1858 Dec 24 – Dissolution of Partnership - between the Steam Saw Mills in the Hutt Valley, and business of Sawyers and Timber Merchants was dissolved by mutual consent. Charles Mabey and Edward Morgan – witnesses: Timothy Stephenson and John Plimmer.[1]

1859 Feb – Plimmer and Sons – have purchased the Steam Saw Mill built by Mabey and Morgan at the Upper Hutt.[2]

1859 May – **Unknown Auckland visitor to the Hutt** – there are one water and two steam sawmills at work turning the timber to account.[3]

1859 May 25 – Victoria Steam Saw Mills, Upper Hutt – are prepared to execute orders to any extent, and on the shortest notice, for the best Totara and other timber. Stuart, Kinross & Co., Wellington.[4]

1859 Nov 30 – Victoria Steam Saw Mills Accident – about mid-day, at Messrs Duncan and Donald's Victoria Steam Saw Mill, one of the workmen had his head crushed in the steam engine, but although the injury was very severe he is progressing favorably.[5]

1860 Jan 22 – Fire – about one o'clock almost completely destroyed Mr Plimmer's Steam Saw Mills; and there is every reason to believe it was the act of an incendiary, as, from the position of the place where the fire first broke out, it was impossible that any sparks could have fallen. One engine has been entirely destroyed, and the whole of the framework of the buildings.[6]

1861 Jan 22 – Steam Saw Mills, Upper Hutt – Stuart, Kinross & Co., continue to execute orders for timber at current rates and with despatch.[7]

1863 May 6 – Steam Saw Mills, Upper Hutt – tenders wanted for hauling and timber for the next twelve months. Lowest tender accepted. Wagg, Robinson & Co.[8]

1863 Sep 22 – Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington – George Copeland v John Plimmer and John Haslem – claim of £34 8s 9d for work done by contract in laying down a private tram road at the Upper Hutt, for removing timber from the bush to the sawmills. The plaintiff had used the road for conveying the materials for the formation of the road and therefore considered that it was in working order. The plaintiff's brother said the same, but he had never worked at a tram road before, and did not know what was meant by ballasting a road or tram road, and thought the road might be worked for a month or more. John Haslem said he had paid £4 for finishing a part of the road, that should have been done by the plaintiff. The plaintiff has not completed the other part, and no animal can go along the road without the risk of breaking its legs. The plaintiff had left dead trees on the line, which were liable to fall and endanger life. The road has not been used except for the formation of it. John Welkins a laborer said when the plaintiff's left the work as finished the road was not fit to use, it required ballasting, saw dust would have been sufficient ballast. The Court was of the opinion that the plaintiff had not completed or fulfilled the contract, the plaintiff therefore submitted to be non-suited with 15s costs.[9]

1864 Sep 8 – Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington – John Plimmer v. John Haslem, obtaining money under false pretences. Case dismissed.[10]

[1] Wellington Independent 29 Dec 1858
[2] Wellington Independent 12 Feb 1859 Notice
[3] Daily Southern Cross 10 May 1859 Wellington v. Auckland – Letter to the Editor
[4] Lyttelton Times 25 May 1859 Advertisement
[5] Wellington Independent 30 Dec 1859 Domestic Intelligence
[6] Nelson Examiner 25 Jan 1860 Wellington
[7] Wellington Independent 25 Jan 1861 Advertisement
[8] Wellington Independent 7 May 1863 Advertisement
[9] Wellington Independent 26 Sep 1863 Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington
[10] Wellington Independent 10 Sep 1864 Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington

1864 Sep 30 – To Capitalists – to sell by public auction without reserve the Saw Mill in the Upper Hutt, held under a lease, seven years of which is unexpired, at a nominal ground rent of 20s per annum, viz., two engines, eight and four horsepower, breaking down frame, tools, three pairs of timber wheels, rails and sleepers, bridges, and everything connected with the plant – also 300 cords of firewood and a quantity of sawn and unsawn timber – and also, the agreement for a lease of timbered sections 116 and 117 Upper Hutt, from R. Barton, Esq., three years unexpired. The purchaser will have the liberty of removing within three months, any portion of the property sold that may be on section 93, Upper Hutt. Terms Cash, within one week.[11]

1864 Oct 1 – Postponement of Sale – of Messrs Plimmer and Haslem's mill until 4 October when it will take place at Mr Wallace's Auction Mart, Lambton Quay at 2 o'clock.[12]

1864 Oct 26 – Notice – The partnership lately subsisting between John Plimmer and John Haslem has expired, and the business will in future be carried on by John Haslem alone, to whom the property has been assigned.[13]

1865 Feb 18 – Fire at Upper Hutt – and total destruction of Mr Haslem's steam saw mills (formerly Plimmer & Haslam) at the Upper Hutt, together with about 17,000 feet of sawn timber and a very large quantity of firewood. The fire took place about 4 o'clock in the morning. It appears that Mr Haslem was the first to discover that his mill was on fire, when he immediately gave an alarm, and his neighbours were quickly on the spot, but in consequence of the rapid progress of the flames and the scarcity of water, very little could be done towards endeavouring to save the property. Mr Haslem was insured only to the extent of £600; the estimated value of the property destroyed was £3,000.[14]

1865 Feb 23 – Valuable Leasehold, Upper Hutt – Mr J. H. Wallace is instructed by Isaac Plimmer to sell by public auction the unexpired term of the lease of that excellent house and shop in the Upper Hutt, at present in the occupation of Mr Haslem, opposite Mr Haslem's Saw Mill. The House is in excellent repair; ground rent £2 per annum. Terms liberal.[15]

1865 Mar 8 – Supreme Court, Civil Sitting – Haslam v. Plimmer – an action for illegal arrest, in which the damages were laid at the sum of £1000 sterling. The two parties had formerly been partners in a steam sawmill at the Upper Hutt – Mr Haslam managing the works and paying the men, while Mr Plimmer transacted business in town. In June last, Mr Haslam sent the pay-sheet to Mr Plimmer with a request that he would send the money to a Mr Wilkie who would pay the men, as he himself was going on a journey to Manawatu. In this sheet an item occurred – "23 days at 10s per day, £11 10s, for William Lawrence." Mr Plimmer discovered that only £10 had been paid to this man, and had Haslem arrested on his return, conveyed into town in custody, and brought before a Magistrate on a charge of embezzlement. Ultimately the case was dismissed, and the plaintiff brought the present action. After the examination of some witnesses the Judge left the case in the hands of the Jury, who found a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages, £50.[16]

1865 Apr 22 – Imports – In the *Auckland* from Melbourne – one package of saws, Haslem.[17]

1865 Dec 6 – Steam Saw Mill for sale – at the Hutt Market by public auction by Mr J. H. Horner.[18]

1865 May 25 – Resident Magistrate's Court – Isaac Plimmer sued John Haslam, of the Upper Hutt, for recovery of the sum of £2. Amount and costs paid into Court.[19]

1865 Aug 18 – Resident Magistrate's Court – Isaac Plimmer v John Haslem – Debt £5. Paid into Court.[20]

[11] Wellington Independent 24 Sep 1864 To Capitalists
[12] Wellington Independent 1 Oct 1864 Postponement of Sale
[13] Wellington Independent 27 Oct 1864 Dissolution of Partnership Notice
[14] New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian 22 Feb 1865 Fire at Upper Hutt
[15] Wellington Independent 11 Feb 1865 Valuable Leasehold, Upper Hutt
[16] Wellington Independent 9 Mar 1865 Supreme Court, Civil Sittings
[17] Wellington Independent 22 Apr 1865 Imports
[18] Wellington Independent 2 Dec 1865 Advertisement
[19] Wellington Independent 27 May 1865 Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington
[20] Wellington Independent 22 Aug 1865 Resident Magistrate's Court, Wellington

1866 Jan – A Trip to the Wairarapa – After eating at Brown's Criterion Hotel… we passed several saw mills on our route, and from all appearances, a brisk timber trade is being carried on in this locality. Mr Haslem has erected a new steam saw mill, and the premises are both extensive and substantial.[21]

1866 Mar 12 – Sale of Steam Saw Mill, Upper Hutt – adjoining Mr Haslem's Mill – on account of Messrs Wagg, Robinson & Co. who are dissolving partnership – the plant consisting of portable 12-horse power steam engine, eight circular saws, shafts and belts, two trunks, two pairs timber wheels, 11 working bullocks and gear, two bullock carts, stationary boiler, three iron crow bars, one clock, brace and bits, two cross-cut saws, one block and rope, two planes, one weights and scales. Terms at sale. Immediate possession will be given.[22]

1866 Apr 3 – Notices – tenders are required for the Hauling of Timber from the Silver Stream Steam Saw Mill, Upper Hutt. Tenders addressed to the firm of Messrs Robinson, Pearse & Co. Robinson, Pearse, Alexander and Symons, Proprietors of the Silver Stream Steam Saw Mills, Upper Hutt informs the public of Wellington that they are prepared to supply on the shortest notice, any orders of the finest quality of Totara timber.[23]

1866 Jul 5 – Resident Magistrate's Court – Debt cases against John Haslem… D. Molestar £20, W. Thomas £13 5s 3d, M. Thomas £20, W. Hutchinson £20, G. Perkins £20, Isaac Sykes £20, A. Hughan £20, H. Hewitt £20, C. Taylor £20, Isaac Wilkins £20, J. Myers £20, J. Bowyer £20, E. Crabbe £14 15s 8d, W. Cullen £20, C. J. Wilmore £20, B. Flynn £16 16s, P. Flynn £19. In each judgment was given against the defendant for amount and costs. Continued… J. Williams £20, G. Robinson £20, C. Rouse £16 2s, John Wilson £20, J. Hagan £8, James Wilson £20, James Robinson £20. The last seven cases were adjourned to the next Court day at the Upper Hutt.[24]

1866 Jul 5 – Silver Stream Steam Saw Mills – Proprietors Robinson, Pearse, Alexander and Symons are prepared to supply any orders of the best quality of Totara Timber.[25]

1866 Jul 9 – Bankruptcy – John Haslem of Upper Hutt, Mill Owner and Timber Merchant.[26]

1866 Jul 31 – Meeting of Creditors – re Haslem's Estate – at the Schoolroom Upper Hutt on 4 August at 12 o'clock for the purpose of considering a proposition for winding up the estate. Abraham Harris and Alexander Hughes.[27]

1866 Aug 14 – Public Sale – the residue of the lease of part section No.92 Upper Hutt District, having about six years to run, consisting of half an acre of land together with the valuable Mill House, Saw Mill, Boilers, and appurtenances, at present in the occupation of Mr John Haslem.[28]

1866 Aug 25 – Sale of 30,000 feet of timber – the property of the trustees in the estate of J. Haslem of the Saw Mills, Upper Hutt. Prices realised, 1in boards 12s per 100; scantling 5x2 and 4x2 running measurement 5s per 100; planking useful for kerbing 8x2 16s 6d running measurement. The whole of the timber in this estate has not yet arrived in town, but is coming in every day, and as the demand is good for the kind, satisfactory prices may be expected to be realised.[29]

1867 May 30 – Sale by Auction – at 12 o'clock, at the Silver Stream, Upper Hutt – land, Steam Saw Mill, &c.[30]

1867 Nov 18 – Crown Grant No.2637 – to Hugh Sinclair for 2,704 acres Wainuiomata.[31]

[21] Wellington Independent 27 Jan 1866 A Trip to the Wairarapa
[22] Wellington Independent 27 Feb 1866 Sale Notice
[23] Wellington Independent 3 Apr 1866 Notices
[24] Wellington Independent 7 Jul 1866 Resident Magistrate's Court Wellington
[25] Wellington Independent 5 Jul 1866 Advertisement
[26] Wellington Independent 10 Jul 1866 Supreme Court - Bankruptcy
[27] Wellington Independent 2 Aug 1866 Notice for meeting of creditors
[28] Wellington Independent 17 Jul 1866 Public Sale Notice
[29] Wellington Independent 27 Aug 1866
[30] Wellington Independent 23 May 1867 Abstract of Sales by Auction
[31] Wellington Independent 21 Nov 1867 Government Notices – Crown Grants

1868 Mar 17 – Sale Notice – Of Totara, Red Pine and Matai. Mr J. H. Wallace is instructed by Messrs Robinson and Lawrence to sell by public auction at the Saw Mills, Silver Stream, Upper Hutt, without reserve, on Monday, March 23, 1868 at 12 o'clock noon precisely about 40,000 feet of sawn timber, consisting of Totara, Red Pine, and Matai Boards and Scantling, all sizes and lengths, and about 500 sawn house piles. Terms at sale. Wellington, March 16, 1868.[32]

1868 Apr 6 – To Timber Carters and Others – Tenders will be received till noon on Saturday, April 18, from parties willing to contract for the hauling of sawn timber from the top of the saddle between No.3 line in the Upper Hutt and the Mongaroa Valley. Robinson & Laurence, Mungaroa Valley Saw Mill.[33]

1869 Jan 6 – For Sale – The Pakuratahi Steam Saw Mill, with circular saw, benches, breaking down frame, timber wheels, and everything ready for immediate use, together with the lease of part of Section No.7. Immediate possession to be given. Apply to E. W. Mills, Lambton Quay.[34]

1869 Jan – John Stack – commenced employment at Haslam's Sawmill.[35]

1869 Feb 2 – Call for tenders for road formation – 30 chains including seven chains of rock in Wainuiomata Valley – Mr Haslam and H. Sinclair will show the work on the ground – tenders to be sent to Hugh Sinclair by 12 o'clock 10 Feb 1869.[36]

1870 Jan 18 – Death of John Stack – A man named John Stack, employed at Haslam's Saw Mill, Wai-nui-o-mata, while engaged at his work was caught by one of the wheels of the machinery and killed instantly. Deceased was a single man.[37] His chest was crushed in.[38] John was in the employ of Hugh Sinclair. John's clothes had been literally torn off the upper part of his body. He was about 34 years of age. He leaves a brother somewhere in New Zealand, and a mother at home, to mourn his loss. He was a man who was respected by everyone who knew him, as being an honest and very industrious laborer.[39] John died intestate.[40]

1870 Aug 29 – Wainuiomata Valley – The dwellers in that secluded region have of late begun to display signs of unwonted activity: a large saw mill has been erected, and, timber being plentiful, is expected to do well; a flax mill on an extensive scale is also in existence, and of course the produce of both is expected to find its way over the hills into the Hutt, and so on to Wellington, but how this is to be accomplished with the road in its present state is a mystery. There is, we believe, a road board for the district, which levies pretty heavy rates, but what they do with the money is not apparent. The road over the hill is in a wretched condition – ruts and puddles in all directions – and no attempt made to throw the water off it, as might easily be done.[41]

1871 Aug 28 – To Builders and Contractors – The Proprietor of the Wai-nui-o-Mata Steam Saw Mill is ready to receive orders for any quantity of Rimu or Red Pine, plain or figured, of the best quality in the Colony. Heart of Birch suitable for railway sleepers, bridge planking, piles, &c., any quantity and size, up to two feet square, and 60 feet long. Hugh Sinclair wishes to draw attention to the fact that for any of the above purposes the heart of Birch is the best wood in New Zealand, being far preferable to Totara; the wear and tear it will stand in or out of the water being enormous. Hugh Sinclair has in his possession wood of that description that has been in water and exposed to the weather for 28 years, which is as good as ever. The good qualities of this timber seem to be little known by our engineers.[42]

1871 Oct 10 – Mr Sinclair's Mill – to supply timber for Mr Valentine's new hotel to be erected on Mr Fitzherbert's paddock at the corner where the new road to the bridge will branch off.[43]

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[32] Wellington Independent 17 Mar 1868 Sale Advertisement
[33] Wellington Independent 14 Apr 1868 Notice to Timber Carters and others
[34] Evening Post 19 Jan 1869 For Sale
[35] Evening Post 19 Jan 1870
[36] Wellington Independent 2 Feb 1869 Notice to Roadmen
[37] Evening Post 19 Jan 1870
[38] Wellington Independent 20 Jan 1870 Local and General News
[39] Wellington Independent 8 Feb 1870 Local and General News
[40] Archives NZ R22207459 Probate Documents for John Stack
[41] Evening Post 29 Aug 1870
[42] Wellington Independent 1 Sep 1871 To Builders and Contractors
[43] Evening Post 10 Oct 1871

1871 Nov 15 – John Sinclair – is the name placed at the bottom of the 28 Aug 1872 advertisment.[44]
1871 Nov 17 – J. and D. Sinclair – at the bottom of the 28 Aug 1872 advertisement.[45]

1871 Nov 24 – Wanted – a man to drive the engine &c., at the Wainuiomata Sawmill. Apply to John Sinclair, Wainuiomata.[46]

1871 Dec 4 – Opening of Timber Yard adjoining Te Aro - for the sale of Timber, consisting of rimu boards and scantling for general building purposes; together with black birch or hinau (heart) for fencing posts, wharf purposes, ground plates, culvert planking, or wheelwright's uses. Any purposes where strength and durability are required these timbers will be found invaluable. Orders received at the yard. Arthur Hayward, agent for J. and D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata Saw Mill.[47]

1872 Apr 3 – Wanted – a bullock driver for the Wainuiomata Sawmill to commence work on Friday 5th inst. J. & D. Sinclair.[48]

1872 May 6 – To Carriers – tenders called for the carriage of 100,000 feet of timber from the Wainuiomata Sawmills to Wellington. Apply J. & D. Sinclair.[49]

1872 Jun 17 – Setting of Timber Prices - Red Pine 13s per 100, 8½in 12s and feather edge 13s per 100; Matai 15s per 100; Henau and Birch 20s per 100 – Wallis & Lawrence, John Chew, J. Cruickshank, J. & D. Sinclair, W. Booth, A. Harris.[50]

1872 Aug 16 – Imports arrived – on the ship *Tararua* from Melbourne – one engine, one boiler and four packages for John Sinclair.[51]

1872 Sep – Erection of Planing, Tonguing and Grooving machine – at the Sinclair Sawmills. This elaborate piece of machinery, weighing seven tons, has been erected by Mr Ritson, of this city. Messrs Sinclair deserve great commendation for the spirited and enterprising manner in which they are developing their business.[52]

1873 Sep 1 – Resetting of timber prices - in consequence of the high price of horse feed and increase of tolls, an additional sum of one shilling per one hundred feet (100 feet) on all descriptions of timber will be charged on and after the 1st of September 1873. Wallis & Laurence; John Chew; J. & D. Sinclair; W. Booth; A. Harris.[53]

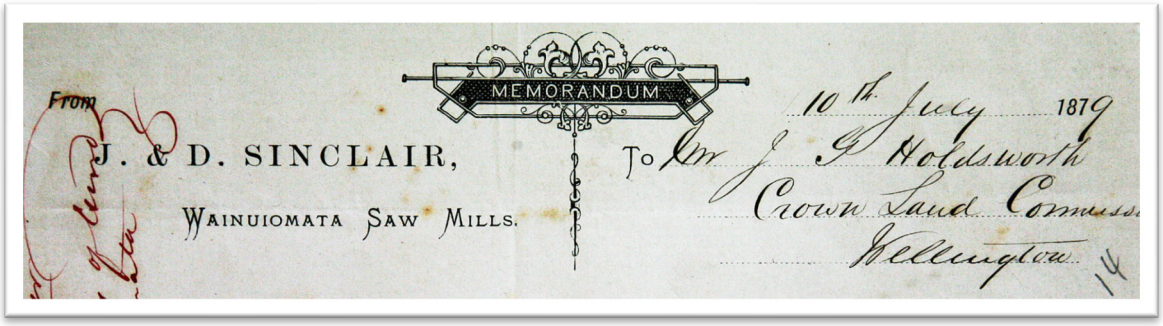
1874 Jan 28 – Wanted – a bullock driver, Wainuiomata Sawmills. Apply J. & D. Sinclair.[54]

1874 Oct 24 – Wanted – a bullock driver for the Wainuiomata Sawmill. Apply to J. Sinclair, at the mill; or D. Sinclair, Courtney Place, Wellington.[55]

1877 Jun 5 – Hutt County Council accepts tender – of Messrs Sinclair for supplying totara and black birch timber, delivered at any part of the county, at £1 per 100 superficial feet.[56]

[44] Wellington Independent 15 Nov 1871 Advertisement
[45] Evening Post 17 Nov 1871 Advertisement
[46] Wellington Independent 24 Nov 1871 Advertisement
[47] Wellington Independent 4 Dec 1871 To Builders, Contractors and the Public Generally
[48] Wellington Independent 3 Apr 1872 Wanted
[49] Wellington Independent 6 May 1872 To Carriers
[50] Evening Post 17 Jun 1872 Notice to Builders and the Trade in General
[51] Wellington Independent 17 Aug 1872 Shipping
[52] Evening Post 30 Sep 1872
[53] Evening Post 13 Aug 1873
[54] Wellington Independent 28 Jan 1874 Advertisement
[55] New Zealand Times 24 Oct 1874
[56] Evening Post 5 Jun 1877 Hutt County Council - Tenders

1879 Jul 10 – J. & D. Sinclair to Crown Land Commissioner - Dear Sir, Land which was purchased by the late Hugh Sinclair 12 April 1867 1000 acres is still unsurveyed (in Wainuiomata). Also 640 acres purchased by J. and D. Sinclair on 10 Feb 1874 in Wainuiomata. Will you kindly have this matter placed in hand at your earliest convenience - J. & D. Sinclair.[57]



1877 Nov 20 – Wanted – a man to drive the engine. Apply to J. & D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata Sawmill.[58]

1878 Apr 18 – Obtaining Goods by False Pretences – Owen Cameron was charged on remand with obtaining goods and money of the value of £10 from Messrs Wilson and Richardson, drapers, of Lambton Quay, by means of a valueless cheque signed by "J. and D. Sinclair." Duncan Sinclair stated that the cheque produced was not signed by either himself or his brother. The prisoner had been working for them, but left about three weeks ago.[59]

1878 Oct 12 – Wanted – an experienced bullock driver. Apply to J. and D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata.[60]

1879 Aug 27 – Tenders called – for the conveyance of 150 tons of rails, ex ship *Halcione* at Queen's Wharf to be landed on the wharf at Lowry Bay. We believe that it is the intention of Mr Sinclair to replace the wooden tramway at present existing between his sawmills and the bush whence the timber is obtained by a light iron railway, to be worked by horsepower.[61]

1880 Oct 7 – To Contractors and others – J. and D. Sinclair is prepared to receive orders for all kinds of Sawn and Dressed Timber, for building purposes, at low rates. W. R. Waters, Hunter-street, Agent for J. and D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata.[62]

1881 May 11 – To Contractors – tenders called for the formation of 26 chains of tram line. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Messrs J. & D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata.[63]

1881 Jun 15 – Lower Hutt Magistrate's Court – Civil action W. Lawrence v. J. & D. Sinclair (sawmillers, Wainuiomata). Plaintiff sought to recover £6 10s 9d balance of wages alleged to be due at rate of 9s per day. He failed, however, to establish his claim, and had to submit to a nonsuit.[64]

1882 Apr 6 – Wellington District Highway Board – requests Messrs Sinclair, Wainuiomata to fill up the roadway to the level of the rails on their tramway forthwith.[65]

1882 Nov 22 – Wanted – a man for the circular saw. Apply to J. & D. Sinclair, Wainuiomata.[66]

[57] Archives NZ R24484534 LS-W2 33 1879/399
[58] Evening Post 20 Nov 1877
[59] Evening Post 18 Apr 1878 Obtaining Goods by False Pretences
[60] Evening Post 12 Oct 1878
[61] Evening Post 27 Aug 1879 Freight from Queen's Wharf to Lowry Bay
[62] Evening Post 7 Oct 1880 Grass Seeds
[63] Evening Post 11 May 1881 Advertisement
[64] Evening Post 16 Jun 1881
[65] Evening Post 6 Apr 1882
[66] Evening Post 22 Nov 1882

1882 Dec 16 – Assignment of estate – of Messrs J. & D. Sinclair – it is understood their liabilities are about £11,000 while their assets are set down at £25,000.[67]

1882 Jan 4 – Meeting of creditors – liabilities, which included several mortgages £15,103 19s 1d; assets, consisting of land, livestock, standing crops, sawmill plant, smiths' shops, book debts &c £24,460 10s. The Messrs Sinclair were asked if they wished to make any statement regarding the circumstances that had led to their adopting the present step; but it was agreed by those present that such a statement was not necessary. The Chairman expressed his opinion that the whole of the creditors united in regretting that circumstances had proved so unfavourable to the debtors as to compel them, through no fault of their own, to assign their property for the benefit of the creditors. Mr Bell, who appeared for several of the mortgagees, intimated to the trustees that the mortgagees claimed the sawmill as a whole, and he requested the trustees not to take any immediate steps in reference to dealing with any portion of the machinery pending a settlement between the mortgagees and trustees.[68]

1883 Feb 6 – Sale – Lot No.4 of 4115 acres, and sawmill in estate of J. and D. Sinclair to A. E. Russell for £6500.[69]

1883 Feb 22 – Sale – of sawmill plant, steel rails, machinery, rolling stock – the steel rails (lifted) realised £5 per ton, and (fixed down) £3 10s per ton. Various articles round the mill were sold at fair prices.[70]

1883 May 16 – Tenders called – for the conveyance of about 19-20 tons of sawmill plant from Messrs J. & D. Sinclair's old Mill at Wainuiomata to the Railway Wharf, Wellington. Plant to be delivered within one week from the date of acceptance of tender. sawmill machinery from wharf at Lowry Bay to Waitara. Apply to John Sinclair, Wainuiomata or Messrs T. Kennedy Macdonald & Co., Panama-street, Wellington.[71] An earlier advertisement referred to conveyance of about 18 tons of sawmill machinery from the Wharf at Lowry Bay to Waitara.[72]

1940s – John Le Cren – notes that in the 1940s, when the Government took over the coal mines on the West Coast, there was a mine at Ngakawau, north of Granity and not far from Westport where an old engine was being used to move the wagons. The engine definitely had the word Wainuiomata on it.[73]

1960s – John Le Cren – retired Chief Photographer for the New Zealand Railways, recalls that in the 1960s when he was cutting brushwood on a property in Moores Valley Road he noticed old wooden bogeys made of some hardwood, which had been discarded for some time; he suspects that they were from one of the timber wagons used for the Sinclair Mill.[74]

[67] Several Provincial Newspapers 16 Oct 1882
[68] Evening Post 4 Jan 1883 Meeting of Creditors
[69] Evening Post 7 Feb 1883 Messrs T. K. Macdonald & Co.'s Land Sale
[70] Evening Post 23 Feb 1883
[71] Evening Post 16 May 1883
[72] Evening Post 10 May 1883
[73] Palmerston North Library: Sinclair Family Scrapbook
[74] Palmerston North Library: Sinclair Family Scrapbook