

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

Receipts.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 1st January, 1895...	44 0 3	70 15 8	114 15 11
Fees under Mining Act ...	36 16 0	...	36 16 0
Royalties on timber ...	11 6 8	6 7 10	17 14 6
Rent of reserves ...	7 10 0	9 0 0	16 10 0
Total receipts ...	99 12 11	86 3 6	185 16 5

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Legal expenses ...	3 10 11	1 3 7	4 14 6
Advertising ...	4 11 11	1 10 7	6 2 6
Commission on collection of royalties ...	2 3 6	0 14 6	2 18 0
Commissioners' travelling-expenses ...	3 18 9	1 6 3	5 5 0
Plans of reserves ...	1 2 6	0 7 6	1 10 0
Secretary's salary ...	7 10 0	2 10 0	10 0 0
Secretary's travelling-expenses ...	0 15 0	0 5 0	1 0 0
Rates to local bodies ...	40 0 3	5 4 3	45 4 6
Exchange on cheque ...	...	0 0 6	0 0 6
Balance on 31st December, 1895 ...	36 0 1	73 1 4	109 1 5
Total expenditure ...	99 12 11	86 3 6	185 16 5

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in bank, 31st December, 1895	£112 7 11		
Less unrepresented cheques ...	3 6 6		
Rent in arrear ...	...	...	109 1 5
Royalties on timber outstanding ...	...	...	4 19 8
Total assets ...	...	...	23 0 0
	...	...	137 1 1

Liabilities.

Nil.

JAS. A. BONAR, Chairman.

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

CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Christchurch, 4th January, 1896.

In accordance with Order in Council of date 17th of September, 1878, I have the honour to forward the report of the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District for the year ending the 31st of December, 1895, together with a copy of its accounts duly audited.

The total area of the primary education estate under lease on the 31st of December, 1895, was 68,034 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, producing an annual rental of £16,128 5s. 6d.; of this area, 24,200 acres is contained in Pastoral Run No. 5, which was obtained from the Crown early in 1892 in exchange for agricultural land in the Waimate district.

During the year three reserves, containing in all 1,695 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, were relet by tender for periods of fourteen years or thereabouts; of these, two were offered in subdivisions, but there was little inquiry for same, and one of them (Reserve 1145), containing 240 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, at Waikari, was subdivided into six lots, as it was represented a demand existed there for small holdings, but this did not prove to be the case, and, after much delay, five lots were let to one man and one lot to another.

The Board has, during the year, with respect to sixteen reserves or subdivisions of same, granted an annual reduction of rent for three years amounting to £211 10s. 8d.; this, together with the reduction of £381 9s. granted last year in respect of twenty reserves or subdivisions of same, makes a total annual reduction of £592 18s.