

new school at East Takaka has been commenced, to take the place of one which, by reason of old age and decay, has become unfit for use; and a great number of the usual grants out of the Building Fund have been made to School Committees for repairs and painting. The great reduction in the grants or allowances to School Committees, forced upon the Board by the very small capitation now received, will necessitate still more of these grants being made, as it is quite impossible for School Committees to do anything in the way of repairs and upkeep of buildings out of school funds; indeed, in a number of districts it was found almost impossible to prevail upon the householders to undertake the duties of School Committees under present financial conditions, and in three districts Commissioners had to be appointed because no School Committees could be formed.

**TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION**—Cooking classes have been held during portions of the year in Nelson, Westport, and Reefton, under the able management of Miss M. Tendall (diplomée of the National Training School of Cookery, London), and a considerable number of teachers have attended her Saturday classes; but, as it will be some considerable time before the teachers will be qualified to take up this subject in their regular school work, it is hoped that the present capitation will be continued after the end of the present year, so that the Board will be able to retain Miss Tendall's services, and also secure the services of other qualified teachers in the other centres of the education district. Miss Tendall found the work undertaken by her last year too great a strain on her strength, and it will be necessary to employ other teachers for the outside districts. Hand-work in various forms is gradually being introduced into many of the Board's schools, modelling in plasticine being the work apparently held in most favour by the teachers.

**BOARD'S FUNDS.**—At the beginning of 1902 the Board's General Account showed a debit balance of £1,361 4s. 1d., with liabilities £401 13s. At the end of the year there was a debit of £147 1s. 2d., with grants due from Government of £215 2s., while the liabilities were £578 1s. 9d. There was a credit balance on Building Account of £823 2s. 4d., with £2,000 due from Government, and liabilities £810 16s. at the beginning of the year; while on the 31st December the credit balance was £1,406 10s. 9d., with a year's building grant due from Government, and the liabilities £2,319 8s. 1d.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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GEO. TALBOT, Chairman.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Credit balance at beginning of year—On					Dr. balance at beginning of year on General				
Building Account		823	2	4	Account	1,361	4	1	
Government grant for buildings		2,145	0	0	Office staff—Salaries and clerical assistance		332	15	0
Other receipts for buildings—					Departmental contingencies		524	15	2
Bank interest		15	0	0	Inspectors' salaries and travelling-expenses		757	2	0
Sale of old building		26	1	3	Scholarships—				
Rent of disused schoolroom		1	13	0	Paid to scholars		349	5	6
Other grants from Government—					Examination expenses		22	12	0
Capitation for relieving-teachers		104	6	10	Training of pupil-teachers		53	7	0
Allowance, £250, and capitation at 11s. 3d.		2,909	10	5	Teachers' salaries		19,073	14	11
Addition to statutory capitation—Balance, 1901		578	12	3	Teachers' house allowances		444	11	8
Salaries and allowances of teachers and pupil-teachers—					Pupil-teachers' lodging allowances		88	12	2
Net amount paid by Government		18,418	10	4	Incidental expenses of schools		1,017	8	2
Paid by School Commissioners—Reserves revenue		635	4	0	School buildings—				
Scholarship grant at 1s. 6d., one term of 1901 and four quarters 1902		475	18	10	New buildings		844	13	5
District High Schools—Capitation		372	10	0	Improvements of buildings		573	12	8
Manual and technical instruction—					Furniture and appliances		127	7	3
Capitation for—					Rent of buildings used for school purposes		3	12	0
School classes		177	18	2	Sites, £13 10s.; interest on balance of purchase money, £15		28	10	
Special classes—Manual and technical instruction		14	11	0	Insurance of workmen		5	12	6
Grants for—					Manual and technical instruction—				
Rent of building		6	10	0	Salaries		187	18	0
Material		110	15	9	Payments to teachers		24	13	7
Instruction of teachers		125	0	0	Building-site, Reefton		100	0	0
Refunds		18	7	4	Apparatus		19	7	6
Grants for rebuilding schools destroyed by fire		5	0	0	Material		84	0	11
Grants for other purposes—New Zealand ensigns		6	0	0	Rent		13	0	0
Incidentals					Incidentals		7	7	0
Payments by School Commissioners—For secondary education		168	15	0	Other expenses—				
Manual and technical instruction—					Refund contractors' deposits		48	0	0
Fees and sale of cooked dishes		5	13	4	Purchase of school-books		290	7	4
Voluntary contributions		99	17	6	Interest on overdraft		2	6	8
Other receipts—					Credit balance at end of year on Building Account		1,406	10	9
Sale of school-books		348	15	5					
Various refunds		7	13	11					
Contractors' deposits		44	19	0					
Dr. balance at end of year—General Account		147	1	2					
		<u>£27,792</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£27,792</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

STEAD ELLIS, Secretary.

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