

TABLE O.—MONEY ASSETS (AND DEFICITS).

Education Districts.	Cash.	Due from		Deficit on Account of		Totals.
		Government.	Other Sources.	Building.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	4,742 7 1	10,287 11 6	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	15,029 18 7
Taranaki	41 9 4	821 19 11	85 17 2	.. ..	230 5 10	1,179 12 3
Wanganui	1,670 6 0	2,553 2 8	.. ..	868 15 5	.. ..	5,092 4 1
Wellington .. ..	.. ..	4,067 5 7	45 0 0	.. ..	1,544 18 4	5,657 3 11
Hawke's Bay .. ..	.. ..	1,791 1 7	.. ..	888 6 0	.. ..	2,679 7 7
Marlborough	1,014 5 11	638 18 2	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1,653 4 1
Nelson	4,532 10 9	2,138 13 10	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	6,671 4 7
Grey	121 3 0	718 4 10	30 19 8	.. ..	172 18 11	1,043 6 5
Westland	400 2 9	1,045 1 2	23 19 4	.. ..	.. ..	1,469 3 3
North Canterbury	10,103 1 11	2,777 3 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	12,880 4 11
South Canterbury	1,229 8 8	594 17 5	120 0 0	.. ..	.. ..	1,944 6 1
Otago	19 9 8	7,100 10 0	245 6 8	.. ..	1,569 2 11	8,934 9 3
Southland .. ..	.. ..	2,310 18 8	.. ..	.. ..	1,166 5 8	3,477 4 4
Totals	23,874 5 1	36,845 8 4	551 2 10	757 1 5	4,683 11 8	67,711 9 4

TABLE P.—MONEY LIABILITIES (AND BALANCES).

Education Districts.	Liabilities for		Balances for		Totals.
	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland*	1,627 4 4	4,886 3 11	7,655 6 5*	861 3 11	15,029 18 7
Taranaki	857 13 3	183 4 3	138 14 9	.. ..	1,179 12 3
Wanganui	2,477 10 7	736 9 5	.. ..	1,878 4 1†	5,092 4 1
Wellington	420 14 2	1,886 0 7	3,350 9 2	.. ..	5,657 3 11
Hawke's Bay	1,650 0 0	407 4 0	.. ..	622 3 7	2,679 7 7
Marlborough	407 5 0	208 0 3	568 16 10	469 2 0	1,653 4 1
Nelson	1,655 16 8	1,278 17 4	2,801 12 6	934 18 1	6,671 4 7
Grey	181 12 0	89 5 6	772 8 11	.. ..	1,043 6 5
Westland	138 0 0	30 0 0	1,096 15 4	204 7 11	1,469 3 3
North Canterbury	3,969 7 10	739 10 11	4,464 12 7	3,706 13 7‡	12,880 4 11
South Canterbury	1,261 11 1	350 0 0	155 16 7	176 18 5	1,944 6 1
Otago	3,433 5 1	100 0 0	5,401 4 2	.. ..	8,934 9 3
Southland	1,047 11 10	937 7 5	1,492 5 1	.. ..	3,477 4 4
Totals	19,127 11 10	11,832 3 7	24,898 2 4	8,853 11 7	67,711 9 4

* Includes £1,000 in reserve for playgrounds.
provincial fund for scholarships.

† Does not include the capital of the Rees bequest.

‡ £4,000 is an old

It will be seen that Taranaki has a nominal balance of £138 14s. 9d. for building purposes, but that, on the other hand, it is in debt to the extent of £230 5s. 10d. on general purposes account. Hawke's Bay, on the contrary, has a nominal balance of £622 3s. 7d. for general purposes, but, if it were to devote the whole of this sum to the discharge of its liabilities on building account, that account would still show a deficiency of £266 2s. 5d. Wanganui has on the whole a credit balance of £1,009 8s. 8d., but the building account may be said to be in debt to the general purposes account to the extent of £868 15s. 5d., and there is nothing to spend on buildings except what may be taken out of the general balance. The reverse is the case with Wellington, Grey, Otago, and Southland, which have balances for buildings, but are in debt on their general purposes accounts. These four Boards must depend on advances, resort to external credit, or borrow from their building accounts to pay what they owe on other accounts. On the whole it appears that two Boards are in debt, and can only extricate themselves by being more economical; that there are two that, instead of having any money to spend this year on buildings, begin the year in debt so far as their building account is concerned; and that the real and nominal balances on building account amount to £24,898 2s. 4d., in the hands of eleven Boards.

What the actual wants of the several districts are with respect to new buildings is not ascertained. Only three of the Boards have sent in the estimates of income and expenditure ordered by section 39 of "The Education Act, 1877." Returns have, however, been made, which show that 87 schools are carried on in buildings that do not belong to the Boards, that 271 school districts are not yet provided with masters' residences, and that there are 23 schools in which there is less than 8 square feet of floor space for each unit of average attendance, and