

WESTLAND.

SIR,—

School Commissioners' Office, Hokitika, 18th February, 1910.

I have the honour, by direction of the School Commissioners of the Provincial District of Westland, to present the annual statement of accounts relating to the year 1909.

The total area under occupation for grazing and residential purposes is 5,226 acres, for which a rental of £198 Os. 10d. is payable. In addition, timber and other rights or options are held over 8,000 acres, at a minimum royalty of £110. During the year no timber has been cut on any reserves, and royalties have not, therefore, exceeded the minimum charge.

The amount of rent in arrears appears high, but the reason for this is, that in connection with a number of reserves the rent, payable in advance, is due during the last month of the year. Only £18 of the £106 6s. 8d. involved is due from the previous year.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

H. L. MICHEL, Chairman.

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

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
Credit balance on 1st January, 1909	£ 248 s. 1 d. 5	£ 935 s. 13 d. 2	£ 1,183 s. 14 d. 7
Rents of reserves—			
Arrears	51 15 0	7 2 6	58 17 6
Current	58 19 2	8 15 0	67 14 2
Royalties	115 0 0	20 0 0	135 0 0
Mining fees	...	27 18 0	27 18 0
Deposit on sale of section	...	1 0 0	1 0 0
Kein Williams Trust Account—Interest on deposits	...	25 18 0	25 18 0
Total receipts	473 15 7	1,026 6 8	1,500 2 3

<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Grant to Greymouth High School Board	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ 100 s. 0 d. 0	£ 100 s. 0 d. 0
" Hokitika High School Board	...	100 0 0	100 0 0
Commissioners' travelling-expenses	16 16 0	...	16 16 0
Secretary's salary	40 0 0	...	40 0 0
Other expenses	5 5 11	0 9 6	5 15 5
Kein Williams Trust Account—Paid to Public Trustee	...	685 18 0	685 18 0
Credit balance, 31st December, 1909	411 13 8	139 19 2	551 12 10
Total expenditure	473 15 7	1,026 6 8	1,500 2 3

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES.

<i>Assets.</i>			
Balance in bank	£ 411 s. 13 d. 8	£ 139 s. 19 d. 2	£ 551 s. 12 d. 10
Rents due—			
Arrears	18 0 0	...	18 0 0
Current	94 16 8	11 10 0	106 6 8
Royalty due	25 0 0	...	25 0 0
Total assets	549 10 4	151 9 2	700 19 6

Liabilities.

Nil.