

Liabilities.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertisements ...	4 13 0		4 13 0
Legal expenses	5 17 0	0 9 6	6 6 6
Land account ..		227 8 5	227 8 5
Total liabilities	10 10 0	227 17 11	238 7 11

T. KING, Chairman.

W NORTHCROFT, Secretary

I certify that I have examined the above statement of accounts, and find the same to be correct, but I consider that a large amount of the arrears of rents is bad, and should be written off.—C. RENNELL, Auditor.

HAWKE'S BAY

Napier, 5th April, 1884.

SIR,—

In reply to your Circular No. 10, of the 20th December last, I have the honour to state that the Commissioners have nothing specially to report as to their administration of the education reserves in this district during the year ended the 31st December last.

The first appropriation for the advancement of secondary education was made during the year, the sum of £1,000 having been paid to the Board of Governors of the Napier High School, appointed under "The Napier High School Act, 1882," towards the establishment and maintenance of the said school.

Notwithstanding the provisions of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," for dealing with the reserves, the Commissioners reaffirm their desire for authority to lease rural bush lands for any period not exceeding forty-two years.

In September last the regulations and conditions for the leasing of education reserves were repealed, and others, a copy of which I enclose, were made in lieu thereof. The general statement of the accounts, and of assets and liabilities, in the form supplied by you, has been prepared, and a copy thereof is forwarded herewith.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

HORACE BAKER, Chairman.

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

Receipts.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances on 1st January, 1883	184 17 11	1,016 16 3	1,201 14 2
Arrears of rents for previous years	38 12 0	27 11 0	66 3 0
Rents for current year	909 4 7	164 16 2	1,074 0 9
Compensation for land taken for railway purposes	350 0 0		350 0 0
Interest on fixed deposits		45 15 0	45 15 0
Rates recovered from lessee ..	1 7 6		1 7 6
Total receipts	1,484 2 0	1,254 18 5	2,739 0 5

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	63 14 6	11 5 6	75 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	7 18 5	1 9 0	9 7 5
Expenses of leasing—			
Auctioneers' commission	0 17 9	0 3 3	1 1 0
Advertising, &c.	10 6 0	0 7 0	10 13 0
Expenditure on reserves—			
Expenditure on fencing, &c.	12 1 3	3 10 0	15 11 3
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board	925 0 0		925 0 0
Payments towards secondary education—			
Napier High School		1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0
Rents refunded to Governors, Napier High School	0 11 9	36 14 6	37 6 3
Credit balances of account on 31st December, 1883	463 12 4	201 9 2	665 1 6
Total expenditure ..	1,484 2 0	1,254 18 5	2,739 0 5