GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			
On Building Account	1,331	19	7
On General Account	445	13	9
Government grant for buildings ..	2,936	5	0
Donations, &c., for buildings.. ..	56	9	0
Capitation grant	20,174	18	11
Scholarship grant	289	3	8
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0
Primary education, rents	2,574	8	7
School reserves, rents	11	6	3
	£27,820	4	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Office staff—			
Salaries	400	0	0
Departmental contingencies ..	245	2	2
Inspector's salary	300	0	0
Inspector's travelling expenses ..	100	0	0
Pupil-teachers examination ..	14	15	0
Teachers' salaries	18,776	18	0
Bonuses	72	16	1
Rents of residences..	231	5	0
Committees' allowances	1,300	0	8
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	462	12	4
Examination expenses	22	5	0
School buildings—			
New buildings	2,315	12	6
Improvements on buildings ..	449	18	6
Furniture and appliances	50	15	9
Plans, supervision, &c.	170	13	2
Sites	24	19	0
Refund	4	15	0
Balance at end of year—			
Building Account	1,007	19	8
General Account..	1,869	16	11
	£27,820	4	9

T. M. MACDONALD, Chairman.
JOHN NEILL, Secretary.
JOHN G. SMITH, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

AUCKLAND.

SIR,— School Commissioner's Office, Auckland, 31st March, 1889.

I have the honour to forward the statement of accounts for the year 1888. The increase of the amount of arrears is due to the severe depression in farming and business matters generally which has prevailed for some time past. A considerable portion of the amount outstanding must be written off as unrecoverable.

The reserves let comprise six allotments of town and suburban lands, and 2,603 acres of country land, yielding an aggregate rental of £34 8s. a year.

The Commissioners have been gazetted a leasing authority subject to the provisions of "The Public Bodies' Powers Act, 1887."

The return of primary and secondary education reserves in this provincial district, prepared by order of the House of Representatives, shows a large number of very useless endowments, from which it is impossible to obtain any revenue. The return, from its great length, is calculated to mislead members of the Legislature into the impression that the cause of primary education is well endowed in this district, whereas the reverse is the case. The Commissioners propose to address the Government upon this matter shortly.

I have, &c.,
WM. P. MOAT, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

Receipts.

—	Primary Education Reserves. £ s. d.	Secondary Education Reserves. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d.
To Credit balance, 31st December, 1887	...	...	1,689 2 1
Arrears of revenue for previous years—rents of reserves	574 6 8	217 5 0	791 11 8
Revenues of current year—			
Rents of reserves	767 19 3	318 17 8	1,086 16 11
Interest	...	6 11 9	6 11 9
Lease deposits	24 16 0	8 4 0	33 0 0
Total receipts	...	...	3,607 2 5