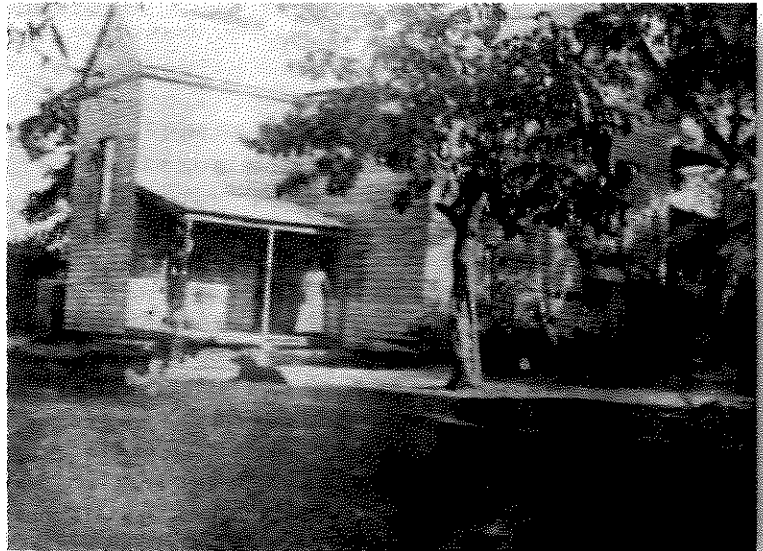


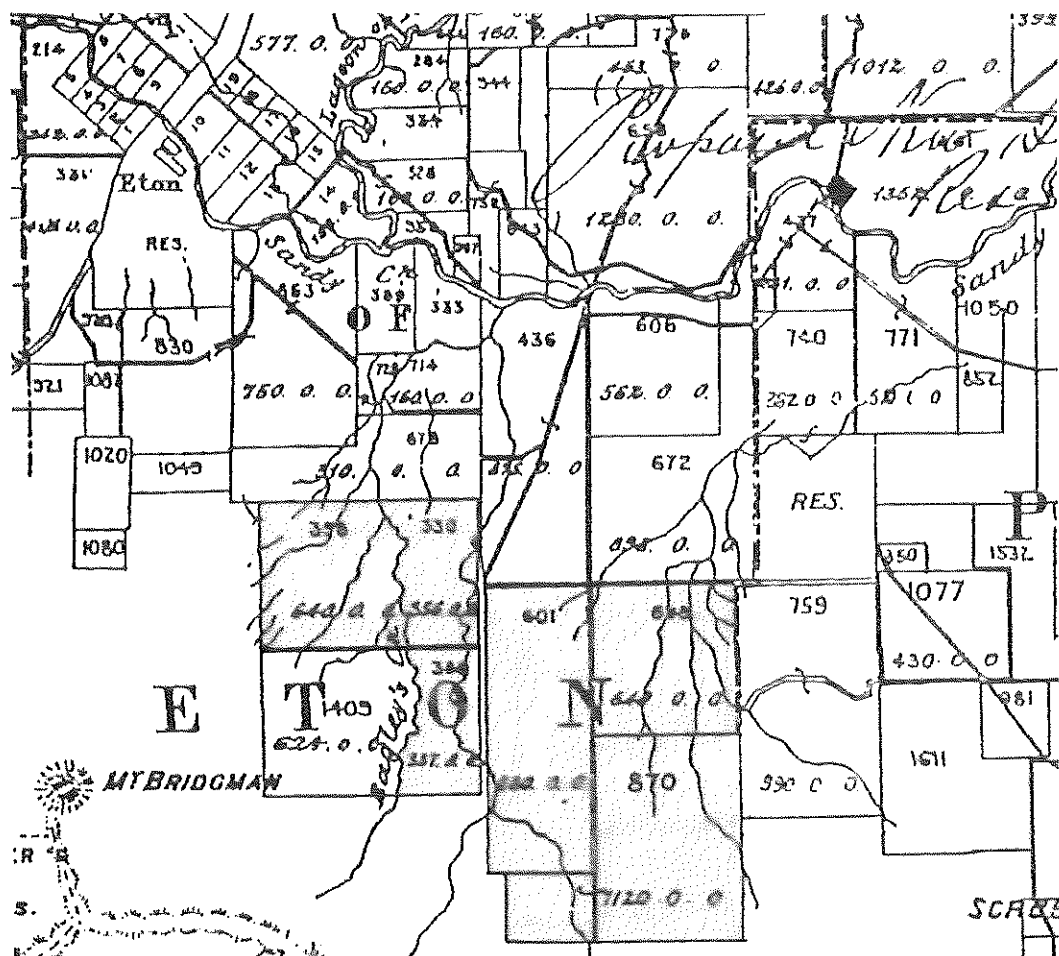
The History of Oakenden State School

1908	- On 20th November a letter was written by Mr I. Whittington to the Board of Education, expressing the need for a school in the area. <i>See Document A</i> - The proposed site consisted of one acre, Lease No. 78 - Portion 436, leased by the Whittington family from The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited (CSR).
1909	- On 22nd February Mr R. D. Dunne of Eton wrote to the Under Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction on behalf of the community requesting a school be opened due to the large number of children in the area and the long distance to attend existing schools. It stated that the parents were willing to subscribe one-fifth of the total cost of the school's erection. - A public meeting was held on 21st March and a building committee elected. - An application for the establishment of a provisional school at 'Homebush Three Mile' was completed on 15th April. <i>See Document B</i> - On 27th April Mr Dunne again wrote to the Department of Public Instruction with a list of 24 students who would attend the school and a map of the proposed site. - On 5th July Mr Dunne applied to change the previous application for an unsubsidised provisional school to a subsidised state school. - The District Inspector Mr W. Taylor sent a report to the Under Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction on 8th July. This included a map of where the students lived in relation to the proposed school site and a map of where other schools in the district were located. He suggested that the site be increased to two acres and that as the school was to be on the Oakenden Estate, it should be named either Oakenden School or Oakenden Road School. He stated that the application would be approved once the amendments were made. <i>See Documents C, D and E</i> - The name was changed from 'Homebush Three Mile School' to 'Oakenden School' and the application approved. Plans for the school and teacher's residence were drawn. <i>See Documents F and G</i> - A letter was received from the Department of the Public Instruction dated 24th August, advising the amount to be contributed by the community. <i>See Document H</i> - On 24th September the two acres, Subdivision 2 of Portion 436 Parish of Eton, were transferred from The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited to the Secretary of Public Instruction. <i>See Document I</i> - The community raised one-fifth of the cost of the building, £61:12:0, and sent a cheque on 11th November. <i>See Document J</i>
1910	- On 6th February Mr R. D. Dunne wrote to the Department of Public Instruction urging them to hurry up. <i>See Document K</i> - Tenders were called for the building of the school and Mr J. G. E. Gralow was given the contract in June. - Mr Albert Kanowski was appointed head teacher on 31st October. <i>See Document L</i> - On 14th November Oakenden State School opened with 26 students. <i>See Document M</i> - On 25th November the first school committee was elected; Chairman Mr Daniel Brand, Secretary Mr Peter McFarlane, Treasurer Mr William Baxter, and members Mr Hugh Caven, Mr Bernard Farrelly, Mr Henry Sievers, and Mr Isaac Whittington.
1918	On 19th January the school was severely damaged by a cyclone. <i>See Document N</i>
1942	During World War II, slit trenches were dug by parents in the school grounds after Japanese bombing in Northern Australia. Air raid drills were practised.

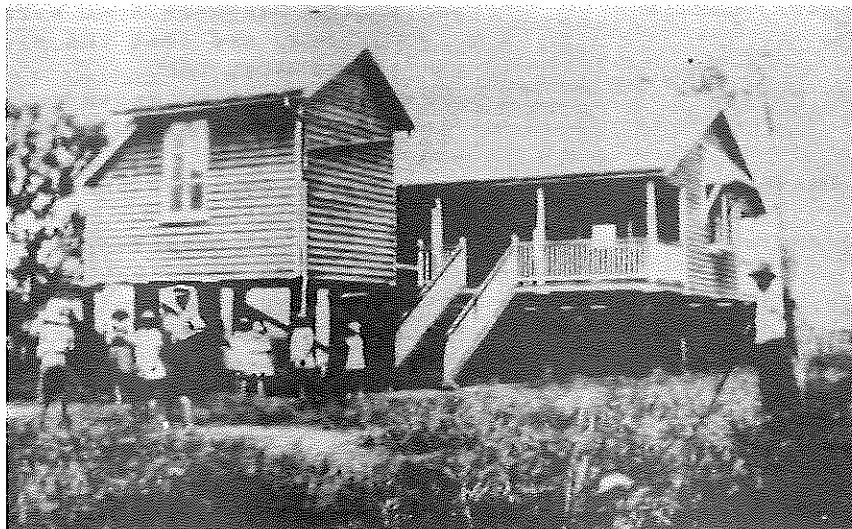


The Original Kemmis Homestead

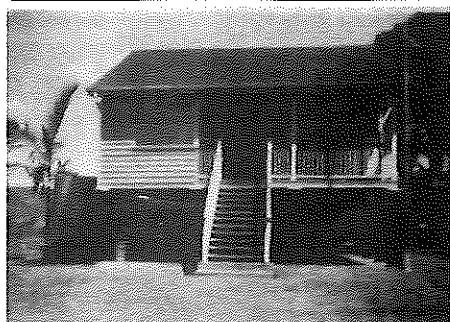
Arthur Alexander Kemmis
1834-1896

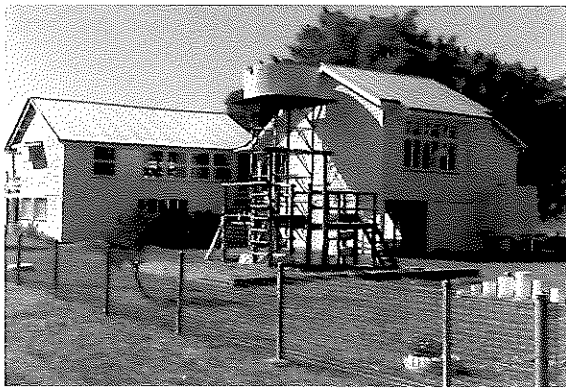


Land in the area leased by Arthur Kemmis - 'Oakenden'
1885 Parish Map

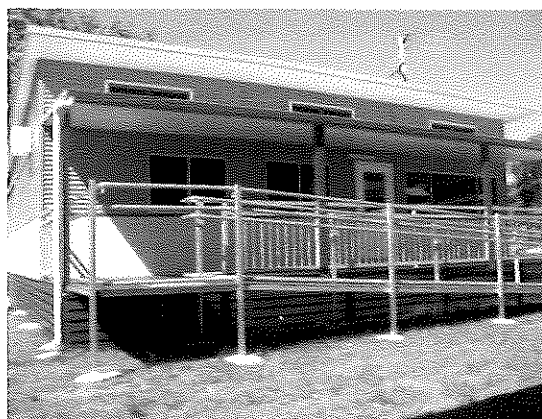


1945	- The windmill, water tanks and tank stand were erected in the school grounds. - The Teacher's residence was relocated. (Teachers boarded with local families or at the Eton Hotel between 1940 and 1959.)
1951	The school grounds were flooded and material in the storeroom was damaged.
1957	Approval was given to increase the size of the classroom by incorporating the southern verandah and extending the storeroom.
1959	A new Teacher's residence was completed. <i>See Document M</i>
1965	A new bore was sunk.
1966	The classroom was renovated and a reading room, store room, and northern verandah built.
1969	A portion underneath the school was closed in.
1970	Oakenden State School celebrated its Diamond Jubilee.
1973	- The Munbura School building was relocated to Oakenden State School. - The septic system was installed in the school grounds.
1982	- Oakenden, Homebush, Sandiford, Dundula, Chelona and Swayneville State Schools participated in the first Sandy Creek Sports Day. The aim was to encourage student participation and enjoyment, as Sarina Sports Day had become more of a selection trial for choosing district representatives. - A native tree garden was planted between the original building and the toilet block.
1983	The school grounds were excavated and pipes laid for the Oakenden Main Irrigation Channel.





1985	- The first Cross Country event was held. - Oakenden State School celebrated its 75th Jubilee.
1987	The 'Oakenden Dominoes' softball team, consisting of mostly Oakenden students, entered the local competition.
1988	- Oakenden students participated in Bicentennial Celebrations at the Mackay Showgrounds. - The timber fort was constructed.
1992	Oakenden State School participated in a cultural exchange with students and adults from Boigu Island State School.
1994	The area between the buildings and the fence was paved and new gardens planted.
1996	The sports' shed was erected.
1997	The adventure playground and flying fox was installed.
2002	The Rebound Wall was constructed.
2005	Due to decreasing enrolments, Oakenden State School became a one teacher school once again.
2007	Undercover walkways were erected.
2009	- Oakenden State School hosted the first Sandy Creek Cross Country. - The colourful playground was erected.
2010	- A new demountable classroom was assembled. - Oakenden State School celebrates 100 years.





4 Mile Homelush

20/11/1908

To The Board of Education

Dear Sir,

We are in great need of a school here, There are over 30 children around here & The nearest school is 4 miles & That is The Homelush school some of The children are 6 miles from school & it is a shame To see Them growing up without Education. I have every reason To believe we can get The ground for a school near here, & I am sure all The Parents would be Thankfull If you would let us know how we are To get one. I could call a meeting & let you know how many are ready for school now

yours Truly

J. Whittington

4 Mile Homelush

CHIEF CLERK.

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SCHEDULE II.

Application for the Establishment of a Provisional School.

15. April 1909

To The Under Secretary for Public Instruction, Brisbane.

SIR,

At a public meeting held on the 21st day of *March* 1909, at *St. John's Oakenden*, of which fourteen days' notice was duly given in accordance with Clause 4 of the Regulations, the following gentlemen, namely— *Rev. Mr. Jarlane, H. E. Seiver, William Baxter, Bernard J. Farrelly, Hugh Coen, Isaac Whittington, Dan Brand*

were elected members of a Building Committee for promoting the establishment of a Provisional School at *Homebush Mill*

2. Mr. *R. D. O'Connell* has been appointed Secretary to the Committee. His postal address is *Model Farm St. Michael's*

3. The number of children over the age of five and under fifteen years likely to attend the proposed school is *(24) twenty four*. Annexed is a list of the same and of their parents, which we certify to be correct.

4. The nearest school maintained or subsidized by the State is at *Homebush Mill*, distant *10 1/2* miles from the proposed site by the nearest road. The nearest State or Provisional Schools within a radius of ten miles are the following †:— *Homebush Stn.*

5. Enclosed is a lithograph Plan of the locality, showing the position of the proposed site and of the nearest existing schools, together with the homes of the parents, and the number of children to attend from each home. The nearest Post Office is at *Homebush Stn.*, distant *3* miles.

6. The proposed site consists of *1 one acre* leased at *£78. 0/0* per annum and is situated *along the main road to Oakenden on the boundary between Oakenden & Homebush Stn.*

7. The total cost of the building, furniture, tanks, closets, and fencing is estimated at *£180*

8. We make this application under the provisions of section (b) of Regulation 7, and we undertake to comply with the conditions set forth therein.

9. We have the honour to request that a Provisional School may be established as proposed, to be known as the *** Homebush Stn. Mill* Provisional School.

*Peter Jarlane**H. E. Seiver**William Baxter**Bernard J. Farrelly**Hugh Coen**Isaac Whittington**Dan Brand*

Members of the Building Committee.

* This application should be accompanied by a letter giving full particulars.

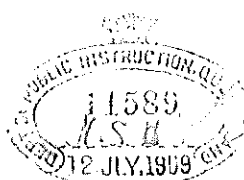
† Insert (if any) names of schools, and distances from site proposed.

‡ Insert acreage and description, and state whether the land is freehold, leasehold, selected, or Crown land.

§ Describe position exactly, giving number or portion of allotment, if possible.

** A distinctive name to be given.

1. I cannot locate the site. The estate is 1 acre to help me. There is no map. I need one.
 after the paper to the Dist. Secy. for advice.
 2. I cannot inform parents of action.
 I have procured a link at a cost of 1/6. E.H.
 15.5.09



W. J. May 1909

Report on an Application for the
Establishment of a Provisional School
at "Homebush Three Mile".

7. The applicants have inadvertently applied for a Provisional School but desire the establishment of a State School in accordance with Regulation 6.

Herewith I send three maps, 1. The original sketch supplied with the application. By various corrections in red ink, I have endeavoured to make it represent the relative positions of the parents' residences & the school sites, & to make it conform to the Survey Maps. 2. A piece of the "Kennedy 2 mile, Sheet 5." (This was sent to me from the Department with the correspondence). On it I have indicated the position of the proposed site & the positions of the neighbouring schools. 3. A tracing from the large Parish Map in the Lands Office at Macquay. On this I have indicated the exact positions of the proposed site, the site of the State School at Homebush and the homes of the applicants.

The lists of children & the other particulars are substantially accurate though the distances are a little overstated. The proposed site, however, is more than four miles from the Homebush State School, and about five from the State school at Uson. Mr Baxter does not live on the area indicated (the N.E. corner of 698) but I accept the assurance of the Manager of the Homebush Mill that Mr Baxter has arranged to grow his 1910 crops on that area & that he is giving up his lease, near Scrubby Mountain, at the end of the present season. He is therefore, I think, a proper applicant. Of the twenty four children, I have seen all but one, & she is, I believe, approaching five years of age if not fully that age. There are a considerable number of children that will reach school age in two or three years' time, & the prospects of a continued need for a school are promising. It is a sugar area being cut up for small farmers, & those who are on the estate have bright prospects.

The area is hardly large enough, one acre, and as there will be no difficulty in obtaining two acres as a gift

from the Homebush Mill, (C. & R. Co.) it will, I think, be best to secure that area.

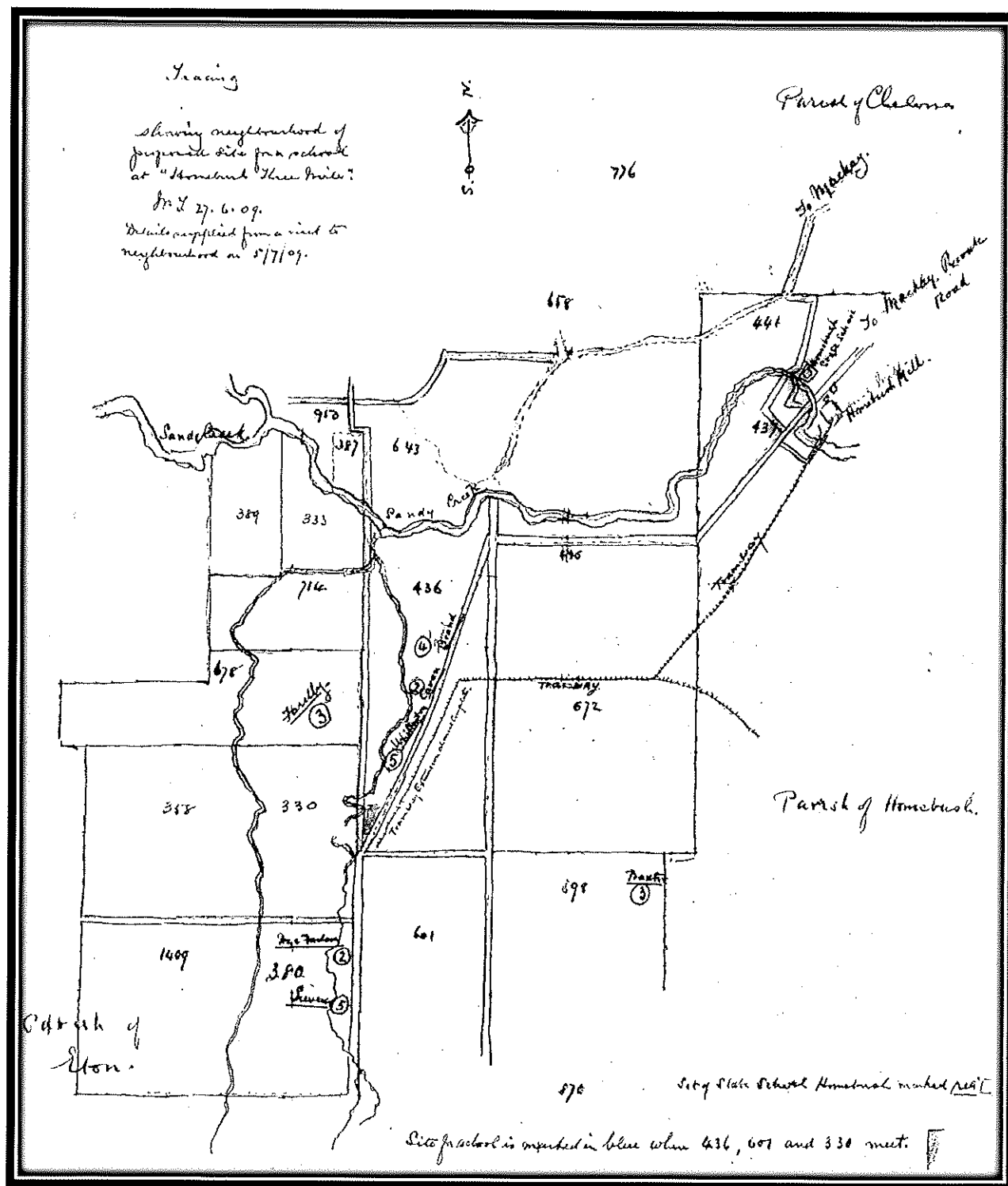
The accommodation of a teacher with board & residence presents some difficulty. The people taking up this land, with small means & great energy, will be prosperous enough in time to come; but at present the price of their produce, each season, is absorbed by expenditure on improvements, on fresh horses & implements, and, most important of all, in paying considerable sums by which they will eventually secure the freehold of their holdings. Meanwhile they live in small & over crowded houses, putting up with considerable discomfort & looking to future prosperity as their recompense. Thus the housing of a teacher is, in the present and near future, a difficulty. I think it would be well to build a school with a fairly comfortable room attached. There would be but little difficulty about obtaining board, it is the sleeping accommodation that makes the trouble.

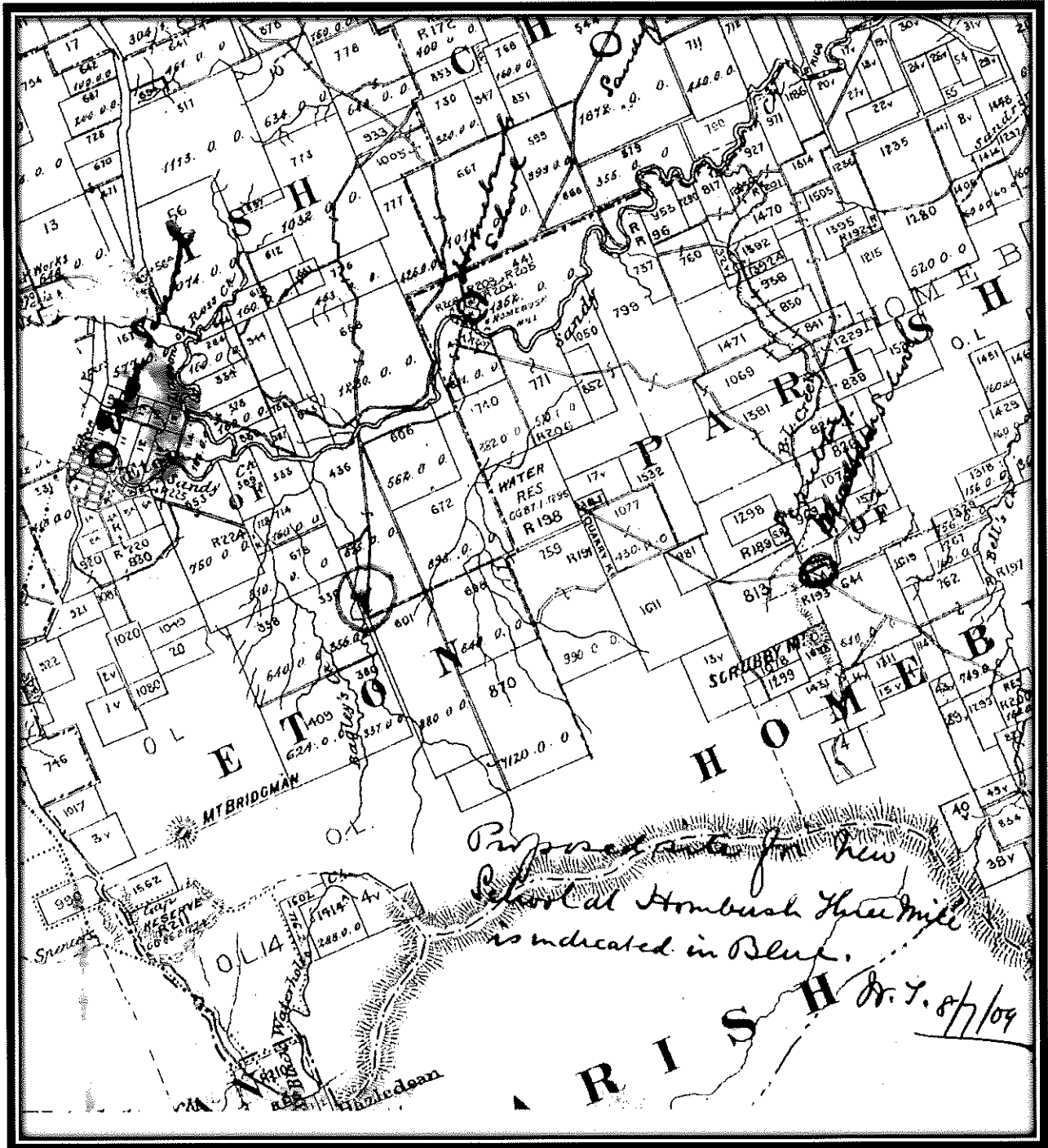
The name "Homebush Three Mile" is not a good designation. There is no township of Homebush & the site is four miles, not three, from the Homebush Mill & the Homebush School. It is on the border of the Oakenden Estate & it would be well to call it either the Oakenden School or the Oakenden Road School. The building should face the road crossing 436 diagonally.

I recommend that the application subject to revision as indicated above shall be approved.

Tom Taylor
Dist Inspector.
8/7/09.

The Under Secretary
Department of Public Instruction



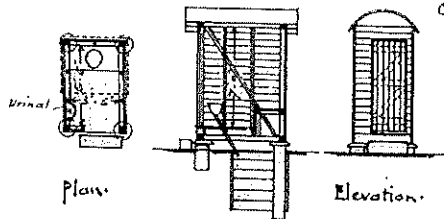


STATE ~~PROVISIONAL~~ SCHOOLS AT OAKENDEN

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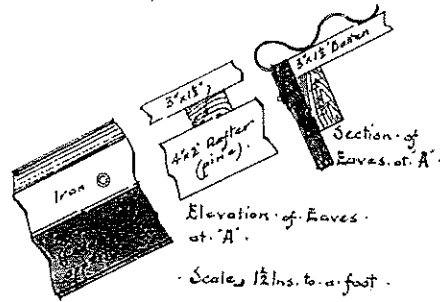


Plan

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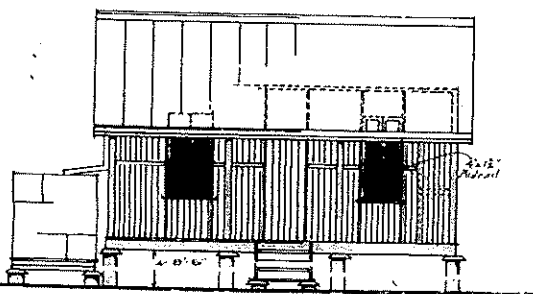
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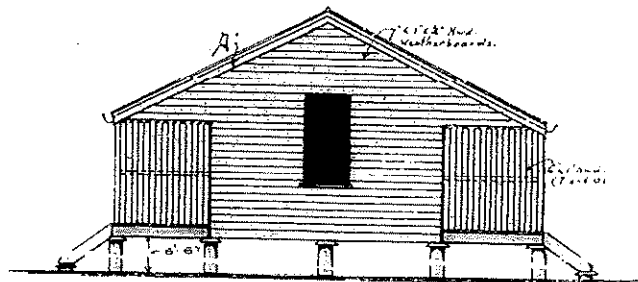


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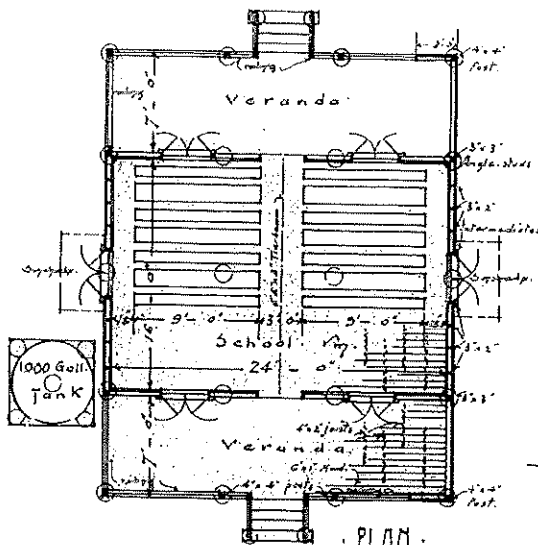
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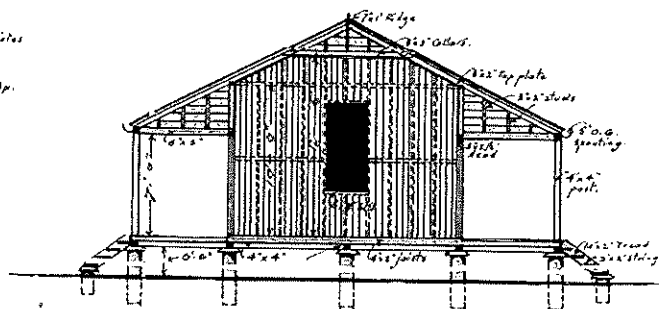
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END ELEVATION



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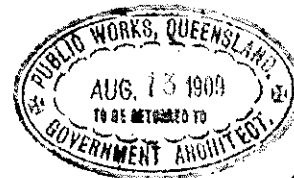


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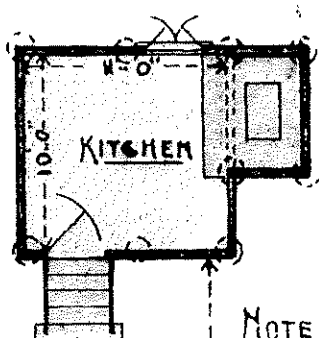
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TEACHERS RESIDENCE [REDACTED] SCHOOL

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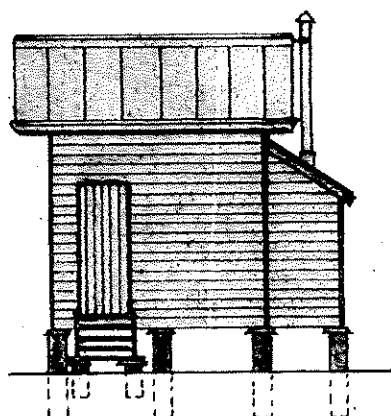


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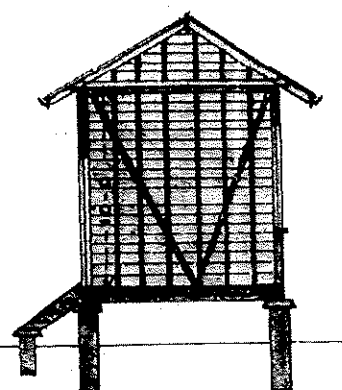
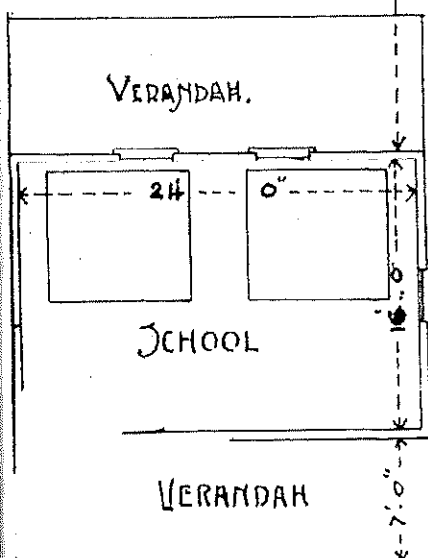


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IN THE RELATIVE POSITION TO
SCHOOL AS SHOWN ON PLAN



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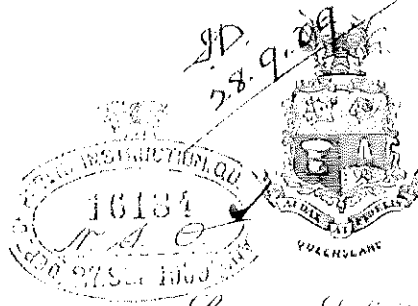
J. J. J.
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Total \$508,000.

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Crown Solicitor's Office,

No 09/14489 N.S.Q.
18330.

Brisbane.

24th September 1909.

Transfer documents

G. H. Keenan

Sir/

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited to The
Secretary for Public Instruction in Queensland

- Transfer -.

Referring to your letter of 15th instant herein, I have
now the honour to forward you herewith for execution the above
transfer of subdivision 2 of Portion 436, Parish of Eton, and
relative plan.

When executed kindly return these documents to me for
registration, together with £1 : 15 : 0 necessary fees.

The preparation of this transfer was delayed pending a
search against the title in the Real Property Office, Townsville.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. H. Keenan

Crown Solicitor.

*Send to Blay Court
for completion
28.9.09*

The Under Secretary,

Department of Public Instruction,

Brisbane.



Model School

11. Nov 1909

The Under Secretary
Department of Public Instruction
Brisbane

Sir

Enclosed please find cheque for £61.12.0 the one fifth contribution my Committee were invited to send in terms of your letter dated 26. August last for the erection of the Oakenden State School. The cheque will be cashed upon presentation at the C.S.R. Co's Brisbane office. I am posting you under separate cover the Plans of the School (sent for inspection of the Building Committee) + the Deed of ^{Memorandum of Transfer} the School ground completed. The Committee hope that you will see your way to commence the building forthwith in order that the children may be able to get instruction as soon as possible after the Xmas vacation.

I have the honour to remain

Yours obedient servant

R. D. Duncanson
Secretary of Building Committee
Oakenden State School

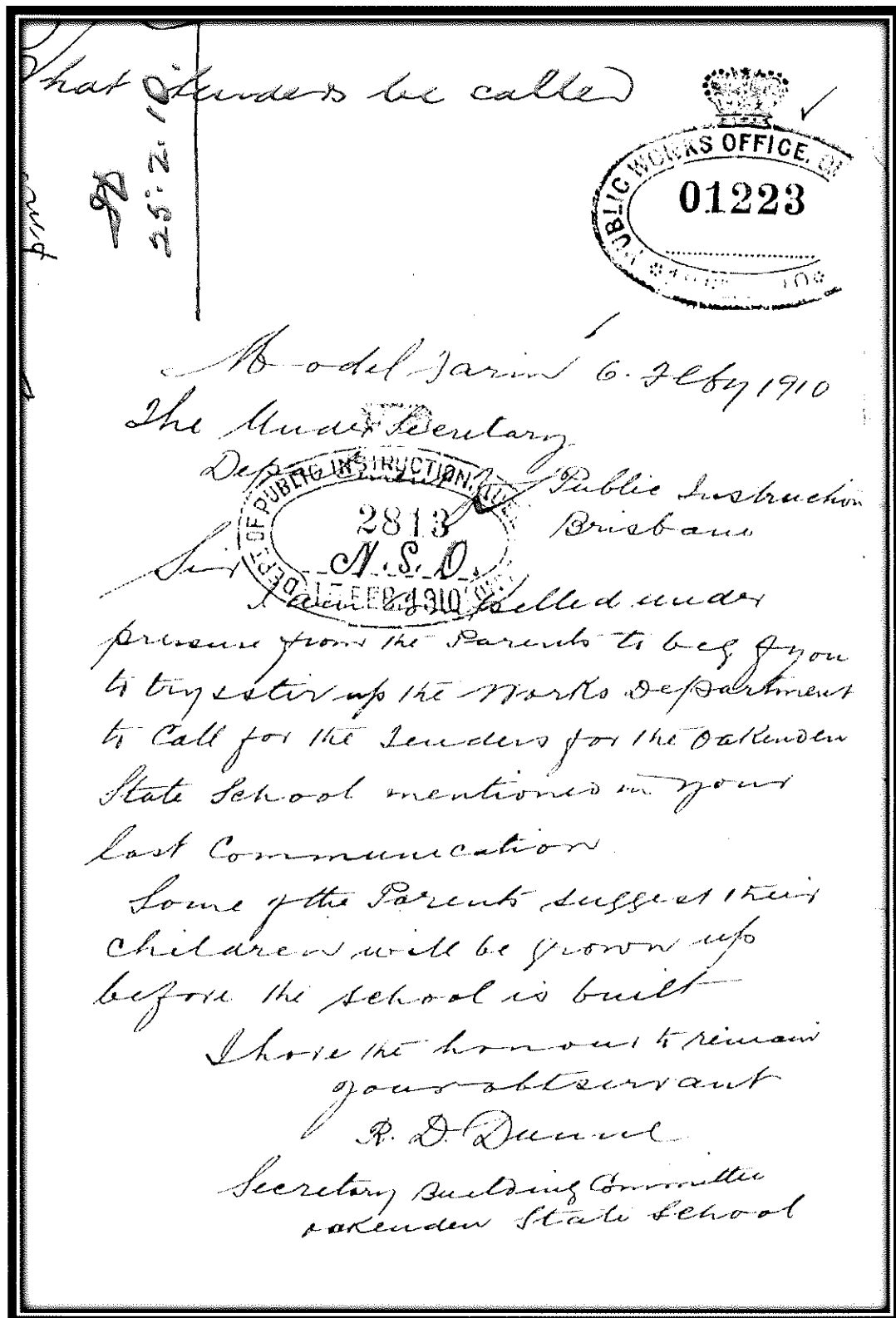
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Albert Kanowski



Glencoe,

2nd November, 1910.

The Under-Secretary,
Department of Public Instruction,
Brisbane.

Sir,

I have the honour to advise
that I received your letter of the 31st
ultimo, with enclosures, appointing me
to the position of teacher of the Oakenenden
State School, and I intend to leave for
Mackay by the 'Bombala', which leaves
Brisbane on Tuesday next, 8th inst.

I have advised the Secretary
of the School Building Committee, that
I intend opening the school on Monday,
14th inst.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Albert Kanowski

REGISTER OF Oakenden State SCHOOL.

NO.	PUPIL'S NAME.	AGE.		PARENT'S NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OCCUPATION.	RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.	GRADES.						LEAVING
		YRS.	MTS.			FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH	
10	Whittington, Violet	15	5	Whittington, Isaac, Oakenden, Farmer	Method.			$\frac{11}{10}$				$\frac{12}{10}$
10	Sievers, George Harry	15	2	Sievers, Harry, Oakenden, Farmer	C.E.			$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{12}{11}$
10	Smith, Lily	15	2	Smith, James, " - "	C.E.			$\frac{11}{10}$				$\frac{12}{10}$
10	Farrelly, Agnes Winifred	14	9	Farrelly, Bernard, " - "	R.C.						$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{11}{10}$
10	McFarlane, Jane	13	8	McFarlane, Peter, " - "	P.			$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{12}{12}$
10	Sievers, Emily Grace	13	7	Sievers, Harry, " - "	C.E.			$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{12}{11}$
10	Caven, Martha	12	11	Caven, Hugh, " - "	P.			$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{12}{12}$
10	Farrelly, Oswald Bernard	12	4	Farrelly, Bernard, " - "	R.C.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{11}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{8}{12}$
10	Whittington, Leslie	12	0	Whittington, Isaac, " - "	Method.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$				$\frac{6}{13}$
10	Sievers, Maggie	11	10	Sievers, Harry, " - "	C.E.		$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$				$\frac{8}{12}$
10	Brand, Daniel Jas.	11	7	Brand, Daniel, " - "	C.E.		$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$				$\frac{7}{11}, \frac{9}{12}$
10	Baxter, Annie	10	7	Baxter, William, " - "	C.E.			$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{8}{12}$
10	Farrelly, Raymond Jr.	10	6	Farrelly, Bernard, " - "	R.C.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{13}{14}$
10	Whittington, Annie	10	0	Whittington, Isaac, " - "	Method.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{9}{14}$
10	Sievers, Amy	9	10	Sievers, Harry, " - "	C.E.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{12}{12}$
10	Brand, Dr. Frank	9	9	Brand, Daniel, " - "	C.E.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{7}{15}$
10	Whittington, Albert	8	7	Whittington, Isaac, " - "	Method.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$				$\frac{8}{16}$
10	Caven, Maggie	8	7	Caven, Hugh, " - "	P.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{9}{15}$
10	Sievers, Albert Fredk.	8	5	Sievers, Harry, " - "	C.E.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{16}{16}$
10	McFarlane, Elizabeth	8	2	McFarlane, Peter, " - "	P.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$	$\frac{9}{16}$		$\frac{17}{17}$
10	Baxter, Ruth	8	2	Baxter, William, " - "	C.E.		$\frac{11}{11}$	$\frac{7}{11}$	$\frac{2}{13}$	$\frac{7}{14}$		$\frac{10}{16}$
10	Brand, Henry John	8	1	Brand, Daniel, " - "	C.E.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{4}{13}$	$\frac{7}{11}$			$\frac{10}{16}$
10	Whittington, Mary	6	6	Whittington, Isaac, " - "	Method.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{2}{13}$	$\frac{7}{14}$	$\frac{1}{16}$			$\frac{13}{14}$
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10	Whittington, Walter	5	2	Whittington, Isaac, " - "	Method.	$\frac{11}{10}$	$\frac{2}{13}$	$\frac{7}{14}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{17}$		$\frac{13}{14}$

This expenditure arises out of floods and cyclones. Inform. n la The work might be approved. Urgent.

H 7 H 2 11/3/18

8/6 UNDER SECT. PUB. INSTR.

For consideration
curd

11.3.18.

The Under Secretary,
Public Works Dept.
Brisbane.

Re damage done by cyclone ---- State School, Oakenien .

With reference to the above school I have

the honour to report as follows:-

SCHOOL :- The building is on high stumps and is leaning over. The ventilating ridge is blown off: One tank was blown off its stand. It will require a new bottom and top. Otherwise the building is in good condition.

TEACHER'S ROOM:- This room, which was attached to the back verandah of the School by a short gangway, has fallen down and, from appearance, the materials can mostly be reused.

Estimated cost for plumbing building and re-erecting Residential Room is £200.0.0.

P. P. R. R. R.
Inspector of Works.

Kindly file
RECORD CLERK,
DEPT PUBLIC WORKS
19-4-18



E/O ACCOUNTANT,
to note



Court House

2nd. March 1918.

Stevenson G. B.
6.4.18
posed 2 1/2
John D. Smith
Accountant

APR 1 0 1918

