Teachers.—The number of teachers at the end of the year was 38, consisting of—Males: 19 teachers and 2 assistants. Females: 6 teachers, 7 assistants, and 4 pupil-teachers. The total increase of staff on the previous year is 6.

Scholarships.—Marlborough has two scholarships at the Nelson College, tenable for two years. They were held in 1882 by James O'Leary and Horace Douslin. The term of the former expired on the 31st December, and the scholarship was taken up by Frank Hodson, of the Blenheim School, who was the successful competitor for the year.

Buildings.—The school-buildings of Picton and Havelock had been for some time much dilapidated through age. They were also very inconvenient, and the accommodation generally so inferior as to seriously interfere with the progress of the schools. The Board therefore at the latter end of 1881 determined that, as soon as ever the funds would permit, these places should be supplied with new buildings. During the year a new school site has been purchased in Picton, and a really substantial school built, capable of accommodating the whole of the children of the borough for some time to come. This work, together with the repairs and improvements of school-buildings and teachers' residences elsewhere, more than exhausted the Building Fund Account for the time; but, in anticipation of further supplies, the Board, before the close of the year, had already let a contract for the building of a good school in Havelock.

Expenditure.—The year commenced with a balance to credit of £174 0s. 10d. on Building Account, and £444 1s. on General Account, making a total of £618 1s. 10d. The year however has terminated with a balance to credit of General Account only, the amount being £547 18s. 4d., showing the slight expenditure in excess of income on total account of £70 3s. 6d.

The balance-sheet and all the usual returns have already been forwarded.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education. A. P. Seymour, Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 31st December, 1881—			
Building Account	174	0	10
General Account	444	1	0
Government grants for buildings ...	1,252	0	0
Other receipts for buildings—			
Deposit, sale of school sites ...	15	0	0
Government statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	3,884	19	2
Special capitation (5s.)	196	0	0
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	108	7	10
Inspection subsidy	189	13	0
	£6,264	1	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Office staff, salaries	112	10	0
Departmental contingencies	64	15	10
Inspectors' salaries	125	0	0
Inspectors' travelling expenses ...	77	1	0
Examination of pupil-teachers ...	3	3	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances (including rent, bonus, &c.) ...	3,312	10	0
Incidental expenses of schools ...	331	1	1
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	80	3	0
Examination expenses	6	6	0
School-buildings—			
New buildings	874	19	9
Improvements of buildings ...	393	16	11
Furniture and appliances	66	0	0
Sites	207	0	11
Plans, supervision, and fees ...	61	16	0
Credit balance of account 31st Dec., 1882—			
General Account	547	18	4
	£6,264	1	10

A. P. Seymour, Chairman.
John Robinson, Secretary.

Examined and passed—R. Macalister, Provincial District Auditor.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1882.

A. *Exclusive of Building Fund.*

Assets.	£	s.	d.
Cash in bank on this account, 31st December, 1882	547	18	4
Due from Government, Inspector's travelling expenses	75	0	0
Due from Government, scholarships ...	39	12	7
	£662	10	11

Liabilities.	£	s.	d.
Due to teachers	10	10	0
Due to Committees	66	11	4
Due to scholarships	20	0	0
	£97	1	4

B. *Building Fund only.*

	£	s.	d.
Due from sale of school sites	130	0	0
Due from grant from Government ...	1,353	9	0
	£1,483	9	0

	£	s.	d.
Due on account of school-buildings ...	764	0	0
	£764	0	0