

has been encroached upon to that extent. In 1904 the cost of new buildings was nearly £4,500 in excess of the grants received during that year. It is evident that either the special grants must be increased or the cost of new buildings must be so reduced as to prevent any further encroachment upon the ordinary grant. The Board appealed to the Minister for an increase of the ordinary grant for the year from £12,000 to £20,000, so as to wipe out the deficiency, but the application was declined.

BUILDINGS.—The Board has to report that the requests for the establishment and erection of new schools and for the enlargement of existing schools have very largely increased during the year, and that, for the most part, they have been promptly and liberally dealt with by the Government. The best has been done, with the limited funds available, to keep the buildings in repair; but many desirable works of improvement have had to be delayed until funds shall be provided by a larger grant for the purpose. The special needs of this district are such as to call for special consideration.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.—There has been an enormous development and extension of classes during the year. Manual-training schools have been established at the Thames and at Whangarei, the residents having responded most liberally to the appeal for local voluntary contributions thereto. A grant of £4,000 has been obtained towards building a technical college for Auckland, and it is hoped that suitable accommodation may be provided at no distant date. The Board has engaged a special teacher of agriculture, whose duty it will be to instruct the teachers and to organize a plan of providing instruction throughout the district.

CONFERENCE OF BOARDS.—At the suggestion of the North Canterbury Board a conference of representatives of Education Boards was held at Wellington in September, and many points of interest were discussed. It is hoped that these conferences may be held periodically, as suggested by the Minister.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES.—The Board desires to acknowledge the cordial and efficient co-operation received from the School Committees of the district in the administration of educational matters during the past year.

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SAMUEL LUKE, Chairman.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Education.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Grants from Government for—					Balance at beginning of year ..		350	10	7
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	92,716	11	11	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	4,126	5	9		
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	3,375	0	0	Office contingencies ..	2,167	12	0		
Capitation at 11s. 3d. and grant of £250 ..	15,484	9	6	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	96,394	3	7		
Capitation for relieving-teachers ..	677	2	0	Relieving-teachers' salaries ..	699	12	3		
Conveyance of school children ..	26	0	0	Training colleges ..	133	7	4		
Drill-instruction ..	25	0	0	Drill-instruction ..	25	0	0		
Other grants—				Conveyance of school-children ..	26	0	0		
Special grant to School Committees ..	964	11	6	Incidental expenses of schools ..	7,603	14	10		
Receipts from other sources—				Special grant to School Committees ..	964	11	6		
Truancy fines ..	42	3	6	Truant Officer ..	204	15	3		
Commission on Government Life Insurance premiums collected ..	16	8	7	Audit of school fund accounts ..	40	0	0		
Examination fees—Standards V and VI candidates, £5; sales of rolls, 9s. ..	5	9	0	Scholarships and expenses of examination ..	2,117	13	7		
Grants from Government for—				Salaries of staffs of district high schools ..	2,017	15	0		
Scholarships ..	2,168	13	1	Other expenses—					
District high schools ..	1,955	10	0	Apparatus ..	19	18	11		
Receipts from other sources—				Manual and technical instruction—					
District high school fees ..	10	9	6	School classes ..	3,122	9	10		
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—				Special classes ..	2,157	0	11		
Capitation (general and scholarship) ..	3,179	5	8	Other expenses—					
Instruction of teachers ..	250	0	0	Office salaries ..	764	4	9		
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests ..	229	17	9	General maintenance of school buildings ..	10,309	19	8		
Receipts from other sources—				House allowances ..	3,915	9	8		
Fees ..	736	13	6	New schools, additions, furniture, sites, &c. ..	10,746	4	6		
Sales of material ..	86	13	11	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—					
Voluntary contributions ..	557	5	8	School classes ..	2,505	15	1		
Grants from Government for—				Special classes ..	1,766	3	9		
Maintenance of buildings, rebuilding, &c. ..	12,928	6	0	Other expenses—					
House allowances ..	3,834	3	0	Store Account ..	20	15	3		
New schools, additions, furniture, &c. ..	6,263	16	0	Conference of Education Boards at Wellington ..	43	12	4		
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c. ..	3,105	9	11	O'Donoghue appeal case ..	3	0	0		
Rents from Technical School site ..	13	10	0						
Sale of apparatus (Technical School) ..	2	0	0						
Contractors' forfeited deposits ..	25	0	0						
Other receipts—									
Proceeds of sale of sites ..	478	3	11						
Sales of old buildings, tanks, and furniture ..	103	5	6						
Sales from store, £51 9s. 11d.; refunds, 6s. 6d. ..	51	16	5						
Contributions by Committees and others, £196 16s. 8d.; rents, £47 17s. ..	244	13	8						
Balance at end of year—									
On General Account, Cr... £2,896 9 2									
On Building Account Dr... £5,579 16 0									
				Dr. 2,688 6 10					
				£152,245 16 4					£152,245 16 4

31st March, 1906.

SAMUEL LUKE, Chairman.
VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary.