

Statement of Rents due on 31st December, 1887.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arrears due on 31st December, 1887, viz.—									
Arrears of rents, &c., due in and prior to 1884 ...	162	18	9	14	12	6	177	11	3
Arrears of rents, &c., due for 1885 (rents and interest)	397	9	8	10	10	0	407	19	8
" " 1886 " "	1,048	5	0	63	17	7	1,112	2	7
" " 1887 " "	3,452	1	10	314	13	1	3,766	14	11
Total	5,060	15	3	403	13	2	5,464	8	5

J. P. MAITLAND, Chairman.

C. MACANDREW, Secretary and Treasurer.

I have compared this abstract with the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and certify it to be correct.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

Balance Account.

1887.	£	s.	d.	1887.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1—Balances brought down—				Jan. 1—Balances brought down—			
Capital Account ..	28,120	6	0	Investments ..	26,756	9	8
Valuation deposit account ..	24	15	0	Fixed deposit ..	1,350	0	0
Legal expenses deposit ..	2	9	6	Bank ..	37	15	10
Dec. 31—Balances forward—				Primary ..	3	5	0
Investments ..	26,869	6	11	Dec. 31—Balances forward—			
Fixed deposits ..	3,243	14	8	Capital Account ..	30,087	4	7
Bank ..	14	0	0	Valuation deposit account ..	24	15	0
Primary ..	5	1	0	Legal expenses deposit ..	2	9	6
				Costs preparing leases ..	11	11	0
				Costs releasing sections ..	6	2	6
	£58,279	13	1		£58,279	13	1
1888.				1888.			
Jan. 1—Balances forward—				Jan. 1—Balances brought forward—			
Capital Account, land sales ..	30,087	4	7	Investments ..	26,869	6	11
Valuation deposit account ..	24	15	0	Fixed deposit ..	3,243	14	8
Legal expenses deposit ..	2	9	6	Bank ..	14	0	0
Costs preparing leases ..	11	11	0	Primary (overpaid, to be re-			
Costs releasing sections ..	6	2	6	covered) ..	5	1	0
	£30,132	2	7		£30,132	2	7

The balances, Dr. and Cr., brought down on 1st January, 1888, show the assets and liabilities of the School Commissioners at that date, if to the credit side is added, from the preceding page, rents uncollected, with allowance for amounts not recoverable.—H. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

REPORTS OF EDUCATION BOARDS—*continued.*

NORTH CANTERBURY.

[This report was received too late to be printed in its proper place. The Board's statement of account appears on page 76.]

SIR,—

Christchurch, 31st March, 1888.

I have the honour to present the following report of the proceedings of the Education Board of the District of North Canterbury for the year ended the 31st December, 1887.

THE BOARD.—The three members who retired by rotation on the 31st March, 1887, were Mr. Peryman, Mr. Chrystall, and Mr. Weston, who were re-elected. At a meeting held on the 21st April Mr. W. Chrystall was elected Chairman. On the 17th November an election was held to fill an extraordinary vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Montgomery, when Mr. E. G. Wright was returned. The Board records its sense of the great value of the services which Mr. Montgomery has rendered in the interest of education in this district for many years past. The Board held twenty-four meetings during the year. Of the standing committees, the Appointments Committee met forty-six times, the Buildings Committee twenty-five times, the Normal School Committee four times, and the Finance Committee three times.

NEW SCHOOLS AND BUILDINGS.—During the year 1887 new school districts were formed at Acton, Lyndhurst, Westerfield, Woodside, and Medbury. Only the first three were entirely new, Woodside being formed out of parts of Oxford West and View Hill, and Medbury out of parts of Hurunui and Mason's Flat. New schools were built at Mayfield, Acton, Lyndhurst, Lyttelton, Okuku, and Medbury, and new masters' houses at Brookside, Woodside, and Pigeon Bay. Additions were made to the schools at Broadfield, Christchurch (West Side), Duvauchelle's Bay, Leeston, North Road, Okain's Bay, Hampstead, and to the master's house at Richmond; and considerable improvements at Christchurch East, Flaxton, Gebbie's Valley, Greendale, Little Akaloa, Loburn, and New Brighton. The total expenditure on buildings, including the cost of plans, supervision, &c., was £9,098 10s. 5d. A statement of the amount spent in each school district is given in Table No. 7.* The Board has been much embarrassed during the latter part of the year by the want of funds for building purposes. All available means have been exhausted, and there still remain a

* See Table No. 9, *ante*.