

The ordinary estimate of the amount required for the erection of a school-building (wood) is £4 per pupil. It is not difficult therefore to estimate the amount of school accommodation which £31,678 judiciously expended would provide.

It would indeed be strange if there were any serious deficiency of school accommodation, for the colony has spent no less a sum than £852,778 3s. 2d. upon the erection of school-buildings since the coming into operation of "The Education Act, 1877." Previous to the coming into operation of that Act, many of the Provincial Governments had spent very large sums in the erection of school-buildings; and it is admitted by every educational expert who visits the colony that in the matter of building equipment we have an educational system which is not surpassed in any other country. It is desirable to show in what manner the £852,778 has been distributed, and for that purpose this table is provided:—

Table F.

GRANTS TO EDUCATION BOARDS FOR SCHOOL-BUILDINGS, TEACHERS' RESIDENCES, and SITES, from 1877 to 31st March, 1888.

Year.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Total for Twelve Years.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1877	9,579 0 0	568 16 5	1,854 16 0	7,399 5 11	302 2 9	1,310 14 5	1,896 12 2	..	6,906 9 2	8,655 16 4	..	8,338 14 4	..	46,812 7 6
1878	19,000 0 0	1,400 0 0	5,000 0 0	8,000 0 0	7,500 0 0	2,305 16 5	5,003 12 0	..	10,100 0 0	18,194 3 1	6,805 16 11	14,656 9 6	3,291 5 0	101,257 2 11
1879	25,690 0 0	3,600 0 0	11,000 0 0	11,800 0 0	9,730 0 0	2,594 3 7	4,925 10 2	..	6,000 0 0	25,000 0 0	13,330 0 0	27,546 10 10	9,365 0 0	150,581 4 7
1880	28,825 0 0	3,800 0 0	5,500 0 0	13,200 0 0	5,770 0 0	1,250 0 0	5,470 17 10	..	6,200 0 0	14,500 0 0	3,000 0 0	12,720 18 10	4,200 0 0	104,436 16 8
1881	21,200 0 0	1,650 0 0	1,500 0 0	4,750 0 0	2,000 0 0	750 0 0	3,300 0 0	†	5,698 0 0	11,000 0 0	2,250 0 0	7,220 0 0	3,000 0 0	64,318 0 0
1882	5,540 0 0	542 0 0	3,649 0 0	2,182 0 0	1,709 0 0	1,252 0 0	1,313 0 0	..	480 0 0	9,447 10 9	2,050 0 0	14,511 0 0	2,590 0 0	45,265 10 9
1883	17,951 19 0	1,666 15 0	4,376 19 0	6,412 12 0	3,453 5 0	1,353 9 0	3,790 0 0	..	2,437 1 0	15,508 10 9	3,567 15 6	17,605 17 0	5,198 7 6	83,322 10 9
1884	9,682 0 0	1,542 0 0	2,736 0 0	5,016 0 0	2,519 0 0	846 0 0	2,307 0 0	..	..	9,439 0 0	2,230 0 0	10,828 0 0	3,330 0 0	50,475 0 0
1885	10,927 0 0	1,561 0 0	2,736 0 0	5,007 0 0	3,159 0 0	1,146 0 0	2,857 0 0	823 0 {	2,448 8 7 1,147 6 5	9,439 0 0	2,880 0 0	11,428 0 0	3,500 0 0	59,008 15 0
1886	11,150 14 0	1,145 17 9	3,259 3 3	4,808 13 0	3,493 6 6	930 10 3	2,756 18 0	1,046 0 0	2,761 0 0	10,542 12 0	2,452 17 0	12,161 10 0	3,661 12 9	60,170 14 6
1887	10,062 15 3	1,491 5 0	2,979 11 0	4,563 16 0	3,305 12 0	1,083 9 7	2,395 19 8	1,014 15 6	4,875 9 9	8,694 5 0	2,180 1 0	9,355 13 0	3,448 10 5	55,451 2 9
1888	6,091 8 0	577 19 0	2,085 5 0	3,542 1 0	2,494 8 0	479 7 0	1,239 13 0	436 8 0	727 5 9	5,020 9 0	1,505 4 0	5,462 0 0	1,957 10 0	31,678 17 9
	175,699 16 3	19,545 13 2	46,676 14 3	76,701 7 11	45,435 14 3	15,301 10 3	87,316 2 5	3,320 3 6	49,781 0 8	145,441 6 11	142,181 14 5	151,834 13 6	43,542 5 8	852,778 3 2

* £1,854 16s. granted to Patea Education Board in 1877. † Old district, which included Westland and Grey.

NOTE.—This table includes payments for rebuilding schools destroyed by fire, as follows: Auckland, £305; Taranaki, £469; Hawke's Bay, £190 4s.; Nelson, £620; Westland, £5,337 2s. 11d.; North Canterbury, £505; South Canterbury, £353; Otago, £470; Southland, £468; total, £8,514 6s. 11d.