

of returns from the sawmilling industry for a number of years. The whole receipts, however, are very small in view of the large area comprised in the reserves of the district. During the year a sum of £300 was distributed to the High School Boards of Hokitika and Greymouth.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

J. STAINES, Chairman.

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

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
To Credit Balance on the 1st January, 1902	£ 7 s. 11 d. 2	£ 272 s. 13 d. 4	£ 280 s. 4 d. 6
Mining fees	...	22 14 6	22 14 6
Sale of sections (Reserve 128)	...	10 0 0	10 0 0
Rent of reserves—			
Arrears	8 10 0	11 12 6	45 17 6
Current	11 0 0	14 15 0	
Royalties on timber	...	291 18 0	291 18 0
Total receipts	27 1 2	623 13 4	650 14 6
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
By Hokitika High School Board	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ 150 s. 0 d. 0	£ 150 s. 0 d. 0
Greymouth High School Board	...	150 0 0	150 0 0
Commission on royalties collected	1 7 4	34 18 5	36 5 9
Commissioners' travelling-expenses	19 19 0	56 2 1	76 1 1
Secretary's salary	...	25 0 0	25 0 0
Secretary's travelling-expenses	0 16 6	4 9 0	5 5 6
Office contingencies	1 1 6	0 10 0	1 11 6
Credit Balance on the 31st December, 1902	3 16 10	202 13 10	206 10 8
Total expenditure	27 1 2	623 13 4	650 14 6
<i>Assets.</i>			
Balance in Bank on the 31st December, 1902	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ 206 s. 10 d. 8
Rents outstanding (current)	3 0 0	4 17 6	7 17 6
Total assets	214 8 2
<i>Liabilities.</i>			
Nil.			

JOHN STAINES, Chairman.
A. J. MORTON, Secretary.

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

CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Christchurch, 6th January, 1903.
In accordance with Order in Council of date 17th September, 1878, I have the honour to forward the report of the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District for the year ending the 31st December, 1902, together with a copy of its accounts duly audited.

The total area of the primary-education estate under lease on the 31st December, 1902, was 67,154½ acres, producing an annual rental of £17,579 13s. 10d.; of this area 23,300 acres is contained in Pastoral Run No. 5, which, when obtained from the Crown in 1892 in exchange for agricultural land in the Waimate County, was estimated to contain 24,200 acres, but on survey it proved to be 900 acres short.