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THE TOWN BOARDS OF TARANAKI ORDINANCE, 1875.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, August 14th, 1875.

IN pursuance and exercise of the authority vested in me by "The Town Boards of Taranaki Ordinance, 1875," and with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council, I hereby declare that the Town of Carlyle, bounded as follows — Towards the North and East by the Patea River; towards the South by waste land; towards the West by Suburban Sections numbered 50, 51, 52, and 53; and towards the North-west by Suburban Sections numbered 39, 38, 37, 36, and by a Government reserve — shall on and after the date hereof be subject to the provisions of the Ordinances in the schedule hereto; and I further declare that the number of members which shall form the Board of the said Town shall be seven.

ARTHUR STANDISH,
Deputy Superintendent.

SCHEDULE.

"Municipal Police Ordinance, 1862."
"Town Board of New Plymouth Ordinance, 1863." "Town of New Plymouth Public Works Ordinance, 1864." "Town of New Plymouth Public Works Ordinance Extension Ordinance, 1872."

GENERAL MEETING OF OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND TO ELECT TOWN BOARD FOR CARLYLE.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, August 14, 1875.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me, I hereby declare that a GENERAL MEETING of the owners and occupiers of land in the Town of Carlyle will be held in the Court House, Carlyle, on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 12 noon, for the purpose of electing Seven Members to form the Town Board of Carlyle.

ARTHUR STANDISH,
Deputy-Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
New Plymouth, August 23, 1875.

IT is hereby notified that
ALFRED WOOD

has been appointed Scab-Inspector for the Patea district.

Appointment to date from 1st June last.

ARTHUR STANDISH,
Deputy-Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Board of Education,
New Plymouth, Aug. 13, 1875.

SIR,—In compliance with the provisions of the "Education Ordinance, 1874," I have the honor to render my report for the year ending July 31st, 1875.

The Board at that date consisted of the following members:—Mr. B. Wells (chairman), Ven. Archdeacon Govett, B.A., Messrs. Standish, Crompton, Syme, Weyergang, and Lawrence. During the year Major Atkinson and Messrs. H. Richmond and C. W. Hursthouse resigned their seats at the Board. From the 20th of June, 1874, to the 7th of July, 1875, twenty meetings of the Board were held.

The Board has divided the New Plymouth district into ten sub-districts, as follows:—No. 1, Okato and Tataraimaka; No. 2, Oakura and Omata; No. 3, Town and environs of New Plymouth; No. 4, Mangorei; No. 5, Upper Waitakaiho; No. 6, Bell Block; No. 7, Waitara; No. 8, Manutahi and Huirangi; No. 9, Tikorangi; No. 10, Urenui. In each sub-district a local school managing committee has been elected.

The Board has schools at Okato, Tataraimaka, Oakura, Omata, Mangorei, Kent Road, Albert Road, Bell Block, Manutahi, Huirangi, Waitara, and Tikorangi. In New Plymouth it has four schools; two for boys and two for girls. The Albert Road School and the senior Girls' School in New Plymouth have been established during the year.

New schoolhouses have been erected at Okato, Kent Road, and Albert Road; and a teacher's residence has been built at Bell Block. The schoolhouses at Oakura, Omata, Kawan Pa, Bell Block, Manutahi, Huirangi, and Tikorangi have been repaired. Several schoolhouses have been painted, and furnished with chimnies. A teacher's residence is in course of erection at Oakura; schoolhouses are being built at Tataraimaka and Waitara; tenders have been invited for the erection of a schoolhouse at Inglewood; the Baptist Chapel, New Plymouth, has been hired for school purposes; and a plot of land for a school-site has been purchased at Tataraimaka.

The number of children on the school registers for the quarter ending September 30th, 1874—the first quarter

of the Board's existence—was 251, and the daily average attendance 163. The number on the school registers for the quarter ending June 30th, 1875, was 438, and the daily average attendance 285, showing an increase of the numbers on the registers of 187, and on the average daily attendance of 122. The total number of children in the district, from five to fifteen years of age, during the period was 1,192.

The Board has furnished the schools with black-boards, crayons, crayon-holders, compasses, bells, clocks, maps, desks, forms, pencils, buckets, brooms, and pannikins. A miscellaneous assortment of educational works, handed to the Board by the Provincial Government, has been distributed among them, and they have also been furnished with lesson-tablets, history and other reading books.

The following teachers are in the service of the Board:—Holding second-class certificate: Annie Reeve. Holding third-class certificates: Mary Brooking, Sarah Reeve, Catherine Hogarth, George O'Connell, William J. McKee, Charles Freer Crawford, Robert Albert Nicholas Earl, Stephen Carrick, W. H. Tobin, Thomas Bennett, Philip Callow Moore, and John Crean. Holding no certificate: Emily George, Caroline Lawrence, and Lydia E. Shaw. During the year two female teachers have resigned their appointments, and a male teacher has been dismissed for irregular conduct.

The Board has constituted and appointed the following gentlemen an Examining Committee:—Venerable Archdeacon Govett, B.A., Worcester College, Oxford; Mr. B. Wells, Chairman of the Board; and Mr. W. Northcroft, the Board's Secretary. The Committee have held examinations in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and History, and have granted to candidates one second-class and fourteen third-class certificates.

When the Board took office it immediately raised the salaries of the teachers from £20 to £40 per annum. After examination the salaries of those male teachers to whom the Examining Committee had granted third-class certificates were raised to £80 per annum, and that of the female teachers to whom the same certificates had been granted to £50 per annum. An exception was made in the case of the teacher of the East Town School, whose salary was raised to £90 per annum. During the last quarter of the year the salary of the teacher of the East Town School

was raised to £100 per annum; that of the male certificated teachers to £90; that of the certificated female teachers to £50 per annum; and the Board appointed a female teacher, holding a second-class certificate, at a salary of £60 per annum. Three uncertified teachers receive £40 per annum. The Board's liability for teachers' salaries is now £1,150 per annum.

The teachers have been furnished with a set of excellent educational works for self-improvement, and the Board has sanctioned for use in its schools some of the best works of the day.

The subjects taught in the schools are—Reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, composition, and English history. In the girls' schools plain and fancy needlework is also taught.

Rules for the conduct of the schools have been prepared with considerable care, and have been furnished to all the teachers and chairmen of Local School Committees.

The collection of the education rate has been attended with considerable difficulty.

The Secretary, in addition to his clerical duty, is the Board's Treasurer, Surveyor, and Architect, and has performed all the services required of him by the Board in these capacities at a salary of £150 per annum.

The Chairman has been appointed honorary inspector of schools, and his report has been published by the Board.

The Provincial Council has amended the "Educational Ordinance, 1874," by giving direct power to the Secretary to recover rates. It has also taken a large and valuable reserve from the Board in the neighbourhood of New Plymouth for a Botanic Garden and Recreative Ground, for which it is hoped ample compensation will be given.

The office of the Board is a small damp room, generally unfit for the purpose. The Board trust that in the proposed new Government buildings provision may be made for its wants in this respect.

The Board perceives with pleasure a growing appreciation of its schools by

the public, and trusts that a clear perception of the beneficent intentions of the Education Ordinance and of the Education Board will speedily be shared by every inhabitant of the district.

I have the honor to be,
Your Honor's obedient servant,
BENJAMIN WELLS,
Chairman.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

BALANCE SHEET of the 16th
(or Okato) Road District for the
year ending 30th June, 1875.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To cash in hand 15th July, 1874	1	10	0
Cash from Provincial Treasurer (rates)	60	0	0
Cash from Provincial Treasurer (capitation)	45	0	0
Cash from Provincial Treasurer (rates)	19	8	9
Cash from Provincial Treasurer (provincial grant)	20	0	0
	£145	18	9

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Paid Dover Road (per pay lists)	42	9	6
Oxford Road (per pay lists)	59	8	0
Perth Road (per pay lists)	4	0	0
Leith Road (per pay lists)	6	0	0
Hampton Road (per pay list)	10	11	0
Kaihihi Road (per pay list)	7	19	3
Grass seed	8	4	8
Cartage	0	4	6
Stationery	0	6	0
Expenses: Commissioners attending hearing objections to Approximate Statements in New Plymouth	1	0	0
Commissioners' fees	4	4	0
Balance in hands of Commissioners	1	11	10
	£145	18	9

W. INNES, } Commis-
THOMAS GILMAN, } sioners.

I certify the above to be correct,
R. KEOGH,
Auditor.