

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Office of the School Commissioners, Napier, 20th March, 1903.

I have the honour to forward herewith statement of the Commissioners' accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1902, duly audited, and to report as follows:—

A small section of rural land has been set aside and vested in the Commissioners for secondary education, and it has been let at an annual rental of £11.

During the early part of the year a reserve, which was passed in at an auction sale in 1901, was leased at the upset rental of £3 4s., increasing after five years to £9 12s.; and the sum of £260 was received for the timber on the land.

An auction sale of leases was held at the end of the year, when two rural, two suburban, and nine town lots were offered. The two rural sections were sold at the aggregate annual rental of £77; one of the suburban lots, containing 5 acres and 13 perches, was sold at an annual rental of £2 2s. 6d. per acre; and one of the town lots was sold at an annual rental of £27. The other lots were passed in.

A further sum of £88 8s. 8d. has been expended in destroying rabbits on the block of 5,600 acres mentioned in last year's report.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH, Chairman.

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

	Primary.			Secondary.			Total.		
<i>Receipts.</i>									
To Credit balances on the 1st January, 1902	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arrears of revenue for previous years—viz., rents, issues, profits, or receipts from reserves	786	7	7	1,340	0	6	2,126	8	1
Interest on overdue rents	240	11	6	158	16	3	399	7	9
Revenues, viz.,—									
Rents, &c., of reserves for current year	19	17	2	0	3	5	20	0	7
Other receipts for current year, viz.,—									
Rents collected by Receiver of Land Revenue	2,493	1	1	527	11	2	3,020	12	3
Interest on fixed deposits	325	1	8	...			325	1	8
Sale of timber	15	3	7	33	0	0	48	3	7
Total receipts	...	...	...	260	0	0	260	0	0
	3,880	2	7	2,319	11	4	6,199	13	11
<i>Expenditure.</i>									
By Salaries and allowances to officers	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Printing, stationery, &c.	76	15	1	23	4	11	100	0	0
Rates	6	5	10	1	18	1	8	3	11
Insurance	31	10	1	...			31	10	1
Law charges	2	17	6	...			2	17	6
Valuation fee	8	5	5	2	3	11	10	9	4
Repairs to buildings	1	1	0	...			1	1	0
Fencing (half-share)	21	17	3	...			21	17	3
Destroying rabbits	...	...	...	3	11	0	3	11	0
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board	88	8	8	...			88	8	8
Fees, board, and rail fares of pupils attending Napier High Schools	2,900	0	0	...			2,900	0	0
Credit balances at the 31st December, 1902—				626	12	9	626	12	9
Fixed deposits at Union Bank	...	...	...	...			...	...	...
Current Account	506	6	0	1,100	0	0	1,606	6	0
Cash in hand	167	4	10	562	0	8	729	5	6
Total expenditure	69	10	11	...			69	10	11
	3,880	2	7	2,319	11	4	6,199	13	11
<i>Assets.</i>									
Balance of cash on the 31st December, 1902	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arrears due 31st December, 1902—							2,405	2	5
Arrears of year 1899	12	3	5	...			12	3	5
Arrears of year 1900	30	18	0	...			30	18	0
Arrears of year 1901	33	13	0	...			33	13	0
Arrears of year 1902	288	14	2	38	8	0	327	2	2
Arrears, 1902, collectible by Receiver of Land Revenue	14	3	10	...			14	3	10
Total assets	379	12	5	38	8	0	2,823	2	10