

the present site. It seems farcical to expect a Board to provide for the erection of accommodation for its official and administrative staff out of its Maintenance Fund. In our case there is a small four-roomed office—suitable for a commission agent's business on a small scale—for all purposes, which includes architect's office and storage for plans, technical school department with storage of material, meeting room for Board, public office, accountant's room, office for three Inspectors, office for three clerks and three typistes, and Secretary's office. At least double the present accommodation is required for health purposes and the safe-keeping of records, and fully £3,000 is necessary to provide a brick building suitable for present requirements. The great increase of work placed on the Board by the central administration of late years has multiplied the difficulties of coping with this matter, and it is not too much to expect that a body of men devoting their time, ability, and energies to the management of educational affairs in a large district should be enabled to carry out their work under as good conditions as prevail in ordinary businesses.

The Board would again like to place on record its appreciation of the enthusiasm shown by the great majority of the teachers in their work, and the high standard of efficiency maintained by them throughout the district.

The services rendered by the Inspectors—Messrs. G. D. Braik (Chief), J. Milne, and T. B. Strong—have been uniformly satisfactory, while a special meed of praise is due to Mr. Braik in his capacity of Chief Inspector and Superintendent of Technical Education, for the singular ability, industry, and great capacity he has shown in his inspectorial work, and in evolving new schemes of work, remedies for existing deficiencies, and solutions of problems which would daunt most men.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education.

FRED PIRANI, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Grants from Government for—					Balance at beginning of year ..		5,131	13	0
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	43,345	3	5	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..		2,035	7	0	
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	3,064	3	4	Office contingencies ..		1,663	12	4	
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers ..	283	15	3	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	46,184	7	10		
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	6,634	13	6	Relieving-teachers' salaries ..		390	19	4	
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees ..	409	10	9	Gibbons Scholarship ..		20	0	0	
Training of teachers other than at training colleges ..	395	0	0	Travelling scholarship ..		20	0	0	
Conveyance and board of school-children ..	88	19	6	Truant inspection ..		263	3	6	
Refund, cost postage ..	2	15	3	Conveyance and board of school-children ..		87	3	6	
Receipts from other sources—				Special capitation to School Committees ..		409	10	9	
Truant inspection, fines ..	41	6	0	Incidental expenses of schools ..		2,666	0	8	
Refunds—Teachers' salaries, £5 0s. 1d.; house allowance, £1 3s. 4d. ..	6	3	5	Training of teachers, £80 5s. 5d.; house allowance, £40; teachers' salaries (primary), £96 15s. 7d., (secondary), £10; teachers' travelling-expenses, £41 11s. 8d.; teachers' bonuses, £15 ..	283	12	8		
Court costs, Wanganui School Committee v. Board ..	60	0	0	Allowance to scholarship-holders, and expenses of examination—					
Grants from Government for—				Board scholarships ..		662	14	6	
Scholarships—				National Scholarships ..		181	0	0	
Education Board ..	868	8	10	Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools ..	1,868	2	5		
National ..	244	7	6	Other expenses of district high schools—					
District high schools—				Subsidies and voluntary contributions paid to School Committees ..		886	5	5	
Salaries of teachers ..	1,839	7	5	Fees paid to teachers ..		56	10	0	
Subsidies on voluntary contributions, &c. ..	185	16	8	Manual and technical—					
Receipts from other sources, district high schools—				School classes ..		1,641	11	9	
Fees ..	59	18	3	Special classes ..		4,619	9	2	
Voluntary contributions ..	135	15	11	Other expenses, manual and technical—					
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—				Office salaries, £10; fees refunded, £3 15s.; voluntary contributions returned, £158; library and prizes, £16 7s. 4d.; miscellaneous, £10 0s. 11d. ..	198	3	3		
Capitation—				Maintenance of school buildings—					
On all classes ..	4,422	15	3	Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c. ..		3,730	6	0	
On account of free places ..	127	9	3	Rebuilding ..		783	13	10	
Material for class-work ..	111	10	11	Rent ..		205	11	2	
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests ..	891	13	7	House allowances ..		1,372	19	3	
Receipts from other sources, manual and technical—Fees, £1,604 9s.; Rent, £1 5s.; voluntary contributions, £733 16s. 11d.; refund, material, 19s. 9d.; capitation, Palmerston North High School Board, £28 0s. 2d.; material sold, £12 16s. 6d.; furniture sold, £2 15s. ..	2,384	2	4	New school buildings, additional classrooms, furniture, sites, &c. ..		7,058	11	3	
Grants from Government for—				Buildings, class rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—					
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding, rents, sites, &c. ..	6,336	8	0	School classes ..		333	17	11	
House allowances ..	1,329	18	6	Special classes ..		6,087	15	9	
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c. ..	6,046	14	7	Other expenses—					
Technical-school buildings, furniture, fittings, apparatus, &c. (including initial capitation) ..	5,490	4	0	Purchase of sites (Land Sales Account) ..		609	17	1	
Refunds—				Insurance of school buildings ..		59	12	4	
Rent, special classes ..	7	15	0						
Apparatus, special classes ..	5	12	7						
Other receipts—									
Sale of sites ..	526	7	6						
Rents of sites and old residences ..	129	2	0						
Material sold ..	10	1	0						
Insurance, Wanganui District High School ..	700	0	0						
Refund Court costs, Sawmillers' Association re teacher's residence, Hautapu ..	7	19	0						
Balance at end of year ..	2,818	13	2						
	<u>£89,011</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£89,011</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	

17th February, 1909.

FRED. PIRANI, Chairman.
W. J. CARSON, Secretary.