

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1898—*continued*.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Assets.</i>			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance	...	...	377 15 9
Rents outstanding	...	...	25 8 0
Due on sale of sections (Reserve 128)	...	...	24 10 0
Total assets	...	...	427 13 9

Liabilities.

Nil.

JAS. A. BONAR, Chairman.

A. J. MORTON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 5th January, 1899.

In accordance with Order in Council of date 17th September, 1898, I have the honour to forward the report of the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District for the year ending the 31st December, 1898, together with a copy of its accounts duly audited.

The total area of the primary education estate under lease on the 31st December, 1898, was 68,044½ acres, producing an annual rental of £16,477 6s. 8d. 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.

The fixed deposit of £163 3s. 5d., which matured on the 21st December, 1898 (and is only available for the purchase of land), has been renewed for one year.

On the 6th September, at Timaru, the upset sections in the Township of Opawa, Albury (part of Reserve 1213), were offered for sale by auction for cash by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, after being reclassified as town and village sections, with the result that all the village sections sold at the upset price, also ten of the town sections at the upset, and one at an advance of £1, but the remaining six sections were not bid for. The net proceeds of this sale (after deducting 5s. per acre for survey, and 5s. per acre on the land sold paid over to the Mackenzie County Council) amounted to £141 10s. 8d., which sum awaits appropriation for the purchase of land.

During the year eight reserves (or portions of same) of chiefly small area were relet by arbitration for periods of fourteen years or thereabouts to good tenants, who had in almost all cases built and made a home of their holdings. Four reserves were subdivided into eight farms, and let by tender on a fourteen years' lease or thereabouts to eight tenants, six of whom were new ones; and portions of two swamp reserves, let in 1884 in nine lots, were further subdivided into sixteen farms and let by tender, part on a fourteen years' and part on a twenty years' lease or thereabouts, to fifteen new tenants.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

H. R. WEBB, Chairman.

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Receipts.

	Primary Education Estate.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought down from 31st December, 1897	...	666 7 5
Arrears of 1897, from last account	...	2,023 8 8
Moneys payable within the year 1898, and collected—		
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st May, 1898	7,903 9 8	
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st November, 1898	6,297 8 4	
		14,200 18 0
Other receipts—		
Bank of New Zealand—Interest on £163 3s. 5d. placed on deposit for one year (see statement of 31st December, 1897)	...	4 17 9
Receiver of Land Revenue—Proceeds of sale of Opawa Township sections (Albury, part of Reserve 1213), less survey charges, £9 10s., and less £8 19s. 7d. paid to the Mackenzie County Council in terms of clause 249 of "The Land Act, 1892"	...	141 10 8
Total receipts	...	17,037 2 6