

COMMITTEES.—The Board has the highest appreciation of the good services rendered by Committees in promoting the interests of the schools in their respective districts, and in fostering a due care for the protection of the school buildings and other property. It is satisfactory to report that cordial relations have been maintained between the Committees and the Board in the exercise of the functions respectively devolving on them.

R. UDY, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1894.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at beginning of year—			By Office staff—Salaries	1 113	0 0
On Building Account	3,565	12 1	Clerical assistance	64	7 0
On General Account	6,456	18 0	Departmental contingencies	805	6 2
Government grant for buildings	8,000	0 0	Inspectors' salaries	1,887	10 0
Government grant (special) for rebuilding Newton East closets	29	5 10	Inspectors' travelling expenses	551	17 2
Other receipts for buildings—			Examination of pupil-teachers	83	3 7
Proceeds of sale of teacher's house, Whakahara	21	1 0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (thirteen months)	70,535	3 4
Contributions to cost of buildings and sites	16	7 0	Incidental expenses of schools	8 151	12 8
Rent of reserve	15	0 0	Scholarships—		
Forfeited deposits ..	7	0 0	Paid to scholars	1,453	6 8
Government statutory capitation	75,086	3 9	Examination expenses	40	7 1
Scholarship grant	1,823	14 8	School buildings—		
Inspection subsidy—			New buildings	2,178	7 8
Ordinary	500	0 0	Improvements of buildings	3 727	12 11
For Native schools.	150	0 0	Furniture and appliances	860	15 11
Payments by School Commissioners	1,678	10 0	Sites	232	8 2
Interest from fixed deposit	7	10 0	Plans, supervision, and fees	573	2 9
Refunds—Overpayments on vouchers	4	4 6	Interest on overdraft	19	11 3
			Balance—		
			On Building Account	4,081	18 6
			On General Account	1,001	16 0
	<u>£97,361</u>	<u>6 10</u>		<u>£97,361</u>	<u>6 10</u>

R. UDY, Chairman,
VINCENT E. RICE, Secretary

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

TARANAKI.

SIR,—

New Plymouth, 8th March, 1895.

In compliance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," I have the honour to submit the following report of the Board's proceedings for the year ending 31st December, 1894 :—

THE BOARD.—At the annual election in March, Mr H. Faull was re-elected, and Messrs. W Ambury and J Mackay were elected in the place of the Hon. Thomas Kelly, M.L.C., who did not offer himself for re-election, and the late Mr E. Olson, who died shortly before the time fixed for the election. The Board then consisted of Mr R. G. Bauchope (Chairman), Miss Heywood, Messrs. E. G. Allsworth, G. A. Adlam, W Ambury, H. Faull, S. Hill, J Mackay, and J Wade. The Board held twenty-three ordinary and one special meeting during the year, and the attendance of members has been as follows. Miss Heywood, 21, Mr Bauchope, 22, Mr Allsworth, 23; Mr Adlam, 24, Mr Ambury, 16, Mr Faull, 24; Mr Hill, 23, Mr Mackay, 15, and Mr J Wade, 24.

SCHOOLS.—There were forty-nine schools open at the beginning of the year, and three have been opened during the year—viz., Waihi, Salisbury Road, and Palmer Road—and contracts have been let for buildings at Stanley Road and Purangi (Matau), when these two buildings are completed there will be fifty-four schools in operation in the district.

TEACHERS.—The number of teachers in the employ of the Board at the end of last year was 114, classified as follows. Head teachers—17 males, 2 females, sole teachers—17 males, 17 females, assistant teachers—4 males, 8 females. pupil-teachers—3 males, 23 females, sewing teachers—23 females total, 41 males, 73 females.

The following comparative table will be found interesting, as it shows from one point of view the increase in the Board's operations during the last decade :—

	31st December, 1884.	31st December, 1894.
Teachers holding certificates	18	57
Teachers holding partial success	3	3
Teachers holding licenses to teach	2	2
Teachers uncertificated	23	3
First year's pupil-teachers	12	7
Second year's pupil-teachers ..	4	8
Fourth year's pupil-teachers	0	11
Sewing teachers ..	0	23
	62	114

A satisfactory feature in the above table is the decrease in the number of uncertificated teachers, thus showing that the revision of the scale of salaries from time to time has had the desired effect of attracting a better class of teachers.