

TARANAKI.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 29th March, 1884.

In compliance with Circular No. 83/10, dated 20th December, 1883, I have the honour to report that the operations of the Board have, from various causes, been limited chiefly to transfers and the granting of fresh leases where the leases have expired.

The Commissioners have held twelve ordinary and three special meetings during the year

The transfers during the year have been more than usual. In the case of new leases of town and suburban sections, the rents have increased considerably: at the Hua Village from £4 to £8 per annum, at Te Henui from £5 10s. to £5 5s. first ten years, next eleven years £10 10s. per annum, one town section, with a small cottage, from £1 per annum to £8 per annum, with a forty-two years' lease. All reserves are let by public tender

The Sections Nos. 40 and 42, Patea, which had been divided into building allotments and let by auction, have not proved hitherto as successful as was anticipated, and the Commissioners have been compelled to cancel some of the leases, and others have failed to occupy

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The Hon. the Minister of Education.

T KING, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.

Receipts.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances on 1st January, 1883 ...	34 10 1	18 10 0	53 0 1
Balance of Land Fund ..	..	217 5 0	217 5 0
Arrears of rents for previous years ..	276 10 10	166 19 3	443 10 1
Rents for current year ..	367 8 2	146 5 3	517 13 5
Transfer-fees ...	4 0 0	..	
Land Fund—			
Interest on deposit ..	..	10 3 5	10 3 5
Balances of account on 31st December, 1883 ...	7 7 7	5 2 5	12 10 0
Total receipts ..	689 16 8	564 5 4	1,254 2 0

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balances on 1st January, 1883 ..	7 7 7	5 2 5	12 10 0
Salaries and allowances to officers ..	68 5 3	31 2 6	99 7 9
Printing, stationery, &c. ..	2 3 1	0 16 6	2 19 7
Expenses of leasing—			
Advertising, &c. ..	11 8 4	8 17 2	20 5 6
Expenditure on reserves—			
Fencing, &c. ...	15 5 4	..	19 6 2
Rates ..	2 16 2	1 4 8	
Legal expenses ..	10 3 2	3 14 5	13 17 7
Payments to Taranaki Education Board ..	369 16 8	..	540 0 0
Payments to Wanganui Education Board ..	170 3 4	..	
Payments towards secondary education—			
Taranaki High School ..	..	195 3 10	285 0 0
Wanganui Education Board ..	..	89 16 2	
Credit balance of Land Fund ...	..	227 8 5	227 8 5
Credit balances of account, 31st December, 1883 ..	32 7 9	0 19 3	33 7 0
Total expenditure ..	689 16 8	564 5 4	1,254 2 0

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of cash on 31st December, 1883 ..	20 17 0	..	248 5 5
Balance of Land Fund ..	..	227 8 5	
Arrears due on 31st December, 1883—			
Arrears of the year 1880 ..	26 12 0	20 17 0	47 9 0
Arrears of the year 1881 ..	21 3 9	8 17 9	25 1 6
Arrears of the year 1882 ..	90 10 6	89 9 0	179 19 6
Arrears of the year 1883 ..	473 9 2	200 5 9	673 14 11
Certificates of exchange of town sections ..	7 7 7	5 2 5	12 10 0
Total assets ..	640 0 0	547 0 4	1,187 0 4