

HAWKE'S BAY

SIR,—

Office of the School Commissioners, Napier 13th April, 1892.

In compliance with your circular of the 14th December last, I have the honour to report as follows for the past year :—

During the year Mr G. W. Williams resigned his office as a Commissioner Mr Williams held the office for four years, and during the whole of that period was Chairman of the Commissioners. His place as a Commissioner and Chairman has been filled by the appointment of Mr Thomas Humphries. Mr J W Carlile was appointed as a Commissioner during the year *vice* Mr Frederick Sutton.

There were two auction sales of leases during the year At the first, eleven town, nine suburban, and two rural lots were offered. All of these lots with the exception of three had previously been held under lease for twenty-one years. The rentals under the old leases aggregated £12 11s. per annum, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that under the new leases the same lands are let at a total rental of £96 6s. 6d. per annum. Of the three previously-unlet lots, two were leased for £69 5s. per annum. At the second auction sale only one section was offered, and this was passed in.

The general statement of receipts and expenditure for the past year has been prepared. It has been audited and certified to as correct by the Controller and Auditor-General, and a copy of same is forwarded herewith.

It will be observed, from the statement of assets and liabilities which accompanies the statement of receipts and expenditure, that the rents outstanding at the end of the year amounted to £367 18s. 4d., but since then some of the arrears have been recovered, and it is expected that they will be materially diminished at an early date.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

THOS. HUMPHRIES, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1891.

Receipts

—	Primary.	Secondary	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances on 1st January, 1891 ..	666 19 4	521 9 5	1,188 8 9
Arrears of revenue for previous years			
Rents, &c., of reserves	219 11 2	14 16 6	234 7 8
Interest on overdue rents	4 5 3	..	4 5 3
Rates recovered	7 18 0		7 18 0
Revenues—			
(1.) Rents, &c., of reserves for current year	2,521 10 7	671 2 2	3,192 12 9
(2.) Other receipts for current year—			
Interest on deposits .	22 15 5	13 10 0	36 5 5
Rates recovered from lessees	5 2 6	2 0 5	7 2 11
For gravel taken from reserve	2 2 0		2 2 0
Total receipts	3,450 4 3	1,222 18 6	4,673 2 9

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	103 18 8	26 1 4	130 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	3 0 6	0 15 4	3 15 10
Expenses of leasing—			
Auctioneer's commission	3 7 0	0 17 0	4 4 0
Advertising	7 10 0	1 18 6	9 8 6
Rates to local bodies, &c.	11 17 9	3 3 2	15 0 11
Surveying, &c.	21 0 0	5 7 0	26 7 0
Legal expenses	23 12 4	1 6 2	24 18 6
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board	2,200 0 0		2,200 0 0
Fees, board, and rail-fares of pupils attending			
Napier High School		326 15 0	326 15 0
Grants to Napier High School		100 0 0	100 0 0
Credit balances on 31st December, 1891—			
Fixed deposits	506 6 0	600 0 0	1,106 6 0
Current account	569 12 0	156 15 0	726 7 0
Total expenditure	3,450 4 3	1,222 18 6	4,673 2 9