

approved of, by the Board." For "the Board" it is necessary now to substitute "the Minister of Education." But the Board desires to sustain the principle involved in this rule, as against the establishment of any trade monopoly, and to avoid the imposition of a stringent law of uniformity.

I have to express my regret that your instruction to render some of the principal returns in such a way as to show at a glance the condition of the different counties came too late to be followed without setting aside much work already done, and incurring expenses which would probably be deemed unnecessary. I have endeavoured to meet the case in some measure by preparing a table (Appendix E) showing the districts in the different counties, with some of the principal facts relating to each; and generally I have sought to furnish in substance the information which you have expressed a desire to obtain.

I am directed by the Board, in closing this report, to place on record the high sense which it unanimously entertains of the valuable services which have been rendered by Mr. Habens, as Secretary to the Board, since his appointment to that office in December, 1876.

The papers enclosed with this report are,—

1. Scale of teaching power and salaries: from *Gazette*, September 16, 1873.
2. Regulations for the examination of schools (including the standards).
3. General instructions and regulations: *Gazette*, September 23, 1875.
4. Report by the Minister of Education for the year ending October, 1875, containing (pp. 16, 17) regulations for examination and classification of teachers, and (pp. 37–57) examination papers.
5. Report of the Board to 31st March, 1877, containing regulations affecting pupil-teachers (pp. 56, 57); proposed new standards (pp. 55, 56); proposed syllabus for examination, &c., of teachers (pp. 58, 59); proposed scale of staff and payment (pp. 59, 60); and general regulations (pp. 60–62), which (except Rules 48 and 57) have been practically observed for several months past.

The appendix consists of the following parts:—

- A. Report on Normal School.
- B. Reports on inspection of schools, and on drill, &c.
- C. Report on examination of third-class teachers. (*Note*.—The examinations for all classes in January, 1877, were reported last year; and those for January, 1878, do not belong to the period under review.)
- D. Report on examination for scholarships.
- E. Table of districts, schools, buildings, attendance, and salaries, grouped by counties.
- F. Detailed statement of staff, and of salaries and other remuneration of teachers in each school, and of the school sites and the titles to the same.
- G. Alphabetical list of teachers, assistants, and pupil-teachers.
- H. Statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1877.
- I. Statistics of attendance, as supplied to the Registrar-General.
- J. Tabular summaries of attendance for the four quarters ending March, June, September, and December; and for the year as a whole.
- K. List of new buildings and works—April to December, 1877.
- L. List of reserves.
- M. Statement of receipts and expenditure on account of reserves, 1877.
- N. Boundaries of school districts.

I have, &c.,

JOHN INGLIS,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance on 31st December, 1876	...	31,289	6	6	By Secretary's salary	...	600	0	0
Grants from Government—Ordinary	...	36,114	1	2	Clerks' "	...	547	13	4
" " Buildings	...	8,655	16	4	Inspector's "	...	400	0	0
Net rents and profits of education re-	...				" "	...	350	0	0
serve, &c.	...	8,271	14	6	Drill instruction	...	508	11	11
Household and capitation rates	...	7,623	11	6	Allowances to Members of Board	...	44	0	0
Special building rate...	...	23	2	6	Printing, advertising, &c., &c....	...	748	17	3
Book Depôt...	...	0	17	0	Teachers' salaries and allowances	...	34,054	0	8
Interest Account	...	928	9	11	Rents and rent allowances	...			
Deposit on contracts	...	202	12	0	Petty repairs and other costs	...	5,919	13	0
					Training Department	...	1,470	9	0
					Practising School (13 months)	...	2,899	3	1
					Scholarships	...	991	15	9
					Examinations — Teachers and pupil-	...			
					teachers	...	403	11	1
					Law expenses—other than for reserves	...	13	2	6
					School buildings	...	27,556	17	5
					Former Secretary's compensation, and	...			
					Clerk's ditto	...	185	15	4
					Inspector's forage allowance and travelling	...			
					expenses	...	278	19	0
					Balance on hand	...	16,137	2	1
Total	...	£93,109	11	5	Total	...	£93,109	11	5

J. OLLIVIER,
Auditor.

28th March, 1878.