaunga St west early afternoon shadow, the Hastings **Peace Day** celebrations for the 3 returning Troopers from Transvaal, the Mayor was to present **Trooper Heap** with a war medal, shows the crowd and Volunteers who had marched from Drill Hall with the town band to the end of Railway Rd with the Fire Brigade and Captain E. Newbigin's 10-ton cannon, the bells pealed and speeches were made from a lectern on Maddison's veranda roof to the Williams & Kettle's building seen at right behind the fire bell tower, opposite Daniel O'Reilly's new Hastings Hotel and the Hawke's Bay Herald offices. The Mayor W. Y. Dennett then rang the fire bell and announced that the war had ended - the **Relief of Mafeking**, fireworks were later lit from a platform near the fire bell tower, taken by Burton. This event coincided with Mr & Mrs J. Garnett celebrating their Silver wedding anniversary at St. Matthew's Hall on the 31st May with 150 guests

On June 26th 1902 there was a greater display of town & business decorations, also severe flooding in Hawke's Bay

1902 August - King Edward VII Coronation celebrations at Hastings commenced at 9 am with one officer and 45 Volunteers of the HB Mounted Rifles and two officers and 41 men of the Hastings Rifles with returned troopers, veterans, cadets and the Church Lads Brigade fired a feu-de-joie in front Drill Hall with the town Band assisting.

1907 August, Borough Council - letter from F. W. Anthony, asking for use of **Stortford Lodge grounds** on the 31st instant for the **football match** Hastings Rifles v. Band. - Agreed to.

The Hastings Mounted Rifles formed - In February 1892 A meeting was held under the presidency of Lieutenant Lewis to consider a project for the formation of a **troop of mounted infantry in Hastings** and that a resolution affirming the desirableness of forming such troop was passed, but not for another 7 years - In April 1900 Captain Russell received notice from the Defence Department to the effect that the services of the Hastings Mounted Infantry Corps have been accepted. This will relieve the anxiety of nearly a hundred men, who have been wondering for weeks what would be the ultimate fate of their application. Now however, everything is fairly plain sailing and in the course of a few days the new corps will in all probability commence training exercises. It is early to express an opinion, but, being possessed of good officers and composed of a splendid lot of the Hastings Mounted Rifles should soon be a credit to the province. The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles was formed with a membership of eighty and he was elected to the command, a position Captain Andrew Hamilton Russell held until he was promoted major and then colonel of the Wellington Mounted Brigade. In May 1900 Captain A. H. Russell proposed a scheme to the Mounted Rifles, after drill, for the purpose of raising a **new Drill Hall** to be used by both local corps and the Town Band. A half-acre section in the Karamu Rd opposite the Heretaunga School was under offer for £80 and the estimated cost of a building 80 x 40 feet was £400, the hall to contain officers' and non-coms quarters, orderly room and room for the Band, with Drill Hall. Captain Russell, Lieutenant Whiteley and Messrs W. B. Jones, S. Patterson, and D. Canning were appointed a committee for the Mounted Corps, to discuss the matter with the Hastings Rifles and Town Band. It was also notified that the Government had objected to the corps being called the 'Hastings Mounted Rifles' and suggesting that a title be given more distinct from the Hastings Rifles. This was left over for consideration. In May 1900 Hastings Mounted Rifles - A general meeting of the now mounted corps was held in the Oddfellows' Hall when there was a good attendance of members, Captain A. H. Russell in the chair. It was decided to call the corps the Hastings Mounted Rifles. On the motion of Mr Whiteley, seconded by Mr Thomson, it was resolved that an initiation fee of £1 be levied on the members to meet the expenses of equipment. Mr C. Gordon was on a ballot elected a third lieutenant. It was proposed by Mr Merewether and seconded by Mr H. A. Russell that the uniforms be **plain khaki without facings**. It was moved as an amendment by Mr Pattison and seconded by Mr W. Alexander that specimens be seen of uniforms with different facings on before deciding. The motion was carried. It was agreed to leave the selection of the material for the uniforms in the hands of a committee consisting of the officers, Dr. Linney, Messrs Thomson and Roach. Captain Russell intimated that the use of **Murray Roberts' store could be obtained**, and Sergt-Major Flynn had kindly promised to come out to Hastings each Wednesday evening to drill the company. **Captain Fraser offered the use of his grounds for foot drill**, and **Dr. Linney the use of his paddock for mounted drill** and Mr A. C. Ellingham the use of Stortford Lodge grounds. Forty six members were enrolled. In May 1900 Members of the Hastings Mounted Rifles and those who intend to join and are not yet sworn in, are requested to be in attendance at the Drill Hall at 7 p.m. for that purpose. Recruit drill will be held at 7.30 sharp and a meeting of the Finance and Selection Committee at 9 o'clock. In May 1900 The newly-formed Hastings Mounted Infantry Corps held their first drill last evening in Murray Roberts and Co.'s store, when there were 50 members present, including all the officers. Sergeant Major Finn put the corps through a course of preliminary foot drill, and expressed his approval of the way in which the men shaped. Nineteen new members were sworn in, which brings the total strength of the company up to 66. The next drill will take place on Friday at 7.30 p.m. The Selection Committee have decided to await the arrival of two sample uniforms from the Kaiapoi Factory before choosing one for the corps. These are expected to arrive before Friday. The men generally are of fine physique and should produce a very creditable addition to the volunteer forces of New Zealand. A large number of the Hastings Mounted Infantry Corps were measured for their uniforms by Mr Clarke on behalf of the Kaiapoi company who have secured the contract to supply the uniforms to the corps. In May 1900 The Hastings Mounted Infantry Corps held their first mounted drill at Stortford Lodge grounds and in the afternoon at Twyford. Captain Russell and Lieutenants Whiteley and Barber were in command and about 60 members were present at each drill. At the afternoon drill the men fell in at Stortford Lodge and marched to Twyford and on the road were alternately formed into sections, half sections and single file. At Twyford the company went through the drill of changing front on the march, and were practised at keeping a straight line, both fast and slow. At the conclusion of the day, Captain Russell addressed the men expressing his pleasure at seeing so many of them turn out to drill, notwithstanding the rough weather. He also complimented them on the way in which they had carried out the orders. Three cheers were given for the captain after the men were dismissed. Notwithstanding the very rough weather, there was an attendance of 56 members at the drill of the Mounted Infantry Corps last evening. After drill Captain A. H. Russell presented Lieut. Whiteley with a case of brushes and a "swagger" stick on behalf of the officers and men, for his services in bringing the corps into existence. It was decided by a vote of 28 against 23 that the **round forage caps** be procured for undress uniform, instead of the field cap as used by the Hastings Rifles. It was also agreed unanimously that the name of the corps be **"The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles"** The Finance Committee accepted the tender of Messrs Land and Highway for leggings and spurs, Mr A. Wellwood, sen was elected an honorary member of the corps. In June 1900 There were 78 men and four officers present last evening, when the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles were inspected by Lieutenant Davis, the Government Inspector for mounted troops. The men were drilled for a couple of hours in Station St, and after drill Lieutenant Davis complimented them upon the good muster, and on the way in which they had carried out his orders, considering that they were all recruits. He reminded them that they had a lot to learn yet, and impressed upon the men the necessity of regularly attending drills. In June 1900 Some difficulty has arisen over the regulation forbidding

the **supply of rifles to the native members** of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles. Mr Fraser, M.H.R., wired to the Defence Minister and in reply received a telegram to the effect that the regulation did apply to all Maoris, but that the Minister would see that exemption was allowed in the ease of this district. This will be pleasing news to the natives, whose enthusiasm and patriotism was in danger of receiving such a rude rebuff. In June 1900 The officer was putting the new Mounted Infantry corps through its paces, and in the course of the manual exercises he introduced the system of doing it by numbers. "Ready ! present ! Fire! - One ! two ! three !" This was done with the utmost precision, Now said the instructor, we shall do it without numbers. Turning to one of the men he put the question abruptly - "Supposing I was to say 'fire' what would you do ?" "Run and get out the engine" promptly replied the wag and discipline was set aside for a few moments while the troop enjoyed a laugh. In June 1900 The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, at last night's parade, were put through their drill by Lieutenant Barber. The men are showing great improvement in their work. Lieutenant Whiteley stated that it was the intention of the captain, when he returned to (own, to give the men mounted drill every Wednesday and Saturday and desired them to state by Wednesday next which day they can best attend. If any member can attend both he may do so. The men were supplied with **Martini Henry rifles**. In June 1900 Mr Thomson has received a wire from the Kaiapoi Factory, stating that the uniforms for the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles will be shipped on Thursday next. The members of the corps are of such fine physique that the Kaiapoi Company were surprised at the measurements. When the uniforms were first ordered a wire was sent by the company asking if they were correct, they being so much larger than those of other corps for which the company had catered. **Only nine men are under 5ft 8in in height**. In December 1902 The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles are holding a concert at Ellingham's Hotel Hastings to welcome their captain home after his trip to the Old Country.

A New Hastings Drill Hall -

The Hastings Rifles were formed in July 1887 by Captain William Russell who really wanted a Mounted Rifles Corps, but his desire was declined by the Defence Dept. The first Hastings Rifles meetings were held in local shops, restaurants and drill practice on private Hastings paddocks, then Drill practice in St. Matthew's Sunday School Hall - the old wooden English Church corner of Heretaunga St west at King St till June 1898, then at the old Town Band Hall next to the courthouse in Railway Rd. In 1900 Captain William Russell desire for a Mounted Rifles Corps still pervaded and in the dominant Boar War he found he could first form a Mounted Rifles and with that a new purpose built Drill Hall for Hastings. In December 1902, The old band hall next to the Court House which stood like a monument to the dead past on the corner of Eastbourne St is in process of **demolition** and will be replaced by a commodious dwelling house.



Looking east over **Railway Rd** 1906 at Eastbourne St west corner shows the Hastings Courthouse and Police station and Police residence, a new corner residence next to courthouse



John A. Fraser

In November 1899 Captain John A. Fraser Hastings Rifles held parades on his school paddock; they rented a building 50 x 20 for a drill shed, not big enough for muster practice. In May 1900 A special meeting of the Hastings Rifles will be held after parade for the purpose of electing a Lieutenant. The Hastings Rifles held a parade last night, and after the drill elected Mr H. R. Loring as 2nd Lieutenant to the company. It was decided to hold a volunteer ball at an early date, and a committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements. In June 1900 there was a good attendance of members at the drill of the Hastings Rifles. After drill a committee consisting of Captain Fraser, Lieutenant Webb, Colour-Sergeant Humphries, Sergeant Hobbs and Private Tipping was appointed to confer with the committee from the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, with the object of **providing a Drill Hall for the two corps**. Messrs Tipping and Pattison were appointed joint secretaries, and it was agreed to canvass the district for subscriptions by means of cards, accompanied by a circular

letter, which will shortly be issued. The Rifles fired a few rounds in honour of the abandonment of Pretoria and the Rev. J. Hobbs (chaplain) made a short patriotic speech.

In June 1900 **A New Drill Shed** - Sir, - The volunteers deserve great credit for their action in making an appeal for subscriptions to build a new drill shed. The present shed is very inconvenient, being far too small for the purpose of our requirements. In the hands of a very energetic committee there should be no difficulty in getting the required money. The Government, I understand, would subsidise it £ for £. In August 1900 The Hawke's Bay Mounted Infantry Corps held a mounted parade and a dismounted drill in the evening. A company meeting was held after drill, when one new member was elected and Messrs Plowman and Te Hapuku were elected honorary members. The Rev. J. Hobbs was elected honorary chaplain to the corps. A suggestion was made that a church parade be held and it was decided that a date be fixed at next Wednesday's meeting. A moonlight mounted parade was arranged to take place next Monday if a bright night. A meeting of the dance committee was held later in the evening and the various subcommittees reported the progress they had made. The following tenders were accepted. Mr B. Winsley caterer, Mr Rivers refreshments, Miss Caulton's band music, Mr M. E. Wig's flags for decoration purposes. In August 1900 There was a good muster of members of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles on parade last night under Captain A. H. Russell. After drill Messrs W. Ramsay and C. D. Randerson were nominated for election to membership of the corps. Notice of motion was given by Captain Russell suggesting that the corps procure a yellow band to wear round the forage cap. It was agreed that the question of procuring uniform saddle-cloths be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. The question of the huia feather was again brought forward, when it was mentioned that two hundred feathers were already at the Spit and it was decided that the matter be left over until next Wednesday. The captain announced that he would give a lecture on field tactics in the St. Matthew's schoolroom for the benefit of those wishing to hear it. A meeting of the dance committee was also called for after the lecture. Dr. Linney, Hon. Surgeon to the corps, promised to give a lecture on ambulance work after the drill next Wednesday with a view to forming an ambulance section. In August 1900 The first of a series of ambulance lectures was given by the honorary surgeon Dr. Linney to a number of volunteers with a view to forming an ambulance section to the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles. The subject was ably handled by Dr. Linney, who made the lecture both instructive and interesting. In August 1900, Captain A. H. Russell was informed while in Wellington that a **grant of £400 would be made for the purpose of erecting a drill hall at Hastings**, and we understand that already about £80 has been promised locally for this object. This should give the local corps a good start, and the building should soon be erected. The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles will parade to-morrow opposite the drill shed. This is a compulsory drill, and the orders are that black boots be worn. Weather permitting a **photograph will be taken at Stortford Lodge** during the afternoon and a good muster is expected. In August 1900 Mr L. C. Whitehead has arranged to photograph the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles when on parade and as the drill is a compulsory Government inspection parade a large muster is expected to be present. be held on Wednesday afternoon, and dismounted drill on Wednesday evening both under Lieut. In September 1900 Captain A. H. Russell and Lieutenant Whiteley of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles will proceed to Wellington by the express, In September 1900 A meeting of the committee to consider the question of raising a drill shed met, Captain A. H. Russell in the chair. A sub-committee consisting Messrs Fraser, W. B. Jones, Beilby, Crosse, Tipping were appointed to draw up a report of available sites and report to the general committee. It was mentioned that provided £600 can be raised locally, the Government will grant £400 for the purpose of erecting a drill shed, and it was decided to issue subscription cards to the members of each corps and committee to make collections on that condition. Messrs Fraser, Whiteley, Crosse, E. H. Williams and W. B. Jones were appointed to approve and prepare plans for the proposed building. The subcommittee will report upon the sections available next meeting. In September 1900 A pleasant little function took place in the Drill Shed when Captain A. H. Russell on behalf of the officers and men of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, presented Lieutenant Barber with an illuminated address (beautifully and artistically worked by Mr Clark of Tomoana) on the occasion of his leaving the district and the corps. There were about 40 members present in uniform and Captain Russell addressing Lieutenant Barber expressed his regret at losing so capable an officer, saying that he had anticipated substantial assistance from him during the early stages of the tuition of the corps and at the proposed Easter encampment. Lieutenant Barber replied very feelingly, regretting his enforced departure. He eulogised Captain Russell in very complimentary terms and spoke well of the rank and file, stating that they had been very willing and anxious to follow him in all his endeavours to teach them their Drill. He thanked them all for their appreciation of his efforts, Mr A. L. D. Fraser, M.H.R. also spoke a few words and took the opportunity of thanking the corps for having elected him a life member. The Town Band during the evening employed one or two appropriate selections of music. They then adjourned to the Carlton Club Hotel where an impromptu social evening was spent. A large number of the members of the Mounted Rifles as well as many other friends were present at the railway station to finally bid farewell to Lieutenant Barber who left by the express train en route for Invercargill.

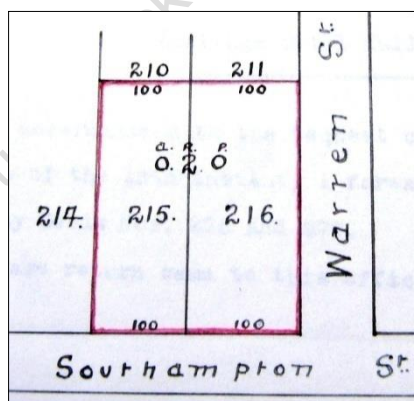
In September 1900 There was an attendance of 77 members of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles at the parade, Captain Russell being in command. During the afternoon photographs of the corps were taken by Mr L. C. Whitehead. The Captain announced that owing to his going to Wellington for examination, the lecture arranged to take place on Tuesday would have to be postponed. A mounted parade will. In November 1900 The Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles have accepted the invitation of the Ahuriri Mounted Rifles to join them in a march and camp at Wharerangi next Saturday, a good number of men gave in their names last night to participate in the outfit. The first detachment will leave the drill shed at 2.15 p.m. under Lieut. Whiteley, and the second at 8.15 p.m. under Lieut. Canning. All kit-bags are to be left at the drill shed before 2 p.m., and will be taken by a carrier to the camp. Among the orders read out by Captain Russell was a notice that in future no uniforms are to be worn at rifle practice. After drill the hats, plumes, and haversacks were distributed. The hats will be much appreciated by the men when out in the sun on future parades, as the forage caps are no protection from the sun. The non-commissioned officers' stripes have also arrived, and should be applied for to Lieutenant Whiteley and worn at the evening parade on Friday next. Sergeant Major Browne will drill the corps on Wednesday next, and a compulsory drill is called for that date. The following were selected by the shooting committee as the "probable's" for the Coleman Shield competition Sergeants Hyde, Jones, Baker, and Shattky, Corporals Merewether, Williams and Thorp, Troopers Fitzroy, Armstrong, Stewart, Stratton, Murfitt, Garnett, Ellingham, D. Thompson, fl.

Thomson, R, Wellwood, Lewis and Hay and Bugler McLean. Practices are to be held each morning this week, and ammunition served out at half price. A meeting of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles shooting committee, and the "probable's" for the Coleman Shield competition is to take place at the Albert Hotel this evening at 7.30 o'clock, when all interested are requested to be present. In November 1900 The encampment at Wharerangi of the Ahuriri and Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles on Saturday and Sunday was voted by all who went to be a very enjoyable outing, although both horses and men were hard worked. The first detachment from Hastings, under Lieutenant Whiteley, reached camp at 5 o'clock, and after having tea the two corps were exercised together on the hill at the rear of the camp until about 9.30 p.m. The second detachment, under Lieutenant Canning, arrived in the neighbourhood of the camp just before midnight, and negotiated an attack on the camp, the attacking party succeeding in getting into position between the outposts and parquets and the camp, and firing six volleys of blank cartridge into the camp before they were discovered. They then joined camp, and next morning were up at daybreak, forming themselves into two sections, one to attack the camp and the other to defend. Camp was struck after the mid-day meal, the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles reaching home at about 5 o'clock. Major Chicken was present throughout the manoeuvres, and expressed satisfaction at the way in which both men and horses shaped. In December 1900 Mr D. T. Murfitt ran his drag to the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles camps and outings.

In March 1901 A meeting of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles' shooting committee was held this afternoon, Lieutenant Canning presiding It was agreed to open the new range at Te Mata on Wednesday, March 27th, with a ladies' match (five shots, 200 yards) and a handicap competition for members of corps (seven shots each, 300 and 500 yards). Four guineas was allotted in prize money, and it was agreed that an entrance fee of 1s be charged.

In March 1901 The team from the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifle's, consisting of Sergeant Hyde and Troopers Ramsay, Murfitt and Ellingham, who have entered for the shooting competitions and Lloyd-Lindsay competition, to be held under the auspices of the New Zealand Rifle Association at Wanganui, leave by the express to-morrow morning. The team have practised consistently together for some time past on the trotting course at Stortford Lodge, and have arrived at a good state of efficiency, the horses working and jumping well together. As regards shooting, Sergeant Hyde and Trooper Ramsay had a final trial at the butte this morning, and put on the following scores, 10 shots each, at 500, 600, and 700 yards; - Hyde, 49, 47, and 45, total 141; and Ramsay, 45, 40, and 38, total 123; out of a possible 150.

In September 1901 a meeting of the Hastings drill shed committee was held in the Carlton Club Hotel. Mr G. Sollitt submitted a plan of the building and it was agreed to increase the size to 90 x 60 feet, in addition to orderly and other rooms. It was decided to put down a good floor suitable for dancing and **to acquire the half-acre section opposite the District School, offered to the Committee by Mr David Cochrane.** The work of building will be put in hand as soon as possible, as the Committee expect to have £500 in hand by when they meet again. The subsidy will be £400, and as the building and land is expected to cost £1200 the balance required will be financed by ten guarantors. The building when completed will be a credit to the committee and a lasting ornament to the town.



In September 1879 - At Mr Miller's land sale of Thomas Tanner's Hastings East sections - Nos. 51, 52 and 53 £24 - Rev. D. Sidey and **Nos. 215, 216 £28 each - Sidey** - These two sections at the corner of Southampton St and Warren St sth. In September 1884, conveyance deed from Thomas Tanner to Edward Lyndon for sections 215, 216 Hastings East. In May 1898 David Sidey Presbyterian minister of Napier, sons James Sidey and Thomas Sidey ironmonger both of the same place sold sections 215, 216 Hastings East to David Cochrane a storeman of Hastings for £60. In February 1903 David Cochrane a storeman of Hastings sold sections 215, 216 Hastings East for £100 to His Majesty the King to become Hastings Drill Hall site.

Hastings Volunteer Drill Shed trustees - Andrew Hamilton Russell a sheepfarmer Twyford, Davis Canning farmer Hastings, Edward James Watt farmer Longlands, Robert Douglas McLean farmer Maraekakaho, Edward Varley Hudson schoolteacher Hastings, Thomas Ezekie Crosse farmer Hastings.

The Hastings Drill Shed would be used by - Hastings Rifles, Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles, Government School Cadets and Church Lads Brigade.

In October 1901 a meeting of the new Drill Hall Committee was held at Gorman's Hotel on Saturday, Captain J. A. Fraser in the chair. The treasurer reported £365 in hand, and this, with the Government subsidy of £100, and

subscriptions not yet in £150, would leave to be devoted to the work. It was decided that the rough draft of the plans and specifications submitted by Mr Sollitt be completed and tenders called for the building at once. The building is estimated to cost £1200 so that the treasurer will be glad to receive further donations towards the work. In November 1901 A meeting of the Hastings Drill Shed Committee was held in the Carlton Club Hotel, Captain Fraser in the chair. It was decided that the building and section be vested in the names of Colonel Newall and Captains Fraser and A. H. Russell, with Messrs E. J. Watt and T. Crosse as trustees. It was announced that £500 had been collected and an additional £200 promised, and this with the Government subsidy would bring the amount to over £1000. In November 1901 Tenders for the erection of the Hastings drill shed sought. In December 1901 the drill shed committee have had an offer of the Princess Theatre from Mr George Ellis at a figure.

In May 1902 Concrete foundations to the four main walls including veranda floor, sleeper walls on pile blocks, heart of totora for all piles, bottom sleeper plates, sashes, heart of matai for all external rustic boarding and flooring heart of kauri all other timber, with galvanised corrugated iron, stoneware drain pipes to street T & G flooring. Estimated cost £1000
Geo Sollitt, Architect.

In August 1902 Tenders are invited for building Hastings Drill Shed. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office where tenders are to be delivered. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Geo. Sollitt, Architect. In August 1902 Mr H. Campbell of Hastings, secured the contract for building the new drill hall at £969 out of four tenders. The contract is to be completed in three months. In January 1903 The contractor (Mr Campbell) is making great progress with the drill shed, which will shortly be completed.



The new Hastings Drill Hall, Southampton St east built by Mr H. Campbell which was being used in 1903 and officially opened and bazaar in February 1904 by the Governor, Lord Ranfurly

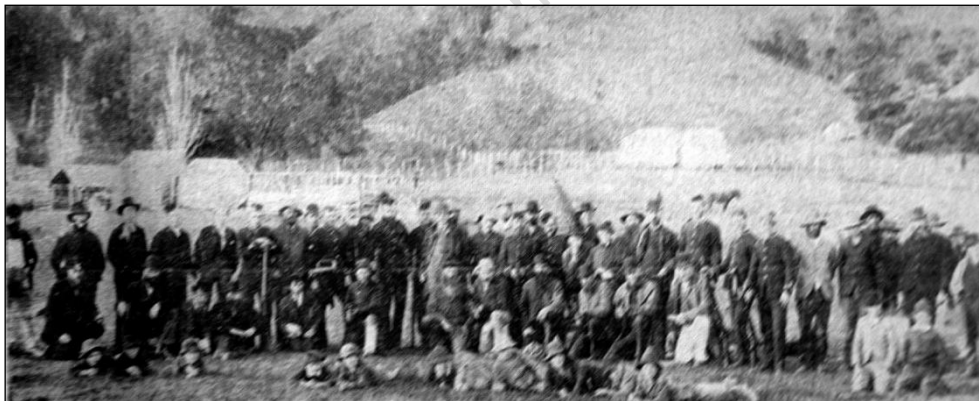
1904 February, The Governor at Drill Hall Hastings - Lord Ranfurly speaking at the opening of the new Hastings Drill Hall, said he considered it a matter of great importance to the Empire that everywhere a military spirit should, more or less, exist. The fact of its existence was in itself a sign of strength and a protection against attack. None of them wished to see war. They all wished to see peace, because where there was peace as a rule there was prosperity, and where there was war the times as a rule wore bad. Therefore all wished for peace, but to maintain peace in an empire so great as ours it was necessary that both, army and navy should be efficient, and the auxiliary forces, which might have to assist, be thoroughly up to the mark. Central School used Drill Hall for their social events, In February 1904 Mrs Lamberton ran a boarding first house past Drill Hall, Mr Hickson was in charge of the Drill Hall until July 1926 when he returned to England, In November 1918 A Maori Hospital was also set up in Drill Hall for the Spanish Influenza epidemic, In August 1925 The old King's Theatre, Karamu Rd was used for drill purposes until the fire damaged Drill Hall is restored.

In February 1931 Earthquake the Hastings Drill Hall was used as a relief storage centre, In May 1931 Hastings Drill Hall was being used by the Native Affairs Dept as a relief centre and storage rooms which prohibited the use for large dances. In July 1953 alterations to Hastings Drill Hall by H. G. Wall of Murdoch Rd, In 1964 the Hastings Drill Hall was destroyed by fire, In September 1972 the old Drill Hall sections were sought as an interdepartmental transfer for school library service building site. The sections contained 3 old army huts and a concrete magazine.

Roy's Hill rifle range formed -

1908 August, Roy's Hill rifle range - The work of erecting buildings at the Roy's Hill rifle range is progressing most satisfactorily and it is expected that it will be completed in about a fortnight. The targets will be erected later on. In September 1908 Mr Hartshorn secretary of the Roy's Hill Rifle Range has received advice from Mr Alf Dillon, M.P., that the Government has granted £8 towards purchasing railway irons for use in the trenches. Mr Dillon also states that the Government has completed the purchase of the land. In September 1908 Roy's Hill Rifle Range. In a very short time

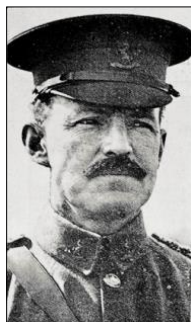
the crack of the rifle and the whistling of bullets will be held in the valley of Roy's Hill. Messrs J. D. Rivers, A. Hyde, G. Land and F. Hartshorn members of the range committee paid a visit of inspection, an invitation being also extended to the Press. The Range - It is safe to say that no better spot could have been chosen for establishing a rifle range, so adequately does the configuration of the country at Roy's Hill lend itself for the purpose. The target trench, which is 8ft deep, 201ft long and 10ft wide is being fitted up and has 12 targets of the pattern known as "James' Target." The trench, which will be roofed is to be connected by telephone with the club house, thus allowing shots to be challenged without loss of time. At each end of the trench there has been erected spacious target storage rooms. Close to the 1000 yards mound a clubhouse has been erected. It contains a kitchen (with copper set in) secretary's office, lady's room and a huge social and dining hall measuring 40ft by 20ft. The committee when on their wish, decided to pave in concrete floors and in other ways attend to details which will make the range one, if not the most up-to-date range in the Dominion. The land comprising some 40 acres, recently been purchased by the Government and the Government has also granted a subsidy of £100 towards the cost of equipping the range. The total cost of the equipment of the range will amount to fully £500 of which amount £200 has been generously subscribed by the public. It was resolved that Messrs A. H. Russell and J. D. Rivers proceed to Wellington for the purpose of interviewing the Minister of Defence and asking for further financial assistance. The committee feel that their appeal is justifiable in every respect as they are providing a range that will be used by members of the rifle corps from all parts of both Islands, and equipping it in a manner that will leave no opportunity for marksmanship to cavil. The range will not be officially opened until Nov 9th and although the distance from town nearly seven miles is a drawback, the journey was accomplished by motor car in 15 minutes. In September 1908, Roy's Hill Range. A deputation consisting of Messrs J. D. Rivers and G. Land, in the unavoidable absence of Major Russell, waited on the Minister for Defence with reference to a special grant being made for the Roy's Hill rifle range. They pointed out that this would be the chief range for all volunteers between Gisborne and Pahiatua for the annual shield competitions, and that the Hawke's Bay residents had substantially augmented the fund for the erection of the necessary buildings and adjuncts of the They also pointed out that the range was Government property and its actual completion necessitated **a further grant of £300**. Full details were submitted to the Minister who promised to give the matter most favourable consideration. In the absence of Mr Dillon, M.P., Mr A. L. D. Fraser introduced the deputation. In September 1908 The Roy's Hill rifle range will be opened for the season by the firing of the first match in the Hastings Challenge Shield competition. The distance on Wednesday will be 200, 500 and 600 yards. In October 1908 Mr Alf. Dillon, M.P., interviewed Colonel Wauchope and Hon. R. McNab Minister for Defence in reference to the proposed grant of £300 for the Hastings Rifle Range at Roy's Hill. The Minister said there was every prospect of the money being placed on the estimates and that Major Russell would be communicated with on the matter. Mr Dillon is arranging for Colonel Wauchope to visit Hastings at an early date. In October 1908 A meeting of the Roy's Hill Rifle Range Committee was held. Major Russell, Capt. Colebourne and Messrs G. Land and E. Basil-Jones were appointed permanent trustees. The executive decided that on no pretence whatever would Sunday shooting be allowed on the range.



Members of the Napier Rifle Volunteers at Roy's Hill shooting range, shows huts buildings in background

WW1 Hastings soldiers –

The ANZAC Hastings sons of the many early settlers who went to fight for King and Country



Major General, Andrew H. Russell, Commander NZ Division

Colonel Hildebrand John Holderness b: March 1880 in Christchurch the son of Jane and Robert Holderness, in December 1907 he married Cecil May McNeill b: April 1881 in Wanganui the daughter of Mary and Alexander McNeill. They settled in Hastings 1907. In 1916 WW1 Major Hildebrand Holderness solicitor Reg No 23747 B. Company, Mrs C. M. Holderness wife 68 Ranfurly St At. Albans Christchurch. He had commanded the First Battalion, Wellington Regiment in France from 1915 to 1919. They returned to Hastings.

List of some Hastings soldiers who served –

1914 October, Major Selwyn Chambers and Private F. L. Vickers of the main Expeditionary Force, left Hastings for Wellington this morning.

James Arthur Heir, 901 Tomoana Rd, Mrs E. G. Heir, mother

Robert Crerar, next of kin - Mrs Agnes Crerar

Minden Clennell Collingwood Fenwick, a law clerk for D. Scannell Hastings 1916

Allan Andrew Ford, Main Body, Field Ambulance, father - David G. Ford, Lyndon Rd.

Donald Sinclair McLeod a married man was posted to Samoa during NZEF WW1

William Alderman jnr WW1 20072, an orchadist b; January 1887 the son of Sarah Jane and William Alderman snr of Hastings.

John Carmichael b: March 1886 at Havelock North the son of Jane and James Carmichael, he was a wool sorter for R. Tucker at Whakatu, 8 yrs Hastings Volunteers, WW1 NZEF

Ernest Leslie Clifford b: December 1891 at Hastings the son of Mary Anne and Walter Clifford, WW1 68413 Imperial Forces, he died December 1976 in Nelson aged 85.

James Havelock Shuttleworth Bamforth b: October 1894 in Havelock North the son of Jessie and James Bamforth, Pte. James Havelock Shuttleworth Bamforth of Hastings No10/954 Main Body 1914 – 1915 Wellington Infantry Batln, next of kin Mrs E. Bamforth Hastings. He married Gladys Hetty Thomspson in 1921 and they settled in the Waikato.

Pte Thomas Vincent Portas 3/98 a clerk of 712 Heretaunga St Hastings an employee of Borough Council Hastings enlisted WW1 Main Body Medical Corps next of kin- Mary Portas Heretaunga St Hastings. Thomas Vincent Portas b: December 1894 at Hastings the son of Mary and George Portas.

Pte George Patrick Portas enlisted WW1 Main Body Medical Corps 3/438 Second Body Medical Corps next of kin George Portas father, Hastings, George Patrick Portas b: March 1890 at Hastings the son of Mary and George Portas, he married Henrietta Elvira Stark in October 1918 at Wokingham Berkshire, England.

Sam Clifford Wright b:1890 the son of Fanny and Henry Edward Wright snr, served WW1 a member of the main force. In May 1915, Pte S. Wright a son of the late H. E. Wright, Riverslea.

Robert Campbell Macniven b: July 1898 at 'Soutra' Riverslea the son of Ellen Annie and John Hutchinson MacNiven WW1 No 316825, he married Dorothy Elizabeth Rathbone on April 1921.

Lawrence James Roy Anderson b: January 1898 at Hastings the son of Emmie and Lawrence Anderson, WW1 No 72817 a clerk, he married Ellen Esther Myrtle O'Byrne in 1926.

George Leslie Warren was born May 1898 at Hastings the son of - a driver WW1 No 85549

1914 – 1915 Trooper Charles Corben Hennem b: August 1890 at Hastings the son of Emma S. and Charles Otto Hennem, Charles Corben Hennem No 13/2450 of Poukawa, Seventh, Auckland Mounted Rifles, he married Dorothy Mary Read in November 1927.

1914 – 1915 Pte Frederick Stansfield Herries b: August 1894 at Hastings the son of Martha Annie and Frederick William Herries, Reg No 10/2642, Sixth Wellington Infantry Battalion, he married Avis Vesta Willcox in December 1921.

(Bert) Bertram Harvey Samuel Hares b: September 1893 the son of Emily and Samuel Hares Meeanee, he enlisted WW1 August 1914 Main Body 10/885 a taxi driver Hastings, he married Kathleen Mary Owen in December 1917 then Annie Epps in May 1928.

Alfred Cedric Doggett b: July 1892 Whanganui the son of Margaret and Henry William Ticknor Doggett of Hastings, Alfred Cedric Doggett a coachbuilder HB Farmers Hastings enlisted 1916, 1st Division, March 1917 at Hastings WW1 No 53329.



Bill and Tom Bullick in uniform 1916

Two of three brothers from Hastings to serve – (Bill) William John Bullick left and (Tom) Thomas Bullick jnr right.

(Bill) William John Bullick b: April 1880 at Canterbury the son of Nurse Jessie and Thomas Bullick of Hastings, (Bill) William John Bullick WW1 Pte 10/1195 a saddler 400 King St Hastings. Bill was at Gallipoli in April 1915 and fortunately survived. One of three brothers to serve

1918 September, (Tom) Thomas Bullick b: March 1882 at Canterbury the son of Nurse Jessie and Thomas Bullick of Hastings, He died September 29, 1918 in Cambrai Nord, France aged 36, buried in Villers-Plouich, Nord, France.



Rev Peni Rungaahi Te Uamairangi Hakiwai b: 1880 in Hastings the son of Ripeka and Arapata Hakiwa served as chaplain in WW1. In April 1934 at Fernhill he married Reremoana (Lily) Paraten. Peni Rungaahi Te Uamairangi Hakiwai died October 1935 aged 55.



1896 Alfred Hugh Dillon b: 1896 at Hastings the son of Elizabeth Anne and Hugh Dillon, he married Ann Frances Hewitt in May 1923.



Harry Thomas Butler b: February 1895 in Upper Hutt, in April 1930 he married at Hastings Gladys Gow Fritchley b: February 1901 in Hastings the daughter of Louisa and Joseph Fritchley. Harry Thomas Butler died July 1964 in Hastings aged 69.



1914-1915, Pt10/1840 Pte. **Francis James Haycock** b: September 1888 in Hastings the son of Emma and Thomas John Haycock, he married Amy Amelia Hargreaves in January 1918 at Elsthorpe.



Melville Cunningham b: June 1895 in Hastings the son of Mary Janet and Charles Edward Cunningham snr, he enlisted WW1 October 1916 No 38127 an engine driver, he married Grace Lenore Barber in 1921.



James Lewis Aloysius Kyle b: December 1891 at Hastings the son of Mary Ann and James Kyle he married Alice Brotherstone in 1920



RFM Francis Joseph Kyle b: October 1894 at Hastings the son of Mary Ann and James Kyle, Reg No 39542 Rifle Brigade, in 1926 he married Mabel Perley Findson



Daniel William (Bill) Harper b: 1886, at Hastings, the son of Charlotte Jane Anne and Daniel William Harper



Frederick James Harper b: 1888 October at Hastings, the son of Charlotte Jane Anne and Daniel William Harper



Frank Gordon Humphrey b: November 1891 at Hastings the son of Agnes Walker and Edward Humphrey a blacksmith of Hastings, in 1915 he married Frances May Shaw in 1915, Frank Gordon Humphrey a cabinetmaker WW1 No 53495 Wellington.



Amos Hill b: February 1891 in Nelson Creek, West Coast the son of Ann and Joseph Longmaid (Langmaid) Hill, in 1917 at Hastings he married Charlotte Carrington. They had ten children at Hastings. Amos Hill died December 1970 in Napier aged 79.

1915 January, William Colin Simmons of Hastings and Edward James Stafford of Hastings

1915 March, The following; have been accepted for active service, and will leave Napier for Trentham about the middle of April. MOUNTED - E. Robertson, Hastings. J. B. Hird, Hastings. G. Crombie, Hastings. INFANTRY - H. C. Foster, Hastings. A. Nelson, Hastings. J. Hume, Hastings. A. Aldridge, Hastings. W. R. Clark, Hastings. G. A. Moseley. Hastings. W. Finnerty, Hastings. W. H. C. Donnelly, Hastings. L. B. Mackersey, Hastings. H. Huddleston, Hastings. P. Carswell, Maraekakaho and C. N. Harrison, Maraekakaho.

1915 April, John Leonard Dale, Kaiato Rd Hastings, Labourer, last emp Borthwick's, Paki Paki, d: Oct 1966, NOK John Dale, Paki Paki, April 1915 – May 1919 wife in Eng.

1915 April, Trooper William Walter Mundell Angus 11/168 Wellington Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F. died Egypt aged 23 Born 1892 at Hastings, the son of Elizabeth Isabella and James Angus

Lieutenant J. H. Grey, Hastings killed May 1915

1915 May, Mr J. N. Williams and Miss Williams, Frimley, Hastings, undertake the care of eight or ten wounded or conversant soldiers at one time and to provide everything, including the services of a trained nurse.

1915 June, Private George Percival Pitt of the Wellington Battalion, killed. He was a son of Mr and Mrs W. T. Pitt of Benoni, Havelock Rd, Hastings. He was a very popular young man, was a prominent member of the Salvation Army, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He enlisted in Hastings, and was about 25 years of age.

1915 June, Private H. Alan Brown, died. May 7 (next of kin Mrs Helen Brown, Tollemache Rd, Hastings)

1915 July, The Hon. James Allen, Defence Minister has notified Mr E. Maney of Hastings that his son. **Private C. E. Maney** a member of the Ambulance Corps, has been admitted to the Malia hospital suffering from a slight illness.

The following letters have been received by Mr and Mrs E. Maney of Hastings from their son **Private C. E. Maney**, a member of the Ambulance Corps with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces : - *Malta, July 9. I suppose you will be very much surprised to hear that I am at present- in the Malta Hospital, not wounded, but sent away from Gallipoli Peninsula with gast-ro-enteritis, which, although not a very serious complaint, is very unpleasant and pulls a fellow down in health. The first symptoms were diarrhoea, which I had for three weeks and Captain Boxer wanted to send me to Lemnos because he thought I wanted a spell. I was sent away with seven other of our chaps to land at Lemnos. We did not land, but instead were transferred from the fleetsweeper to a temporary hospital ship going to Alexandria. On this ship we had proper diet, milk and egg puddings, etc. we also had mattresses to sleep on, which were a great comfort. By the time we reached Alexandria I was nearly better. The hospitals at Alexandria were full, consequently we were ordered to Malta. We arrived there at 2 o'clock, landed at 3 p.m., and were driven to the hospital, about two miles, in ambulance motor vans, it was great on landing. There were English ladies, who kindly gave us a lemon drink and chocolate with biscuits. I was greatly surprised and interested in the harbour, which is said to be the finest in the world. What I have seen of the town is very fine - in fact, the most cosmopolitan city I have been in. Arrived at the hospital, I had a fine bath, got into a suit of pyjamas, and had bread and butter and tea - the first butter for three months. In the ward there were over 100 patients. It is a very fine room, 510 ft. long. Of course, I won't be here long, as I am nearly well again. On the boat I had a splendid rest away from the shrapnel and shells. I am dying to get back and rejoin the unit as soon as possible, as ordered by Captain Boxer. I am going to do duty in hospital when I return, instead of bearing, so they say; but you get the best sport in the bearing division. I suppose you saw we were mentioned in dispatches (I mean the bearers). One of our fellows (Bill Singleton) was lucky enough to get the D.C.M. for doing the same work as we did. About three weeks afterwards. I regret to say. Bill was killed on the beach - rather, he was wounded with shrapnel and died from his wounds. I hear the Main Body is to be recalled to New Zealand; anyhow, it is time they had some relief, for a tremendous lot have gone away sick and the majority are suffering from dysentery. Many thanks for your regular budget of "Tribunes." You can hardly realise how much we appreciate the "Tribune," per medium of it we are kept up-to-date with Hastings and Napier news, as well as the news of the Dominion and the world. I pass my papers on to the other men after I read them, and they too are very pleased with the "Tribune. I want to mention that the account which appeared in the, 'Tribune' about our landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula was correct in every detail and all my mates will bear me out in this. PS - After writing this I went to a concert held in the hospital by the officers and English ladies of Malta. It was splendid. All of us turned out in our pyjamas. Valetta Military Hospital, July 13. I am now completely recovered and expect to go into the convalescent camp to-morrow for a few days before going back to our dug-outs in Turkey. We had the preference of going to England for a rest, but as Captain Boxer instructed. I entered a plea on behalf of the others and myself to the colonel here to rejoin our unit as soon as possible. Pembroke Rest Camp, July 19. While in Valetta Hospital I received a whole 2/-, which is the weekly pay for patients. I was only in hospital five days; then applied to come out to the camp about five miles from Valetta. Yesterday I got paid 10/- so went into Valetta by cab and visited the hospital, where I had dinner and tea. **George Portas** and a young man named **Latton** (H.B. machine gun), both Hastings boys, are still here, besides several other fellows belonging to our corps. This is a good excuse to visit the hospital to see my mates. I get on well with the Sisters, who are mostly Scotch and have the run of the show. Nov' I am well, I am anxious to get back to Gallipoli Peninsula, there is a medical examination next week, so probably the ship leaves a few days after. I have lost over a stone in weight, but am gradually picking up again. The camp here is well situated, right on the beach and I can get a swim every day. Yesterday morning I hired a gondola and went all round the harbour for 3d. It was a splendid trip. Of course, everything is very cheap here, only a little dearer than in England. 'Malta is a free port and nearly all goods are free from duty. The Maltese lace is very cheap and if I only (had the money I had In Egypt. I would send some home. It is very annoying, although I have £3 to draw. I am only allowed 10/s week. Nevertheless, perhaps it is a good thing the authorities do not pay more, because some of the men would never be sober. It is disgraceful how they have behaved here. Because they made fools of themselves, none of the hotels are allowed to sell liquor to soldiers. If I had not sent that cable saying I was well I believe I would not have been taken ill a week later. Everyone reckons on the peninsula it is unlucky to cable home, because of the bad luck some fellows have experienced after doing so. I saw one chap send one home saying he was well (he spent all the money he had, 20s and when he came out of the P.O. he was shot through the head with a bullet. I consider I was very lucky coming away whole, because there are dozens of patients in the hospitals here who have lost limbs. One poor fellow in Valetta Hospital has lost his right arm and left leg. You remember **Brite Monteith** who I went to school with in Dannevirke; he*

was killed with shrapnel bullets. **Phil Hunter** and **one of the Knight boys** also of Dannevirke were also killed. We had lost about five killed and 30 wounded when I left. The only reason why I will not like going back is that I might hear that some more of my mates have been killed. Word has just come through that the troops have now a horse-shoe line round Achi Baba and that the same hill was all but taken.

When this position is won everything will be easy, for from the top of the hill Achi Baba we will be able to bombard Chanak and Kilid Bahr with big guns. The Turks will have to retreat in a north-easterly direction towards us, when the warships will destroy them as they retreat across the flats towards Gaba Tepe. Since I have been here I have received no mails. A big pile of "Tribunes" and letters will no doubt be awaiting me on my return to Gallipoli.



Sergt G. A. Braithwaite of Hastings, wounded July 1915

1915 August, Jim Pepper, son of Richard and Susan Pepper of Hastings killed in action Gallipoli, aged 22

1915 August, Francis Lawrence, son of Theresa and William Vickers believed killed in action, aged 28 years

1915 August, Gordon Harvey Burr 10/805 Wellington Infantry Battalion, Gordon Harvey Burr b: January 1887 in the Chatham Islands the son of Elizabeth and Patrick Burr of Hastings he died August 1915 in Gelibolu Canakkale Turkey aged 28.

1915 August, Lance Corp Eric Bell Burr 11/208 Wellington Mounted Rifles, Eric Bell Burr b: April 1892 at Hawera the son of Elizabeth and Patrick Burr of Hastings he died August 1915 in Gelibolu Canakkale Turkey aged 23.

1915 August, Pte. Jack Coulson AIF, killed in action Lone Pine, Gallipoli August 10th 1915 (wounded twice previously) son of J. and A. Coulson, 717 Dufferin St Hastings.

August 1915, Claude Britten Ellingham buried at Gelibolu Canakkale Turkey aged 23. Born December 1891 in Hastings the son of Emily and Alfred James Ellingham, publican Hastings.

August 1915, Reuben Holmes b:1892 the son of Emily Ann and John Holmes snr of Hastings, he died at Gelibolu, Canakkale, Turkey aged 23.

1915 August, Mrs Scullin of Oak Rd Hastings, entertained several members of the 8th Reinforcements at her residence. About 70 guests were present. Private R. J. Burnside was the recipient from his sister of a wristlet watch. The ladies present also showed their appreciation of the departing soldiers by presenting each with a small token of esteem on the eve of their departure. In December 1918, Mrs E. J. Scullin has received a communication from Sir James Allen (Minister of Defence) stating that her brother, Pvt. R. J. Burnside, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the field.



Corp Phillip Manu Blake, Wgtn Inf Batt b: May 1893 in son of J. T. Blake of Hastings, Missing believed killed August 1915 in Bais, Philippines, aged 22

1915 August 8th Phil Blake, Claude Ellingham, Jim Pepper, Jock Vickers of Hastings were killed at Gallipoli.

Roll of Honour, Skelton In ever loving memory of Corporal Roy A. E. Skelton of the NZ RB 7th Reinforcements beloved son of Mrs A. E. Hammond, grandson of Mr and Mrs Geo Neale Terrace Rd Hastings who fell in action at the Somme September 15th 1916. Cyril Brimer (Sergeant) Jasper A. Greene (L. Corporal) E. H. (Bert) Honnor (Pte) Killed on the Somme, September 16th 1916 Main Body.

1915 October, The following are the Hastings enlistments for last week: Hyde, Arthur, Hastings. Hinde. William. Hastings. McMillan, Robert, Hastings. McIvor, Francis. Hastings (tunnelling. Overend, William Thomas, Hastings, (tunnelling). Bryant, Leonard, Hastings. Struthers, Leonard, Hastings (tunnelling.) Olliver, William Henry, Hastings

(tunnelling). McKae, Tom. Hastings (tunnelling) Tickner, Albert, Hastings. Bissell, George, Hastings. Siddle, Thomas, Hastings. Lee, J., Hastings. Kemsley, E., Hastings. McNab, J., Hastings. McCutcheon, C. Hastings. Crai, J. Tomoana. Stephenson, G. J. Hastings. Wilby. H. Hastings. Taylor, G. T. Hastings. Watkins. R. Hastings. Baird, F. Hastings.

1915 October, On September 4th 1915 at the Dardanelles, Maurice James, second son or the late Cornelius O'Donoghue and M. O'Donoghue, Hastings, aged years 26. Died of wounds on the hospital ship *Maheno* received at Lone Pine on September 4th 1915.

1915 October, Robert Benjamin Foote jnr, b: January 1886 in Nelson, the son of Alice Mary and Robert Benjamin Foote of Hastings. Lance Corporal, Robert Benjamin Foote 9/1549, 7th Reinforcements, Otago Mounted Rifles, Embarkation - October 1915 at Wellington for Suez Egypt, he married Sarah Fraser Dunlop in 1919.

1915 October, Lieutenant George Stafford Bogle b: July 1889 the son of Annie and James Kennedy Bogle of Pakowhai died October 1915 in Gelibolu Canakkale, Turkey aged 26. Annie and James Kennedy Bogle had three sons killed in WW1.

1915 October, Robert Barry Ryan was born in Hastings, the son of Thomas Jacob and Susan Ryan.



Aus Private David Josiah Joll jnr, No. 5118, enlisted October 1915, 49th Battalion Queenslanders WW1. Born December 1874 at Hastings NZ, the son of the late David Josiah and Mary Joll. Discharged November 1917. He married Edith May Natrass in November 1919, the daughter of James and Edith May Natrass of Gladstone.

Sergeant Vivian Russell Britten of Hastings (next of kin Mr G. Britten, Omaha Rd. Hastings) killed October 1915 buried in Gelibolu Canakkale, Turkey. The son of Gerda Bendickta and George Britten of Hastings.



Pte J. H. Coulson of Hastings, Australian Force, wounded November 1915



L. Cp R. D. Chambers of Hastings, Australian Force, wounded November 1915



Third Officer Alac Stewart W. Boyd of Hastings lost from the P & O Liner ss *Persia* torpedoed December 1915 aged 31

1915 December, Mr G. W. Brenchley, c/o Mr. E. H. Williams, Grasmere, Hastings, has been accepted for active service and expects to leave for Trentham on the 12th January.

1915 December, Hastings is doing remarkably well in the way of recruiting and last evening at the Drill Hall no less than 18 men came forward for enlistment. All the recruits passed the test, Drs. Robertson and Story, being in attendance at the Drill Hall. The men were also dentally examined by Mr J. E. Scott. The recruiting officers present were Messrs. A. Rosenberg and W. Robinson. The following are the names of those who enlisted: - Earle George Saywell, nurseryman, Mahora North. Matewai Pohatu, Te Hauke. Whiri Panere, Nuhaka. Godfrey Egerton Groome, farmer, Te Onepu. Wilfred Charles Saywell, coachpainter, Mahora North. James Malcolm Barclay, commercial traveller, Hastings. William Thomas Murphy, labourer, Hastings. Jade Harrison, stockman, Stortford Lodge. Charles O'Malley, labourer, Hastings. Thomas McKee, labourer, Tokomam Bay. Henry Lawrence Bainbridge, farmer; Takapau. John Benson, stock agent, Hastings. Claude Mariner Durley, sawmill, Keareru. Charles Martin Dale, labourer, Paki Paki. Richard Charles Horne, farm hand William Charles Taylor, blacksmith Hastings. Privates Murphy. O'Malley, Harrison McKee left this morning for Trentham to join the 11th Reinforcements.

Bainbridge Bros – they all returned



Charles Frederick Galpin Bainbridge b: January 1886 in Hunterville the son of Mary and George Bainbridge of Hastings, he married Minnie Isabel Mitchell in 1913.

Sgt. Stafford Alfred Dobson Bainbridge b: October 1887 in Hunterville the son of Mary and George Bainbridge of Hastings, in England he married Eleanor Gardener Sharp in December 1917. Sergeant S. A. D. Bainbridge enlisted in the 4th Reinforcements and was afterwards transferred to the transport service, has been invalided home with returning draft No 130, which will arrive at Auckland about May 7th.



Pte Henry Lawrence Bainbridge b: March 1897 the son of Mary and George Bainbridge of Hastings, he married Edith Arnold in November 1931 in Hastings, Pte (Harry) Henry Lawrence Bainbridge No 57004 of the 28th Reinforcements 1st NZEF Rifle Brigade is now on active service in France.

1916, William John Power a postal clerk of Willowpark Rd Hastings the son of Sarah and William Waddell Power

1916, Private Fred Sands (recently returned from active service) son of Hannah and Thomas Sands of Hastings



John Lewis (Jack) (Tiaki) Kape b: March 1895 at Hastings the son of Maraea (Maria) Lewis and Kaperiera (Gabriel) Makonui, in January 1916 a horse trainer, he enlisted WWI, 24/2394, Mrs M. Kote, December 1917 reported wounded - gunshot wound. In January 1946 he married Charlotte Ann (Constance Anita) George at Gisborne.

Eric Noel Catton b: June 1893 at Hastings the son of Jane and Charles Catton jnr, in January 1916 a farm hand enlisted WW1 No 10977, May 1916 Suez, Egypt, Lance Corporal in 6th Reinforcements 1st Battalion, E Company. In 1929 he married Caroline Mary Louise Neems. Brother to Horace Edgar Catton of Hastings he died September 1918 in France aged 23 buried in Pas-de-Calais, France.

1916 May, Rflm Thomas Louis King b: January 1899 at Hastings the son of Edith Emily and George King a railway cadet Wellington WW1 No 26116, NZRB 12th Reinforcements 2nd Batt, F Co, *Willochra*, he married Laura Lavina Williams in 1919 at Auckland.

1916 May, Mr. F. Perrin, Postmaster at Hastings informs that private cable messages for members of New Zealand Expeditionary Force in France or England should be addressed: "**Vanquisher**" **London**.

1916 May, A farewell was tendered at Hastings for Privates A. Phair and "Monty" Maney two members of the 11th Reinforcements who left this morning for Trentham. A large number of guests were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were contributed by Misses Clark, Clive Hawkins. D. McKay, Thelma Vidal and Messrs. C. Phair and M. Hawkins, a recitation was given by Mrs Lawrence and pianoforte solos by Miss Olive Hawkins. Games and dancing were also indulged in and a *recherché* supper was provided by Mrs R. D. Maney and Mrs A. Vidal. During the interval complimentary reference was made to the splendid response that had been made by the young men to New Zealand to the Empire's call, and Privates Phair and Maney were wished good luck and a speedy and safe return. The voting men suitably responded, while Corporal Wilson, who has been through the Gallipoli campaign, also returned thanks for a reference made of himself. Mr R. D. Maney also thanked the ladies for their nice supper and the proceedings closed with the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne."

1916 May, Charles Martin Dale, killed in action

1916 June, The following recruits were medically examined by Dr. Boxer at the surgery last night: - Dr. Robertson, Hastings. Clifford Lawry, Hastings. Percy Lines, Hastings. Wm. McDowell, Hastings. Wm. E. Craven, Hastings. John Ellingham, Hastings. Alfred Grattan, Hastings. Claude Creasey, Hastings. Henry Haines, Hastings. Horace H. Collins, Hastings. Frederick. R. Young, Mahora. Wm. McMillan, Hastings. Leslie Wall, Hastings. Arthur Chadwick, Hastings. Puhara Hawaikirangi. Montague R. Grenside, Hastings. Geo. W. England, Hastings. Edward L. Wilson, Hastings and Thos. C. Hamilton, Hastings.

1916 June, Roy Thomson b: 1896 at Hastings the son of Johanna Maria and Henry Thomson, in June 1916 Roy Thomson of 451 Frederick St a plumber for F. C. Griffiths enlisted WW1 No 28380, he died at Hastings November 1918 aged 21 and 7mths.

1916 June, Recruit Wm. E. Craven, Hastings. William Edmondson Craven b: October 1897 in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, the son of Annie and Alfred Craven of Hastings he was wounded and returned, he married Eva Grace Manson in 1920. Brother of Norman Euart Craven. In December 1917 Mrs Craven of Hastings St, Hastings, received word yesterday that her son. Private W. E. Craven of the 19th Reinforcements, who was in hospital in France was on November 21st transferred to the Base Depot in France.

1916 June, Horace Walter Reeves resided at 603 Queen St east Hastings a widow horse trainer employed by W. Lincoln, Mr F. A Wallace, Whitehead Rd a stepson, Horace was old and invalid back from France 1916.

1916 June, William Guy Dabbs b: June 1894 in Hastings the son of Caroline Isabel and William Dabbs, Lance Corporal William Guy Dabbs died June 1916 aged 21.



1916, Thomas Francis Danahay No 43545 a Driver, next of kin – Mrs L. M/ Nixon (sister) 85 Ball St Whanagnui. Thomas Francis Danahay b: July 1894 at Paki Paki Hastings the son of Margaret and Robert Donaghy / Danahay, Thomas Francis Danahay married Alice Emily Harding in August 1920 at Wanganui.

1916 Robert John McKay joined the NZEF, his mother Frances Harriet McKay as next of kin at 207 Hastings St, Hastings, father John McKay's occupation was a Shepherd. 1922 ER they were living on the Corner of Jervis Rd and Warren St, then at 205 Ellison St Hastings.

1916 September, Percy Raymond Ross of Hastings, killed WW1 Somme aged 19, b: April 1897 the youngest son of David and Sophie Ross of French St Hastings.



Lieutenant James Short of Hastings, died of wounds June 1916



Sergt H. L. Morgan of Hastings, wounded July 1916



Sergt R. D. Collins, Hastings severely wounded July 1916



Lieutenant Kenneth Munro of Hastings killed in action July 1916



Rflmn William Thomas Overend of Hastings died of wounds July 1916

1916 July, Leslie Henry Charlton an Architect for A. Garrett of Hastings, Mrs M. E. Charlton wife of Leslie

1916 July, Mr James Brown, carrier, Hastings, has received word that his nephew, Private John Charters, has been killed in action in France. Mr Olive McCutcheon of Pakowhai, Hastings, received word yesterday that his son, **Arthur McCutcheon**, had been wounded in France.

1916 July, Pte Robert William (Roy) McClelland, only son of Mrs Sarah Waugh and brother of Mrs R. L. Lawrence, Fitzroy Ave Hastings, has been killed in action in France July 3rd 1916. He was only 19 years of age.

1916 July, Lieut. J. H. G. Murdoch - General regret was felt in Napier on Saturday night when it was announced that Lieut. James Hunter George Murdoch, son of Fanny and the late H. H. Murdoch of Hastings had been killed in action in France. The late Mr Murdoch became a partner in the firm of Sainsbury, Logan, and Williams some eight years ago. On "Answering the call" some nine or ten months ago he obtained a commission in the R.F.A., and had been at the front for the past six months. Energy and enthusiasm characterised all his actions, civil and military, and he was a citizen whom Napier could ill afford to lose. Widespread sympathy is extended to his widow.

1916 August, Pte Frank Henry St. Hill No 32244 Training Unit died 11th August 1916 aged 26, the son of Emily Mary and Charles Henry St. Hill and husband of Maud Eileen St. Hill of Palmerston North. Buried Hastings cemetery.



Pte A. B. Miller of Hastings wounded August 1916



Pte A. D. Murphy of Hastings wounded August 1916



Corp R. W. "Roy" McDonald of Hastings killed in action August 1916



Pte Leslie C. Wyatt of Hastings wounded August 1916



L. Corp J. Brunton of Hastings wounded August 1916



Lance-corporal William Ryder of Hastings, wounded August 1916

1916 September, Louis Martin (Bunny) Schaeffer b: September 1895 Hastings, only son of Emily Theresa and James Schaeffer died of wounds France, aged 19.

1916 September, Arthur Sands b: 1895 July in Hastings, the son of Emma and Thomas Sands snr of Riverslea Rd died in France aged 21.

1916 September, James Henry Moroney died Somme, France aged 32, born April 1884 the son of Daniel and Mary Ellen Moroney of Hastings Baths and Waipawa Exchange Hotel.

1916 September, Percy Raymond Ross killed in action in France September 15th 1916 aged 19, son of Mrs D. Ross Arvedsen St Hastings.

1916 September, Charles Felthouse Massey killed in France aged 21, buried in Albert, Somme, France b: July 1895 in Hastings the son of Fanny Edith and Samuel Massey.

1916 September, Horace Reydon Brooke-Taylor killed in Somme France aged 23 he was buried in Albert, Somme, France. Horace Reydon Brooke-Taylor b: October 1892 in Hastings the son of Margaret and Alexander Brooke-Taylor snr.

1916 September, William Joseph Allison b: December 1890 at Hastings the son of Catherine and William Allison, he was a mill hand of Charlotte Cres Hastings when he enlisted WW1 33998, Canterbury Reg, Sgt 1st NZEF. He married Rodney Jean Moir In June 1936.

1916 September, Surgeon-Captain Gilbert Vere Bogle b: June 1884 the son of Annie and James Kennedy Bogle of Pakowhai, he had one daughter with Margaret Cecily Richmond Fell in 1916. He died as a young father in September 1916 in Somme, France aged 32. Annie and James Kennedy Bogle had three sons killed in WW1.

1916 September, Norman Hoy b: October 1896 in Hastings the son of Mary and Thomas Henry Hoy of Hastings, he died September 1916 in France aged 19.



Pte Allan W. Anderson of Hastings, wounded September 1916



Pte H. W. Reeves of Hastings, wounded September 1916

Horace Walter Reeves resided at 603 Queen St east Hastings a widow horse trainer employed by W. Lincoln, Mr F. A Wallace, Whitehead Rd a stepson, Horace was old and invalid back from France 1916.

1916 September 17th, Pte. Alfred Reeves died of wounds received Somme offensive



Pte Alfred Reeves b: 1897 Hastings the son of Mary and Edward Reeves, (HB Infantry Battalion 11th Reinforcements)
Pte Alf. Reeves died September 1916 WW1 Somme, France aged 19, next of kin Mrs W. F. Quinney of Boundary Rd Hastings



Pte John Charters of Hastings, died of wounds September 1916



L. Corp T. "Tom" H. Lawlor of Hastings, died of wounds September 1916



Pte T. Gilhooley of Hastings, wounded September 1916



L. Corp L. Holmes of Hastings, killed in action September 1916

Lance Corporal Leonard Holmes b: February 1894 in Napier the son of Emily Ann and John Holmes snr of Hastings, he died July 27, 1916 in Bois-Grenier, Nord, France aged 22.



Corp A. J. Meyer of Hastings, wounded September 1916



Pte Hugh Brogan (13th Reinforcements), previously reported wounded, was killed in action September 1916



Rflmn C. L. Orchard 25/452 3rd Bn 3rd NZRB of Hastings died of wounds in France September 20th 1916 in Somme, France, buried in Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Pte Clarence Leonard Orchard November 1897 in Hastings the son of Eleanor Margaret Marie (Laura) and George Henry Orchard 1213 Nelson St Hastings. Brother of Pte. Frank Henry Orchard later killed in action October 1918.



Sergt Cyril Thornton Brimer of Hastings, killed in action Somme, France September 1916,

Cyril Thornton (Sid), second dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs T. Brimer, Karamu Rd Hastings, and brother of Mrs Harold Hastings, Napier; aged 22 years. "For King and Country."

1916 September, Privates Hansen, Cooke, Gray, Rickman and Gilmour currently serving overseas were all Hastings Railway staff.

1916 October, Privates Scrimshaw, Parker, and Lanham, employees of Webb's Nursery. Hastings, who left for camp with the 22nd B reinforcements this morning, were met by the staff before their departure, and each presented with a safety shaving outfit. All three volunteers are married.

1916 October, Pte Robert Alexander Porter No 30638, 20th Reinforcements died October 1916 the son Mr and Mrs H. A. Porter of Sherenden, Fernhill.

1916 October, Rifleman J. G. Crooks, Hastings wounded

1916 October, 19/174 Q.M.S. McLeod, Donald Sinclair, orchardist (next of kin - Mrs H. J. McLeod, 810 Havelock Rd, Hastings)

1916 October, Jasper Arthur Greene - next of kin Andrew Blake Greene, Omahu Rd, Hastings

Jasper Arthur Greene b:1895 at Hastings the son of Mary Patience Hewetson and Andrew Blake Greene, he died on 16 September 1916 in Somme, France aged 21

1916 October, Aloysius Corry died in France aged 49, a twice married man from Hastings. Aloysius Corry b: December 1866 in Blackburn Lancashire, Eng. He remarried (Dolly) Anna Isabella Alley in 1903, they had eight children. Mrs (Dolly) Anna Isabella Corry married Dennis Crowley.

1916 October, Rfm (Charlie) Gutterson 4th Battalion 3rd NZEF killed in action at Flers



1916 October, Albert Norman Laking a motor driver for T. H. Lowry Okawa enlisted WW1 No 41336 at Hastings, Albert Norman Laking b: January 1894 in Waiau Canterbury the youngest son of Elizabeth and Bingley Laking. In 1917 he married Una Puschel b: October 1895 in Hastings the daughter of Annie and William Julius Puschel. Albert Norman Laking died May 1987 in Hastings aged 93.



Second Lieutenant H. E. Crosse of Hastings, wounded October 1916



Rflmn J. F. McCarthy of Hastings, wounded October 1916



Pte C. L. Heberley of Hastings, wounded October 1916



Rflmn C. T. Fyfe of Hastings, wounded October 1916



Sergt T. Siddle of Hastings, killed in action October 1916



Corporal, Acting Sergeant James Lomas of Hastings, died of wounds received on the Somme 19th October 1916 died on his 22nd birthday



Rflmn L. Miller of Hastings, wounded October 1916

November 1916 Douglas Goddard b: October 1889 son of Charlotte and John Goddard of Havelock North, died Somme, France aged 27.



Pte Bert Henderson of Hastings, killed in action November 1916



Rflmn G. E. Boulden of Hastings, killed in action November 1916

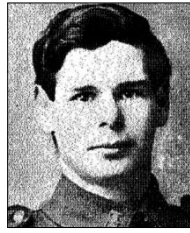


Rifleman Stephen Morgan of Hastings, wounded November 1916



Pte T. Mathews of Hastings, killed November 1916

Thomas Raldo Mathews b: January 1890 Clive, a bricklayer of 910 Duke St Hastings for Duncan & Abbott of Hastings, L. M. Mathews brother, killed in action at Armenties France, 1916 November 2nd buried Y Farm Military cemetery, France.



Rifleman M. A. De S. Maney, Hastings killed November 1916

(Monty) Montague Andrew De Salis Maney b: April 1893 in Frasertown the son of Catherine and Richard McNeil Maney of Hastings, he died November 12, 1916 in France aged 23, buried in Bois-Grenier, Nord, France.

1916 December, Rifleman J. Lynn, Hastings died of wounds



Pte J. A. Greene of Hastings, killed in action December 1916



Pte Edwin Herbert. Honnor (Bert) of Hastings, killed in action Somme September 1916



Corp H. R. Brooke-Taylor of Hastings, killed in action December 1916



Pte A. Aldridge of Hastings, died of wounds December 1916

Ailbe Aldridge b: July 1891 at Tomoana Hastings the son of Mary Catherine and James Joseph Aldridge, he died September 1916 in France aged 25 buried in Dernancourt Somme, France.

Brother - Patrick Louis Aldridge b: July 1898 at Hastings the son of Mary Catherine and James Joseph Aldridge, he was Telegraph cadet clerk at Hastings and served WW1, Rev Patrick Louis Aldridge SM died January 1955 at Hastings aged 57.



Pte Dan Ryan of Hastings, killed in action December 1916
Daniel Ryan b: 1895 August in Hastings, the son of Thomas Jacob and Susan Ryan died Somme, France aged 21

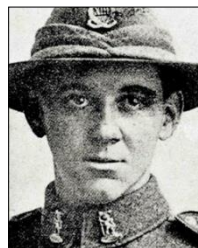
Rifleman H. Farrelly, Hastings wounded January 1917



L. Corp Roy A. E. Skelton 23/1186 NZRB of Hastings, killed in action January 1917, eldest son of Mrs L. Hammond Napier, and Mr and Mrs George Neale grandparents



Sergt H. Turner of Hastings, wounded January 1917



Pte R. D. Hodgson of Hastings, wounded January 1917



Pte Wilfred C Saywell of Hastings, wounded January 1917



Pte Roy W. Saywell of Hastings, killed in action January 1917



Pte V. H. Richardson of Hastings, wounded January 1917



L. Corp A. Laurie of Hastings, wounded January 1917



Rflmn R. G. Blinko of Hastings, wounded January 1917



Lieutenant J. L. Brathwaite of Hastings, wounded February 1917 awarded the Military Cross



Rflmn A. R. Houston of Hastings, wounded February 1917



L.Corp A. Blake of Hastings, killed in action February 1917



Pte Jas H. McGrath of Hastings, wounded February 1917



Pte Alfred Reeves of Hastings, died of wounds February 1917, Somme France aged 19
Alfred Reeves b: 1897, the son of late Mary and Edward Reeves of Hastings and Maraekakaho



Gnr C. N. Harrison of Hastings, died of illness February 1917

1917 March, Edward Luther Leeves a Railway engine cleaner of Selwood Rd Hastings b: September 1897 the son Lizzie and Luther Leeves of Hastings, he married Elsie Jane Trimmer in 1924.

1917 March, Charles Morton Anderson b: September 1896 at Hastings the son of Alice Jane and Thomas Anderson, in March 1917 an electrical engineer at Auckland, he enlisted WW1 No 53300, he married three times.



Sergt F. P. Hawkins of Hastings, wounded March 1917



Harold John Macdonald was born in Hastings May 1888, the son of Lucy Jane and William Macdonald

1917 April, Greene, R. Gunner, wounded progressing favourably (next of kin Mrs T. Greene, Omahu Rd, Hastings, mother)

1917 April, Private J. A. Golds of the N.Z. Medical Corps, an old resident of Hastings who died suddenly at Awapuui Camp on April 2nd. He enlisted at Napier and had been in camp a month. He arrived in New Zealand from England about 44 years ago.

Private Charles Martin Dale, killed in action May 1917 - Jack and Norah Dale



L.Corp J. Allison of Hastings, severely wounded May 1917



Pte Alex McErlich of Hastings, wounded May 1917

Private W. P. O'Brien, Hastings wounded June 1917

Private M. O'Brien, Hastings wounded June 1917

Private Henry Brinson, Hastings wounded June 1917



1917 June, L. Corp Richard William (Dick) Chappell of Hastings killed in action Messines June 7 1917.
Richard William Chappell b: October 1894 at Masterton the son of Lily and William John Chappell of Karamu Rd Hastings, he died June 1917 in France aged 22 buried in Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.



1917 June, Sergt Albert Bernard Harper b: 1892 October at Hastings, the son of Robina and William John Harper, killed in action Messines Ridge June 7 1917 aged 24.

1917 June, Cyril William Trew Marsack, Sergt 3rd Battalion NZRB, killed in action Messines June 6 1917.

1917 June, Will, William G. Stables killed in action in France June 18th 1917

1917 June, William Augustus (Gus) Caldwell was born January 1874 at Clive the son of Mary Elizabeth and William Robert Caldwell, he married Mary Elizabeth Anderson in 1904 and died June 1917 in Belgium aged 43.

1917 June, Frederick (Eric) Howard b: October 1893 at Napier the son of Catherine and Fred Howard of Hastings, he died June 1917 Messines, Arrondissement Ieper, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium.



1917 June, Lieutenant William (Bill) Phillips Thompson of Hastings, 12th Nelson coy NZEF, killed in action Messines June 7 1917 aged 26



1917 June, Sergt T. C. Hamilton of Hastings, died of wounds Flanders June 1917, son of Mary E. Hamilton



Pte W. J. Crawford of Hastings, wounded June 1917



Pte Arthur Chadwick of Hastings, wounded June 1917



Pte W. I. Campbell of Hastings, wounded June 1917



Pte Robert Sands of Hastings, killed in action 1917

1917 July, Death, Sands - Killed in action on June 14th 1917, Robert dearly beloved eldest son of Thomas and Emma Sands of Riverslea Rd Hastings; aged 29 years.

1917 July, William Gordon Robertson, drover of Outram Rd Hastings, an only remaining son, withdrew his appeal and asked for an extension of time. Leave granted till September 20th.

1917 July, Albert Willis No 23/1870 (Mrs E. Willis, Hastings, previously reported wounded, now reported slightly wounded, remaining with unit). Machine Gun Section. Willis Albert, previously reported wounded (Mrs E. Willis, Hastings, mother)

1917 July, William Lawrence Symonds b: November 1896 at Hastings the son of Mary Letitia and George William Symonds, they moved to Waikato, in July 1917 he enlisted WW1 No 65801.



1917 July, Henry Harold Manning b: November 1896 at Hastings the son of Emily Rebecca and Edward Ernest Manning, Henry Harold Manning of Gordon Rd a bricklayer for W. Lincoln Frederick St enlisted WW1 No 77322, he married Queenie Gladys Evans in June 1929.

1917, John Wesley Beatson Pte No 25795 a sheepfarmer served in France, the eldest son of John Beatson of Riverslea Hastings. John Wesley Beatson returned to Hastings to farm and joined the Kia Toa Bowling Club. He lived with his parents in St. Aubyn St until around 1963 when he was admitted to Knight St Hospital. John Wesley Beatson never married and he died in April 1967 aged 88.

1917 July, Private W. G. Stables, whose parents reside in Queen St Hastings, has been killed in action. Private Stables left with the 17th Reinforcements and was about 32 years of age. He was for many years in the employ of Messrs Graham and Gebbie and was held in popular esteem by all who knew him. Great sympathy is expressed for the parents in their sad bereavement.



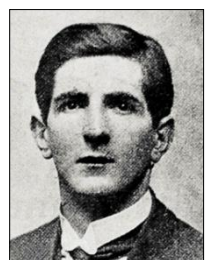
Lieutenant P. J. S. George of Hastings, wounded July 1917



Lieutenant Cyril Brook of Hastings, wounded July 1917



Pte F. M. Cranston of Hastings, killed in action July 1917



Sgt John Hardy of Hastings, died of wounds in France July 1917
Sergeant Jack Hardy 13th Reg, parents, sisters of Fitzroy Ave Hastings

1917 July, John Hardy b: May 1889 in NZ the son of Elizabeth Ann and Gathorne Francis Adrian Hardy of Hastings, he died July 1917 in Steenwerck, Nord, France aged 28, an older brother of Gathorne Hardy of Hastings also served WW1

1917 August, John Dale of Hastings appealed on behalf of his son, Walter Albert Dale, slaughterman of Paki Paki. Appellant stated that he had had three sons, two of whom had gone to the front, one being killed and the other wounded. The boy he was appealing for was 20 years of age. Walter Dale also appealed on his own behalf, and the Slaughtermen's Union also appealed. The previous decision of another board "adjourned sine die," was upheld. The father's appeal was dismissed.

1917 August, Phil Blake, Claude Ellingham Jim Pepper and Jock Vickers killed at Gallipoli on 8th August 1915

1917 August, Private Bert Honnour, Hastings killed August 1917

1917 August, Douglas William Morrison b: 1893 the son of Dora and Henry Stuart Morrison, he died August 1917 in Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium aged 24.



Pte A. J. Croft of Hastings, killed in action June 1917

Albert John Croft b: October 1889 in Croydon Surrey, Eng the son of Eliza and Samuel George Croft, in July 1912 he immigrated to NZ via *Athenic* from London, in 1913, Albert John Croft a waiter at Masonic Hotel, Whitehead Rd Hastings. in November 1915 Pte Albert John Croft Reg No 6/4598 enlisted WW1, 13 Company 2nd Battalion Canterbury Regiment NZEF, he was killed in action June 1917 Messines Ridge Belgium aged 27, buried Mesen, Arrondissement Ieper, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen) His older brother Charles Burch Croft -1917 Reserves 2nd Division at Hastings.



L.Corp E. C. Charles of Hastings, killed in action August 1917



Pte Thomas H. Brinson of Hastings, wounded August 1917



Pte C. L. Fail of Hastings and Sergeant Major Clive Lawrence Fail of Hastings

Clive Lawrence Fail twin b: September 1889 the son of Joan and Albert James Fail of Hastings, he worked for Williams & Kettle Ltd before enlisting, he was killed in action June 1917 in Belgium aged 27.



Pte E. L. Wilson of Hastings, wounded August 1917



Pte John Caven of Hastings, died of wounds August 1917



Pte Irvine C. Davis of Hastings, wounded August 1917



Pte A. J. E. Jones of Hastings, wounded August 1917

1917 September, Pte Arthur Samuel Hamblyn b: January 1884 in Hastings the son of Ellen Mathea and Thomas Hamblyn. Mrs M. L. Wilkie received word that her brother, Private A. S. Hamblyn of Hastings, who left with the 22nd. Reinforcements (had been admitted to the New Zealand General Hospital, Brocklehurst on August 29th suffering trench feet) In September 1918 The many friends of Rifleman Arthur Hamblyn of Hastings, who left with the 22nd. Reinforcements, will be sorry to hear that he was admitted to the Cannock Chase Military Hospital on September 12, seriously ill with pneumonia. In 1932 he married Evelyn Morgan.



Sergeant Gordon Kennedy Bogle

1917 September Gordon Kennedy Bogle b:1888 the son of Annie and James Kennedy Bogle of Pakowhai, died September 1917 in Belgium aged 29, buried in Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, Service number 4077. Annie and James Kennedy Bogle had three sons killed in WW1.

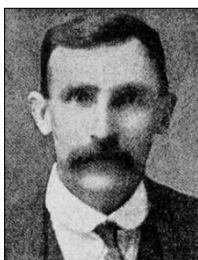


Lieutenant A. J. M. Manson of south Hastings, recipient of Military Cross wounded September 1917



Pte Harry Dimond of Hastings, killed in action September 1917

Henry / Harry Dimond at Hastings b: June 1893 the son of Mary Ann and Patrick Henry Dimond, he died August 1917 in Belgium aged 24.



Rflmn J. C. Breuer of Hastings, killed in action September 1917



Pte A. G. Bishop of Hastings, wounded September 1917

1917 October, Frank Harold Cammock was born at Hastings April 1894, the son of Elizabeth Ann and Francis Cammock, he died October 1917 aged 23, buried in West-Vlaanderen Belgium.

1917 October, Charles Roland Gumbley b: 1895 the son of Laura Ellen and Charles Henry Gumbley of Hastings, he died at Ypres Belgium aged 22.

1917 October, Harley Henry Woodthorpe Davis b: July 1884 at Gisborne the son of Maude and John Henry Davis, he married Esther Rewiti in 1916 at Bulls Manawatu and died as a young father October 1917 in France aged 33 buried in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

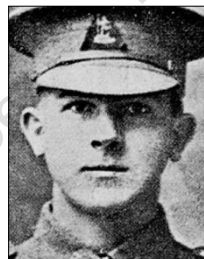
1917 October, James Walker b: December 1893, the son of Jane and James Walker, he died October 1917 in Belgium aged 23.

1917 October, Pte. A. E. Gradwell, Killed in Action France aged 28, son of Dinah Jane Fargher and Frederick of Hastings

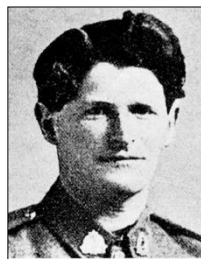
1917 October, Frederick Harold Gleeson b: December 1895 in Napier the son of Emily Jane and Frederick James Gleeson, he died October 1917 in France aged 21, buried in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium



Pte R. Gray of Hastings, wounded October 1917



Rflmn J. Hassett of Hastings, wounded October 1917



1917 October, Pte Winter Arnold Fuszard No 30198 NZEF b: 13 October 1893, a Plumber of Hastings died of wounds in France October 21st 1917 aged 24. He had appointed Arthur Wade Otamauri Hastings as executor of his soldiers will, bequeath to Mrs Eliza Fuszard £10 Avenue Rd Hastings



Pte F. J. Walden of Hastings, killed in action at Passchendale October 12th 1917

1917 October, Frederick J. H. Walden



Corp S. D. Murfitt of Hastings, killed in action October 4th 1917 aged 21

Stanley David Murfitt b: August 1896 at Havelock North the son of Nellie and the late David Thomas Murfitt of Hastings, in August 1916 Stanley David Murfitt of 209 King St Hastings a mercer for W. G. Jaeger enlisted WW1, No 30257, Corp. Stanley David Murfitt killed in action 4th October 1917 in West-Vlaanderen Belgium aged 21, buried in Belgium. Sister and brother-in-law J. and P. Hennah.



Second Lieut T. E. Stubbs of Hastings, killed in action November 1917



Pte T. W. Stockham of Hastings, killed in action November 1917



2nd Lieutenant G. Masters of Hastings, Imperial Forces killed in action November 1917



Sergt E. G. Campbell of Hastings, killed in action November 1917



Pte A. N. Wilkinson of Hastings, died of wounds November 1917



Corp Percy S. Davis of Hastings, killed in action November 1917

1917 November, Mrs Jane Moroney of Paki Paki received a message yesterday from the Minister of Defence stating that her son, James Patrick Moroney Rifleman Reg No 41343 was admitted to hospital in France, on October 13th suffering from shrapnel wounds in the right foot. Later another message was received stating he had been transferred to the Military Hospital, Hampstead on 21th October. On Saturday Mrs Moroney received a cable from her second son A. M. Moroney stating that he was well and had got through the recent stunt safely. Rfn James Patrick Moroney No 41343 Rifle Brigade, born April 1886 the son of Jane and William Moroney of Paki Paki, he served on the Western Front, James Patrick Moroney returned to Hastings and died of influenza November 1918 aged 32.

1917 November, Part Chinese Hastings soldier - Arnold James Lee b: October 1898 at Clive the son of Alice Maud and Wong Lee was killed in action in France November 1917 Polygon Woods, France aged 19.

1917 December, Carr - Died of wounds somewhere in France on December 29th, Wilfrid Gladstone Carr, son of Mr and Mrs G. Carr, Holly Village, Highgate, London, and late of Maraekakaho Rd and Havelock North; aged 30 years. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He died for his country, a great cause, and for us - Inserted by Mr and Mrs and Miss Turtle.

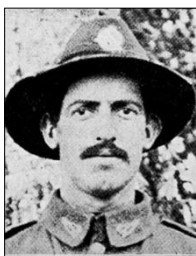
1917 December, Mrs Craven of Hastings St, Hastings, received word yesterday that her son. Private W. E. Craven of the 19th Reinforcements, who has in hospital in France was on November 21st transferred to the Base Depot in France. Mr and Mrs T. Sands of Riverslea Rd Hastings, was advised yesterday that their son, Private Oswald Sands, who left with the 20th Reinforcements, was admitted to hospital in France on November 26th suffering from gunshot wounds in the face and right side. Mrs Fred Pilcher of Mangateretere, yesterday received word that her son, Private P. A. Pilcher was admitted to the Bethnal Green Hospital on the 26th November, suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis. In last Friday's issue the name of J. H. Rowney Hastings appeared as "not severe case. Mr E. A. Grenside of Stortford Lodge, Hastings, received cable advice last night that Private J. Rendall had been seriously wounded in the leg. Private Rendall was very well known in the Maraekakaho district. 1918 March, Advice has been received by Mrs McKay of Hastings St, Hastings, "that her son, Corporal R. J. McKay, is being invalided home and will arrive in Wellington about 20th March.

1917 December, Ernest (Harold) Gerald Epplert b: May 1884 at Pukahu the son of Evangeline and Thomas John Epplert, he worked as a motor driver for R. Gooseman of Hastings and died December 1917 in Belgium aged 33.

1917 December, John Vaughan Cooper was born July 1886 in Hastings the son of Margarette Loughlin and James Cooper. He died December 1917 in France aged 21, buried in Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

1917 December, Lieut. Herbert Lewis Morgan, who was killed in action recently, was the son of Mr Thomas and Margaret M. Morgan, Hastings. Lieut. Morgan joined the Second Reinforcements, and saw service on Gallipoli and in Egypt. When war broke out he was a theological student at St. John's (Anglican) College, Auckland. "He did his duty."

1917 – 1919, Pte Harold William Marshall served NZEF awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal. Harold William Marshall b: March 1882 the son of William Gray Marshall. He married Eva May Merritt b: January 1883 in Napier the daughter of Jane and George John Merritt a settler of Tomoana. They had three children at Hastings.



Pte C. H. Powley of Hastings, died of wounds December 1917



2nd Lieutenant G. H. Roach of Hastings, wounded December 1917



Rflmn S. Morgan of Hastings, killed in action December 1917

1918, Andrew Percy died at Le Quesnoy, Somme, France aged 33, b:1885 Hastings the son of Isabella and Andrew Percy

1918 January, John Murdoch MacKay died in Lijssenthoek, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium aged 31. b: August 1886 in Hastings, the son of Catherine and Alexander MacKay.



Pte T. R. Anderson of Hastings, killed in action January 1918



Pte John Lewin of Hastings, died of wounds January 1918



Rfn R. J. Speer of Hastings, died of wounds January 1918

Rifleman 1st NZRB, Robert John Speer b: July 1883 in Hastings the son of Sarah and Samuel Speer of Hastings, c/- D. Donovan Hastings, he died October 1917 in France aged 34, buried in Rouen Seine-Maritime, France.

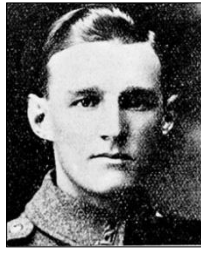
Thomas Henry Benjamin Lloyd the son of Mary Ann and Thomas Henry Lloyd of Hastings, in 1912 at Hastings he married Mary McMillan Morrison. In 1917 WW1 Pte Thomas Henry Benjamin Lloyd a motor driver, Canterbury Regt No 36991, Mrs M. M. Lloyd wife 145 Duchess Cres Hastings. Thomas Henry Benjamin Lloyd b: February 1886 in Morton New York the son of Mary Ann and Thomas Henry Lloyd Thomas Henry Benjamin Lloyd died July 1969 in Hastings aged 83.



Pte E. G. A. Lloyd of Hastings, killed in action at Passchendale 12th January 1918 aged 24

Edward George Albert Lloyd b: 1893 at Hastings the son of Mary Ann and Thomas Henry Lloyd of Hastings he died October 1917 in France aged 24. Headstone - Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Pte Harold Vivian Theodore Banks b: November 1892 in Hastings the son of Eliza and George Banks he died February 1918 aged 25 and was buried in Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.



Rflmn G. J. Love of Hastings, killed in action February 1918



Pte W. Gilmore of Hastings, killed in action February 1918



Corp W. G. Carr of Hastings, died of wounds February 1918

March 1918, Mathew Thomas Muir died in France aged 37, he was born August 1880 at Havelock North the son of Mary Thomas and James Muir.



Rflmn Wm B Reid of Hastings, killed in action March 1918



Pte T. O'Connor of Hastings, killed in action March 1918



Pte W. H. Kessell of Hastings, died of meningitis March 1918



L.Corp W. G. Staples of Hastings, killed in action March 1918

1918 April, Private Vincent Peters, son of Mrs I. Peters, Hastings, who left with the Ninth Reinforcements, has been admitted to hospital in England sick.

1918 April, Mr and Mrs V. S. Joll have received word that their son Stanley is in hospital in France and that he has been classed as 'not severe' case.



Corp J. J. G. McMillin of Hastings, killed in action March 1918

1918 April, Death, McMillan - Killed in action on March 30th, 1918, Corporal John James George McMillan (Jim) aged 32 years, beloved husband of Dorothy McMillan, Riverslea Rd, Hastings, and eldest son of J. and M. McMillan, 186 Hastings St, Napier.



Corp T. V. A. Browne (Vigor Vin) of Hastings killed in action August 1918 aged 22.

1918 April, Another Hastings soldier has made the supreme sacrifice, viz., Bombardier S. V. A. Browne, whose parents reside in Lyndon Rd. He left Hastings with the 7th Reinforcements and at the time of his death was in the machine-gun section. The late soldier, who was only 23 years of age, was killed on the 5th April. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in their sad affliction.

1918 April, Mr and Mrs Frank Marchant received word that their son, Frank Marchant had been killed in action on March 28th. The late soldier was a despatch rider of Hastings with the 8th Reinforcements. Prior to joining the colours he was employed as a butcher by Messrs Lowe Bros and was an extremely popular young man. The parent's will have the sincerest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

1918 April, Mr G. Bainbridge of Gordon Rd Hastings, has been advised that his son. Sergeant S. A. D. Bainbridge, who enlisted in the 4th Reinforcements and was afterwards transferred to the transport service, has been invalided home with returning draft, which will arrive at Auckland about May 7th. Another son Private Henry Lawrence Bainbridge of the 28th Reinforcements is now on active service in France and two other sons will leave shortly for the front.

1918 April, Rifleman Harry Gill of Hastings, the 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade, had been killed in action on April 3.

1918 April, Lieut. Warren Hastings youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Hastings of Hastings, killed in action



Lieutenant S. J. Wyatt of Hastings, killed in action April 1918

Sydney Joseph Wyatt b: October 1883 in Hastings the son of Elizabeth and Joseph Wyatt. He married Lilith Maud Curtis in July 1902 in Hastings. Sydney a foreman joiner for J. Garnett, resided 402 Avenue Rd east. He died March 1918 in Belgium aged 34.



Pte Peter Gordon of Hastings, died of pneumonia April 1918

1918 May, Among the Hawke's Bay men returning to New Zealand by draft 160 due in about 14 days, is Private James Joseph Heeney of Hastings.

1918 May, Death, Lean - Killed in action on May 8th, 1918, Private Bertie (Bert) Herbert William Lean of Pukahu was killed in France, eldest son of Mrs W. Lean, Pukahu; aged 22 years.

1918 May, Mr Herbert Gregory Plowman married to Sarah Jane and an employee of the firm of Messrs Plowman and Co., Hastings, leaves for camp to-morrow morning.



Bombardier Pte D. G. Hallgarth, of Pukahu Hastings died of wounds May 1918

Daniel Gordon Hallgarth b: March 1895 in Havelock North the son of Janet and Henry Hallgarth, he died May 3, 1918, in Boulogne-sur-Mer, Pas-de-Calais, France, aged 23.

Lieutenant Avar Rex Oswald, Hastings (next of kin - Mrs Hastings wife) killed May 1918



Lieutenant Warren Oswald Hastings of Hastings, killed in action May 1918, NOK Mrs Hastings wife



Lieutenant Corporal Harry Gill of Hastings, killed in action May 1918



Pte A. Eric Grant of Hastings, killed in action May 1918



Rflmn Alexander Barber Marchant of Hastings, killed in action May 1918



Staff-Sergrt Roland Chadwick of Hastings died of sickness May 1918

Staff- Sergeant Roland Chadwick, Hastings died suddenly at Discharge Depot Eng, May 1918, beloved son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Chadwick, Gordon Rd, aged 27



Rfn A. C. Doggett of Hastings, killed in action June 1918



Pte J. Arthur Berry of Hastings, killed in action July 1918



Pte F. H. Merritt of Hastings, killed in action July 1918

1918 August, Pte Leslie Arthur Johnson Mardon No 636291 b: January 1895 in Hastings, the son of Maria Jane and John William Mardon, killed in action at Nord, France aged 23, 32nd Reinforcements buried in Grévillers, Pas-de-Calais, France.



1918 August, Rifleman Eric Coulson NZRB killed in action Rossingnal Wood, France 6th August 1918, son of J. and A. Coulson, 717 Dufferin St Hastings.

1918 August, Mr W. A. Alexander of Tomoana Hastings, is in receipt of a letter from Mr C. Defence Department. Christchurch, acknowledging the Hastings Homing Club's gift of homing pigeons for the Western Front. The writer says they were a splendid collection, and left New Zealand in good condition. The Department requires a further supply of 500 or 600 young birds to reach England about the end of December, and local fanciers are asked to assist, and state what number they are prepared to supply. Mr Kirkley conveys his thanks to all those members of the Hastings Club who donated birds. Fanciers desirous of contributing a further supply of bird are requested to communicate with Mr C. L. Mackersey, Hastings, or Mr W. A. Alexander, Tomoana.

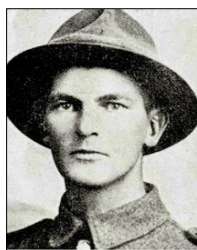
1918 August, Norman Euart Craven b: June 1894 in Bradford, Yorkshire, England the son of Annie and Alfred Craven of Hastings, he died August 30, 1918 in Bapaume, Pas-de-Calais, France aged 24.

1918 August, Frank Percy died of wounds, buried in Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres, France aged 25, b: 1893 in Hastings the son of Isabella and Andrew Percy.

1918 August, Rewi Hugh Potts b: July 1895 at Hastings the son of Anna Sophia and Donald Henry Potts. Died Bapaume, Pas-de-Calais, France aged 23.

1918 August, Death, Sands - Killed in action. August 24th 1918, Oswald, dearly beloved youngest son of Thomas and Emma Sands, Riverslea Rd, Hastings; aged 19 years

1918 August, Francis Patrick Collinge b: March 1882 at Pakowhai the son of (Annie) Ann and Francis Collinge, he had married Annie Elizabeth Burke in February 1916, he died August 1918 in France aged 36 and was buried in Bapaume, Pas-de-Calais, France.



Pte Oswald Hobbs of Hastings, killed in action August 1918

1918 August, Death, Hobbs - Killed in action in France on August 31st 1918, Oswald, husband of Ethel Hobbs, Nelson St, Hastings.



Sgt Mat Holmes of Hastings, killed in action August 1918

Matthew Holmes b: April 1889 in Napier the son of Emily Ann and John Holmes snr of Hastings, he died August 29, 1918 in Vaulx-Vraucourt, Pas-de-Calais, France aged 29.

1918 August, Death, Holmes - Killed in action August 29th 1918, Mathew Holmes (Sergeant 13th Reinforcement), beloved son of Mrs E. A. Holmes, Hastings; aged 28 years.

1918 September, Private Edward Francis Donovan b: April 1898 at Hastings the son of Catherine Lucy and Michael Francis Donovan of Maraekakaho, WW1 No 85326 a station hand for R. D. McLean at Maraekakaho. He left by mail train this morning for camp after his final leave, was entertained by Mr and Mrs Walker at their "The Valley" last Friday night. A very pleasant evening was spent and the young soldier was wished success and every good luck. He married Muriel Christina Watts in 1921.

1918 September, Horace Edgar Catton b: July 1895 at Hastings the son of Jane Abercrombie and Charles Catton jnr late of Hastings, he died September 1918 in France aged 23, buried in Pas-de-Calais, France.

1918 September, Charles Stewart Robertson, killed in action, September 29th 1918 in France. R.I.P - inserted by his wife Joan Robertson and child, Mary Robertson.

1918 September, Donald Roderick Ainsworth b: 1896 the son of Margaret and William James Ainsworth, he died September 1918 in Vis-en-Artois, Pas-de-Calais, France aged 22.

1918 September, Removed from seriously ill list: Lne Corpl Stanley Boyd of Hastings

(Frank) Francis Robert Bullick b: October 1891 at Canterbury the son of Nurse Jessie and Thomas Bullick of Hastings, he married Nellie Irene Gordon in August 1920.



Rfn J. I. D. Walden of Hastings, killed in action September 1918, Jim Ivan Douglas (Dug) Walden was killed in action September 9th 1918 aged 21, Margaret Walden, Mary and Allan Walden

1918 October, **Mrs Cameron sen** of Havelock Rd Hastings, has in the last four years knitted (at the ratio of three pairs a week) **620 pairs of socks for soldiers at the front**. This is surely a record which will take some beating.



1918 October, Death, Orchard - Killed in action at Le Cateau, Nord, France, Pte. Frank Henry Orchard aged 23, buried in Fontaine, Nord, France, beloved husband of Camelia Catherine Caroline Orchard and son of Margaret Marie (Laura) and George Henry Orchard of Pukahu. Brother of Clarence Leonard Orchard killed in action September 1916 at Somme France, buried in Rouen, Seine-Maritime France.

1918 October, Mrs F. H. Orchard of Pukahu has received word from the Defence Department that her husband, Private F. H. was killed in action in France on October 24th. Private Orchard, who was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Orchard of Hastings, was 23 years of age, and was a nurseryman, in the employ of Mr. W. Webb when he enlisted with the 28th Reinforcements. He was well known and was held in the highest esteem throughout Hastings and the district, where the deepest sympathy is expressed with his widow and his two young children, one of whom was born after he left New Zealand.

1918 October, Mrs J. Lansdown of Mangateretere has received advice that her son Private A. J. Lansdown has been wounded and admitted to hospital on October 9th. This is the second time Private Lansdown has been wounded.

1918 October, Mr James Annand of Warren St Hastings received advice this forenoon that his only son, Private David B. Annand, had been killed in action on October 1st. Private Annand, who left with the 18th Reinforcements, was some time ago awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry on the field of action.

1918 October, Stanley Murray Carrington b: June 1894 in Hastings, the son of Emma and Frederick David Carrington, died 21 October 1918 in France aged 24, buried in Gréville, Pas-de-Calais, France.

1918 October, John J. Hunter 27th Reinforcements killed in action at Le Quesnoy France 4th November 1918 aged 21 years. Son of G. J. Hunter, Lovedale Rd Hastings.

1918 October, Pte George John (Jack) Perress 13th reinforcements was born December 1896 in Hastings, the son of Florence Elizabeth and George Abraham Perress he died of wounds in Fulham, Middlesex aged 21 and was buried in Woking, Surrey. Aunt - E. Bunting

1918 October, The many friends of 2nd Lieut. George Hartshorn, who enlisted for service with the 24th Reinforcements will be delighted to hear that he has distinguished himself on the field, and that he has had his services recognised by his commanding officers, who recommended him for the Military Cross, which coveted decoration has now been bestowed upon him. Lieut. Hartshorn, who is the youngest son of Mrs E. of Hastings and the late Mr Edwin Hartshorn, left a thriving business, with an extensive connection in order to give his services to his King and Country and it is evident that, into his military career, as well as into everything he has ever laid his hand to, Lieut. Hartshorn has put the full force of his character and energy.

1918 October, Jesse William Stayte a gardener of Longlands, b: September 1875, the son of Eliza and William Henry Stayte once of Clive, killed in action in France aged 43. In 1898 he married Florence Edith Hunt b: January 1878 the

daughter of Elizabeth Jane and John Hunt of Pakowhai. They had six children. Florence Edith Stayte nee Hunt died 1964 in aged 86.



Rflmn E. S. Ford of Hastings, killed in action October 1918

Rifleman, Signaller J. W. (Jack) Sykes, of Pakowhai, Hastings died of wounds in France October 18th 1918

1918 November, Rifleman Richard Horace Goldsborough 23/764 Rifle Brigade buried at Hastings November 27th 1918 aged 24. He served in Egypt and Western Front, C Coy. 1st Batt. The funeral (military) will leave the hospital grounds for the Hastings cemetery. **Richard Horace Goldsborough** born 1894 at Hastings the son of Louisa Jane and George Goldsborough.

1918 November, **Arnold John Kitt** b:1891 the son of Mary Jane and John Kitt of Wall Rd Hastings, left for the war with the Main Body, Gnr Arnold John Kitt 2/516, Field Artillery 1914 – 1916 Gallipoli and Western Front 1917. Arnold J. Kitt returned soldier died from influenza at the Hastings Emergency Hospital a son of Mr and Mrs J. Kitt of Maraekakaho Rd, The funeral took place with Semi-military honours.

1918 November, Lce Cpl. Blake Mason 24/511 Rifle Brigade was born Waipawa he served in Egypt 1915 – 1916 and on the Western Front 1916 buried at Hastings 20th November 1918, husband of D. Mason of Hastings. **George Thomas Blake Mason** b: July 1882 in Hawke's Bay the son of Frances Ellen and George Morris Mason died at Hastings December 1918 aged 36. In 1918 he married Dorothy Gregory b: January 1896 in Waikato. They had one son - February 1919 Hugh Blake Mason at Hastings. Dorothy Mason nee Gregory died April 1986 in Havelock North aged 90.



1918 November, Pte Walter Mason, 1098 2nd Australian Pioneers, he served at Gallipoli and in France buried 30th Nov 1918 aged 35 Hastings cemetery, born 1885 the son of (Nina) Florence Charlotte and Robert Henry Mason of 300 Charles St Hastings and husband of Avalon Austin formerly Mason of Geelong Aus.



(Digs) Hugh Campbell Mason b: August 1889 the son of (Nina) Florence Charlotte and Robert Henry Mason, he married Grace Annie Schaeffer in November 1916.

1918 November, 5/894 Corporal Thomas Moore Bulfin of Lawrence Otago died and buried Hastings cemetery aged 48. **Thomas Moore Bulfin** b:1871 Otago the son of Isabella and John Bulfin, he enlisted WW1 September 1914 5/89a he died at Hastings aged 48.



Rflmn Reg Weeks of Hastings, died of wounds November 1918

Pte. Thomas Harlen of Hastings WW1 Reg No 82841 died a young father November 1918 Trentham Training Unit aged 28. Alice Harlen nee Avery married Francis Wilson Fox she died in 1967 aged 79.

Private C. S. Roberson (husband of Mrs M. Roberson Hastings killed in action December 1918



Rfn J. E. Talbot of Hastings, died of wounds December 1918

1918 December, Rfn John Donald Rutherford, 25640 Rifle Brigade served on the Western Front died 2nd December 1918, born at Nelson the son of Mr and Mrs William Leslie Rutherford of Pakowhai.



L. Corp David B. Annand, M M of Hastings, killed in action January 1919

1919 January, Harman Watkins Fancourt b: 1882 in Dunedin the son of Mary Ann and Charles St. John Fancourt, he had one brother and one sister. In January 1919 Sergeant Fancourt a returned main body soldier employed by Sargood, Son and Ewen while proceeding from Napier to Cranthorpe with Messrs. Vivian Cox (National Insurance Company), the car overturned at Harper's Corner pinning Fancourt underneath killing him, Cox escaped uninjured. Harman Watkins Fancourt aged 37. The remains of the late Sergeant Fancourt, the main body returned soldier who was killed in the motor accident near Alatapiro on Saturday were accorded a military funeral (excepting the gun carriage) this afternoon, when the body was laid to rest in the Hastings cemetery. The procession left the Municipal Chambers at about 3.30 p.m. and, headed by a firing party of 20 men, under Sergt Major McLeod, the melancholy cortege wended its way to the place of burial, where the Rev. Reapath conducted the Church of England service at the graveside, and "the Last Post" was sounded. Sergeants Beaumont, Rivers, Lawlor and Green acted as pall bearers. The Hastings Band executive regretted exceedingly that they could not take part in the ceremonies, owing to the fact that they could not communicate with the members, who had gone to work before the secretary was aware that the services of the band would be required.

1919 February, Seaman Eric O. Maney of H.M.S. *Doris*, and late of H.M.S. *Pyramus* arrived at Wellington from Bombay, after patrol duty for the past four years in the Persian Gulf. He will probably arrive in Hastings next Monday evening. Seaman Maney is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs E. Maney of Hastings.

1919 April, Private Albyn Vincent Collins Newrick who left with the 20th Reinforcements and was severely gassed in France, returned to Hastings on Anzac Day. His father and mother Mr and Mrs Malcolm Newrick of Ellison Rd met him at Palmerston North and brought him home by motor car. He is looking remarkably well, but will have to undergo further medical treatment at the Napier Hospital. His brother Sergeant Frank Newrick was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field, will arrive home shortly.

1919 April, Lance-Corporal G. Lee, son of Mr G. E. Lee, Hastings, is returning from the front by the *Maheno*, which arrived at Auckland this morning.

1919 July, Mrs Lanauze, Hastings, received a cable from her son Rifleman R. H. Lanauze that he will return by the *Mamari* early next month.

1919 July, Mrs Davis, Hastings, has received advice that her husband, Private J. L. Davis, will arrive in Auckland by H.M.T. *Marami*, due on August 13th.



1919, Soldiers at casual camp, Hastings, by Henry Norford Whitehead.

1919 December, Mr Herbert Knight son of Mr and Mrs S. H. Knight of Hastings, who has been engaged in his professional capacity as chemist, in the manufacture of munitions in England for the past five years, has arrived home in Hastings. He has gone through some trying experiences during his absence, but he is now rapidly recovering his full health.

1919 December, Robert Le Quesne was born Napier 15/204, permanent staff of HM Transport *Mokoia*, husband of M. J. Le Quesne of Caroline Rd Hastings. Robert John Le Quesne b: December 1869 in Napier the son of Catherine and Josue Le Quesne married Mary Jane Cowan. Robert John Le Quesne of Caroline Rd died December 1920 at Hastings aged 50.

Frederick Clinton Baddeley b:1888 in Greymouth, West Coast, the son of Fanny and Frederick Atkins Charles Baddeley He first married Jessie Haythorne Farmer in 1919, then in 1937 he married Marjorie Elizabeth Ruth Hyett b: 1902. Frederick Clinton Baddeley a grocer of 605 Nelson St nth in 1957, RSA WW1 Reg No 2/288 1st NZEF Gnr, Field Artillery, a storeman of Grange Rd Haumoana died August 1959 in Hastings aged 71 and Marjorie Elizabeth Ruth Baddeley nee Hyett of 202 Grove Rd Hastings died May 1988 aged 86.

1920 January, Mr and Mrs R. D. Maney of Hastings have been advised that their son, Corporal Vivian R. Maney who enlisted at Hastings in 1914 and was on active service in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, will arrive in the troopship *Ruapehu* which is expected to reach Auckland on or about January 29th. He is bringing an English bride with him. His mother left Hastings this morning to meet them.



1920 September, Frank Nuttall b: November 1887 in Hastings, the son of Henrietta Charlotte and William Thomas Nuttall died Qazvin, Zanjan, Iran, aged 32.

1920 September, Rfn Albert Charles Schaeffer 23/903 Rifle Brigade died 18th September 1920, he was born at Te Mata the son of Annie and Louis Martin Schaeffer, he served in Egypt 1915 – 1916 and on the Western Front.

1920 September, Frederick William Alley CQMS 12/3221 Auckland Reg died September 1920, the son of Mr and Mrs C. H. Alley of Farndon Clive, he served in Egypt 1915 – 1916 and on the Western Front 1916 - 1917

1921 September, Rfl. L. E. Adamson NZEF

1926 February, Sapper Arthur Young 4/2021 NZ Engineers died at Wellington aged 34. After a long illness the result of war service. . He enlistment with the Eighth Reinforcements. Arthur beloved husband of Mabel Young, 515 Cornwall Rd Hastings. Military interment In Karori Wellington. Mr Young held an important position with the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co at Hastings in whose service he had been for 14 years. Deceased had four years war service.

1926 September, Soldiers Memorial unveiled at Maraekakaho by R. D. D. McLean accompanied by Rev R. McCully and Rev J. A. Asher. The WW1 memorial consists of a handsome granite cross which stands on the green at the junction of the Kereru and Hampden roads. On the upper part of the cross is a typical emblem in the form of a sheathed sword in bronze. The base is stone with steps and is surrounded by rail and rough-cast pillars. Three faces of the base are inscribed the central one bearing a dedication. Denotes * Killed in action - A. L. Anderson, W. J. Anderson, W. Anderson, Geo Anderson, C. r. Averill, Frank Hatten, Ken Belfit*, F. Bailey, C. Burley, G. Brochanan, Geo Campbell, B. Cullen, J. Colsson, Wm Clarke, Fred Clark, Gordon Collins, Frank Caswell, Jas Caswell, Wm Caswell*, Peter Carswell, E. N. C. Clarkson, Oswald Clarkson, R. C. Cullen, Hugh Duff*. G. Dorward, Ben Draper, Malcolm Daking, Leonard Evans*, Baf Earl, Percy W. Farnall, Malcolm Finlayson, H. Glazebrook, F. Gonlding, D. Gow (died) Gerald Graham, Hoanui Hakiwai, Victor Hawthorne, Thos Hawthorne*, Claude Hickson, Arthur Hickson, J. E. Harrison, W. R. Hutchison, J. Hawlett, Noel Jameson*, Fred Jackson, Wm Knowles, John Lyons, Wm Lockie, Andrew Lockie, Jas Leary, A. Locker, Jas Lyons, Duncan McPhee, John C. McPhee, Kenneth P. McDonald, John McCarthy, Gordon McLean, A. J. McLean, Alex McLeod, A. D. D. McLean, Lachlan McLean, Wm McKenzie*, Kenneth McQuarrie, Alex McGavin, George Neal*, Wm C. Neal, Donald Nicholson, Frank Nugent*, Edward Nugent, Wm Nugent, Wesley Overend, Jack O'Neal, A. Prior, A. Price, S. Roe, Allen Roe, E. Riley, J. H. Reeves, G. F. Reeves, Alfred Reeves*, J. V. Smith, Joseph Stace, J. A. Stewart, T. O. Shely, M. Summerfield, W. C. Simmons, G. Spencer, A. Shute, Robt Scoon, Wm Turner, Montague Turnbull, H. A. Thompson, J. Talbot*, Talbot Talbot, Jack Williams, Alex W. White, Thos Webber, James Walker*, Wm Walker*, Alex Walker*, Sister Kate Walker, Jessie Walker, Alex Walker, G. Webb, W. Wilson, Henry Yonart, E. Yarr.



1942 January, **Hugh McMillan** b: October 1892 Bangor Northern Ireland died of TB at Hastings aged 50. After leaving school he worked as an apprentice bricklayer and aged 18 he emigrated arrived in NZ around 1910, he lived in Hawke's Bay where his cousin was. Hugh served in WW1 and wounded several times in France and Belgium.

The Windsor Park -

Windsor Park formerly (Beatson's park) opened in 1936 - Relief work schemes were created - the last of the old pine forest was cut down, the Te Mangapouri creek part of the Makirikiri creek was widened for a boating area with edging that my grandfather Richard Burns work on and lived nearby in Sylvan Rd, bridges, seating and kerbing all built from demolition concrete material and new Shell Rock.

There were several drains and creeks entering the park – the old Makirikiri creek, a drain from Alexandra St, the drainage from behind St. John's Collage second site on Jervios Rd and the Te Mangapouri creek from between Grove Rd and Collinge Rd all contributing to the lagoon and subsequent creek, **later named the Awahou stream**.

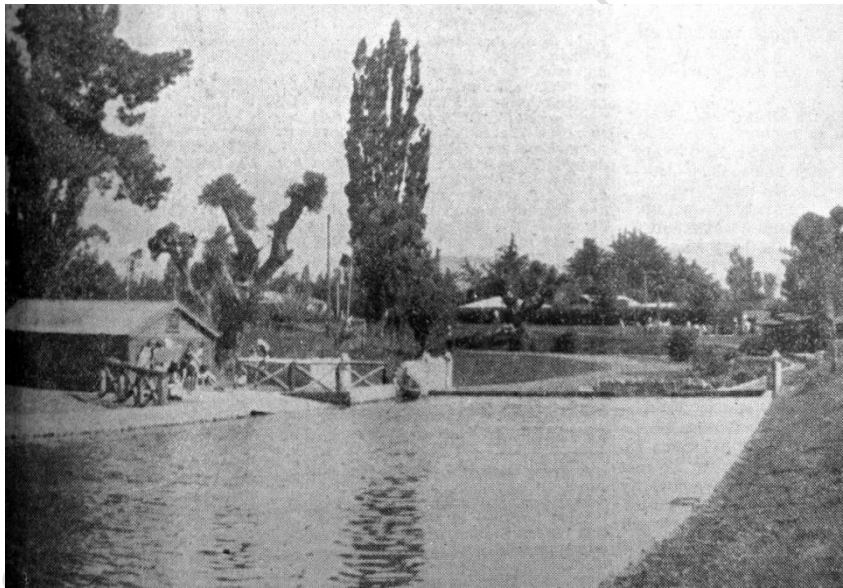
From 1927 Henry Sydney Buttle Ribbands was for a decade the infamous camp warden at the Beatson's Park / Windsor Park motor camp which became recognised as the best in the country.

1935 September, Evidence of large scale operations by a bicycle thief was brought to light by a workman cleaning out a deep drain near Windsor Park, Hastings. He was surprised to discover the remains of a bicycle which had been hidden under the water and his surprise increased as he drew out one bicycle frame after another until he had a considerable number.



1936, an early Railways tourist photo of Windsor Park motor camp at Hastings and creek later named the Awahou stream, taken from the boatshed looking towards the entrance

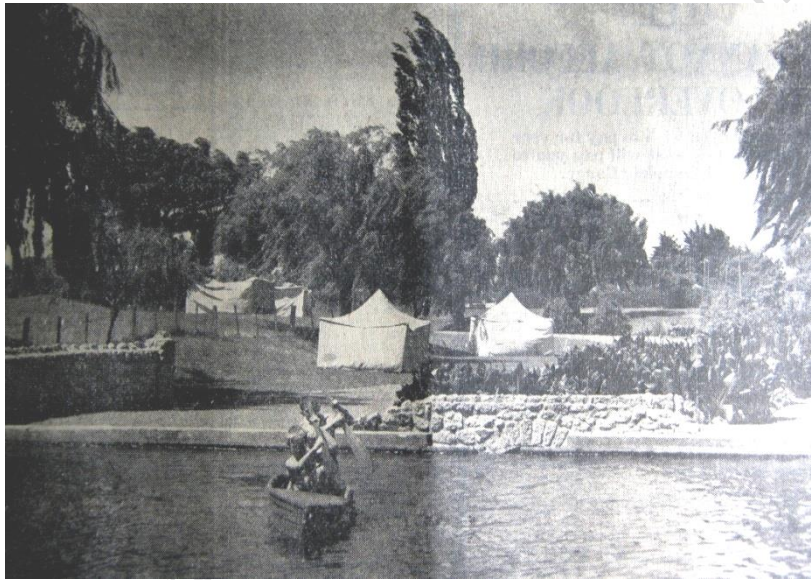
1937 April, Stolen sheep - The theft of a fine two-tooth wether from Windsor Park, Hastings, revealed an innovation in technique in this branch of crime. The sheep was caught on the grounds, killed, skinned and cleaned on the spot and the skin, head and offal cast into a stream which runs through the park. The job was apparently performed by an expert. This is not the first occasion on which sheep have been stolen from Windsor Park, but the method employed has no precedent.



1938, Windsor Park lagoon before the new boating shed was built, shows a group of swimmers from the baths



1939, Windsor Park boating lagoon part of the old Makirikiri creek course shows one of Tanner's huge trees behind cars, the boathouse was erected in 1934



An early photo of Windsor Park boating lake and holiday camp Hastings, looking towards the entrance



1939 January 18th AWN supplement - Hastings Windsor Park holiday camp and new larger swimming pool 45ft x 50ft repaired and filled with cookhouse facilities behind and day picnickers, with notice sign forefront by Rex Frederick Newport



1939, Windsor Park larger swimming pool



1939, an early Railways tourist photo of Windsor Park motor camp at Hastings, by Rex Frederick Newport



1939 January, Windsor Park motor camp in Hastings looking towards the entrance. At the right are camp facilities. Large tents can be seen in the distance, by Rex Frederick Newport



1939 January, Windsor Park motor camp in Hastings, tents can be seen in the distance

1939 September, The ingenious' means adopted by boys in retrieving lost golf balls in the ornamental stream at Windsor Park Hastings, are as simple as they are effective. Wading barefooted in the shallower sections of the water, the boys locate the balls on the bottom with their feet and bring them to the surface by lifting them in their toes. The retrieved balls find a ready sale with golfers using the **Parkvale links**.



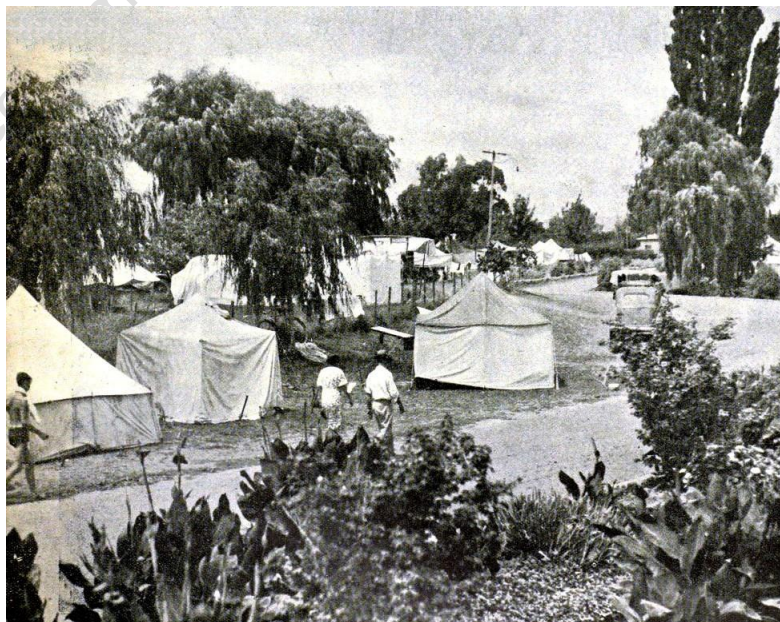
The stone bridge looking south towards the Boatshed with tall poplar behind



The stone bridge looking north east with sheep still grazing in background and newly planted trees with fencing



A Hastings Playground – A scene on the stream at Windsor Park Hastings - Exceptionally popular with visitors to the motor camp at Windsor Park, and the young people of Hastings, is the fleet of hire canoes and other small craft used on the principle waterway in the park, shows handrail to the swimming pool behind



1938 January, Windsor Park motor camp at Hastings



Boat Race day for the Windsor camper's finish line



Looking from near the boatshed to the other side



Late 1930's, The boating lake at Windsor Park, Hastings, looking towards the entrance



1930's, with car parked close to the bridge with hire boats



Campers playing cricket at the Windsor Park motor camp



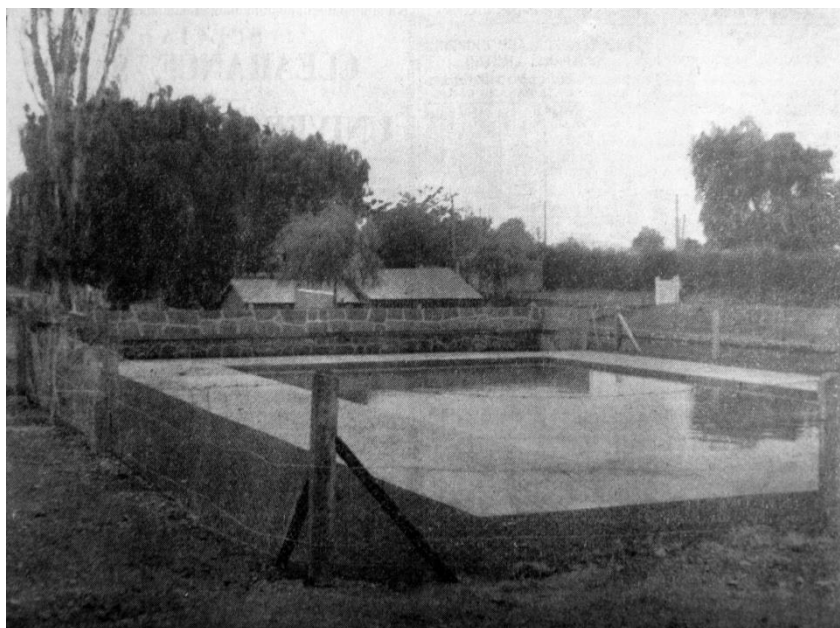
The rear boatshed and ramp, lagoon at Windsor Park, by E. Bradbury & Co Publications



1939 January, shows Shell Rock used and the new boat shed at Windsor Park motor camp in Hastings after the swimming pool handrail removed, by Rex Frederick Newport



Later photos of the bridge over the widened boating lagoon at Hastings Windsor Park



1939 May, A new toddlers paddling pool for Windsor Park nearly completed



1945, Windsor Park, the new shallow toddlers paddling pool completed in April 1939 shows the stone seating with white grouting behind

1945 November, The **Parkvale Golf Club** opened in June 1924 is to have the use of Windsor Park for its course for the next 12 months, but is to be advised that this will be the last renewal possible in view of the developmental programme contemplated for that reserve.

1945 November, **Windsor Park** - Several adjoining properties were purchased adding a further 27 acres to the park for sports fields etc. The Moriarty section on Sylvan Rd near the tennis court and Ms Shaw's orchard on Grove Rd.

1946 January, There are almost 450 people under canvas at the motorists' camp at Windsor Park, Hastings.

1946 February, A five-year-old boy, Matthew Hiron Bower, son of Mr and Mrs A. Bower, Hastings, drowned in the swimming pool at Windsor Park Hastings. He was left sitting on the side of the pool but later it was noticed that he was missing. The body was recovered and artificial respiration applied, but the boy was dead on arrival at the hospital.

1946, The Borough Council decided to concentrate upon the erection of the Transit Camp and Motor Camp building blocks and not on the proposed extension to the Windsor Park proper.

1946, **Municipal Ex-army Transit camp at Windsor Park** - The Borough Council was prepared to immediately take the land for the Transit Camp by compulsion under the Public works Act if the owners were not prepared to sell. An area of 1½ acres at 709 Sylvan Rd adjacent to Windsor Park is to be acquired which will be incorporated in the development scheme for Windsor Park and will have a separate entrance from Sylvan Rd. Immediately the negotiations for the site have been completed, it is proposed to commence linking it up with the borough services and laying the foundations for the new transit camp buildings.

Mr R. P. Fish, borough engineer Hastings Council recently visited Wellington September 1945 and successfully negotiated for six Army huts at Kaiwarra.



Army buildings at Kaiwarra Military Camp at Kaiwharawhara on the Wellington Harbour are to be turned into transit homes,

The Borough Council decided to accept the tender of £7592 5/6 made by the **Hastings Construction Co Ltd** for the demolition of the army hutments at Kaiwarra Camp, their transportation to Hastings and reconstruction again at the Transit Camp.

In addition the council is calling upon to find £1865 for the laying of sewers, water supply, the provision of stormwater drainage and paths, the purchase of fittings £375 and the purchase of land estimated value £500. This made the total cost about £8300 and the engineer Mr R. P. Fish estimated the value of the camp buildings at about £15,000. The state advances Corporation of £8500 approved at 3per cant and the term 10yrs.

In June 1946, The contractor for Transit Camp is in Wellington and has begun demolishing the buildings taken over by the Hastings Borough Council for its Transit Camp and they will be railed to Hastings when ready The Contract for the establishment of the Transit camp to be completed by the end of this year.

Though not prefabricate, these buildings are in excellent condition and built of first class timber. They will be dismantled and railed to Hastings and reassembled to provide 13 self-contained units similar to flats with their own cooking and other facilities. In addition it is intended to have accommodation for five to seven other families in separate individual living quarters on a communal basis for certain services. The building acquired comprise of two large dormitory blocks, an administration block, laundry block complete with fitting, ablutions block also with fittings and part of the Army kitchen and mess-room block. These will be converted into 11 self-contained flats each consisting of a living room and two bedrooms, one separate dwelling with store attached and six flats each with living room and one bedroom, but having separate kitchen and other facilities on a community basis. There will be all the essential facilities of a normal household provided. All will be under cover, for there will be porches and verandas.

The main camping administration block **will be re-erected at the Windsor Park proper near the present motor camp** and will have a separate dwelling with store attached. It will have its own cooking and other facilities. One of the dormitory blocks is to be converted into five self-contained flats complete with separate heating and cooking facilities, bathroom, living room, and two bedrooms. The second separate dormitory will be cut in two and converted into six self-contained flats each of two bedrooms, living room and bathroom. The laundry and ablution blocks are to be demolished and redesigned to provide facilities for the blocks of flats. The fittings will provide adequate facilities for washing and other household activities. Part of the Army kitchen and mess-room blocks are to be converted into what eventually is hoped will provide **Windsor Park with a community centre block**. In the meantime it will provide accommodation in six flats each of a living room and a bedroom with separate conveniences for men and women, hot water services and other facilities and through the cooking and washing facilities will be on a community basis each of the six flats will have a separate cubicle for cooking allocated to it.

The other self-contained flats will be erected on **the Moriarty property facing Sylvan Rd near the Park tennis courts**. But the council has failed to come to some amicable agreement with the owners under the Public Works Act. Due notice was given with 40 days allowed to lodge objections. The Council is unable to proceed with the completion of this site until it is resolved. Mr A. I. Rainbow, mayor. An objection to the land being taken for the Transit Camp was lodged by Mr **John Moriarty** who said the land was being used and had been owned by his **family for more than 50 years**, he contended that it should not be taken for the camp as long as the council had land of its own readily available whether in the same location or elsewhere in the borough. He contended that there was plenty of space already available in the park without affecting the amenities. He submitted that the council had made no adequate attempt to use other borough

land for the purpose before resorting to the acquisition of private land. When the council discussed the position with Mr Moriarty it was explained that half of the proposed transit camp would be erected on the park and other half on the property desired. The ultimate aim of the council is that when the need for transit housing accommodation is no longer the urgent necessity then all the buildings will provide additional facilities for the park and motor camp.

John Moriarty b: 1891, the son of Bridget and Edward Moriarty. In September 1898 the Moriarty's at 707 Sylvan Rd had difficulties with the Borough Council wanting to construct drain through their property to Makirikiri creek without any consultation. An open drain ran down one side of Alexandra St across Sylvan St into Beaton's / Windsor Park, old Makirikiri creek, lagoon.

In June 1946, The first two truckloads of building materials arrived and were removed to the **Windsor Park motor camp site**, where the foundations for two blocks were laid some weeks ago - one will be the community kitchen block and the other a convenience block situated near the **Selwood Rd** entrance to the Park. Priority given to the erection of buildings at the Motor Camp - **A warden's cottage with storeroom attached 69ft long 19ft wide** it will be self-contained residential unit and separate from other buildings though all are enclosed in a fenced area on the rise overlooking the creek and the old camp buildings. While the remaining block of six flats are divided into two-unit buildings each with separate entrances all three two-unit buildings are linked with the community kitchen and washing facilities block by either verandas or covered porch ways. The flooring has been laid for these buildings and the walls erected, but the roofing has yet to be placed on the upright structures. This work is now in hand and should be completed next week when the lining of the rooms will commence and the fittings installed. The exterior appearance does reflect ex-Army hutments, but repainting and the finishing touches should give some relief to the housing shortage and the longer necessity for the Motorists camp and prevision to some community buildings for the residents of Parkvale.

When the work on the Motor camp portion is completed then attention will be directed to the erection of the remainder of the Transit Camp on the western side of the park at 709 Sylvan Rd site. In the meantime the dismantling of the remainder of Army buildings at Kaiwarra Military Camp and transfer to Hastings and continues.

Tenancy at the Transit camp is only temporary. In order not to prejudice the chances of tenants in the transit camp obtaining a State house when such is available, all applications for accommodation at the camp for civilians are to be made to the State Advances Office and ex-servicemen or women to the Rehabilitation Department.

In June 1946, Concern was raised that the Municipal Transit Camp will **further tax Parkvale School** accommodation. The urgent need of an additional classroom headmaster Mr W. B. Roe stated there was a steady increase in the enrolment of infants. At present 116 infant pupils were accommodated in two normal sized classrooms and a small detached shelter which was most unsatisfactory in bad weather. By the end of this year it was expected that the Municipal Transit Camp would mean additional enrolments to the school next year.

In June 1946, A contract has been let for the removal of 4 macrocarpa, a gum and 26 pine trees in Windsor Park. The pines are the major part of a plantation near the Grove Rd entrance and the other trees are on the eastern side of the park. Their removal will be in conformity with the comprehensive scheme for the development of the park. The council is to be paid £18 royalty.

1946, September, Windsor Park motor camp transit buildings are taking shape, a transformation with the Wardens quarters and storeroom now occupied, although further progress is dependent upon the supplies of cement. Adjacent to these is the community block, incorporating four units and community domestic facilities. All these units are interlocked and the exterior work except for painting has been completed. Good progress is being made with the interior finishing of these units and as soon as the cement supply position allows for the completion of the domestic facilities section, the block will then be ready for tenancy. These buildings are situated on Windsor park proper and have ready access to Selwood Rd and to the main entrance. Recently the reserves department effected improvements to this portion of the reserve by removing several potentially dangerous poplar and willow trees and commenced the straightening of the main drive, which will now pass along the frontage of the transit- housing block and link up with the old drive near the boatshed. The housing block has been fenced in and the frontage planted out in flowering shrubs. When properly developed and the immediate surroundings of the housing units tidied up, this area should present one of the features of the park. A new driveway, artificially curved has been formed, while the frontage of the site has been laid out in gardens, the feature of which will be flowering shrubs and roses. Despite the delays occasioned by the shortage of cement, the contractor is confident that the transit camp will be completed before December. The fact that one unit is ready occupied by the **borough sanitary and health inspector Mr D. Hopkins who is acting as camp warden** in the meantime, is regarded as a good augury and an achievement under the circumstances.

The six Hastings Municipal Transit housing camp flats at Windsor Park are to provide accommodation for 18 families and to be let at £1 a week, the camp warden's residence is to be let at 30/- a week. In December 1946 - the first two tenants have moved in to their Transit housing flat at the Windsor Park motor camp, both are Returned Servicemen with one child. Town clerk Mr N. C. Harding said the remaining flats would be ready by Christmas.

Sylvan Rd site - All material, except for cement for the completion of the remainder of the transit-housing blocks on the recently acquired **Moriarty** land fronting Sylvan Rd and on the town side of the tennis courts is now on hand. The foundations for the half-dozen or so buildings to be erected on this site have been laid and the floor of one of the main buildings has been placed in position. By October, The framework of all buildings had been erected and the roof was on three of them. Present indications were that all the dwelling units would be completed during November. Paths were

formed and stone edges constructed in the community block area reported the **superintendent of reserves Mr J. G. C. MacKenzie**. He pointed out that no provision was made for this work in the £8500 Transit Housing loan.

In December 1946 the first of 10 tenants at the Sylvan Transit Camp moved in and a further four or five flats by Christmas, so only three or four of the total 18 flats untenanted.

In May 1947, Provision for heating in the Transit Houses and a covering of the floor in the kitchen of the community block was sought by the rehabilitation Officer on behalf of tenants in the Municipal Transit camp at Windsor Park. The engineer Mr R. P. Fish reported that heaters were now available to any of the tenants who required them and he suggested that small sections of timer slats be laid on the concrete floor in front of the benches and sinks in the kitchen block.

1946 – 1953 lists John James Organ a retired farmer at 1011 Grove Rd and Donald D'Arcy Ralston Wyllie a labourer and Mary Isabel Christina Wyllie at 1113 Grove Rd – poss the two old homesteads. John James Organ died at Hastings 1947. Ms Catherine Organ a spinster at 1001 Grove Rd.

1946 December, Seven school or organisations from Napier held their annual picnics at the popular Windsor Park in one month.

1947 February, The purchase by the Borough Council of the Parkvale golf pavilion at Windsor Park at valuation agreed too.

1947, Employment of a patrol officer at Windsor Park during weekends and evenings was reported by the superintendent of parks and reserves Mr J. G. C. Mackenzie to a reduction of vandalism, the council recommended to continue the employment on the patrol officer.

1947, A recommendation that development work of the section of Windsor Park between the lake and Selwood Rd should be proceeded with in accordance with a plan previously adopted, camping ground extension area, tree planting to be carried out around the camping area.

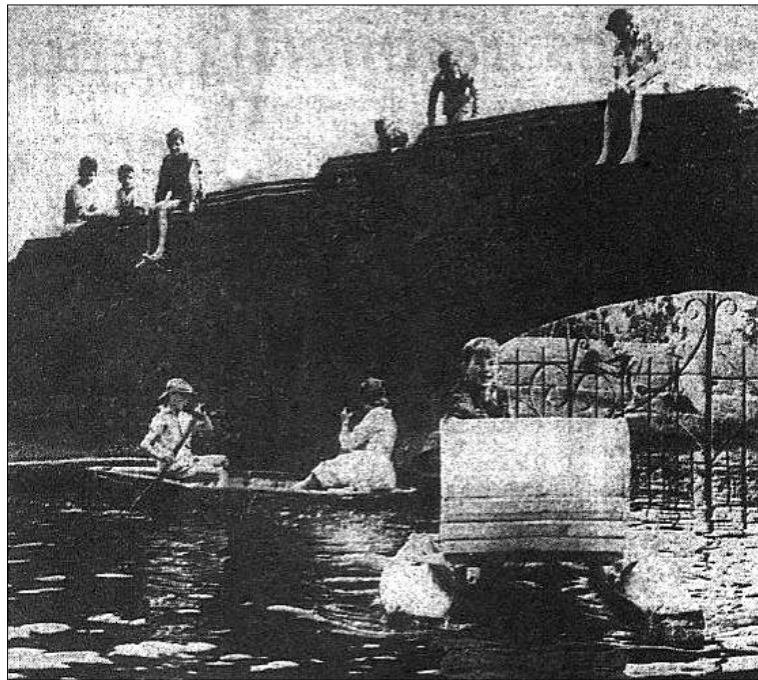
The orchard on Grove Rd adjoining Windsor Park was acquired by the borough council from Ms Shaw who had inherited it from her brother.

Ms Jessie Catherine Shaw b:1879 Glasgow Lanarkshire, the daughter of Mary Gentle Clark and John Shaw was an orchardist of 1001 Grove Rd Hasting, she had a younger brother John Clark Shaw b: May 1881 Dennistoun Glasgow Lanarkshire, the son of Mary Gentle Clark and John Shaw, they lost their parents early in life. John Clark Shaw poss went to Canada before coming to NZ. In January 1919 Mr Sydney Martell (who left Hastings) sold his 'Dynevov' Grove Rd property situated between Willowpark Rd nth and Sylvan Rd. 1923 – 1926 John Clark Shaw an orchardist of 'Dynevov' 1001 Grove Rd, the orchard was further east along Grove Rd adjoining Windsor Park, he died July 1927 in Hastings aged 47 and left his will to his sister Ms J. C. Shaw who purchased the family plot at Hastings cemetery. Jessie a spinster took over the orchard on Grove Rd and lived at 'Dynevov' 1001 Grove Rd with Ms Jeannie Shaw also a spinster b:1883 the daughter of Jeanie and Archibald Shaw and her late brothers widow wife Mrs Marion Galbraith Shaw nee Murdoch who died in 1957 aged 80. They were possibly all related. Around 1946 Ms Jessie Catherine Shaw sold her orchard for the Windsor Park extension. Ms Jessie Catherine Shaw of Te Awanga died March 1964 aged 84 and Ms Jeannie Shaw died February 1973 aged 90 they share a duel gravestone in the family plot at Hastings cemetery, along with Jeannie's brother John Shaw and is wife Marion Galbraith Shaw.



The last vestiges of the old Makirikiri creek - Te Mangapouri creek later named the 'Awahou stream' the tennis courts around the skating rink laid with cement especially imported from China to the boating lagoon with new state housing distant before the Karamu High School top right. At top the old orchard homestead where at the entrance from Grove Rd

later became a Tea Kiosk and another old homestead near the tennis courts. A Parkvale golf links were active at Windsor Park from 1924 - 1947. Also bottom left corner poss shows the park caretaker's nursery. There was the old 'Doubleday' tomato plant nursery 1915 on Park Rd nth near Beatson's Park, George S. Young's nursery and the old James Frederick Sturm's 'Oak Terrace' nursery of Terrace Rd later Park Rd



We spent a lot of time at Windsor Park near the footbridge by the boat hire lagoon and paddling pool 1950's



The bridge over the old Makirikiri creek - Te Mangapouri boating lagoon at Windsor Park, we caught tiny little fish in nets made of stockings and a wire loop, and there were larger reddish Carp in the southern part of the

creek and the occasional eel. Apparently there was an old well across the creek by the bridge and toilets and row of Oaks by the Open-air Skating Rink.



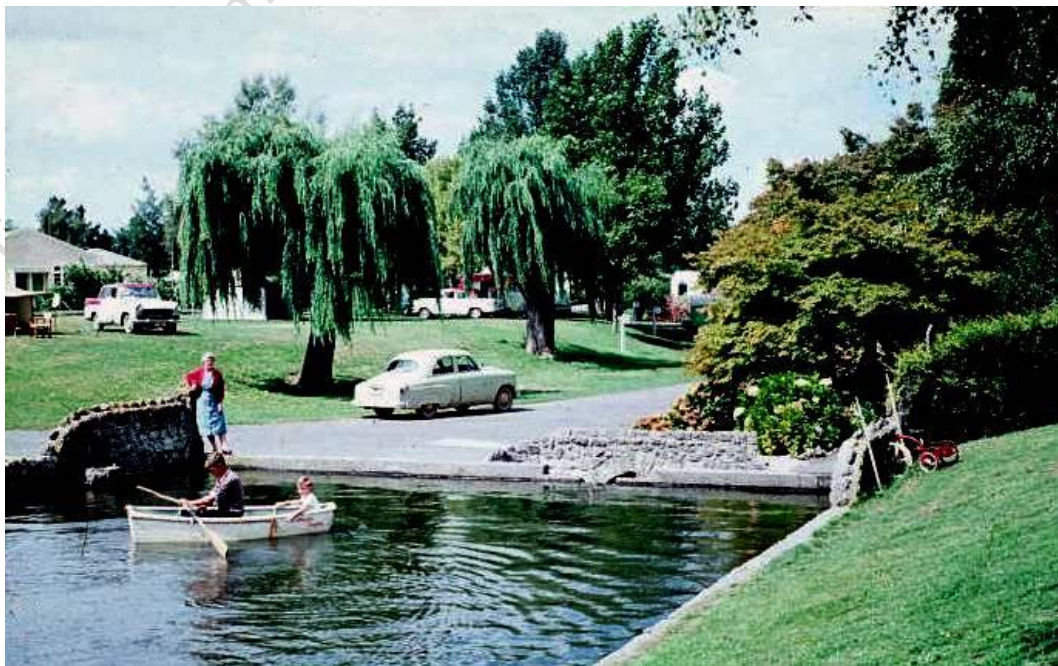
1950's view of the boating shed and lake at Windsor Park, Hastings as I first recall it. The lagoon and creek now named the Awahou Stream



1966 January, Windsor Park



1960's colour view of the lake, boatshed and cookhouse at Windsor Park

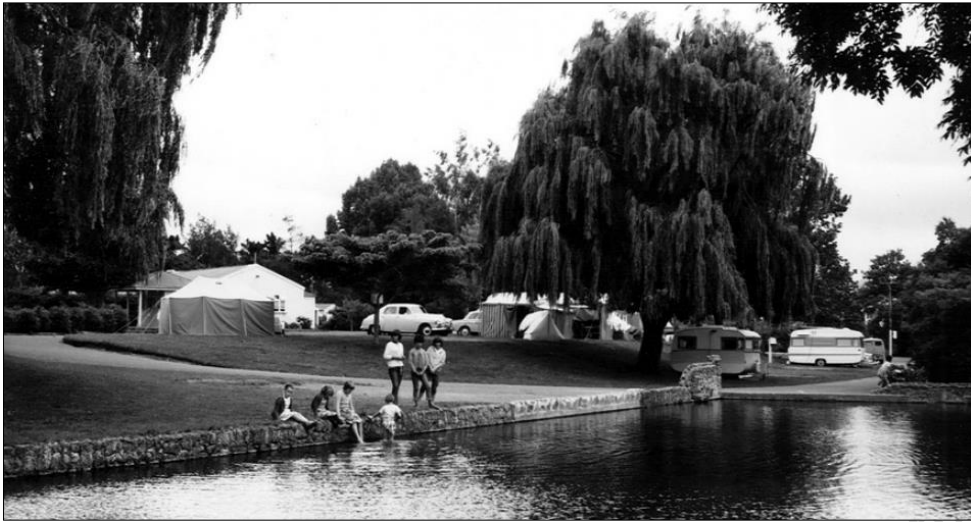




1960's Windsor Park lagoon and hire boat shed built 1934, the lagoon and creek now named the Awahou stream, maybe they should change the name of Hastings and Windsor Park also !



1967, crowded Windsor Park camping ground



1967, Windsor Park boat shed gone, taken by Mr Riethmaier



1967, Windsor Park swings, taken by Mr Riethmaier

1967 Easter, the Highland Games and **Fantasyland** opened in Windsor Park and later a new swimming pool was built nearby,



1872, Aerial view of Windsor Park

There were several drains and creeks entering the park – the old Makirikiri creek, a drain from Alexandra St, the drainage from behind St. John's Collage second site on Jervios Rd and the Te Mangapouri creek from between Grove Rd and Collinge Rd all contributing to the lagoon and subsequent creek, later named the Awahou stream, maybe they should change the name of Hastings and Windsor Park also !

With the corporate expansion of Fantasy / Planet, commercialised camping ground, increasing climate change effects, Covid 19 down-tum in tourism, there is now little left of Mr Tanner's Queens Park, Beatson's Park, Windsor Park.

The Cornwall Park –

Cornwall Park 20 acres deeded to the city as a gift from Miss A. L. Williams and Mrs Lucy Warren daughters of the late Archdeacon Williams of Te Aute on behalf of the Williams family in 1898. In 1921 it was still a rough field divided into two sections by a barbed wire fence and a grazing ground for horses owned by the Borough Council. A southern length along Roberts St was added in 1905 and the southern Lord Jellicoe ornamental gates were installed 1924.



1930's The Kiosk at Cornwall Park built 1929 with women sitting in the sun and pathway with rooftop band stand



1930's The Kiosk at Cornwall Park built 1929 with rooftop band stand, shows man with hockey stick – High School Hockey games were played on the cricket grounds, by Henry Norford Whitehead



1930's, Men's and women's hockey was played at Cornwall Park, shows the Kiosk behind, by Henry Norford Whitehead



Cornwall Park showing the Ruahapia Creek with wooden bridge



1931, The Ruahapia Creek in Cornwall Park. The Hastings Borough Council and the Unemployment Board had post earthquake relief work schemes at Cornwall Park with bridges, creek kerbing and seats made from Shell Rock, shows rear of Kiosk and small swings behind



1940's, Cornwall Park showing the Ruahapia Creek and pathway behind the Kiosk

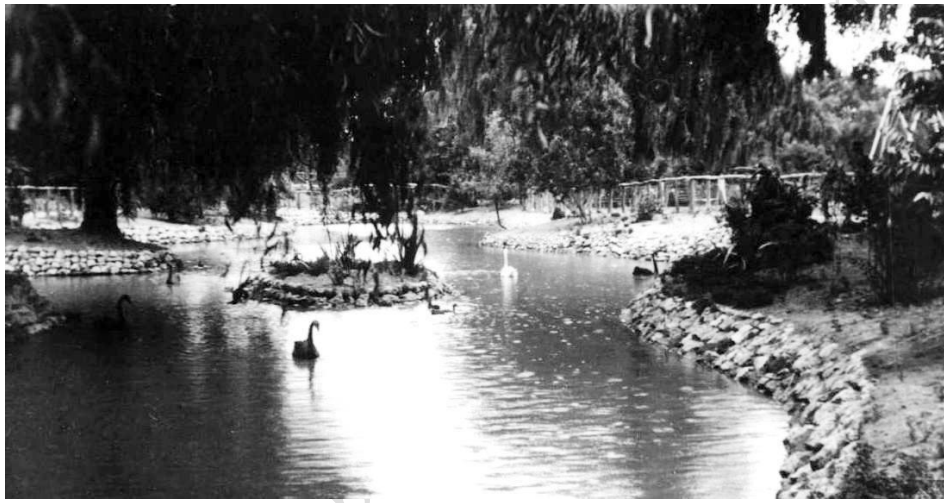
1934 October, Construction of an artificial lake on the Tomoana Rd side of Cornwall Park designed by W. W. Adams to make use of an area of poor ground that had been a plot of tennis courts.

1934 October, Three pairs of Chinese golden pheasants at £1 a pair are to be bought for the reserves.

1934 October, Mr W. W. Adams superintendant of reserves in Hastings is still indisposed and is a patient in the Memorial Hospital.

1934 November, The bridge work in Cornwall Park and at Beatson's Park is being done in stone which the council obtained for the cost of cartage and Mr E. Garnett is supervising and designing the work, has made an excellent and effective success of his task. Two small islands are now being built in the stream so that swans and other water fowl may nest and shelter in them. The council already a number of swans and other birds and is ambitious of obtaining some forty swans. The making of gifts of this kind may appeal to some public spirited citizens. The swans keep the stream clean. Other minor works at Cornwall Park recently completed - the cutting down of trees which obstructed the vista over the flower beds and their replacement with more suitable trees or shrubs, the erection of a rock garden by the small gate on the Tomoana Rd side, the renewal of the woodwork in the aviary, and the reconstruction of the run in which the pheasants and the peacocks are kept. Six thousand bulbs have been planted among the trees on the Tomoana rd side of the park. The council now has a consignment of new birds expected from Wellington to supplement the aviaries.

1935 July, A pleasant little function took place at Cornwall Park when **Mr Alex Lobban** was the recipient of a small token of esteem from the reserves staff on the occasion of his retirement after long service with the Hastings Borough Council. Mr W. W. Adams in making the presentation said that Mr Lobban had served the council for over a quarter of a century in a quiet and unassuming manner and one of his many good qualities was his punctuality. A business friend of the speaker had once stated that he could check his clocks every morning on hearing Mr Lobban going to work Mr Lobban had done his work faithfully and well and would be missed by more people than his fellow-workers. All the members of the staff wished Mr Lobban many happy years in his retirement.



Cornwall Park, shows ladies and prams along the pathway with Kiosk and small swings, by Dave Williams



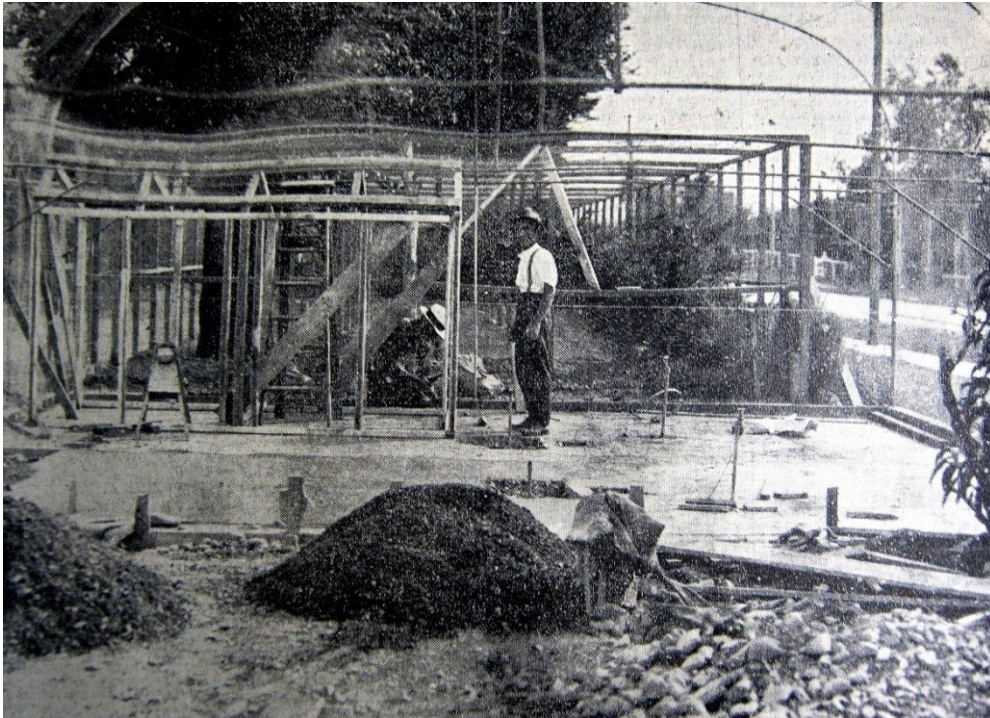
King Edward VII Coronation Memorial taken in winter



King Edward VII Coronation Memorial with drinking fountain in Cornwall Park 1947, the lions that every kid wanted to sit on. The lions were modelled on King Dick of the Wellington Zoo the largest cast in the country



The feeding spot at Cornwall Park southern swan lagoon, taken 1940's by Dave Williams



1938 March, Cornwall Park's new Aviary and Zoo, constructing concrete skirtings and flooring to prevent rats attacking the young birds



An early view of Cornwall Park lagoon, with the original Aviary and miniature Zoo to the right, that straddled along Tomoana Rd

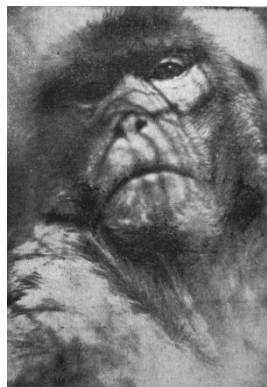


Cornwall Park lagoon with reflections, and the original Aviary and miniature Zoo to the right, that straddled along Tomoana Rd

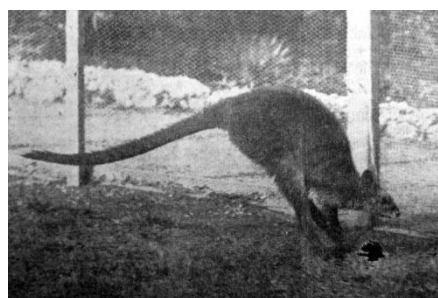
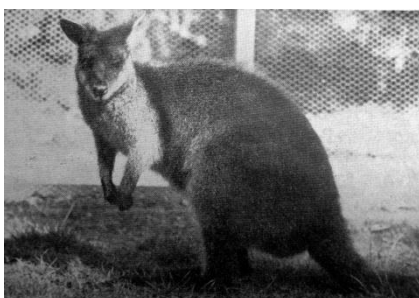


Cornwall Park lagoon and buildings in the 1940's colour, with the original Aviary and miniature Zoo to the right, that straddled along Tomoana Rd, by E. Bradbury & Co Publication

The Cornwall Park's original Aviary and miniature Zoo was near the pond that straddled along Tomoana Rd, it had several different **monkeys** in a cage, some died in the winter 1938 and it was too expensive getting mates for the others. Kids could buy packets of broken biscuits or peanuts at a nearby store to feed the birds and animals. There were about one hundred and thirty birds and animals - several Wallabies with a baby named Hoppie, a white Cockatoo and Peacocks - people were taking the male Peacock tail plumes when they were moulting, but it was regarded as superstitious and brought ill-luck. Cornwall Park also had a Tennis court and a cycle track around it. In September 1938, two Monkeys at the Cornwall Park zoo Hastings were destroyed. Many residents thought the cages were unhealthy for them after one monkey had died and the council decided not to replace it. The monkeys were of different breeds and in good health and only required a new housing, but an offer by the Hastings branch of SPCA, Mr W. A. Simpson to shoot them was accepted. Some monkeys may have remained and were eventually sent to the Auckland Zoo in the early 1950's. 1938 beautification plans for Hastings Parks – Cornwall Park Field drains are to be put through the rose gardens and pruning, the stream behind the Tea Kiosk to be widened by three feet after causing some flood overflow. The zoological section has been renovated with new enclosure lawns, preparation of the cricket ground for the season.



1938 March, Cornwall Park's wallaby and monkey



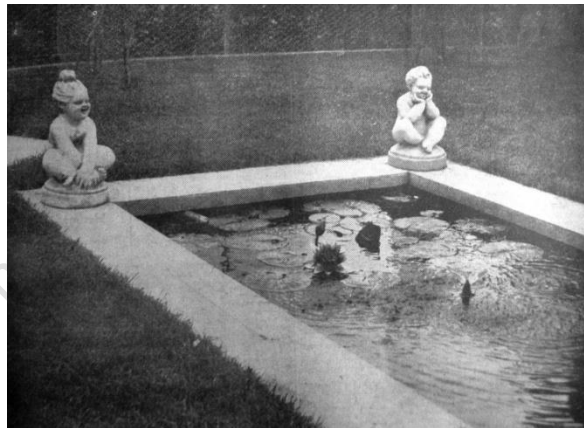
1939, The Cornwall Park Wallaby at the zoological gardens



Hoppy, the three month old wallaby at Cornwall Park is declined to leave his mothers pouch



1939, A peacock being enticed to daily peanuts by the keeper at the zoological gardens Cornwall Park and the white cockatoo – poss the same bird in the 1950's that had learnt to imitate a few choice words



1938, Amusing little cherub figures at the lily pond





1939 May, Cornwall Park Gardeners on a mini tractor with trailer, grass clippings are gathered and conveyed to the 'compo heap'



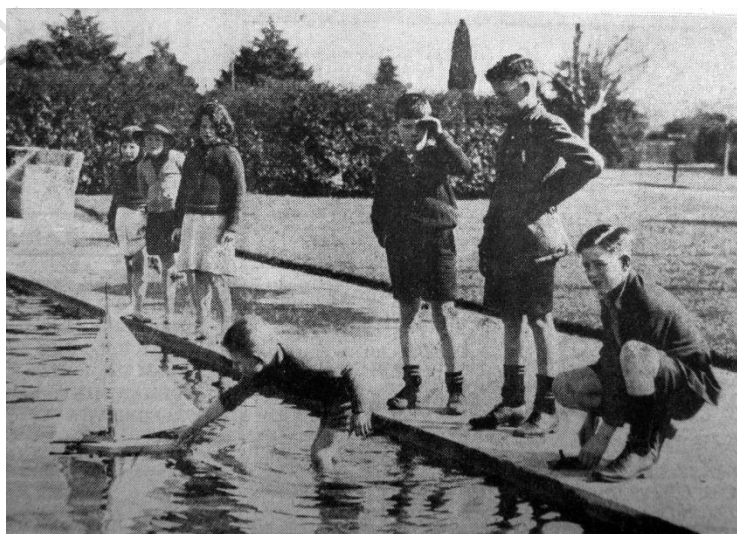
1939 August, Playground slide at Cornwall Park during the school holidays



Children lining up to take a turn on the wooden slide at Cornwall Park during school holidays with the merry-go-round behind, by Dave Godfrey Williams



1939 August, The see saw at Cornwall Park during the school holidays with big sister at the other end



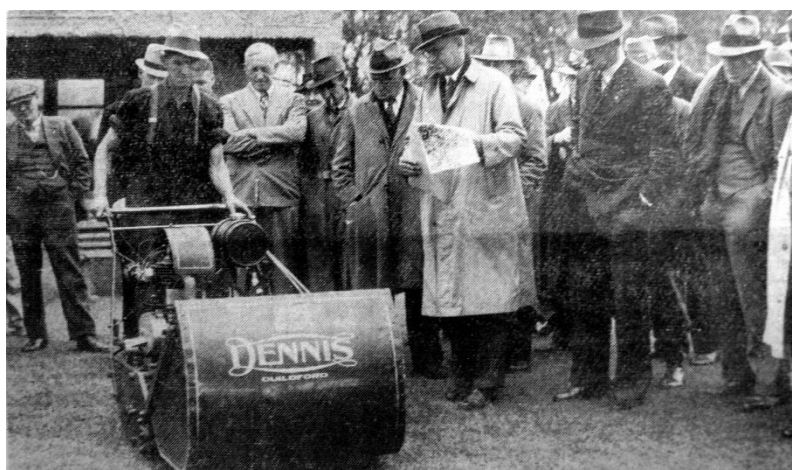
1939 August, Launching a toy sailboat at Cornwall Park during the school holidays



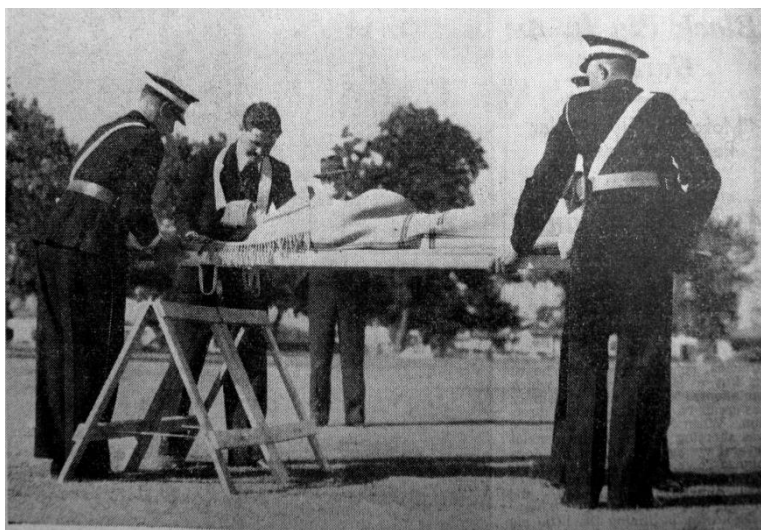
1939 August, Launching a Sky Raider kite at Cornwall Park during the school holidays



1939 September, Spring at Cornwall Park



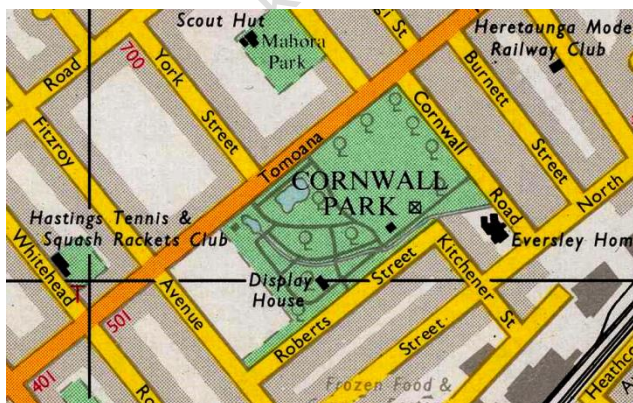
1939 October, A large new Dennis lawnmower by the Reserves Dept of the Hastings Borough Council for Cornwall Park.
The Mayor G. A. Maddison in light raincoat, on his left Mr Noel C. Harding town clerk



1939 November, Members of the St. John Ambulance, stretcher bearing drill at Cornwall Park

1940 November, For the first time in the four years that the white swans have been at Cornwall Park – they are building a nest. Three seasons ago a grey cygnet was hatched at Cornwall Park. There was a black swan with a white swan partner which was an uncommon contrasting colour match and a grey swan was hatched, it is now at Windsor Park with nine black swans.

Later in 1944 an outdoor aquarium was established introduced with Golden Red Japanese Comets. A new Aviary was built over behind the Kiosk cricket pavilion. The southern Lord Jellicoe ornamental gates installed 1924 were up for sale again in May 1978. A rocking horse was installed in the playground which caused a few injuries



Cornwall Park and Hastings Tennis & Squash Rackets Club Whitehead Rd

1947 February, Hydrangeas making a glorious display at Kitchener Rd entrance. The wallabies have proved very a popular attraction with the children.

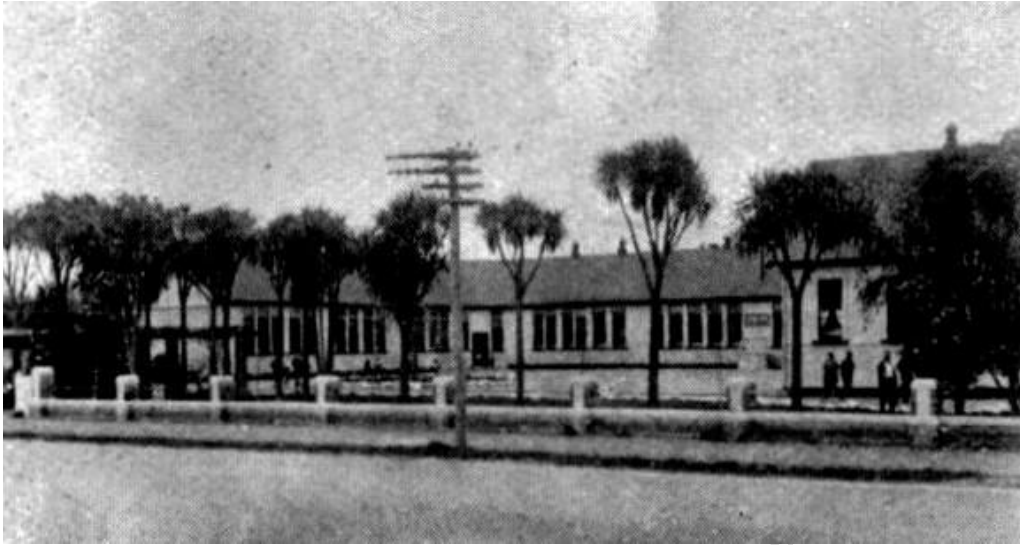
1947, The recent publicity to the sale of surplus young wallabies from the zoo at Cornwall Park has received repercussions from the Internal Affairs dept who had received many requests from country residents for wallabies to be exterminated. In the Hunters Hill district near Timaru, the wallabies had become established to such an extent that they were likely to become a pest and steps would shortly be taken to their eradication.

New aviaries were re-established off the Cornwall Rd entrance

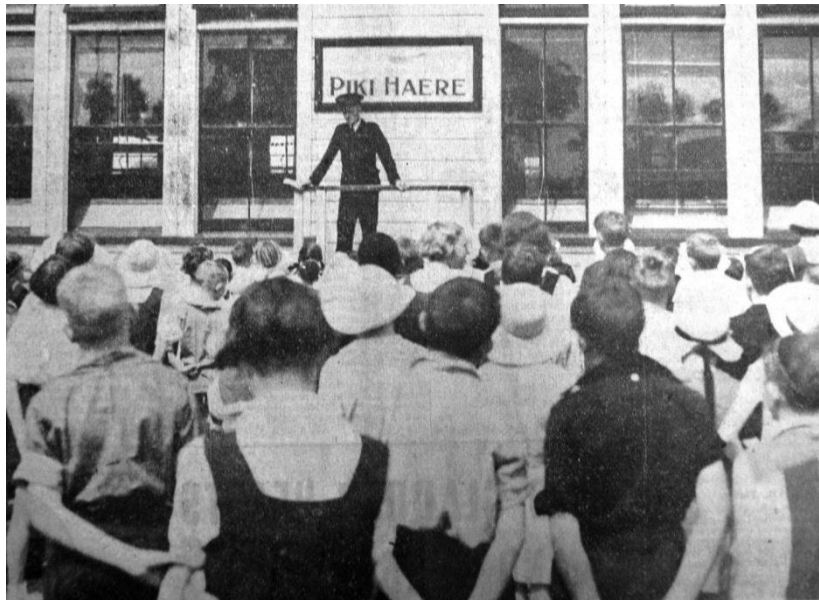
In April 1964, Two young Maori vandals broke into the aviaries and wringed the necks of many of the birds, some smaller birds escaped.

A memorial glasshouse was built in Cornwall Park dedicated to John Holt.

The Mahora School –



1938 September, Physical training period for the pupils of Mahora School Hastings to the beat of a drummer



1938 December, Road Safety instruction by Inspector H. A. Green at the Mahora School Piki Haere – Keep on Climbing



1939 August, The Mahora School fancy dress ball



1939 August, A group of young masquerader's at the Mahora School fancy dress ball



1939 August, the Mahora School fancy dress ball, a couple at the back pulling comical expressions



1939 August, The Mahora School fancy dress ball

1940 December, Mr E. H. Bissell headmaster of Mahora school retired after 48 years of service. Mr H. A. Cornes assistant master and Bruce Burrows senior prefect.

1946 August, To enable the Mahora school site to be extended the committee has requested the Hawke's Bay Education Board to consider acquiring land from the **Hudson estate**, the area desire is three-quarters of an acre. Mr M Parkhill said the ground was urgently needed for recreational purposes.

1946 November, Mahora School menaced by rats, children leaving food around rat holes were numerous especially about the asphalt quadrangle constituted a danger to small children tripping them, the infestation caused parts of the ground to become honeycombed with tunnels, the laying of poison has been ineffective and was decided to fill the holes with bitumen and broken glass.

Hastings west school –



1931 February, Quake damage to the rear of Hastings west school



1931, Hastings west school



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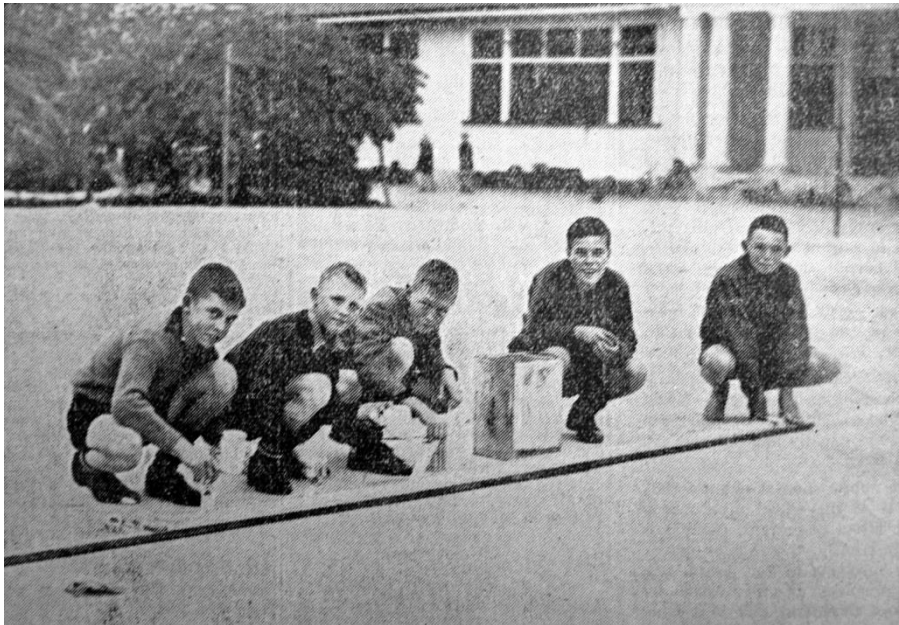


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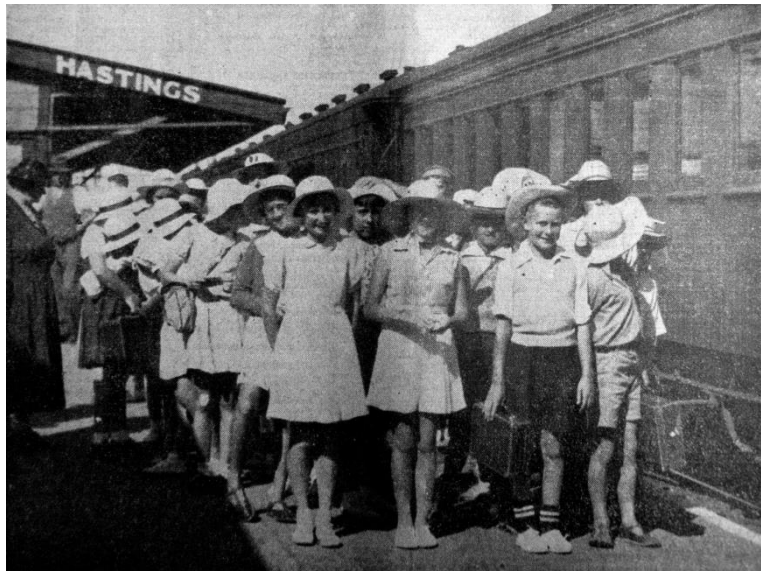
1934 November, Hastings West school grounds improvements - Along the southern boundary adjacent to the baths the old macrocarpa trees were removed and cut up for firewood. Some of this wood was sold to meet the cost of the improvements to the grounds and some stacked for use in the school buildings. The area is to be properly fenced and native trees planted to replace the 'old warriors' that were there so long. At the baths the committee plans to erect ladies dressing sheds and make other necessary improvements. It is planned to level off the playing fields for cricket and football.



1938 May, Girls skipping at Hastings west school, Gordon Rd and Oliphant Rd - later named Raureka School



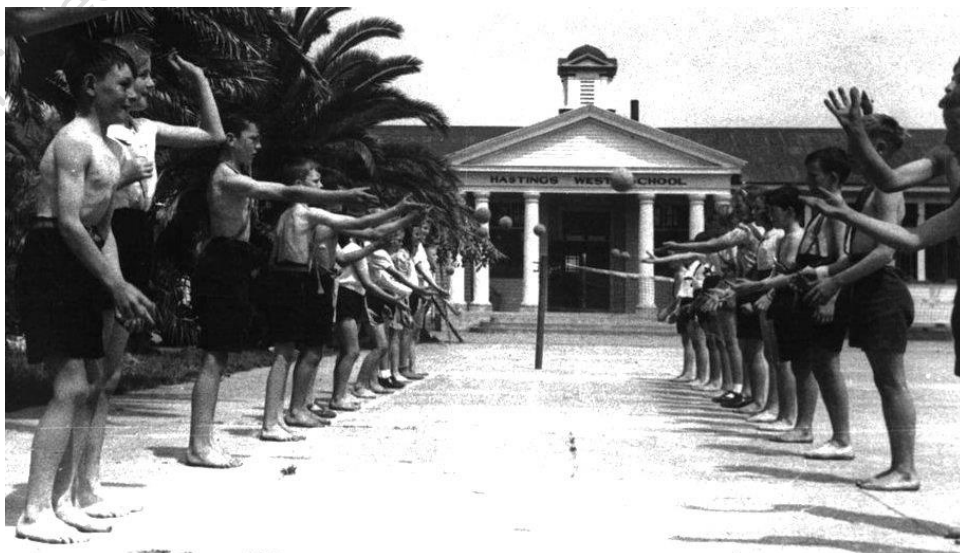
1938 May, Boys painting white lines for the basketball court at the Hastings west school



1939, Children of Hastings West school leaving Hastings station for their annual picnic



Hastings West school



1940's, Hastings west school, later named Raureka school

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