

## From the *New Zealand Graphic*

The following four pictures were taken by Schaef, Sarony Studios and appeared in the *New Zealand Graphic* on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1904 on pages 28-29 under the heading *Extensive improvements to the Hutt Line*.

The first picture shows a north bound passenger train pulled up at the second Petone Railway station (Opp. Nevis St.) with the Petone Workshops to the right. The holding paddock in the distance was used for early sports fixtures.

The second image shows the site of the third Petone Railway Station, and that used today for the current building,, on the former Petone Cattle Yards. In reality the Cattle Yards were more sheep yards and the facility was relocated to Gear Company land at the back of the works but leased to the Crown.

The second image also shows that part of the stockyards had been demolished for a rail siding to new stock facility : this was in place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1904. The main public event was the Laying of the Foundation stone for the new station and to the left in the remaining part is the special stage erected for the ceremony. In the distance are the works of the Gear Co. and the new stockyards. The street in the middle foreground (diagonally to the left) is Jackson Street. The photographer has also picked up the rail passengers walking into the town. Baker Bros., identified by a large painted sign, on Jackson Street, were land agents of the time.

The *Graphic* were on hand for the Laying of the Foundation stone on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 1904 and printed two pictures showing the huge crowds being addressed by the Minister of Railways, Sir Joseph Ward. The finished station was opened in 1905. It can be assumed that all four pictures were taken on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The *New Zealand Graphic* was a weekly illustrated publication owned by the *Auckland Star* which began in 1890.

The fifth picture is included so a comparison can be made and was carried in the *Graphic* on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1903. All five pictures are from the Sir George Grey Special Collections of the Auckland Libraries. [By G.D.]



VIEW OF PETONE.—PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND IN THE FOREGROUND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEW STATION.



Schaefer, Sarony Studios, photo.

PETONE FROM THE HILLS.



SOME OF THE LARGE CROWD WHICH WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.



SIR JOSEPH WARD, MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, ADDRESSING THE SPECTATORS.

**EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WELLINGTON-HUTT LINE.**

THE FIRST STAGE—LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW PETONE RAILWAY STATION.

Schaefer, Sainey Studio, photo.



PANORAMIC VIEW OF PETONE, AN IMPORTANT WELLINGTON SUBURB.