

in one school the standards having been fully reached. The Board, in this its last report, bears evidence to the undoubted ability of Mr. Lee, and attributes the success of its schools in a great measure to his very valuable suggestions.

In conclusion, the Board, in offering this (its final) report to the Government, would beg to submit that its efforts have been directed throughout its term of office to place education as one of the, if not the, leading institutions of this district, and in this feels assured it will be acknowledged has been successful.

I have, &c.,

W. COWERN,

Secretary and Treasurer, Education Board of the District of Patea.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1878.

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance on 31st March, 1877 ...	4	7 0	By Secretary's salary ...	161	5 0
Grants from Government—Ordinary ...	1,177	11 8	Inspector's salary ...	45	0 0
" " Buildings ...	1,854	16 0	Printing, advertising, &c., &c. ...	95	11 3
Net rents and profits of education reserves, &c. ...	419	13 6	Schools—Teachers' salaries and allowances ...	964	12 2
School fees collected by Board ...	226	4 0½	Law expenses, other than for reserves ...	40	17 8
School books ...	22	2 5½	School buildings ...	2,107	15 2
Incidental ...	38	15 1	Furniture and school books, &c. ...	157	19 0
Balance overdrawn, Bank of New Zealand ...	28	8 3	Grants to Committees ...	70	0 0
			Insurances ...	28	12 6
			Incidental ...	99	12 5
			Interest, Bank of New Zealand ...	0	12 10
Total Income ...	£3,771	18 0	Total Expenditure ...	£3,771	18 0

NOTE.—Another statement of accounts was forwarded the same as the above, but having the particulars differently arranged. To that statement the following certificate is attached:—"Audited and certified correct.—C. A. WRAY, Auditor."

BALANCE-SHEET of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE in respect of EDUCATION RESERVES for the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Town lands—To rents collected for year current ...	30	7 0	Expenditure ...	Nil.	
Suburban and Rural Lands—To rents collected for year current ...	185	18 6			
Rents in Arrear—					
To amounts collected on account of town lands ...	17	4 6			
To amounts collected on account of suburban and rural lands ...	186	3 6	Balance carried to Education Fund Account ...	419	13 6
Total ...	£419	13 6	Total ...	£419	13 6

W. COWERN,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Education Board, Napier, 6th April, 1878.

I am directed by the Board to transmit herewith the various returns called for in your circular letter, No. 4, of the 25th February, together with a few tabular returns which the Board thought it advisable to send, and to inform you that the Board will supplement the return with a further communication on the subject contained in your circular letter before mentioned, at an early date.

I have, &c.,

GEO. THOS. FANNIN,
Secretary, Education Board.

The Secretary, Education Department,
Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1877.

<i>Income.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance on 31st December, 1876 ...	1,250	2 0	By Secretary's salary ...	111	2 2
Grants from Government ...	3,012	14 10	Clerk's " ...	10	0 0
Net rents and profits of education reserves, &c. ...	504	12 6	Inspector's " ...	270	16 8
			Printing, advertising, &c., &c. ...	44	3 2
			Teachers' salaries and allowances ...	3,113	12 7
			School buildings ...	302	2 9
			Petty repairs and other contingencies ...	98	5 11
			Balance in hand on December 31st, 1877 ...	817	6 1
Total ...	£4,767	9 4	Total ...	£4,767	9 4

Examined and found correct.

G. E. G. RICHARDSON.

Napier, 9th April, 1878.

GEO. THOS. FANNIN,
Secretary, Education Board.