

Timaru Herald. 18 April 1918 (Papers Past) [09/08/2019]

By Mr J. A. Leah, LeCren Street, that his son, Private H. L. Leal was killed in action, on March 29th. Private Leah left with the 12th Reinforcements.

Timaru Herald. 23 April 1918 (Papers Past) [09/08/2019]

Lance-Corporal H. L. (Lawson) Leah reported killed in action was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Leah, LeCren Street. He was educated at the Timaru Main School, afterwards joining the staff of Messrs J. Ballantyne and Co., where he remained until enlisting with the 12th Reinforcements, being then 21 years of age. He was a prominent member of the Star Football Club, also secretary for the Timaru Pigeon Club, in which he took a great interest. Of bright disposition and straightforward-manner, he won the esteem of all who came in contact with him. Lance-Corporal Leah after serving two years with the forces, was killed somewhere in France on Good Friday, March 29th.

THE SCHOOLS.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF HOUSEHOLDERS.

The annual meetings of householders throughout the Canterbury Education district, for the election of School Committees, were held last night.

TIMARU MAIN,

At the Timaru Main School there was a fair attendance, and Mr A. Stead, chairman of the outgoing committee, presided.

The chairman proposed a motion of sympathy with the parents and relatives of ex-pupils of the school who had fallen in the war since the previous annual meeting of householders, and this was carried by silent vote, all present standing. The following are the names of those ex-pupils of the school who made the supreme sacrifice during the year:—Roy Priest, William Seyb, Walter Shaw, B. J. Hill, James Anderson, Percy J. Christmas, Leon Penrose, James Strachan, Gordon Langrish, E. Rickus, George Thyne, Charles Gow, Adam George Mahan, Robert White, Leonard Hight, Cecil Hight, Sydney Gibson, George William Hosie, Robert Porter, Norman Wallaoe, Stanley Mills, A. E. Hedges, Victor Whitley, Lawson Leah, and Michael O'Connor (ex-pupil teacher).

The secretary (Mr C. G. Vogeler) read the annual report. The annual report, a very full and comprehensive one, stated that the attendance at both schools had been well maintained. The year commenced at the Main School with a roll of 827, and closed with a roll of 820. At the West School the roll started at 133 and closed with 170. Both schools continued to maintain their high standard of efficiency as evidenced by the reports of the inspectors and the examination results. The Main School also maintained a good position in regard to sport, and creditable work continued to be done in the school gardens. During the year the committee had had a painful duty in passing votes of condolence to the parents and relatives of no fewer than 24 ex-pupils of the school. They had also had the pleasure of congratulating several on military distinctions gained by them on the battlefield. A substantial sum had been raised for patriotic purposes.