

PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS.	Expenditure for the Year 1884.								
	Office Expenses and Salaries.	Expenses of Leasing: Auctioneers, Advertising, &c.	Expended on Reserves: Surveys, Fencing, &c.	Crown Grants and Law Expenses.	Paid to Boards for Primary Education.	Paid for Secondary Education.	Sundries.	Balances on 31st December, 1884.	Total.
Auckland ..	£ s. d. 102 6 8	£ s. d. 17 10 4	£ s. d. 88 5 1	£ s. d. 52 3 4	£ s. d. 1,575 16 6	£ s. d. 250 0 0	£ s. d. 30 5 4	£ s. d. 1,084 2 8	£ s. d. 3,200 9 11
Taranaki ..	99 10 0	15 0 0	59 3 9	10 0 6	610 0 0	242 0 0	..	308 16 6	1,344 10 9
Wellington ..	78 8 2	7 6 6	41 9 11	8 5 8	450 0 0	..	40 1 10	426 6 0	1,051 18 1
Hawke's Bay	83 12 5	30 15 3	93 10 11	3 3 0	1,500 0 0	350 0 0	..	664 15 7	2,725 17 2
Marlborough	18 15 0	2 2 0	..	..	..	..	..	220 5 9	241 2 9
Nelson ..	26 10 0	9 1 0	13 6 1	0 5 2	503 11 3	182 18 3	..	202 2 8	937 14 5
Canterbury ..	546 4 4	37 11 4	93 18 11	10 12 10	12,000 0 0	..	..	150 18 6	12,839 5 11
Westland ..	66 7 3	23 7 6	..	55 17 0	..	1,624 12 0	..	2 6 6	1,772 10 3
Otago ..	642 11 3	119 18 8	25 15 6	45 10 8	12,413 5 4	544 3 6	393 10 8	*21,670 18 3	35,855 13 10
Totals, 1884	1,664 5 1	262 12 7	415 10 2	185 18	229,052 13	13,193 13 9	463 17 10	24,730 12 5	59,969 3 1
Totals, 1883	1,739 12 5	543 8 8	251 5 4	132 1	723,984 2	63,521 15 8	1,334 1 1	6,197 5 10	37,703 13 1

* Including £21,102 12s. 7d. invested.

A return prepared by order of the House of Representatives supplies very full information concerning the secondary education reserves vested in School Commissioners and other local governing bodies. It shows the localities in which the reserves are severally situated, and their areas and estimated capital value; and, in regard to those that have been leased, the dates and terms of lease and the annual rents received are also given. The return shows also the net profits of the secondary education reserves since the abolition of the provinces, and the manner in which the profits of the reserves held by the School Commissioners have been distributed.*

The receipts from primary education reserves were made up of ordinary current income (£31,786 14s.), and the price of land (£18,481 12s. 7d.) sold by the Otago School Commissioners under the powers conferred by "The Land Act Amendment Act, 1882." As explained in last year's report, the sales were made in 1883, but the greater portion of the purchase-money was not paid till 1884. It is now invested as required by the Act. Fuller particulars concerning these land sales are given in the School Commissioners' report, Appendix, p. 112. The income of the Westland School Commissioners on account of secondary education includes moneys received for the sale of lands at Kumara authorised by "The Kumara Education Reserves Act, 1879." These moneys, with accrued interest, have now been equally divided between the High School Boards at Hokitika and Greymouth, as authorised by the Acts under which they were constituted, each having received the sum of £634 11s.

The amount paid to Education Boards last year out of the income derived from the primary education reserves was £29,052 13s. 1d., or fully £5,000 more than the sum received by them for the previous year. Owing to the expiration of the original leases, the amount of annual income derived from the education reserves will undoubtedly show a considerable increase in the future. Whatever money is received from this source relieves the Treasury to a corresponding amount.

"THE COLONIAL UNIVERSITY ACCOUNT."

Full information concerning the reserves set apart under "The University Endowment Act, 1868," is given on page 15 of the parliamentary return (E.-11, 1885) already referred to. The net proceeds of these lands now amount to £802 13s. 10d., made up as follows: Auckland reserves, £75; Canterbury, £671 1s. 4d.; and Westland, £56 12s. 6d. The money is at present held in trust by the Treasury Department, for appropriation as may be determined hereafter by the General Assembly.

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

The interesting and exhaustive report of the Organizing Inspector (Mr. Pope), and very full statistical information concerning the Native schools, are printed in a separate parliamentary paper (E.-2, 1885). At the close of 1883 the number of Native schools of all kinds was 66: there were 71 in operation during the whole or some portion of 1884. These may be classified as follows: 57 fully-equipped

* See Parliamentary Paper E.-11, 1885.