

TABLE O.—MONEY ASSETS (AND DEFICITS), DECEMBER, 1897.

Education Districts.	Cash.	Due from		Deficit on Account of		Totals.
		Government.	Other Sources.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland .. ..	3,419 7 10	4,200 0 0	17 0 0	771 10 6	..	8,407 18 4
Taranaki .. ..	1,311 4 10	1,600 0 0	7 10 0	..	..	2,918 14 10
Wanganui .. ..	1,311 15 11	1,900 0 0	..	103 2 4	..	3,314 18 3
Wellington .. ..	1,001 1 6	5,000 0 0	103 10 0	2,270 5 2	..	8,374 16 8
Hawke's Bay .. ..	4,355 13 11	2,500 0 0	..	..	..	6,855 13 11
Marlborough .. ..	35 15 2	375 0 0	..	1,031 14 8	..	1,442 9 10
Nelson .. ..	1,968 3 9	1,000 0 0	..	..	..	2,968 3 9
Grey .. ..	..	525 0 0	15 0 0	..	164 2 3	704 2 3
Westland .. ..	90 19 4	750 0 0	12 0 0	..	..	852 19 4
North Canterbury .. ..	5,907 11 6	..	5 12 0	..	493 13 7	6,406 17 1
South Canterbury .. ..	1,143 5 0	750 0 0	131 17 10	359 1 2	..	2,384 4 0
Otago .. ..	..	2,161 6 7	107 13 11	4,672 0 10	..	6,941 1 4
Southland .. ..	2,710 2 10	2,000 0 0	..	1,835 18 0	..	6,546 0 10
Totals .. ..	23,255 1 7	22,761 6 7	400 3 9	11,043 12 8	657 15 10	58,118 0 5

TABLE P.—MONEY LIABILITIES (AND BALANCES), DECEMBER, 1897.

Education Districts.	Liabilities for		Balances for		Totals.
	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland .. ..	3,333 7 6	2,293 17 4	..	2,780 13 6	8,407 18 4
Taranaki .. ..	350 0 0	953 18 10	1,591 9 11	23 6 1	2,918 14 10
Wanganui .. ..	744 8 10	381 0 6	..	2,189 8 11	3,314 18 3
Wellington .. ..	7,373 15 2	662 9 0	..	338 12 6	8,374 16 8
Hawke's Bay .. ..	2,235 2 0	1,596 5 7	748 17 11	2,275 8 5	6,855 13 11
Marlborough .. ..	..	..	..	1,442 9 10	1,442 9 10
Nelson .. ..	128 8 3	1,060 10 0	770 18 2	1,008 7 4	2,968 3 9
Grey .. ..	434 14 4	179 2 3	90 5 8	..	704 2 3
Westland .. ..	60 0 0	35 14 0	699 0 9	58 4 7	852 19 4
North Canterbury .. ..	3,175 18 5	3,112 5 10	118 12 10	..	6,406 17 1
South Canterbury .. ..	..	1,252 5 11	..	1,131 18 1	2,384 4 0
Otago .. ..	2,185 18 9	163 0 0	..	4,592 2 7	6,941 1 4
Southland .. ..	2,972 7 11	645 11 8	..	2,928 1 3	6,546 0 10
Totals .. ..	22,994 1 2	12,336 0 11	4,019 5 3	18,768 13 1	58,118 0 5

On their General Account, as distinguished from their Building Account, the balances of eleven of the Boards amounted to £18,768 13s. 1d., and only two Boards—Grey and North Canterbury—showed a deficit in this respect. Seven Boards showed deficits amounting to £11,043 12s. 8d. for building purposes, and there were only six Boards that could show balances available on that account, such balances amounting altogether to £4,019 5s. 3d. Taking both the Building Account and the General Account into consideration, the Boards whose assets are outweighed by their liabilities are Grey, North Canterbury, and Otago, the adverse balances being very small in each case (Grey, £74; North Canterbury, £375; and Otago, £80). The vote for school buildings in special settlements has not yet been allotted, but the Boards have been invited to make known their wants in this respect, and distribution will shortly be made.

Table Q shows that even in the case of schools already in operation the full number of schoolhouses and masters' dwellings is still far from being provided for, and that there are some overcrowded schools.

TABLE Q.—DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Education Districts.	Schools in Operation (omitting those with less than Ten Pupils each).	Schools not belonging to Boards.	Schools without Residences.	Schools with less than 10 sq. ft. for each Child (but not less than 8 sq. ft.).	Schools with less than 8 sq. ft. for each Child.	Available in 1898 for Buildings. (Tables O and P.)
						£ s. d.
Auckland .. ..	343	42	116	9	1	771 10 6
Taranaki .. ..	58	3	18	2	1	1,591 9 11
Wanganui .. ..	126	7	48	2	1	103 2 4
Wellington .. ..	119	12	74	8	5	2,270 5 2
Hawke's Bay .. ..	66	10	25	1	1	748 17 11
Marlborough .. ..	32	2	8	..	1	1,031 14 8
Nelson .. ..	98	15	48	1	..	770 18 2
Grey .. ..	23	..	11	3	..	90 5 8
Westland .. ..	22	4	6	1	..	699 0 9
North Canterbury .. ..	178	12	32	2	..	118 12 10
South Canterbury .. ..	66	4	16	..	..	359 1 2
Otago .. ..	214	4	10	4	..	4,672 0 10
Southland .. ..	139	10	25	8	..	1,835 18 0
Totals for 1897 ..	1,484	125	437	41	10	Net 7,024 7 5
Totals for 1896 ..	1,458	123	391	50	10	5,991 12 3