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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: SUBSIDIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(PAPERS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF).

[In Continuation of E.-10, 1885.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

I.—EXTRACT from the *New Zealand Gazette*, 5th November, 1885.

Education Department, Wellington, 4th November, 1885.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £4,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place on the 8th February, 1886, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 31st January, 1886.

A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club, whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The *net* proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

The income of each library may be stated either for the year ending the 31st December, 1885, or for the year ending with that day in the year 1885 on which the annual accounts of the library were made up.

A nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of each library's receipts, and the vote of £4,000 will be divided in proportion to the amounts as thus augmented, but so as that no institution shall receive more than £50.

Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made; such declaration shall be on the form provided for the purpose, and shall be as follows:—

DECLARATION.

I [name], of [place of abode], [occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary or Treasurer] of the [name of institution]; that during the year ending the day of , 1885, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only was as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under "The Public Libraries Act, 1869," pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence; that the information herein-after furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; and that by the rules of the institution admission to the reading-room is open to the public free of charge.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

[Here affix
and cancel
a stamp at
2s. 6d.]

Declared at , this day of , 188 ,
before me—

(Signature.)

Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[NOTE.—The words relating to free admission may be struck out if the library is not in a borough. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, or the Secretary of any Education Board.

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