

Year.	Number of Vouchers.	Gross Amount authorised for Payment, Credit, &c.	Number of Appropriations.	Number of Agreements with Local Bodies prepared.	Amount granted to Local Bodies.	Payments to Local Bodies under Agreements.
		£			£	£
1890-91 ...	9,810	152,775	210	80	17,782	...
1891-92 (9 months)	8,355	177,903	219	87	23,391	13,448
1892-93 ...	10,676	260,498	252	108	21,568	20,388
1893-94 ...	13,071	353,772	440	181	42,847	22,704
1894-95 ...	14,367	420,531	592	215	52,892	45,302
1895-96 ...	15,422	578,778	682	203	33,761	42,813
1896-97 ...	15,689	711,660	932	248	59,712	32,419
1897-98 ...	17,719	587,422	1,112	228	53,950	55,586
1898-99 ...	18,620	990,063	1,493	382	74,799	47,977
1899-00 ...	16,172	821,931	1,858	469	77,316	51,014

AUDIT.

Mr. W. G. Runcie, Auditor of Land Revenue, reports:—

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Territorial revenue	262,228	13	8
Lands for settlement	46,354	14	4
Cheviot Estate	14,822	15	5
State forests	8,845	18	10
North Island Main Trunk Railway	8,572	13	3
Thermal springs	1,075	12	11
Hanmer Sanatorium	875	18	5
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth	1,693	18	5
Mount Cook Hermitage	534	6	4
Crown-grant fees	1,046	5	7
Survey vote	2,344	13	6
Native townships	238	1	9
Miscellaneous receipts	2,818	17	0
Government loans to local bodies	15,157	15	10
Endowments	16,333	3	6

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The decrease in cash land-sales and pastoral rents, and the gradual extinction of deferred-payment holdings, account for the falling-off in territorial revenue. In the Cheviot Estate the receipts diminish because payments due under the cash conditional purchase system are now completed. Rents are greater by £1,013 9s. 4d. The income under the Land for Settlements Act shows an increase of £7,550 4s. 2d. Upon the whole there is a decrease in the gross revenue of £2,201 12s.

The following tables give comparative statements of the territorial and gross revenue for 1898-99 and 1899-1900.

TABLE No. 1.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TERRITORIAL REVENUE.

Land District.	1898-99.			1899-1900.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	29,182	2	0	32,289	5	8	3,107	3	8	...	...	...
Taranaki	26,066	14	10	22,559	18	1	...	...	...	3,506	16	9
Hawke's Bay	17,765	18	2	23,154	16	6	5,388	18	4	...	...	...
Wellington	48,751	3	10	40,402	7	11	...	...	...	8,348	15	11
Marlborough	9,903	18	11	8,355	10	6	...	...	...	1,548	8	5
Nelson	15,553	16	2	8,864	9	4	...	...	...	6,689	6	10
Westland	1,313	4	10	1,259	1	0	...	...	...	54	3	10
Canterbury	54,518	13	4	54,255	19	11	...	...	...	262	13	5
Otago	56,525	6	3	55,187	10	2	...	...	...	1,337	16	1
Southland	14,218	9	0	15,899	14	7	1,681	5	7	...	...	...
	273,799	7	4	262,228	13	8	10,177	7	7	21,748	1	3
	262,228	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,177	7	7
Decrease	11,570	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,570	13	8