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 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. W R. Kettle, Chairman.

General Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1894.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance—On Building Account	297	17	7
Government grant for buildings	1 200	0	0
Government statutory capitation	4,843	15	0
Government scholarship grant	102	8	3
Inspection subsidy	125	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners	110	0	0
District High School fees	52	10	0
Stationery sold	1	5	9
Stationery for examinations	2	2	0
Miscellaneous (being cheque outstanding for five years, and placed to credit, by direction of the auditor, Building Account)	1	17	0
Contractors' deposits received	14	0	0
Proceeds of sale of buildings	280	5	6
Balance—			
General Account	53	8	10
Unpresented cheques	108	0	10
	£7,192	10	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance—General Account	21	13	11
Office staff—Salaries	189	12	6
Clerical assistance	32	10	0
Departmental contingencies	134	3	3
Inspector's salary	208	6	8
Examination of pupil-teachers	16	10	0
Teachers' salaries and allowances	4,596	17	10
Incidental expenses of schools	127	3	0
Scholarships—			
Paid to scholars	112	10	0
Examination expenses	5	5	0
School buildings—			
New buildings	224	8	1
Improvements of buildings	113	4	0
Furniture and appliances	35	7	10
Rent	7	2	6
Sites	16	2	0
Retention money	4	17	0
Miscellaneous	4	2	0
Advertising	1	17	6
Rent	40	0	0
Members' travelling expenses	54	10	0
School requisites	19	15	1
Printing	52	12	9
Advertising	28	5	0
Interest	3	14	6
Contractors' deposits refunded	5	0	0
Deficiency in accounts of late Secretary	35	6	8
Balance—			
On Building Account	1,092	13	8
On Deposit Account	9	0	0
	£7,192	10	9

F W Riemenschneider, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.

WESTLAND.

Sir,— 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