

rooms, and suitable only for an unmarried person, have been erected in the districts of Scott's Gap, Mataura Island, and Riverside; while much-required additions have also been made to the teachers' residences at Balfour, North Wairio, Edendale, Otara, Lumsden, and Winton. In addition to the foregoing works, a new residence has been provided for the teacher at Gummie's Bush, the old building, erected over twenty-nine years ago, being altogether past profitable repair. From a perusal of the foregoing list it will be seen that a large amount of work has been accomplished, all of which was absolutely essential to the welfare and comfort of the teachers and pupils in the various districts interested. The teacher's residence at Roslyn Bush was destroyed by fire in May last. A searching investigation by the Police Department and local Committee failed to elicit any reliable data as to the origin of the fire. With the consent and approval of the Government, a contract for the erection of a new building, not so commodious as the one destroyed, but yet large enough for the requirements of the present teacher, was entered into; and has (February, 1893) now been completed at a cost of £150 15s. 6d. This amount will, of course, appear in the Board's accounts for 1893. The requirements of the next year will, so far as the Board is able to foresee, be quite as extensive as during the past year. The opening-up for small-farm settlement of the extensive and fertile Waiau district must of necessity establish a demand for the erection of new schools, and the consequent expenditure of a very considerable sum for buildings, which cannot long be ignored. The first claims from this district have been satisfied, in part at least, by the establishment of a school at Eastern Bush, and the recognition of a demand from settlers at Feldwick for a similar privilege.

FINANCE.—The financial year was commenced under very favourable auspices. Both Building and Maintenance Accounts were considerably in credit, the former to the extent of £2,120, the latter £3,090 18s. The aggregate income of the Board, including credit balance from last year, was £35,232 0s. 7d. The Board's general statement of receipts and expenditure for the year, duly certified by the Auditor-General, is appended hereto, and shows in detail the sources of the Board's income. A sum of £23,126 18s. 3d. was received as capitation grants on the average attendance during the year; £3,556 9s. 4d. in respect of rents from primary reserves; £2,050 as parliamentary grant for buildings; £517 6s. 2d. for scholarships; £300 as inspection subsidy: these, with other minor receipts, constituted the Board's revenue for the year. The principal items in the Board's expenditure were as follows: Teachers' salaries, including rent-allowances, and bonuses paid for the instruction of pupil-teachers, £22,788 6s. 4d.; to School Committees for ordinary incidental expenses, £1,596 18s. 5d.; for erection and maintenance of school-buildings and residences, &c., £3,152 5s. 10d. These, with other less important amounts, as shown in the balance-sheet, make up the total of the Board's expenditure, and leave a balance to credit of £5,408 17s. 4d. This balance is, however, considerably affected by the statement of assets and liabilities, from a perusal of which it will be seen that the Board's assets, in addition to credit balance, are set down at a sum of £150, due for re-erection of teacher's residence at Roslyn Bush. The known liabilities aggregate £1,306 6s. 3d.: of this sum, £574 12s. 8d. is chargeable against the Maintenance Account, and £731 13s. 7d. against that for buildings. After making due provision for debts due as above, the net balance to credit of the Board will stand at £4,252 11s. 1d., and from this amount the large expenditure necessary for building operations during the current year will require to be drawn.

By order of the Board.

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JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1892.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—				By Office staff—Salaries	358	15	0
On Building Account	2,120	0	0	Drill Instructor—Salary and expenses ..	183	3	11
On General Account	3,090	18	0	Departmental contingencies	330	17	3
Government grant for buildings ..	2,050	0	0	Inspectors' salaries	624	8	4
For reinstatement of teacher's residence				Inspectors' travelling expenses	207	3	0
at Wrey's Bush	196	19	4	Examination of pupil-teachers	15	0	0
Subscriptions and donations for build-				Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-			
ings	34	16	0	cluding rent, bonus, &c.)	22,788	6	4
Government statutory capitation ..	23,126	18	3	Incidental expenses of schools	1,596	18	5
Scholarship grant	517	6	2	Scholarships—			
Inspection subsidy	300	0	0	Paid to scholars	497	10	0
Payments by School Commissioners ..	3,556	9	4	Examination expenses	19	16	2
Rents of school sites	41	3	6	School-buildings—			
Interest on fixed deposits	197	10	0	New buildings	1,999	17	0
				Improvements of buildings	826	13	0
				Furniture and appliances	57	0	1
				Sites	81	18	10
				Plans, supervision, and fees	167	18	11
				Advertising tenders	18	18	0
				Members' travelling expenses	48	19	0
				Balance at end of year—			
				On Building Account	1,249	9	6
				On General Account	4,159	7	10
	£35,232	0	7		£35,232	0	7

D. L. MATHESON, Chairman.

JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.