

Board Fund but also to advance the sum of £350 to the New Plymouth Hig School Fund, half of which was repaid within the year.

The payment to Boards of the special cap-tation grant of 5s., voted by the General Assembly last session, began on the 1st April, and, as the school year begins on the 1st January, the grant was received for only nine months of the year for which the Boards' accounts are made up. The amount received from the grant for the nine months was £12,227 3s. 6d., and its receipt has, to a large extent, saved some of the Boards from the difficulties they were likely to be placed in by the diminution of their income from causes to which reference is made in the report for 1881.* Other Boards, probably on account of the receipt of this special grant, have been enabled, as already mentioned, to expend portions of their ordinary Board funds on school-buildings.

Table No. 3 of the Appendix shows the amounts expended by the several Boards on management and on school inspection, including the examination of pupil-teachers. The moneys expended by the Boards on management are classified as follows: Office staff, exclusive of Inspectors, £5,328 18s. 11d.; allowances to members of Boards, £649 14s. 7d.; office rent, furniture, repairs, &c., £280 6s. 10d.; fuel, light, and cleaning, £238 2s. 3d.; law expenses, £47 2s. 6d.; printing, £772 18s. 2d.; advertising, £625 6s. 2d.; stationery, £378 2s. 9d.; sundries, including stamps, £138 4s. 8d.: total, £8,458 16s. 10d. No allowances to members were paid by the Boards of Auckland, Hawke's Bay, and Wellington. In the other districts the payments ranged from £25 11s. 8d. in Southland to £161 6s. 6d. in Westland. The law expenses are very much smaller than in any former year.

The following table shows the average cost for the year of each scholar in average daily attendance in the several education districts, for Boards' management, for school inspection (including examination of pupil-teachers), for current maintenance of the schools, and for school-buildings respectively. The gross amount of expenditure under each of these four heads is given in the first four lines of Table H:—

TABLE J.—EXPENDITURE PER SCHOLAR BY BOARDS.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	Number of Schools, December, 1882.	Number of Teachers, December, 1882.	Average Daily Attendance for 1882.	Cost per Scholar for the Year 1882, calculated on the Average Daily Attendance.							
				Current Expenditure.				School-Buildings.	Total Current Expenditure and Buildings.		
				Boards' Management.	Inspection.	Maintenance.	Totals.				
				s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ...	189	446	12,223	2 8	2 10	3 18 11	4 4 5	1 3 1½	5 7 6½		
Taranaki ...	37	54	1,332	3 10½	4 1½	3 6 10	3 14 9½	1 10 0½	5 4 10½		
Wanganui ...	61	115	3,613	3 4½	2 10½	3 13 10½	4 0 1½	1 11 3½	5 11 5		
Wellington ...	50	154	4,905	2 3	2 9½	4 1 9½	4 6 10	0 15 3½	5 2 1½		
Hawke's Bay ...	35	89	2,447	2 10½	5 8½	3 14 4½	4 3 0½	1 4 3½	5 7 3½		
Marlborough ...	26	38	1,049	3 4½	3 11	3 11 1½	3 18 5	1 10 7	5 9 0		
Nelson ...	78	113	3,111	2 9½	3 2½	4 1 6½	4 7 6½	1 5 3½	5 12 10		
North Canterbury ...	134	412	12,186	2 3½	2 3½	4 0 8½	4 5 3½	1 0 10	5 6 1½		
South Canterbury ...	39	89	2,775	3 3½	2 10	3 10 4	3 16 5½	1 12 7½	5 9 1½		
Westland ...	37	84	2,313	6 3½	4 5½	3 14 11½	4 5 8	0 15 7½	5 1 3½		
Otago ...	159	431	16,163	1 7½	2 1½	3 19 10½	4 3 8	0 17 5½	5 1 1½		
Southland ...	66	118	4,028	2 7	2 3½	3 14 0½	3 18 11½	1 3 2½	5 2 1½		
Totals for 1882 ...	911	2,143	66,145	2 6½	2 9	3 18 2½	4 3 6½	1 1 8½	5 5 3		
Totals for 1881 ...	869	2,087	63,735	2 6½	2 7½	3 16 4	4 1 6	0 18 3½	4 19 9½		
Increase ...	42	56	2,410	0 0½	0 1½	0 1 10½	0 2 0½	0 3 5½	0 5 5½		
Totals for 1882 calculated on mean of roll-numbers at ends of four quarters—86,606	...	...	...	1 11½	2 1½	2 19 8½	3 3 9½	0 16 7	4 0 4½		
Similar totals for 1881	...	...	...	1 11½	2 0½	2 18 3½	3 2 3½	0 14 0	3 16 3½		

An increase is shown in the total cost for each scholar under the three heads, management, inspection, and maintenance, the total increase being 2s. 0½d.

In considering the totals of the ordinary current expenditure for each scholar in average daily attendance, it should be kept in mind that the Board funds for

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