

Expenditure.

By Office—							£	s.	d.
Salaries and allowances to officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	9	0
Printing, stationery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	4
Safe	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	2	5
Expenses of leasing, advertising, and other expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	17	0
Expenditure on reserves—surveying	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	3	0
„ fencing, and other expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6	0
Legal expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	5	4
Payments to Taranaki Education Board (Primary, £408 15 11—Secondary, £269 14 1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	678	10	0
„ Wanganui „ „ („ 67 10 0— „ 21 17 3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	7	3
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	2	0
Total expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,045	5	4

Arrears.

Arrears due on 31st December, 1879—						
(1.) Arrears at 31st December, 1878, still unpaid	...	...	...	81	4	2
(2.) Arrears of payments due within year 1879	...	...	...	364	18	0
Total arrears	...	...	...	£446	2	2
				£194	12	8
				£640	14	10

Liabilities or Engagements.

By expenses of leasing—Advertising							£	s.	d.
„ reserves—Surveying, furze cutting	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	0
Total liabilities	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	19	6
							£34	17	6

Examined and passed.
R. MACALISTER, Provincial District Auditor.

BENJAMIN WELLS, Chairman.
W. NORTHCROFT, Secretary.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Office of the School Commissioners, Napier, 2nd April, 1880.

As requested by your Circular, No. 45, of 19th December last, I have the honor to report as follows, for the year ending 31st December, 1879:—

Out of the different classes of reserves vested in the Commissioners, areas as under were leased during the year—town lands, 6a. 2r. 38p., at rentals amounting to £25 6s. per annum; suburban lands, 11a. 1r. 32p. at rentals amounting to £11 18s. per annum; rural and pastoral lands, 14,427a. 2r. 25p. at rentals amounting to £331 16s. It will thus be seen that reserves of a total area of 14,445a. 3r. 15p. have been leased, and that the annual revenue from endowments for primary and secondary education is thereby increased by £368 15s. These lands have all been leased for a period of 21 years, and the rentals therefrom will, under the conditions of leasing, rise 50 per cent. every seven years.

Two town allotments, being endowments for primary education—one at Napier and the other at Hampden—were set apart during the year as sites for public schools.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the bye-laws as amended, also of the regulations and conditions for leasing the reserves under the administration of the Commissioners.

The revenue from endowments for primary education is, less the charges on same, handed over to the Hawke's Bay Education Board, from time to time, as it reaches £100 or thereabouts.

The amount at credit of the Secondary Education Endowments Account on the 31st December last was £237 12s. 6d. So soon as each £100 has accrued it has been lodged on fixed deposit at the Union Bank of Australia here at current rates of interest. The Commissioners have not yet distributed any of the funds arising from these endowments, neither have they made any regulations with respect thereto.

The general statement of accounts has been made up according to the prescribed form, and the accounts are ready for auditing, though the Auditor has not yet communicated with the Secretary on the subject.

The Secretary for Education.

I have, &c.,

HORACE BAKER, Chairman.