

the building, exposing the shelter "to the worst weather conditions which prevail in this district."<sup>10</sup> As the Chief Architect, Mr Evan Smith noted on correspondence, it would have been better if the shelter had been placed on the east side of the building. The solution found was to enclose the shelter at a total cost of ~~£~~14.19.6 on a pound/pound subsidy.<sup>11</sup>

The building was completed on 10 October 1923 and opened two weeks later on 24 October 1924 with Mr Rowland J Mason as the school's first Head Teacher. On the first day Mr Mason brought 15 children to school by horse and buggy. The two acres occupying the school site were amid orchards and bushland.



Head Teacher: Mr Rowland Mason. (1923)

<sup>10</sup> School Building Files, (VPRS: 795, Box 2970), A.J.Guest-school correspondent to the Secretary, Department of Education: 12<sup>th</sup> March 1924.

<sup>11</sup> The Department of Education's contribution was ~~£~~7.9.6, the school committee's share being ~~£~~7.10.0.