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### Toll-keeper and family at the Manawatu Gorge toll-gate

The Gorge road opened in 1872, and in 1875 the Government established a tollhouse at the Woodville end to defray the cost of maintaining the road. Hans Olsson was the third and last toll-keeper. In 1912 tolls were abolished and the tollhouse was closed making the Olssons redundant and the small settlement which grew up around the tollhouse disappeared.

The fee for a horse and rider was ninepence, a horse and cart was one shilling and threepence, and sheep travelling through the gorge were charged per head. Mrs Olsson and their son, Joseph Gottfred Olsson, are on the right.

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