

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

School Commissioners' Office, Napier, 26th February, 1896.

I have the honour to report as follows for the past year: An auction sale of leases was held in December last, when four town sections were offered. Only two lots were sold, at an aggregate annual rental of £83, the other lots being passed in. Since the auction sale, however, one other lot has been leased, at a rental of £30 per annum. Arrears of rent amounting to £9 19s. 10d. have been written off as irrecoverable.

I have, &c.,

THOS. HUMPHRIES,

Chairman.

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.

Receipts.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances on 1st January, 1895 ...	671 0 0	1,455 1 10	2,126 1 10
Arrears of revenue for previous years, viz.,—			
Rents, issues, profits, or receipts from reserves	154 16 3	178 13 9	333 10 0
Interest on overdue rents ...	1 12 6	1 10 6	3 3 0
Arrears written off (<i>per contra</i>) ...	9 19 10	...	9 19 10
Revenues, viz.,—			
(1.) Rents, &c., of reserves for current year ...	2,462 13 10	529 8 9	2,992 2 7
(2.) Interest on deposits ...	20 4 9	49 10 0	69 14 9
Total receipts ...	3,320 7 2	2,214 4 10	5,534 12 0

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers ...	77 13 10	22 6 2	100 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c. ...	7 7 4	2 2 4	9 9 8
Rates to local bodies ...	0 7 10	...	0 7 10
Legal expenses ...	16 4 8	0 5 2	16 9 10
Expenditure on reserves ...	1 2 11	0 6 7	1 9 6
Refund of rent as per "special resolution" ...	37 10 0	...	37 10 0
Surveying, &c. ...	4 1 7	1 3 5	5 5 0
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board ...	2,450 0 0	...	2,450 0 0
Fees, board, and rail-fares of pupils attending			
Napier High Schools ...	...	600 4 0	600 4 0
Arrears written off (<i>per contra</i>) ...	9 19 10	...	9 19 10
Credit balances on 31st December, 1895,—			
Fixed deposits ...	506 6 0	1,200 0 0	1,706 6 0
Current Account ...	209 13 2	387 17 2	597 10 4
Total expenditure ...	3,320 7 2	2,214 4 10	5,534 12 0

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of cash on 31st December, 1895 ...	715 19 2	1,587 17 2	2,303 16 4
Arrears due 31st December, 1895, viz.,—			
(1.) Arrears of year 1894 ...	71 13 3	...	71 13 3
(2.) Arrears of year 1895 ...	486 10 8	210 7 6	696 18 2
Total assets ...	1,274 3 1	1,798 4 8	3,072 7 9