

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1894.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance—					By Office staff—Salaries		312	3	9
On Building Account		185	17	5	Clerical assistance		5	16	8
On General Account		627	15	2	Departmental contingencies		195	18	3
Fixed deposits	..	1,960	0	0	Inspectors' salaries		588	1	8
Government grant for buildings		1,750	0	0	Examination of pupil-teachers		62	15	8
Other receipts for buildings—					Teachers' salaries and allowances		14,266	11	2
Refund from Woodbury		8	5	0	Incidental expenses of schools		1,284	1	1
Share of fencing	..	2	0	0	Scholarships—				
Government statutory capitation		13,322	0	9	Paid to scholars		298	19	10
Government scholarship grant		310	5	0	Examination expenses		79	3	5
Inspection subsidy		300	0	0	School buildings—				
Payments by School Commissioners		2,915	3	3	New buildings		744	10	10
District High School fees		79	5	4	Improvements of buildings		519	17	0
Contributions from School Committees		74	0	0	Furniture and appliances		232	10	0
Rents		27	19	0	Sites		44	9	2
Waimate subsidy		37	10	0	Plans, supervision, and fees		141	0	6
Interest		36	16	0	Balance—				
Refund unrepresented cheques		9	16	1	On Building Account		263	14	11
Insurance refund		5	0	0	On General Account		2,611	19	1
		<u>£21,651</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>£21,651</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>

WILLIAM B. HOWELL, Chairman.  
J. H. BAMFIELD, Secretary

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

## OTAGO

SIR,—

Education Office, Otago, 21st March, 1895.

In accordance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," the Education Board of the District of Otago has the honour to submit the following report of its proceedings for the year 1894:—

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the following members constituted the Board: The Hon. John Macgregor, Messrs. Donald Borrie, Michael Fraer, Henry Clark, Andrew McKerrow, John J Ramsay, Thomas Mackenzie, James Green, and Dr Stenhouse. Messrs. Borrie, Fraer, and Macgregor retired in terms of section 15 of the Education Act. Seven candidates were nominated by the School Committees for the vacancies, and the voting resulted in the re-election of the Hon. John Macgregor, and the election of Messrs. Mark Cohen and John F. M. Fraser. At the first meeting of the Board, in April, Mr James Green was elected Chairman. The Board held twenty-seven meetings during the year. Messrs. Henry Clark and Michael Fraer were reappointed members of the Board of Governors of the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools, and Mr Donald Borrie was reappointed a member of the Waitaki High Schools Board.

Mr James Green continues to represent the Board as Commissioner of Education Reserves.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.—On the 31st December, 1893, there were 202 schools in operation in the district. In the course of the year schools were opened at Ashley Downs, Katea, Manuka Island, and Wyllie Crossing. There were consequently 206 in operation at the end of the year, being an increase of four schools for the year. In addition to the schools opened during 1894, the Board has sanctioned the establishment of schools at Chasland's Mistake, Makarora (head of Lake Wanaka), Merino Downs, Pomahaka Downs, and Rough Ridge, and buildings are now in course of erection in each of these districts. Several applications for the establishment of schools are still under consideration. The following shows the classification of the schools according to their average attendance. Under 15 pupils, nineteen, 15 and under 20 pupils, twenty-one, 20 and under 25 pupils, twenty-one, 25 and under 50 pupils, fifty-six, 50 and under 75 pupils, thirty-four, 75 and under 100 pupils, thirteen, 100 and under 150 pupils, thirteen, 150 and under 300 pupils, ten, 300 and under 500 pupils, eight, 500 and upwards, eleven total, 206. There are three subsidised schools included in the above.

TEACHERS.—There were in the Board's service on the 31st December 521 teachers—218 males, 305 females—classed as under: Male head teachers, 81; male teachers in sole charge, 55, male assistant teachers, 53, male pupil-teachers, 29, female teachers in sole charge, 70, female mistresses, 81, female assistants, 59, female pupil-teachers, 70, female sewing-teachers, 25.

There is not now in the Board's service an uncertificated teacher. The supply of fully trained and certificated teachers is at present considerably in excess of the demand, several young teachers, both male and female, being unable to obtain employment.

PUPIL-TEACHERS.—At the end of the year there were ninety-nine pupil-teachers in the service of the Board. The annual examinations were held as usual in the month of December. The following table shows the number that went up for examination, the number that passed, and the number that failed:—

	Presented.	Passed.	Failed.	Exempted.	Absent.
First class	13	13		4	1
Second class .. ..	14	13	1		
Third class .. ..	31	26	5	2	
Fourth class ... ..	32	30	2	2	
	<u>90</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>