

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

MAYFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Prior to 1875 school operations at Mayfield (then known as Waratah) were conducted in a building rented by the Council of Education. The Council had obtained a school site by Government grant of 2 acres in January, 1873, but school work was continued in a non-vested building until the end of the year 1874, when a new building to accommodate 90 pupils, together with a Teacher's residence, was completed for the Council at a cost of about £720. Of this amount, £150 was raised by local subscription. The new school was opened in January, 1875, Mr. James Kilgour being the first Teacher. There were 137 pupils on the roll during the December Quarter of 1875, and the average attendance was 81.8.

Additional accommodation has been furnished from time to time by extending the original building and providing portable classrooms.

The name "Waratah" was changed to "Mayfield" in March, 1912. In that year, when the Broken Hill Proprietary Company decided to commence their extensive iron and steel works at Mayfield, the Department of Education, anticipating a big influx of population, entered into negotiations with the Company with a view to obtaining an additional area of land for school purposes. An acre and a half was ultimately purchased from the Company, who acted very generously in the matter by accepting the nominal sum of £80 for the land, conveyance of which was completed in November, 1915.

The school population continued to increase, and early in 1917 it was realised that the time had come for the erection of an additional school building. Tenders were invited, and that of Mr. George Grace, for £5,939, was accepted.

The new building is a two-storied structure of brick, with 10 classrooms, 4 hat rooms, Head Teacher's room and staff room, verandah and balcony. The ground and first floors are connected by two reinforced concrete fireproof staircases. The total accommodation provided is for 480 pupils.

The total enrolment of pupils at Mayfield Public School during the quarter ended 25th. June last was 739, and the average attendance was 592.3. The school comprises two departments, Primary and Infants'. The staff consists of Mr. T. H. Pincombe, Headmaster, and seven assistants in the Primary Department, and Miss R. E. Ling, Mistress, and five assistants in the Infants' Department. Mr. Pincombe is classified IB, and Miss Ling 2A.

26th. August, 1920.

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20th August, 1920

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Care has been taken to ensure adequate lighting, heating and ventilation.

The work was carried out by Contract for the sum of £5,939.



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