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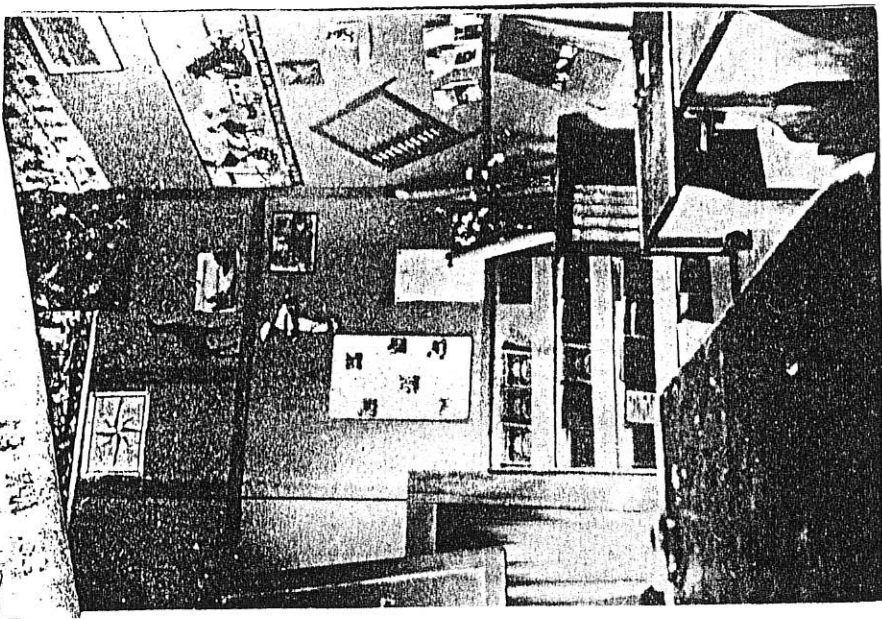
Preface

This booklet has been prepared for the Wairata-Oponae School and District Reunion to be held on January 29, 1983. It contains a brief history of the Wairoeka Gorge district and a more detailed history of the schools within the Gorge.

I have tried to check all the facts given to me. I would appreciate comments on any mistakes that may be found so that the records can be corrected.

The Wairoeka Gorge has a reputation for being a rather inhospitable area, with steep hills where it is always raining. However, in the short time that I have been researching its history, I have found that many of its former residents speak highly of the Gorge and its charm. I hope that this booklet will help to bring back many pleasant memories.

M. S. Redpath, November 30th, 1982.



Interior, Wairata School, early 1930's.

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We would like to thank all those other people who helped in the preparation of this reunion.



Khiva Gellert sowing turnip seed, Wairata about 1920.