

The Board did not accept the invitation to be represented at the Conference of Education Boards which took place at Wellington in August last, believing that too short a time had elapsed since January, 1902, to form a mature judgment upon the new financial and other arrangements created by the passing of the Teachers' Salaries Act, and that any needed change or modification would of itself in due course command the attention of Government. The Department has shown every consideration in its dealings with the Board, many of the complications attached to the scheme of manual and technical classes have been removed, and the Board is encouraged to hope that the existing defects in the colonial scale may soon be remedied.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the cordial co-operation of School Committees throughout the district during the past year.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MUIR, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Government grant for buildings ..		11,404	5	0	Dr. balance at beginning of year ..		139	18	11
Proceeds sales of buildings and sales from store ..		354	13	1	Office staff—Salaries and clerical assistance ..		1,634	19	0
Rents of sites and buildings ..		19	8	6	Departmental contingencies ..		1,025	15	1
Contributions by Committees ..		60	0	3	Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses ..		3,219	10	0
Refund of overpayment ..		0	8	8	Truant Officer's salary and expenses ..		212	14	2
Other grants from Government—					Drill Instructors ..		223	3	10
Capitation for relieving-teachers ..		546	5	0	Relieving teachers ..		401	15	1
Allowance, £250, and capitation at 11s. 3d ..		14,028	6	0	Examination of pupil-teachers ..		58	18	9
Addition to statutory capitation—					Scholarships—				
Balance, 1901 ..		1,718	1	8	Paid to scholars ..		1,670	0	0
Salaries and allowances of teachers and pupil-teachers—					Examination expenses ..		77	4	0
Net amount paid by Government ..		88,950	12	6	Training of teachers ..		139	14	11
Paid by School Commissioners ..		2,625	0	0	Teachers' salaries ..		88,400	13	6
Rent of teacher's house at Devonport ..					Teachers' house allowances ..		2,667	10	0
Scholarship grant ..		2,117	16	8	Pupil-teachers' lodging-allowances ..		811	1	8
District High Schools—Grants ..		389	0	0	Incidental expenses of schools ..		6,435	10	1
Manual and technical instruction—					Rent of school buildings ..		67	3	0
Capitation for—					School buildings—				
School classes ..		12	7	6	New buildings ..		2,139	16	10
Special classes—					Improvements of buildings ..		6,922	12	10
Continuation ..		3	18	9	Furniture and appliances ..		1,622	7	3
Manual and technical instruction ..		121	1	9	Sites ..		251	17	0
Grants for—					Plans, supervision, and fees ..		554	9	4
Rent of buildings ..		90	0	0	Manual and technical instruction—				
Apparatus ..		3	17	6	Salaries ..		518	10	0
Instruction of teachers ..		11	18	6	Payments to Committees ..		40	6	6
Fees for manual and technical instruction ..		178	5	0	Apparatus ..		30	15	3
Sales of material and tools ..		18	16	1	Material ..		65	10	1
Truancy fines, &c. ..		37	11	5	Rent ..		75	0	0
Government Insurance Department's commission on premiums collected ..		10	6	1	Incidentals (including cost advertising for Director, &c., £40 2s. 11d.) ..		74	10	1
Refunds of overpayments ..		1	13	8	Credit balance at end of year—				
Auckland Summer School fees ..		134	10	0	On Building Account, <i>Dr.</i> ..		1,156	18	6
					On General Account, <i>Cr.</i> ..		4,533	4	6
							3,376	6	0
		<u>£122,857</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>					
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JAMES MUIR, Chairman.

VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct, except that two sums of £90 and £3 17s. 6d., granted by the Government to the Board under the authority of the appropriations out of the Public Works Fund for school buildings, are accounted for as money received on General Account.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

TARANAKI.

SIR,—

In accordance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," the Education Board of the District of Taranaki has the honour to submit the following report of its proceedings for the year 1902:—

THE BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the Board was composed of the following members:—Duncan McAllum, Esq., (Chairman), Miss Heywood, Messrs. G. Adlam, E. G. Allsworth, W. L. Kennedy, H. Faull, B. A. Hignett, J. Mackay, and James Wade. Owing to illness Mr. B. A. Hignett resigned his seat, and Mr. Arthur Morton was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. G. Adlam, D. McAllum, and J. Wade retired in the terms of section 15 of the Education Act. Eight candidates were nominated for the vacancies, and the voting resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Adlam and Wade, and the election of Mr. John Taylor. Mr. McAllum declined to again offer himself for re-election. Owing to illness Miss Heywood resigned, and Mr. D. H. McDonald was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Kennedy also resigned, and Mrs. Jane R. Dougherty was elected to fill the vacancy. At the first meeting of the Board, held in August, Mr. Allsworth was elected Chairman. The Board held twelve ordinary and four special meetings during the year.