

beyond the amount of grants allowed, which have not in any instance exceeded half-cost. Now, the report of the Education Committee in 1903 does not appear to have contemplated the purchase by the Board of costly sites, seeing the allowance it had in view was one for proper maintenance and reconstruction of buildings. In these two matters, therefore, the Board submits that in its case equitable financial redress is justly due to it. At the same time, the Board recognizes that its representations regarding the needs of growing districts have received the fairest consideration.

FINANCE.—The year began with a debit balance of £217 4s. 8d., the receipts were £105,973 12s. 8d., the disbursements £109,607 17s. 9d., leaving a debit balance of £3,417 0s. 5d.

GENERAL.—The Board has steadily endeavoured to promote by its appointments to schools the best interests of the children, and at the same time to advance deserving teachers. It has sparingly used the powers of transfer conferred by the Act, with benefit, as it believes, to the schools and satisfaction in the main to Committees, the sympathetic co-operation of whom it seeks in the discharge of this difficult part of its duties. The Board acknowledges with satisfaction the helpful and altogether admirable efforts of very many of its Committees to improve the equipment, to beautify and improve the school grounds, and to promote in their respective districts that most valuable of educational assets—an attitude of warm loyalty to the school and all it represents. If only the most indifferent of the Committees—those whose horizon is limited by their merely administrative duties—would become as the most enthusiastic and energetic, great would be the gain to education. The Board desires further to acknowledge the faithful services of its teaching staff. In many instances it has witnessed the wise enthusiasm of a teacher convert a spirit of indifference in a district into one of continuing helpfulness. The report would be incomplete without mention of the substantial support accorded to education in their respective districts by the Masterton and Greytown Trust Lands Trusts and the Wellington Chamber of Commerce.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

ROBERT LEE, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1909.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	217	4 8	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	3,105	0 0
Grants from Government for—			Office contingencies	1,718	3 6
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	55,561	5 8	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	60,584	2 8
Reserves revenue received from School Commissioners for primary education ..	4,656	0 0	Relieving-teachers' salaries	628	4 8
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers ..	391	19 9	Training colleges—		
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	9,253	4 5	Salaries of teachers	1,641	16 3
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	562	19 0	Incidental expenses of training college ..	369	14 6
Training colleges—			Allowances to students	4,493	0 10
Salaries of staff	1,800	0 0	Conveyance and board of school-children ..	222	11 6
Allowances to students	4,564	14 11	Special capitation to School Committees ..	561	18 9
Conveyance and board of school-children ..	232	17 3	Incidental expenses of schools	3,183	4 8
Inspection of private schools	40	2 6	Free school-books	344	12 8
Free school-books	167	0 0	Chamber of Commerce prizes	25	19 9
Receipts from other sources—			Allowances to scholarship-holders and expenses of examination—		
Donation for prizes, Chamber of Commerce	24	9 9	Board scholarships	1,220	18 7
Truancy fines	15	9 6	National Scholarships	150	16 6
Sales of material, &c.	10	13 5	Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools	2,893	10 5
Grants from Government for—			Other expenses, district high schools—Apparatus, £17 13s. 11d.; refunds of donations and subsidies, £610 6s. 9d. ..	628	0 8
Scholarships—			Manual and technical—		
Education Board	961	13 7	School classes	2,013	17 9
National	119	11 6	Special classes	2	17 2
District high schools—			Payments to managers of associated classes ..	5,361	6 3
Salaries of teachers	3,015	7 1	Training of teachers other than at training colleges (including Elementary Agriculture Instructor, £148 9s. 2d.) ..	521	16 6
Subsidies on voluntary contributions, &c.	272	10 3	Maintenance of school buildings—		
Receipts from other sources, district high schools—			Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c.	3,162	4 1
Fees	6	9 3	Rebuilding	3,830	8 6
Voluntary contributions	331	11 0	Rent	929	14 0
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			House allowances	1,985	1 5
Capitation—			New school buildings, additional classrooms, furniture, sites, &c. ..	8,982	6 1
On all classes	5,210	10 5	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—		
On account of free places	1,774	6 10	School classes	207	7 4
Material for class-work	217	17 10	Payments to managers of associated classes	839	2 9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	505	7 8			
Receipts from other sources, manual and technical—					
Voluntary contributions	39	19 9			
Sale of material	51	14 8			
Grants from Government for—					
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding, rents, sites, &c.	3,342	8 8			
House allowances	1,982	19 9			
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	9,533	10 6			
Technical-school buildings, additions, furniture, fittings, apparatus, &c. ..	969	5 10			
Other receipts—					
Sale of sites	10	0 0			
Rent of school reserves	186	9 8			
Sale of material	67	12 9			
Donations	93	9 6			
Balance at end of year	3,417	0 5			
	£109,607	17 9		£109,607	17 9

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