

SCHOOL COMMITTEES.—The Board again places on record its appreciation of the excellent work which continues to be done by Committees. Some have improved the school reserves by levelling, grading, and tree-planting; others have purchased library books and extra apparatus. The kindly interest manifested in the well-being of teachers and pupils has contributed not a little to the successful working of the schools.

STAFF.—Since the transfer of a large part of individual examination to the headmasters and the retirement of the Chief Inspector, two Inspectors were relied on to do the work; but, owing to increase in attendance, to the growth of district high schools, and to extra work arising from the introduction of the new syllabus, the Board decided on the appointment of a third Inspector. Mr. J. S. Tennant, M.A., B.Sc., headmaster of the High School, Ashburton, was appointed to the position. The relations of the Board with its staff officers, and with the teaching staff of the district, continue to be of a cordial nature.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Education.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT LEE, Chairman.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
Balance at beginning of year	194	14	3	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	2,725	3	11
Grants from Government for—				Office contingencies	998	11	5
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	42,447	2	7	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	46,014	19	2
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	3,634	19	6	Relieving-teachers' salaries	407	19	5
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	8,093	13	3	Training-colleges	20	0	0
Capitation for relieving-teachers	348	12	3	Conveyance of school-children	13	4	0
Conveyance of school-children	6	9	0	Incidental expenses of schools	3,279	0	9
Drill-instruction	6	5	0	Special grant at 9d. per head	507	1	6
Grant to Committees, at 9d. per head ..	505	3	3	Alterations to Board's offices	310	11	0
Receipts from other sources—				Scholarships and expenses of examination ..	1,183	3	10
Truancy fines	22	12	6	Salaries of staffs of district high schools paid out of receipts for such schools ..	2,119	6	4
Grants from Government for—				Other expenses—			
Scholarships	1,185	5	6	Voluntary contributions and subsidies ..	238	11	0
District high schools	2,214	3	0	Apparatus	37	12	9
Receipts from other sources—				Manual and technical instruction—			
District high school fees	32	19	0	School classes	1,079	6	11
Voluntary contributions	82	2	10	Special classes	73	11	11
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—				Managers of associated classes	3,445	4	9
Capitation (general and scholarship) ..	4,454	7	9	Other expenses—			
Instruction of teachers	233	14	8	Expenses of Agricultural Instructor ..	6	0	0
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests	170	0	0	Instruction of teachers	175	11	10
Receipts from other sources—				General maintenance of school buildings—			
Voluntary contributions	15	0	0	Repairs, repainting, small additions, &c. ..	2,578	1	9
Rent from Victoria College	65	0	0	Rebuilding	493	7	10
Sale of goods	59	15	2	Rents	667	0	11
Grants from Government for—				House allowances	2,059	3	5
Maintenance of buildings, rebuilding, &c. ..	3,924	5	8	New schools, additions, furniture, sites, &c. ..	6,001	10	9
House allowances	2,061	13	4	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—			
New schools, additions, furniture, &c. ..	4,461	19	7	Managers of associated classes	1,185	0	7
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c. ..	1,000	0	0	Other expenses—			
Rents	50	5	0	Sites (from Land Sales Account)	15	17	0
Other receipts—							
Sale of sites	10	0	0				
Rents from school-site reserves	105	11	10				
Balance at end of year	249	7	10				
	<u>£75,635</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£75,635</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>

30th May, 1906.

ROBERT LEE, Chairman.
G. L. STEWART, Secretary.

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

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Napier, 5th April, 1906.

I have the honour to present a summary record showing the progress of education in this district for the year 1905.

BOARD.—The members of the Board are: T. Tanner (Chairman), Rev. W. J. Comrie, Rev. A. Grant, C. Hall, M.H.R., S. McLernon, J. J. Patterson, J. C. Westall, C. Whittington, and Sir William Russell.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The average attendance for 1904 was 7,408; for 1905, 7,667. The roll number for 1904, 8,707; and for 1905, 9,002.

SCHOOLS.—Two aided schools have been opened at Mangatarata, and schools have been erected at the Argyll, Whatatutu, Port Awanui, and Wigan Settlements. Several additions have been made to schools and teachers' residences, and an entirely new residence has been erected at Waerenga-a-hika out of the maintenance grant. In some districts rooms are occupied for teaching that are not the Board's property; most of these have been erected by settlers who are a long distance from any public established school, but who receive assistance to the extent of £6 per average attendance. This the Board considers a wise measure, as it enables settlers to avail themselves of the great benefit of the education of their children.

The conditions under which the Board can expend the maintenance grant are now more liberal than those of the last three years. There is one subject—the erection of teachers' residences—which the Department does not seem willing to touch upon. The Board is of the opinion that this is a matter