

1915.
NEW ZEALAND

EDUCATION: SUBSIDIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(PAPERS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF).

[In continuation of E.—10, 1914.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

I. EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

As in previous years the sum of £4,000 was voted by Parliament in 1914 for distribution to public libraries. The libraries participating are such as belong to the public in the sense of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough the reading-room must be open to the public free of charge. The only other important stipulation made is that the receipts from subscriptions and donations during the year to the funds of the library seeking to participate in the vote must not be less than £2. This is regarded as a very low minimum to ensure that a certain amount of local interest is taken in the library.

In the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 12th November, 1914, a notice was inserted stating that £4,000 had been voted by Parliament for distribution to libraries. Forms of application were then sent to all the libraries known to the Department. There was presented to the Department by each library applying for participation in the vote a statement of the method of management, the books belonging to the library, and the accounts for the preceding year.

The amount received by each library during the year in the way of subscriptions, donations, and rates is taken as the basis of calculation in distributing the vote. To this amount is made a nominal addition of £25, but no library receives credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case does the amount on which subsidy is based exceed £100. In this manner the interests of small libraries in country districts are protected. The number of libraries among which the subsidy was divided in March, 1915, was 380, the vote yielding a subsidy of 4s. 10·96d. in the pound on the nominal income, and the subsidies paid ranging from £6 12s. 7d. to £24 11s. 4d. The number of libraries participating in the vote shows a decrease of twenty-one as compared with the number aided in the previous year. This is largely accounted for by the fact that many applications had to be refused owing to the income from subscriptions, &c., having been less than £2. Many applications were also received too late to be considered.

In order that the purpose intended to be served by the vote may be attained, it is made a condition that the whole of the subsidy granted to each library must be expended in the purchase of books. It is further enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the libraries that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value. There is still room for very great improvement in this

respect, although an analysis of the books purchased this year shows that 75·9 per cent. were works of fiction as compared with 83·0 per cent. in the previous year. If the additions made by the large libraries were not taken into consideration the proportion of novels purchased would increase to 86·8 per cent. In the case of 110 libraries practically all of the books added during the year were works of fiction. It is realized that many books coming under this heading form useful reading-matter, but it is feared that a large proportion of the books purchased have little or no educational or instructive value. This cannot be considered as a satisfactory state of affairs, as it is clearly not the intention of the Government that the subsidy should be expended in the purchase of such literature, and the authorities whose duty it is to expend the money to the fullest advantage would do well to bear this fact in mind if they wish to retain the sympathy of the Government in connection with future grants.

The following table shows the distribution according to the education districts:—

SUMMARY OF DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUBSIDY.

Education Districts.	Number of Libraries.	Income upon which Subsidy is based.			Subsidy.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	91	3,627	1	8	890	17	0
Taranaki	13	576	2	11	141	10	4
Wanganui	28	1,350	17	7	331	15	11
Wellington	18	1,028	3	3	252	12	2
Hawke's Bay	22	1,140	14	7	280	5	0
Marlborough	6	282	2	4	69	6	3
Nelson	22	1,057	5	4	259	13	8
Grey	3	232	6	6	57	1	5
Westland	7	279	4	6	68	11	6
North Canterbury	61	2,463	2	6	605	2	9
South Canterbury	22	980	0	1	240	15	1
Otago	51	1,991	14	10	489	5	0
Southland	34	1,193	1	1	293	3	7
Stewart Island	1	45	19	3	11	5	11
Chatham Islands	1	35	10	0	8	14	5
Totals	380	16,283	6	5	4,000	0	0

II. EXTRACT FROM *New Zealand Gazette*, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1914.

Education Department, Wellington, November, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £4,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1915, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 26th January, 1915.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year from subscriptions and donations must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The *net* proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

2. In the division of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £100.

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. *It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value—that is, on books of more than merely passing interest.*

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1914; and *such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—*

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1914, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence: from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received during the year was expended in the purchase of books for the library; [and that by the rules of the library it is open to the public free of charge].

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908. [Signature.]

Declared at , this day of , 191 , before me—
Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 2s. 6d.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to last year's subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not applicable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

JAMES ALLEN,
Minister of Education.

III. LIST SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDY IN DETAIL.

No.	Name of Library.	Income upon which Subsidy is based.	Subsidy.	No.	Name of Library.	Income upon which Subsidy is based.	Subsidy.
AUCKLAND.				AUCKLAND—continued.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Aponga ..	28 12 0	7 0 6	82	Waipu ..	51 12 8	12 13 7
2	Arai and Mangawai ..	27 2 0	6 13 1	83	Waerenga ..	29 6 0	7 3 11
3	Auckland ..	100 0 0	24 11 3	84	Warkworth ..	48 2 0	11 16 3
4	Awakino ..	37 19 2	9 6 6	85	Whakapirau ..	27 17 6	6 17 0
5	Bombay ..	31 13 0	7 15 6	86	Whakatane ..	33 12 0	8 5 0
6	Cambridge ..	100 0 0	24 11 4	87	Whangarata ..	30 4 9	7 8 6
7	Dargaville ..	46 16 0	11 9 11	88	Whangarei ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
8	Drury ..	29 10 0	7 5 0	89	Whangarei Heads ..	27 2 6	6 13 3
9	East Tamaki ..	30 0 0	7 7 4	90	Whangaroa ..	28 5 0	6 18 10
10	Glenfield ..	28 6 0	6 19 0	91	Whitford ..	30 5 6	7 8 8
11	Gordon Settlement ..	28 2 6	6 18 1				
12	Hamilton ..	100 0 0	24 11 4		Total ..	3,627 1 8	890 17 0
13	Helensville ..	39 4 0	9 12 7				
14	Hinuera ..	31 15 0	7 15 11	TARANAKI.			
15	Hoteo North ..	27 7 0	6 14 5	92	Huirangi ..	28 1 8	6 18 0
16	Howick ..	43 4 4	10 12 3	93	Inglewood ..	75 10 0	18 10 11
17	Huntly ..	49 16 0	12 4 8	94	Lepperton ..	28 10 0	7 0 1
18	Kaipara Flats ..	30 17 0	7 11 6	95	New Plymouth ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
19	Kaitiaki ..	34 5 0	8 8 3	96	Ngaere ..	32 19 8	8 2 0
20	Kamo ..	45 4 0	11 2 0	97	Oakura ..	28 10 0	7 0 1
21	Katikati ..	43 0 6	10 11 3	98	Opunake ..	32 15 7	8 1 0
22	Kaukapakapa ..	32 12 6	8 0 2	99	Rahotu ..	28 12 6	7 0 7
23	Kawakawa ..	39 5 6	9 12 11	100	Stratford ..	70 2 6	17 4 5
24	Kohukohu ..	59 5 6	14 11 2	101	Tikorangi ..	43 7 0	10 12 11
25	Kuaotunu ..	28 11 0	7 0 3	102	Waitara ..	45 5 0	11 2 3
26	Lucas Creek ..	28 19 0	7 2 2	103	Warea ..	30 9 0	7 9 7
27	Mangapai ..	32 5 1	7 18 5	104	Whangamomona ..	32 0 0	7 17 2
28	Marerotu ..	28 0 0	6 17 6				
29	Matakohe ..	28 5 0	6 18 9		Total ..	576 2 11	141 10 4
30	Matamata ..	50 13 0	12 8 9	WANGANUI.			
31	Maungakaramoa ..	27 10 0	6 15 1	105	Apiti ..	31 16 4	7 16 3
32	Maungaturoto ..	29 0 3	7 2 6	106	Ashhurst ..	34 0 3	8 7 1
33	Mercury Bay ..	29 10 0	7 5 0	107	Auroa ..	29 0 0	7 2 5
34	Morrinsville ..	43 4 8	10 12 4	108	Awahuri ..	37 15 0	9 5 5
35	Ngarua ..	27 0 0	6 12 7	109	Beaconsfield ..	27 3 10	6 13 7
36	Ngaruawahia ..	46 2 6	11 6 7	110	Bunnythorpe ..	35 3 6	8 12 9
37	Ohacawai ..	31 0 0	7 12 4	111	Eltham ..	55 10 6	13 12 9
38	Omaha ..	29 17 6	7 6 8	112	Feilding ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
39	Onehunga ..	100 0 0	24 11 3	113	Foxton ..	98 1 7	24 1 10
40	Onewhero ..	28 1 0	6 17 9	114	Hawera ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
41	Opotiki ..	71 8 6	17 10 11	115	Kawhatau ..	31 10 0	7 14 9
42	Opouriao ..	38 12 6	9 9 8	116	Kimbolton ..	40 0 6	9 16 8
43	Otahuhu ..	39 6 0	9 13 1	117	Makino ..	29 13 0	7 5 7
44	Otorohanga ..	37 15 6	9 5 6	118	Mangaweka ..	34 3 0	8 7 9
45	Paeroa ..	45 2 6	11 1 7	119	Manutahi ..	30 2 6	7 7 11
46	Pahi ..	27 11 10	6 15 7	120	Marton ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
47	Papakura ..	32 2 6	7 17 10	121	Maxwelltown ..	28 10 0	7 0 0
48	Paparoa ..	28 6 6	6 19 1	122	Ngaputahi ..	30 19 0	7 12 0
49	Paterangi ..	32 8 6	7 19 3	123	Ohutu ..	32 16 10	8 1 3
50	Pirongia ..	31 8 6	7 14 4	124	Palmerston North ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
51	Pokeno ..	27 10 0	6 15 1	125	Patea ..	29 5 3	7 3 9
52	Pongakawa ..	27 12 6	6 15 8	126	Pohangina (Raumai) ..	30 0 6	7 7 5
53	Port Albert ..	33 9 6	8 4 5	127	Pohangina ..	29 0 0	7 2 5
54	Pukekawa ..	27 5 0	6 13 10	128	Rangiwahia ..	33 12 6	8 5 2
55	Pukekohe ..	38 13 0	9 9 10	129	Waimate Plains ..	53 16 6	13 4 4
56	Raglan ..	36 2 6	8 17 5	130	Wanganui ..	100 0 0	24 11 3
57	Rotorua ..	71 19 9	17 13 8	131	Waverley ..	38 7 0	9 8 5
58	Silverdale ..	29 7 6	7 4 3	132	Whakaronga ..	30 10 0	7 9 10
59	Tapuhi ..	27 10 0	6 15 2				
60	Taupiri ..	28 19 0	7 2 2		Total ..	1,350 17 7	331 15 11
61	Taupo ..	36 4 3	8 18 0	WELLINGTON.			
62	Tauranga ..	54 11 10	13 8 2	133	Carterton ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
63	Te Araroa ..	32 3 6	7 18 0	134	Eketahuna ..	42 10 0	10 8 10
64	Te Aroha ..	33 10 0	8 4 8	135	Featherston ..	97 6 9	23 18 3
65	Te Aroha West ..	29 13 0	7 5 8	136	Greytown ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
66	Te Awamutu ..	49 4 0	12 1 8	137	Karori ..	36 10 0	8 19 5
67	Te Puke ..	42 9 0	10 8 6	138	Levin ..	100 0 0	24 11 4
68	Te Roro ..	31 7 10	7 14 2	139	Makara ..	27 7 6	6 14 6
69	Te Uku ..	27 12 6	6 15 9	140	Mangatainoka ..	30 5 0	7 8 8
70	Tirau ..	32 10 0	7 19 8	141	Martinborough ..	61 14 6	15 3 4
71	Thames ..	100 0 0	24 11 4	142	Nireaha ..	27 13 0	6 15 10
72	Tuhikaramea ..	27 10 0	6 15 1	143	Ohariu ..	30 5 0	7 8 8
73	Upper Waiwera ..	29 8 0	7 4 5	144	Otaki ..	44 1 0	10 16 5
74	Waiharara ..	28 2 6	6 18 2	145	Pahiatua ..	66 9 0	16 6 7
75	Waihi ..	65 15 6	16 3 2	146	Petone ..	64 15 6	15 18 3
76	Waikiekie ..	28 5 0	6 18 9				
77	Waikino ..	35 10 0	8 14 5				
78	Waikumete ..	28 7 6	6 19 4				
79	Waimana ..	44 12 0	10 19 2				
80	Wainui ..	27 0 0	6 12 7				
81	Waipapakauri ..	52 9 9	12 17 10				

