

1888.  
NEW ZEALAND.

EXPENDITURE UPON MAINTENANCE OF EACH DEPARTMENT OF  
THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TWO HALF-YEARS  
OF THE YEAR 1887-88

(RETURN SHOWING).

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 21st June, 1888.*

*Ordered*, "That the several amounts of departmental and other expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1888, contained in Paper B.—53 (printed number B.—15), as laid before the House, be amended in a further return, so as to distinguish between expenditure for the six months ending the 30th September, 1887, and the expenditure for the six months ending the 31st March, 1888."—(Mr. WALKER.)

RETURN showing EXPENDITURE of Salary and Allowances to the Governor and Maintenance of Government Houses, Salaries of Cabinet Ministers, Travelling and other Expenses of such Ministers, maintaining the Ministerial Residences, the Legislative Council, the House of Representatives, and each Department of the Colonial Government of New Zealand, chargeable on the Ordinary Revenue of the Colony, for the Six Months ended 30th September, 1887, and Six Months ended 31st March, 1888.

	Expenditure for Half-year ended—		Total for Year.
	30th September, 1887.	31st March, 1888.	
1.—THE GOVERNOR,—			
Salary .. .. .	£ 2,500	£ 2,500	£ 5,000
Establishment .. .. .	1,250	1,250	2,500
Government Houses and grounds .. .. .	1,361	879	2,240
Totals .. .. .	5,111	4,629	9,740
2.—MINISTERS,—			
Salaries .. .. .	4,625	2,908	7,533
Travelling allowance and expenses .. .. .	764	754	1,518
House allowances .. .. .	225	392	617
Residences .. .. .	601	225	826
Totals .. .. .	6,215	4,279	10,494
3.—THE LEGISLATURE,—			
Salaries, including extra clerks and messengers,—			
Legislative Council .. .. .	1,437	1,443	2,880
House of Representatives .. .. .	2,643	3,244	5,887
Honorarium .. .. .	24,598	11,631	36,229
General expenses .. .. .	4,914	5,881	10,795
Totals .. .. .	33,592	22,199	55,791
4.—DEPARTMENTS. Under the control of the—			
Colonial Secretary .. .. .	71,985	79,854	151,839
Colonial Treasurer .. .. .	16,321	18,810	35,131
Minister of Justice .. .. .	58,016	56,592	114,608
Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Telegraphs .. .. .	136,328	131,955	268,283
Commissioner of Customs .. .. .	36,403	32,814	69,217
Commissioner of Stamps .. .. .	11,315	13,681	24,996
Minister of Education .. .. .	186,638	182,160	368,798
Minister of Native Affairs .. .. .	8,636	8,166	16,802
Minister of Mines .. .. .	10,252	10,378	20,630
Minister for Public Works .. .. .	321,307	401,692	722,999
Minister of Defence .. .. .	71,778	138,221	209,999
Totals .. .. .	928,979	1,074,323	2,003,302
Grand Totals .. .. .	973,897	1,105,430	2,079,327

NOTE.—A sum of £3,292 was inadvertently omitted from B.—15 for general expenses of the Legislatuer.

## MEMORANDUM.

Referring to the apparent excessive expenditure for the half-year ended 31st March, 1888, namely, £1,105,430, as against £973,897 expended the first half-year ended 30th September, 1887, I may remark generally that the last half of the financial year has always more expenditure charged and revenue brought into account than the first half, owing to the effort made at the end of the year to pay off outstanding accounts as closely as possible, while, on the other hand, the revenue is brought to account by telegraph on the last day of the year.

In the special cases under the head of "Minister for Public Works" and "Minister of Defence" the expenditure for the first half-year represented only five months' payments, while the second half contained seven months' expenditure, increased, in the case of the defence vote, by payment of the whole of the capitation allowances, £18,000, and some £10,000 for arms and ammunition (ordered from England during previous year) in excess of the amount paid during the first half of the year.

The Treasury, 10th July, 1888.

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