

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£.	s. d.		£.	s. d.
Government grant for buildings ..	9,212	10 0	Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	7,723	16 2
Other receipts for buildings—			Office staff—Salaries and clerical assistance	1,036	5 0
Rent of school-site reserves ..	38	14 1	Departmental contingencies ..	842	4 0
Grant for rents Thorndon and Terrace ..	587	0 0	Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses	950	19 9
Other grants from Government—			Relieving-teachers ..	124	13 0
Capitation for relieving-teachers ..	237	0 7	Scholarships—		
Allowance, £250, and Capitation at 11s. 8d. ..	7,670	13 2	Paid to scholars ..	895	8 0
Addition to Statutory Capitation, 1901 ..	746	17 3	Examination expenses ..	33	15 6
Salaries and allowances of teachers and pupil-teachers—			Teachers' salaries ..	42,264	14 8
Net amount paid by Government ..	43,442	12 10	Teachers' house allowances ..	1,775	2 8
Paid by School Commissioners ..	2,401	13 9	Pupil-teachers' lodging allowances ..	96	9 2
Scholarship grant, at 1s. 6d. ..	937	13 3	Incidental expenses of schools ..	2,757	6 5
District High Schools—Capitation ..	133	3 4	School buildings—		
Manual and technical instruction—			New buildings ..	329	7 0
Capitation for—			Improvement of buildings ..	5,742	17 5
School classes ..	840	11 6	Rebuilding schools destroyed by fire ..	4,924	10 0
Special classes—			Furniture and appliances ..	533	9 4
Continuation ..	77	15 3	Sites ..	902	8 0
Manual and technical instruction	850	4 3	Plans, supervision, and fees ..	218	14 6
Grants for—			Manual and technical instruction—		
Buildings ..	52	17 11	Salaries ..	2,721	14 9
Apparatus ..	783	9 2	Travelling-expenses of instructors ..	82	10 0
Material ..	38	4 8	Buildings ..	141	8 2
Instruction of teachers—Travelling instructors ..	229	13 0	Apparatus ..	335	19 0
Scholarships ..	145	16 0	Material ..	123	1 4
Subsidy on voluntary contributions ..	68	15 0	Incidentals ..	805	7 8
Grants for rebuilding schools destroyed by fire ..	5,746	3 7	Other expenses—		
Other receipts for manual and technical instruction—			Salaries, Masterton District High School	65	17 9
Fees ..	1,321	15 11	Rent of buildings used for school purposes	891	3 0
Voluntary contributions ..	43	0 0	Credit balance at end of year—On building account ..	422	13 7
Other receipts ..	241	13 1			
Dr. balance at end of year—General account	893	18 3			
	<u>£76,741</u>	<u>15 10</u>		<u>£76,741</u>	<u>15 10</u>

F. BRADEY, Chairman.

A. DORSET, Secretary.

Examined and found correct—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

NOTE.—The reports of the Education Boards of Hawke's Bay and Marlborough will be found at the end of these reports, after that of the Education Board of Southland.—SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION.

NELSON.

SIR,—

Education Office, Nelson, 30th March, 1903.

I have the honour to lay before you a report of the proceedings of the Education Board of the District of Nelson for another year.

THE BOARD.—Again there has been no change in the constitution of the Board, the retiring members, Messrs. Baigent, Franklyn, and Maginnity, having been re-elected. The following are the members of the Board: viz., Messrs George Talbot (Chairman), John D. Beuke, Thomas Bailie, Philip Best, William Lock, William Henry Phillips, William Norris Franklyn, Thomas Maginnity, and Thomas John Baigent. The Board has held twenty-three meetings during the year, the average attendance at each meeting being 7.9.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.—The Westport District High School, though it has lost its energetic and successful secondary master by Mr. Strachan's promotion to the inspectorate, continues to do very satisfactory work, and the attendance has so largely increased as to necessitate the appointment of an assistant in the secondary division and the provision of an additional room. District high schools have been established at Motueka and Reefton during the year; and, judging by the number in attendance at Motueka, the school there is highly appreciated. The Reefton District High School having been opened during the last quarter of the year, it is yet too early to say whether its usefulness will justify its establishment.*

DRILL.—Drill, military and physical, was taught more or less efficiently in fifty-four of our schools. Steps have been taken to introduce a definite graduated course in all the schools, and to this end special classes have been formed for the instruction of teachers.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.—There were 121 schools open at the end of 1901. Four new schools were opened and two closed during the year, leaving 123 in operation at the end of 1902.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOLARS.—The average weekly number on the roll during the year has been 5,697.25, during the previous year it was 5,715.75, showing a decrease of 18.50. The average attendance during the past year was 4,808.75, and during the previous year 4,733.50—an increase of 75.25.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.—During the past year a substantial addition has been made to Hampden Street School; a room for the secondary division has been erected at Motueka; the building of a

* Details of the work, attendance, &c., at these schools are given in a separate paper.