

1920.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION : SUBSIDIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(PAPERS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF).

[In continuation of E.-10, 1919.]

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

I. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

As in the previous year, £3,000 was voted by Parliament in 1919 for distribution as a subsidy to public libraries. Previous to the year 1915 £4,000 was the sum annually voted, all libraries making application and complying with certain conditions being eligible to participate in the grant. The distribution of the recent grant of £3,000, which was made in March, 1920, was confined to libraries in places having not more than fifteen hundred inhabitants, for the reason that small libraries in country districts have greater need of financial assistance than have libraries supported by a large number of subscribers, the benefit of so comparatively small a sum to libraries with a large income being almost negligible.

The conditions under which the vote was distributed required that a library participating in the benefits must be public in the sense of not being under the control of an association or society the membership of which is composed of only part of the community, and if a borough library, a reading-room open to the public free of charge must be provided. In addition, the receipts from subscriptions and donations to the funds of the library during the year must not have been less than £2, this sum being regarded as a very low minimum to ensure that the library receives a certain amount of local support. An application to share in the grant must be accompanied by statements of the annual receipts and payments of the body controlling the library, the membership, and the general arrangements for the carrying-on of the library.

The grant is distributed as a subsidy, the sum paid to each library being based upon the amount received during the year by the library by way of subscriptions, donations, and special rates. To this amount is made a nominal addition of £25; but no library receives credit for a larger income than £25—that is, in no case does the amount upon which subsidy is based exceed £50. In this manner the interests of smaller and less prosperous libraries are protected.

The number of libraries participating in the vote in 1920 was 273, the incomes of the libraries from subscriptions, &c., ranging from £2 to £124. The subsidies paid ranged from £8 0s. 3d. to £14 16s. 4d.

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, the ruling high prices of books increasing the necessity of making a very careful selection. An analysis of the literature purchased in the past is not in every case very reassuring as to the value of the books chosen, and greater care and discretion in this matter are urged.

II. EXTRACT FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

SUBSIDIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

Education Department, Wellington, 21st October, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £3,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries in country districts.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1920, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington, on or before the 28th January, 1920.

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 it is within a borough a reading-room where the books may be read, and containing newspapers and periodicals, must be provided for the public free of charge; *in addition, it must not be situated in a borough, town, or town district the population of which exceeds fifteen hundred. The receipts for the year from subscriptions, donations, and voluntary contributions 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 distribution 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 £25—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £50.*

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, 1919, 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, 1919, 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; from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions and from net proceeds of entertainments, 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 in the year 1919 was expended in the purchase of books for the library; and that by the rules of the library the reading-room 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 _____, 19____, before me— _____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 3s.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to the 1919 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, Education Department, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

F. H. D. BELL,
Minister of Education.

III. LIST SHOWING IN DETAIL THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VOTE IN 1920—*continued.*

No.	Place where Library is situated.	Amount upon which Subsidy is based.		Subsidy.	No.	Place where Library is situated.	Amount upon which Subsidy is based.		Subsidy.
		£	s. d.				£	s. d.	
167	Parakakau, Auckland ..	28	0 0	8 6 1	224	Te Ararua, Hawke's Bay ..	33	0 0	9 15 8
168	Parera, Canterbury ..	38	16 0	11 9 11	225	Te Karaka, Hawke's Bay ..	35	2 0	10 8 1
169	Patea, Taranaki ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	226	Te Kopuru, Auckland ..	47	7 6	14 0 8
170	Pateara, Otago ..	28	13 6	8 10 1	227	Te Puke, Auckland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
171	Pictou, Marlborough ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	228	Te Tua, Southland ..	28	2 6	8 6 10
172	Pigeon Bay, Canterbury ..	29	5 0	8 13 5	229	Te Uku, Auckland ..	29	10 0	8 14 11
173	Piopia, Auckland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	230	Tikokino, Hawke's Bay ..	28	0 0	8 6 1
174	Pokeno, Auckland ..	29	0 0	8 12 0	231	Tikorangi, Taranaki ..	29	5 9	8 13 8
175	Pongakawa, Auckland ..	30	5 0	8 19 5	232	Underwood, Southland ..	35	7 6	10 9 7
176	Port Albert, Auckland ..	37	13 0	11 3 2	233	Upper Moutere, Nelson ..	30	0 6	8 18 0
177	Portobello, Otago ..	41	0 3	12 3 0	234	Upper Waiwera, Auckland ..	30	15 0	9 2 4
178	Pukekawa, Auckland ..	28	19 6	8 11 10	235	View Hill, Canterbury ..	31	3 0	9 4 9
179	Pukemiro, Auckland ..	31	7 6	9 6 0	236	Waerenga, Auckland ..	31	10 0	9 6 10
180	Pukerau, Southland ..	31	4 6	9 5 2	237	Waianiwa, Southland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
181	Pukeuri, Otago ..	48	6 8	14 6 6	238	Waihola, Otago ..	28	4 6	8 7 5
182	Punakitere, Auckland ..	32	18 0	9 15 1	239	Waikaia, Southland ..	34	6 3	10 3 5
183	Queenstown, Otago ..	37	12 6	11 3 0	240	Waikielie, Auckland ..	31	0 0	9 3 10
184	Raglan, Auckland ..	34	13 0	10 5 5	241	Waikino, Auckland ..	40	2 6	11 17 9
185	Rahotu, Taranaki ..	31	9 6	9 6 8	242	Waikoioi, Otago ..	30	11 0	9 1 2
186	Rakaia, Canterbury ..	40	15 0	12 1 7	243	Waikouaiti, Otago ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
187	Rangitata, Canterbury ..	29	5 0	8 13 6	244	Waikuku, Canterbury ..	30	4 6	8 19 3
188	Rangiwahia, Wellington ..	33	12 6	9 19 5	245	Waikumete, Auckland ..	40	8 2	11 19 6
189	Raunui, Wellington ..	34	14 6	10 5 10	246	Waimahaka, Southland ..	33	7 6	9 17 11
190	Ravensbourne, Otago ..	40	17 0	12 2 2	247	Waimamaku, Auckland ..	30	0 0	8 17 11
191	Rawene, Auckland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	248	Waimana, Auckland ..	46	12 9	13 16 4
192	Redcliff, Canterbury ..	27	5 0	8 1 8	249	Waimangaroa, Nelson ..	39	7 9	11 13 5
193	Redcliff, Canterbury ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	250	Wainuiomata, Wellington ..	29	16 0	8 16 7
194	Richmond, Nelson ..	45	18 6	13 12 1	251	Waipawa, Hawke's Bay ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
195	Riwaka, Nelson ..	32	7 6	9 11 11	252	Waipu, Auckland ..	43	12 0	12 18 5
196	Roxburgh, Otago ..	33	5 0	9 17 2	253	Waipukurau, Hawke's Bay ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
197	Ruatangata, Auckland ..	28	6 0	8 7 10	254	Waitara, Taranaki ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
198	Rumanga, Grey ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	255	Waitati, Otago ..	35	3 9	10 8 7
199	Russell, Auckland ..	38	7 3	11 7 4	256	Wakefield, Nelson ..	48	14 9	14 8 8
200	Sawyer's Bay, Otago ..	28	15 0	8 10 6	257	Warepa, Otago ..	33	15 0	10 0 1
201	Seaward Downs, Southland ..	32	18 0	9 15 1	258	Warkworth, Auckland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
202	Seddon, Marlborough ..	32	9 6	9 12 7	259	Waterton, Canterbury ..	27	15 0	8 4 7
203	Shannon, Wellington ..	37	0 6	10 19 5	260	Waverley, Wanganui ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
204	Southbridge, Canterbury ..	41	5 0	12 4 6	261	Weber, Hawke's Bay ..	29	17 6	8 17 1
205	South Malvern, Canterbury ..	27	5 0	8 1 8	262	West Eyreton, Canterbury ..	30	4 6	8 19 2
206	Spotswood, Canterbury ..	31	8 9	9 6 5	263	Weston, Otago ..	33	0 0	9 15 8
207	Springbank, Canterbury ..	27	2 6	8 0 11	264	Whakapirau, Auckland ..	28	7 6	8 8 4
208	Springston, Canterbury ..	31	17 6	9 8 11	265	Whakaronga, Wellington ..	27	2 6	8 0 11
209	Stanley Brook, Nelson ..	29	2 6	8 12 8	266	Whangarata, Auckland ..	28	15 0	8 10 5
210	*Stirling, Otago ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	267	Whangaripo, Auckland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
211	Stockton, Nelson ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	268	Whetukura, Hawke's Bay ..	34	12 6	10 5 3
212	Stoke, Nelson ..	36	15 0	10 17 10	269	Whitford, Auckland ..	30	9 6	9 0 9
213	Streamlands, Auckland ..	27	5 0	8 1 8	270	Whitianga, Auckland ..	28	0 0	8 6 1
214	Studholme, Canterbury ..	31	15 0	9 8 3	271	Winton, Southland ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
215	Tai Tapu, Canterbury ..	33	2 6	9 16 5	272	Woodend, Canterbury ..	32	10 0	9 12 8
216	Takapau, Hawke's Bay ..	50	0 0	14 16 4	273	Woodville, Wellington ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
217	Tanomatua, Auckland ..	37	9 6	11 2 3	274	Wyndham, Southland ..	38	10 0	11 8 2
218	Tapamui, Otago ..	44	9 0	13 3 5					
219	Tapuhi, Auckland ..	27	11 0	8 3 5		Totals ..	10,120	9 3	3,000 0 0
220	Tasman, Nelson ..	31	15 5	9 8 5		Less Stirling ..	50	0 0	14 16 4
221	Taupiri, Auckland ..	29	18 0	8 17 4					
222	Taupo, Auckland ..	33	8 0	9 18 1			10,070	9 3	2,985 3 8
223	Te Arai, Auckland ..	31	6 0	9 5 6					

* It was necessary to withhold the subsidy in this case.

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