

4. REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS TO THE HON. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Ashburton High School, 30th September.—Great changes have taken place since last year. Instead of two masters in the boys' school, and one teacher in the girls' school helped by both masters, there are now two teachers in the girls' school, and one master in sole charge of the boys'. It is of course very difficult to do full justice to all the classes of two schools with such a small staff, but good work is being done.

TIMARU HIGH SCHOOL.

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Rent from reserves .. ..	..	1,276	7	4	By Overdraft, Bank of New Zealand ..	..	580	5	5
Interest .. ..	..	142	10	0	Salaries .. ..	..	1,670	15	0
School fees .. ..	..	718	17	0	Salaries, Secretary and Janitor ..	..	170	0	0
Government grant .. ..	..	125	0	0	Sundry accounts .. ..	..	263	5	0
Balance due to bank .. ..	..	421	11	1					
		<u>£2,684</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>£2,684</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

I have audited this account, and have compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct.—J. OLLIVIER. 27th March, 1888.

2. WORK OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST CLASSES.

Highest.—Junior scholarship requirements.

Lowest.—Fourth Standard work, with Latin and French.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS HELD AT THE SCHOOL DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

School.—Free education, 7.

South Canterbury Education Board.—School fee, 1.

Caledonian Society.—At £12 12s., 1.

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Timaru High School, 29th September.—The order and discipline of this school from the beginning have always been admirable. The promptitude with which work begins again after every change of classes is noteworthy, and the work done is very good. The separation of the boys' and girls' classes is not absolute, and in this way there is considerable economy of the teaching power.

WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

1. REPORT OF THE BOARD.

SIR,—

Oamaru, 4th April, 1888.

I have the honour to report that during the year Mr. John Reid, of Elderslie, resigned his position as Governor, and that the Hon. H. J. Miller was appointed in his place. There has been no change in the staff of the boys' school.

A high school for girls was opened in October, in a building formerly occupied by the Waitaki County Council, the use of which was obtained in exchange for one occupied as the customhouse. The present site is conveniently situated at the junction of Thames and Severn Streets. The staff of the school is Mrs. Burn (late of Otago Girls' High School), Lady Principal, and Miss A. Forbes, M.A.

Considerable expense has been incurred in making the necessary arrangements for opening the girls' school, including furnishing, alterations, and improvements. This expenditure will seriously trench upon the Board's funds, and it is hoped that the Government will not withdraw the financial assistance hitherto granted.

The Secretary of Education.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE SUMPTER, Secretary.

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance, Treasurer's advance, ..	..	2	8	6	By Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	..	222	1	9
Grant from vote of the General Assembly	..	500	0	0	Management—				
Reserves sold .. ..	..	100	0	0	Salary .. ..	..	40	0	0
Current income from reserves .. ..	..	885	5	3	Other expenses of management ..	..	6	2	1
Interest on moneys invested and on unpaid purchase-money .. ..	..	3	10	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances—				
School fees—					Boys .. ..	..	1,012	0	0
Boys .. ..	..	334	6	0	Girls .. ..	..	25	0	0
Girls .. ..	..	6	4	4	Printing, stationery, and advertising ..	..	57	7	3
Books, &c., sold and other refunds ..	..	60	0	9	Cleaning, fuel, light, &c. .. ..	..	68	3	4
					Book and stationery account, and other temporary advances .. ..	..	60	6	0
					Fencing, repairs, &c. .. ..	..	54	18	6
					Rents, insurance, and taxes .. ..	..	19	11	6
					Interest on current account .. ..	..	0	15	4
					Interest on loan on buildings .. ..	..	227	10	0
					Furnishings at Girls' High School ..	..	36	12	0
					Surveys and valuations .. ..	..	15	3	0
					Balance at end of year .. ..	..	46	4	1
		<u>£1,891</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>£1,891</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

WM. CHRISTIE, Chairman.

GEORGE SUMPTER, Secretary.

Correct by Treasurer's books and vouchers, and bank pass-book.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.