

SIR,—

Fairburn, Mangonui, 21st November, 1893.

I have the honour to inform you that the School Committee arrived at school to-day, at 3 o'clock, in order to hold a Committee meeting, after which a letter was given to me by one of the members informing me that the school would be closed from to-day, but assigning no reason for so doing. The parents of my scholars are quite unable to obtain any reason whatever for such a proceeding.

Kindly inform me at your earliest convenience what I am to do under the circumstances.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Education, Auckland.

AGNES A. WRIGLEY

SECTION 3. — COPIES OF LETTERS FROM AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE FAIRBURN'S ROAD SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Fairburn, Mangonui, 4th September, 1893.

As I understand that the new School Committee have decided to get the teacher of our children removed, and that, in my opinion, without any reason whatever, I beg the Board, for the benefit of my children, that the teacher may remain to further advance their education, which she has so successfully done in the past. Spite and private feelings are entirely the cause of this move on the part of the new Committee, which was well known would be the result as soon as they came into power.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Education, Auckland.

THOMAS SHEARMAN

DEAR SIR,—

Fairburn's, Mangonui, 4th September, 1893.

I believe that an application has been, or will be, made to the Board to remove our teacher, which we believe would be injurious to our children attending school and 'also to the school generally. I have four children attending school, and I have never had any fault to find with the teacher, and hope that the Board will not consider the new Committee's application.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Education.

J. MAY.

SIR,—

Mangonui, 5th September, 1893.

I do not wish to enter into the dispute between the last Committee and present at Fairburn. I was up there yesterday, and I can assure you the present Chairman and Committee are very respectable men. I can assure you that there requires a change, for the will of the community and teacher I would suggest sending a young man up here.

Yours, &c.,

The Chairman, Board of Education, Auckland.

W. H. PROSSER.

SIR,—

Fairburn, 4th September, 1893.

I am sorry to have to complain of the new Committee when visiting the school while the children are there. I have four boys going to school, and do not like them to see such conduct in those they should respect. Our hitherto grand school they have now pretty well managed to ruin, and now, finished with that, they are, I believe, planning for the removal of the teacher, for whom we have so much respect. I hope the Board will defeat them in their unjust work.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Education.

THOMAS COULTER.

DEAR SIR,—

Fairburn, 5th September, 1893.

I may inform you that I have three girls and one boy attending the Fairburn's School, and children are very quick to notice any conduct that is not gentlemanly in those who are connected with and have the management of the school.

I may say that the members of the new Committee go to the school occasionally, and are anything but gentlemanly in their actions and speech towards the teacher, and I think that is a very bad example to set children. I called it a committee, but I really do not think that it can be termed so, as two at least of the members are not in the school district. I am sorry to learn that the new Committee are forming a plan to have our much-esteemed teacher removed, which would be very harmful to our children, as I consider that they have got on very well under her teaching, and I would be very sorry if the Board thought fit to remove her on account of revengeful feelings towards the parents, and for no fault of hers whatever.

I am, &c.,

The Secretary, Board of Education, Auckland.

THOMAS WHITEHEAD.

SIR,—

Fairburn, 6th September, 1893.

It is my painful duty again to be compelled to write to the Board about our disturbed school district. I have reported to the Board before that our new School Committee consists of members of whom two at least are out of the school district. I am aware that one member, Mr J. Prott, has resigned, and that the Board (I suppose) approved of Mr J. Meffin, who has taken Mr. Prott's place. I am sorry to have to inform you that Mr. Meffin is also out of the district, and sends no children to school, thus proving that the new Committee carefully avoided having any members on their Committee who are parents, and consequently interested in the welfare of the school. In fact, it would not matter to the new Committee if our school was closed