open to scholars attending public schools in the Grey Education District there were fourteen competitors—eight from town schools and six from the country Gertrude Anne Warms and Florence Castle, of the Greymouth District High School, won the first and second town scholarships respectively, and Colin Algie, of the Ngahere School, and Leonard de Berry, of the Dobson School, secured the first and second country scholarships. COMMITTEES.—In two instances—Taylorville and Arnold—the householders failed to elect

Committees, whereupon the Board, in the exercise of its powers, appointed Commissioners, with the very best results. The Board has endeavoured to meet the wishes of the Committees in a reasonable manner, and it is satisfactory to state that their co-operation has been readily given.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.—The Board received during the year £1,497 17s. 7d., including a credit balance of £297 17s. 7d., and expended during the same period £405 3s. 11d., leaving a credit balance of £1,092 13s. 8d. Included in the expenditure was £76 3s. 6d. for a new school building at Moana, Lake Brunner, Greymouth School, repairs and improvements, £43 15s. 3d., Richardson School, clearing ground and repairs, £44 1s. 9d., Cobden School, erecting new fence and general repairs, £42 19s. 6d., Totara Flat, addition to teacher's residence, £19 9s. 6d., Orwell Creek, painting schoolhouse and fence, £15, Ahaura, repairs to building, £10, Ngahere, erecting new chimney and repairs, £17 0s. 8d. Taylorville, repairs, &c., £9 10s., Dobson, repairs, £6 10s., Maori Gully, addition to teacher's residence, £15 10s., Kokiri, school site and repairs to building, £16 12s. A suitable site for a school at the Blackball having been acquired by the Board, a contract for the erection of a school building to accommodate sixty children was let in December, which, it is estimated, will cost £300. The Board desires to record its appreciation of the action of the Government in providing an increased grant during the past year for building purposes. The extra amount received has made it possible to undertake some very urgent and necessary works, some of which—the erection of a school at the Blackball, for instance—have been delayed for the want of funds. On the General Account the Board received during the year £5,238 18s. There want of funds. On the constant Recent the bound received during the year 25,250 res. There was a debit balance of £21 13s. 11d. at the beginning of the year The Board expended during the same period £5,292 6s. 10d., leaving a debit balance of £53 8s. 10d on 31st December The total amount expended on salaries, exclusive of allowances, was £4,566 10s. 4d., and including allowances, £4,596 17s. 10d. I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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R. KETTLE, Chairman.

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

Sir,—

WESTLAND.

Hokitika, 19th February, 1895.

I have the honour to submit the report of the Westland Education Board for the year

ending 31st December, 1894. THE BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board consisted of Messrs. J. McWhirter (Chairman), J Chesney, J Grimmond, J R. Hudson, McL. W Jack, H. L. Michel, J Staines, J. L. Smith, and J. A. Boys. In March Messrs. Grimmond, Staines, and Jack retired, and were all 11—E 1.