

## SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS.

## AUCKLAND.

SIR,—

School Commissioner's Office, Auckland, 15th May, 1903.

I have the honour to forward the statement of the School Commissioner's accounts for the year 1902. The income from the reserves shows a considerable increase on that of 1901, enabling payments of £2,800 and £699 10s. 8d. for primary and secondary education purposes respectively. The amount set down as "Expenditure on reserves" was mainly attributable to the purchase of a lessee's interest in a building lease for the unexpired term of the lease.

The major portion of the endowment fund was expended in the purchase of valuable freehold property in the City of Auckland at satisfactory prices.

The reserves let, or relet on expiry of leases, comprise twenty-six sections of town and suburban lands, 66 acres 2 roods 14 perches, yielding per annum £143 16s.; and forty five sections of country lands, yielding per annum £353 10s. 1d.

To meet the demand for land in country districts, the Commissioners have advertised the whole of the unlet sections, so that those now applied for can be immediately secured, and the remainder, as provided by the Public Bodies' Powers Act, can remain open for a year without readvertising.

I have, &amp;c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

R. UDY, Chairman.

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

## I.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
To Balance at 31st December, 1902	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rents collected—			
Arrears, 1901	1,032 12 10		3,351 10 3
Due in 1902	2,318 17 5		
Arrears, 1901		272 14 7	808 0 10
Due in 1902		535 6 3	
Miscellaneous	5 5 0	1 5 0	6 10 0
Interest	62 1 10	13 17 10	75 19 8
Lease deposits	75 12 0	13 17 0	89 9 0
Total receipts			4,512 18 0
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
By Office salary	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Office expenses	90 0 0	30 0 0	120 0 0
Legal expenses	32 18 0	10 18 9	43 16 9
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Crown-grant fees	1 14 0		1 14 0
Expenses of leasing	99 2 9	41 17 1	140 19 10
Expenditure on reserves	392 16 9	49 13 1	442 9 10
Payments for primary education—			
Auckland Education Board	2,625 0 0		2,800 0 0
Hawke's Bay Education Board	175 0 0		
Payments for secondary education—			
Auckland Grammar School		150 0 0	699 10 8
Thames High School		150 0 0	
Whangarei High School		150 0 0	
Gisborne High School		249 10 8	
Lease deposits refunded	59 17 0	11 11 0	71 8 0
Balance in Bank of New Zealand, 31st December, 1902			154 19 3
Total expenditure			4,512 18 0