

SUMMARY OF RENTS FOR 1909.

	Arrears on 31st December, 1908.			Rental for 1909.			Receipts, 1909.			Outstanding on 31st December, 1909.					
										Arrears.			Current.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Primary ...	69	15	0	153	15	10	110	14	2	18	0	0	94	16	8
Secondary ...	7	2	6	20	5	0	15	17	6	...			11	10	0
	76	17	6	174	0	10	126	11	8	18	0	0	106	6	8

H. L. MICHEL, Chairman.
A. J. MORTON, Secretary.

The payment of £16 16s. for Commissioner's travelling-expenses is without authority of law, and is therefore disallowed.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.

CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Christchurch, 4th January, 1910.

In accordance with Order in Council of the 17th September, 1878, I have the honour to forward the report of the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District for the year ending the 31st of December, 1909, together with a copy of its accounts duly audited.

The total area of the primary-education estate under lease on the 31st December, 1909, was 67,161 acres, producing an annual rent of £19,808 16s. Of this area, 23,315 acres is contained in what is known as Pastoral Run No. 5.

Of the £1,219 18s. 3d. received at the end of last year from the sale of Opawa Township sections, Albury, £1,200 was invested on mortgage for three years from the 16th February, 1909, at 5½ per centum per annum, and the balance (£19 18s. 3d.) was added to the fixed deposit for £278 10s. 7d., which matured on the 23rd December, 1909, and the sum of £298 8s. 10d. was then deposited with the Bank of New Zealand for one year from that date.

During the year the leases of five farms fell in. Of these, one was renewed by arbitration, and the remainder were let by public tender, all for thirteen years and eleven months from the 1st May, 1909.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

JOHN RENNIE, Chairman.

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

	Primary.			Total.		
<i>Receipts.</i>						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought down from 31st December, 1908 ... ..	...	...	...	3,738	0	7
Arrears of rent from last account collected ... ..	...	...	...	2,329	1	8
Moneys payable within the year 1909, and collected—						
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st May, 1909	9,847	15	0			
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st November, 1909	8,153	13	8			
Other receipts—				18,001	8	8
Bank of New Zealand: Interest on £278 10s. 7d. placed on deposit for one year (see statement of 31st December, 1908)	...	...	...	9	14	7
Half-year's interest on mortgage for £1,200, due 16th August, 1909	...	...	...	33	0	0
Total receipts ... ..	...	...	...	24,111	5	6