

“Wizard” Gas Lighting System

On 6 July 1922 the committee decided that the matter of lighting be left over, and that the Secretary write to Early Bros thanking them for their quotation for a “Wizard” Lighting System. The decision to install the “Wizard” lighting plant was made on 25 September and this was followed by sending a request to the company asking them to send a man out to measure up the plant for the hall.

The system generates gas from ordinary Benzine or Petrol and burns it in an inverted mantle. By 9 October 1922 extra lights were installed. Later in the month the committee decided to charge the Taita School Committee 10s to cover the cost of lighting for their use of the Hall on 14 December.

In February 1923 the lighting account from Early Brothers was discussed and the Secretary was asked to “endeavour to arrange to pay for same in October next.” In March Frederick Hewer was asked to discuss this further with the company and to procure some necessary washers. This resulted in securing two promissory notes - £30 9s 9d to be paid on 14 June 1923 and £25 15s 3d to be paid on 14 September 1923.

In November 1923 it was agreed that the “wizard tank be returned.”

Payments

30 Dec 1922	Early Bros £20
03 May 1923	Early Bros £4
23 Jun 1923	Early Bros £30 9s 9d
17 Sep 1923	Early Bros £25 15s 3d
08 Feb 1924	Early Bros 8s
17 Jul 1924	Early Bros account for £2 5s passed for payment
16 Aug 1924	Wizard Lighting Co. £2 5s
18 Oct 1924	Wizard 15s

In June 1925 the committee declined the offer of £7 10s by Mr A. Rollings for the Wizard Light plant and further decided that the same be advertised for sale in the Dominion for £25. With no buyer coming forward the Secretary was empowered a year later to make the best possible bargain in the event of an offer being made.