

The Receiver of Land Revenue informed me on 31st December that he was about to pay in £20 18s. 6d., but paid in only £20 16s. 8d. Before the mistake was discovered I had apportioned the first sum, thus taking 1s. 10d. from capital to primary.

The bank balance will therefore stand thus:—

	£	s.	d.
Land sales, not yet invested	548	14	6
Deposit in hand	19	13	0
	£568	7	6
Less 1s. 10d. overpaid to primary	0	1	10
Balance as per statement	£568	5	8

Correct.—H. L.

C. MACANDREW, Treasurer.

NOTE.—A sum of £17 6s. 8d. has been credited to land sales instead of to rents. This would be best corrected by a cross entry in 1885 accounts.

I have taken no exception in the certificate to two items of expenditure, namely—a payment of £50 for construction of a school at Redan, and the travelling expenses of a member. It is doubtful whether they are authorised by the Act. I observe that there is a line for the second in the printed form of accounts supplied from Wellington.—H. L.

REGULATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

I. *Standard Examinations.*—Dated 17th June, 1884.

1. REGULATION 2 under Order in Council dated the 24th September, 1878, for defining the standards of education and for inspection of schools is hereby repealed.

2. At every standard examination of a public school the whole school shall be examined. Pupils not sufficiently advanced to be in a class that has been prepared for examination in Standard I. shall be examined in such manner as the Inspector may deem fit, but all the other pupils must be presented for examination according to the standards. Every pupil who has already passed any standard must be presented for a higher standard; provided that at any time, not being less than three months before the examination, the teacher may, if he see fit, place any pupil in the class preparing for the standard which he last passed, and such pupil shall be examined with such class, but shall not be deemed a candidate for a pass, and shall not in any case be reckoned as passing again in the standard for which he is so examined. The teacher shall formally present for examination all the pupils on the school-roll, by giving to the Inspector a list or lists of the pupils that are not prepared for Standard I., or a memorandum of the number of such pupils, and for each standard a separate list of the pupils presented to pass the standard, together with a list of those presented to be re-examined in the standard. The teacher shall at the same time hand to the Inspector a summary of the numbers presented, the total of which summary must correspond to the number of pupils on the roll of the school.

II. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 9th September, 1884.

The book entitled “A Geography of New Zealand and Australia,” by J. J. Patterson, B.A. (Whitcombe and Tombs, Limited, Christchurch), may be used in any public school as if it had been described and included in the list of works set forth in the Order in Council dated the 24th day of September, 1878.

III. *Class-books for Public Schools.*—Dated 17th January, 1885.

The books entitled “Physiography,” by T. H. Huxley, F.R.S. (Macmillan and Co., London), “Geography adapted to Standards II., III., and IV.” by Henry Hill, B.A. (Whitcombe and Tombs, Christchurch), and “Stories from English History: Historical Reader No. 1,” and “Modern England: Historical Reader No. 4” (George Gill and Sons, London), may be used in any public school as if they had been described and included in the list of works set forth in the Order in Council dated the 24th day of September, 1878.

IV. *Examination of Teachers.*—Dated 5th May, 1885.

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Orders in Council of the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and the seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the annual examination of candidates for teachers' certificates shall be held between the fourteenth and the twenty-fourth days of December of every year, and not in the month of January or March, and candidates for any class must give written notice, accompanied by all necessary testimonials and declarations, not later than the fifteenth day of September immediately before the examination.

2. Every candidate for examination, with the exception of candidates who apply to be examined in elementary science or domestic economy only, and of candidates who having been partially successful at a former examination present themselves for examination in those subjects only in which they were at that former examination unsuccessful, shall, at the time of giving notice of intention to be present at the examination, pay to the credit of the Public Account at any branch of the Bank of New Zealand the sum of one pound sterling as a contribution towards defraying the expenses of the examination, and shall forward the bank receipt to the Minister of Education, with the notice of intention to sit at the examination.