

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.						£	s.	d.
Cash in hand	...	...	...	...	...	150	14	3
Bank balance, 31st December, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	492	14	0
Fixed deposits	...	...	...	...	...	1,442	0	3
Rents in arrear, 31st December, 1909	...	...	...	...	...	617	15	1
Office furniture (safe and two typewriters), say	...	...	...	...	...	40	13	0
Total assets	...	...	...	...	...	£2,743	16	7
Liabilities.						£	s.	d.
Outstanding cheques	...	...	...	...	...	297	5	6
Rents paid in advance	...	...	...	...	...	30	5	6
Balance of assets	...	...	...	...	...	2,416	5	7
Total liabilities	...	...	...	...	...	£2,743	16	7

New Plymouth, 28th May, 1910.

JAMES WADE, Chairman.
F. P. CORKILL, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, except that the following payments are without authority of law, and are therefore disallowed: travelling-expenses of members and Secretary, £26 10s. 6d.; travelling-expenses of Secretary, visiting Wellington *re* Land Fund, £9 18s. 10d.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

School Commissioners' Office, Wellington, 11th April, 1910.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report and statement of receipts and expenditure of the School Commissioners for the Wellington Provincial District for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

The following are the members of the Board of Commissioners: Mr. J. R. Blair (Chairman), Mr. W. H. Field, M.P., Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.P., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, and Mr. James Mackenzie (Commissioner of Crown Lands).

No new reserves were added during the year to the area vested in the Commissioners.

The total area at present included in the educational reserve estate in this provincial district is 108,151 acres 2 roods 22 perches, of which 3,198 acres and 30 perches (consisting largely of rough and inferior country) were unlet at the end of the year.

The reserves leased during the year numbered seventeen, containing 8,700 acres 3 roods 26 perches, the annual rental realised being £428 10s. 7d.

The total number of leases now on the books is 486, comprising an area of 104,953 acres 1 rood 32 perches, on which is payable an annual rental of £10,672 1s. 11d., as against £9,617 2s. 1d. last year, the increase in the amount being mainly due to renewals of expiring leases at higher rentals as fixed by arbitration.

I have, &c.,

J. R. BLAIR Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Receipts.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance on 31st December, 1908	1,769 18 4	1,145 18 2	2,915 16 6
Rent paid on account of previous years	194 8 6	130 0 0	324 8 6
Rent paid on account of year 1909	6,911 7 11	2,215 15 2	9,127 3 1
Rent paid on account of year 1910	231 2 10	248 0 9	479 3 7
Interest and sinking fund on improvements	79 2 5	...	79 2 5
Agistment of stock	13 0 0	...	13 0 0
Preparation and registration of leases	30 0 0	5 0 0	35 0 0
Law-costs	1 5 6	...	1 5 6
Interest on fixed deposit (Land Purchase Account)	18 0 0	...	18 0 0
Refunds—			
Commissions on sales of leases	0 10 0	...	0 10 0
Fencing	0 10 0	...	0 10 0
Office-expenses	0 5 3	...	0 5 3
Total receipts	9,249 10 9	3,744 14 1	12,994 4 10