HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT

OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF VACCINATION OF THE NATIVES.

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Central Board of Vaccination. Native Secretary's Office, Auckland, 29th May, 1856.

SIR .- I have the honor to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor, the first Report of the Central Board of Vaccination, and trust you will use your influence to get the House of Representatives to place on the Estimates for this year, as recommended by the Board, the sum of five hundred pounds, for the vaccination of the Aboriginal Native Inhabitants of New I have, &c., (Signed)

G. A. KISSLING. Chairman.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

First Report of the Central Board for the Vaccination of the Aboriginal Natives of New Zealand.

During the first Session of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, a Select Committee appointed to consider the best means of introducing the most complete system of Vaccination among the Natives, suggested the formation of a Central Board of Vaccination; and the House voted five hundred pounds in 1854, and two hundred pounds in 1855, to promote Vaccination among the New Zealanders.

In December 1854, the Officer administering the Government appointed the following gentlemen a Central Board of Vaccination:—The Lord Bishop of New Zealand, the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop Pompalier, Rev. George Adam Kissling, Rev. Thomas Buddle, Mr. Commissioner M'Lean, the Native Secretary, Dr. Thomson, 58th Regiment, Dr. Davis, Provincial Surgeon.

At the first meeting of the Board, the members present were of opinion that the employment of two professional itinerant Vaccinators, as suggested by the Committee of the House of Representatives, would require nearly the whole of the money vested for one year; and from the scattered condition of the Aborigines, these gentlemen could not accomplish the object of the House. The Board, in consequence, decided that the work should be done by paid itinerant Native Vaccinators, employed and under the supervision of the Missionaries, Resident Magistrates, Surgeons, and other Gentlemen resident in the Colony.

Communications were therefore addressed by the Rev. Mr. Kissling, the Chairman of the Board, to the undermentioned gentlemen; and four lancets, a quantity of vaccine lymph, several printed papers, in English and Maori, explanatory of the objects of the House of Representatives, and the wishes of the Central Board, were enclosed for distribution in their districts; and permission given to each gentleman, to draw the money placed opposite his name, for the remuneration of Native Vaccinators as per enclosure.

This appropriation absorbed five hundred pounds; and the remaining two hundred has been spent in purchasing lancets, and materials for preserving vaccine lymph; and in the part payment of Mr. Andrews, Surgeon, who was appointed to vaccinate the Natives resorting to Auckland; to collect and transmit lymph throughout the Colony, and carry on the general correspondence of the Board, as the medical Secretary.

The remainder of Mr. Andrews' salary of one hundred and fifty pounds for one year, and at the rate of one hundred a year for five months; and four pounds three shillings a month for five months, for an Interpreter to the Secretary, have been defrayed out of an additional sum of four hundred pounds voted by the Provincial Council of Auckland for the Vaccination of the Natives within that Province.

Favorable accounts have been received from various parts of the Colony, of the progress of Vaccination; but the Board have not yet obtained reports from several gentlemen who have not drawn the money appropriated to them for the payment of Native Vaccinators.

The Board have experienced two great impediments in vaccinating the Aborigines.

Firstly,—The difficulty of keeping up a stock of good vaccine lymph, from the Natives never returning when vaccinated; and

Secondly,—From the loss of power produced in the lymph by the delay which occurred from the irregular communication with distant districts in the Colony.

In order to carry out the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of the House of Representatives on Vaccination, the Central Board beg to suggest that an annual vote of five hundred pounds be granted for the vaccination of the Aborigines; that one hundred and thirty of this sum be appropriated to the payment of a medical Secretary to the Board, whose duty should also be the vaccination of Natives resorting to Auckland; the collection, preservation, and transmission of lymph throughout the Colony; that thirty pounds per annum be set apart to purchase instruments and materials for preserving lymph, and that the remaining three hundred and fifty be transmitted to the Superintendents of the different Provinces, in the following proportions, for the payment of European or Native itinerant Vaccinators within the respective Provinces, viz.:—

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" Wellington	• •	• •	• •	108	
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(Signed) G. A. Kissling, Chairman,

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Province of Auckland— Hokianga Kaitaia Bay of Islands Ditto Kaipara Whangarei Waikato	Rev. Mr. Hobbs Rev. Mr. Matthews Archdeacon H. Williams Dr. Montgomery Rev. Mr. Buller Ditto Rev. Mr. Maunsell	£10 10 10 0 10 5	

Province.	Names.	Amount.	Totals.
Auckland—(continued.)			
Taupeu	Rev. Mr. Ashwell	£10	
Rangiawhia	Dr. Harsant	15	
Waipa	Rev. Mr. Buttle		
Mokau	Rev. Mr. Schanenberg	11	
Kawhia	Rev. Mr. Whitely	10	
Aotea	Rev. Mr. Smales	5	
Whangaroa	Rev. Mr. Wallis	10	
Tauranga	Archdeacon Brown	10	
Thames District	Rev. Mr. Wilson	10	
Ditto	Rev. Mr. Lanfear	10	
Makatu	Rev. Mr. Chapman	5	
Rotoroa	Resident Magistrate	10	
Opotiki	Rev. C. Davis	7	
Ditto	Rev. Mr. Allitag	7	
East Cape	Archdeacon Wm. Williams	20	
Poverty Bay	Ditto	10	
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Province of Wellington—			
Wairoa	Rev. Mr. Hamlin	10	
Hawke's Bay	Mr. Domett	15	
Castle Point	Mr. Guthrie	10	
Wairarapa	Rev. Mr. Hutton	8	
Wellington	Rev. Mr. Watkins	10	
Ditto	Provincial Surgeon	0	
The Hutt	Rev. Mr. Hutton	10	
Waikana, Otaki, and Manuawatu	Archdeacon Hadfield	50	
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Taupo	Doctor Rees, the Colonial Surgeon	50	163
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Ditto	Rev. Mr. Govett	15	
Ditto	Rev Mr. Stanard	5	!
Ditto	Rev. Mr. Reimanschnider		40
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Ditto	Provincial Surgeon		15
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Otago	Rev. Mr. Kirk	15	
Ditto	Provincial Surgeon	0	
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Province of Nelson-			
Nelson	Rev. Mr. Ironside	20	
Nelson's Bay	Rev. Mr. Tudor	10	
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Stewart's Islands	Rev. Mr. Wohler	1.0	
Chatham Islands	Collector of Customs	10	
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Central Board of Vaccination.
Native Secretary's Office, Auckland,
29th May, 1856.

SIR,—By a resolution of the Board of Vaccination passed on the 23rd of May instant, I have the honor to request that you will move his Excellency the Governor, to determine the future salary of the Resident Vaccinator and Medical Secretary to the Board at one hundred and thirty pounds per annum commencing on the date thereof.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

G. A. Kissling, Chairman.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Central Board of Vaccination, Native Secretary's Office, Auckland, 29th May, 1856.

Sir,—By the direction of the Board of Vaccination, I have the honor to request that you will procure the sanction of his Excellency the Governor to the undermentioned resolution, passed by the Board on the 17th December 1855.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

G. A. KISSLING,

Chairman.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

RESOLUTION:

It was proposed by the Rev, Mr. Whitely, on behalf of the Rev. Mr. Buddle, and seconded by Dr. Thomson,

That the Secretary's salary for the next three months, commencing on the 1st of January, 1856, be after the rate of one hundred pounds per annum; and that a sum after the rate of fifty pounds per annum be paid, for the same period, to a person whose duty it will be to bring unvaccinated Natives to the Medical Vaccinator, and to see that, when possible, these vaccinated Natives return to the Vaccinator at the proper time for taking matter from the Vescicle.