

TABLE No. 2.—Comparative Statement of Gross Revenue for Years 1897–98 and 1898–99.

Land District.	1897–98.			1898–99.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Territorial revenue	263,296	2	3	273,799	7	4	10,503	5	1	...	...	...
Land for settlements	27,667	0	10	38,804	10	2	11,137	9	4	...	...	...
Cheviot	16,277	0	7	17,043	8	1	766	7	6	...	...	...
State forests	10,995	13	1	5,844	6	6	...	...	...	5,151	6	7
North Island Main Trunk Railway	5,174	6	7	11,282	19	8	6,108	13	1	...	...	...
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth ...	1,642	5	8	1,740	8	11	98	3	3	...	...	...
Thermal springs	901	3	3	1,351	13	6	450	10	3	...	...	...
Hanmer Plains baths	...	...	...	376	6	2	376	6	2	...	...	...
Hanmer Sanatorium	...	...	...	796	5	5	796	5	5	...	...	...
Survey vote	3,744	12	5	1,853	15	4	...	...	...	1,890	17	1
Crown grant fees	1,109	13	2	1,228	12	0	118	18	10	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	1,870	3	7	2,649	12	2	779	8	7	...	...	...
Government loans to local bodies	332,678	1	5	356,771	5	2	31,135	7	6	7,042	3	8
Endowments... ..	10,742	1	1	13,255	17	2	2,513	16	1	...	...	...
	15,666	11	3	15,117	18	4	...	...	...	548	12	11
	359,086	13	9	385,145	0	9	33,649	3	7	7,590	16	7
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Increase for year 1898–99 ...	...	...	...	26,058	7	0	26,058	7	0	...	...	...

The balances at credit in the various Receivers of Land Revenues' Ordinary Deposit Accounts were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	997	0	5
New Plymouth	439	11	6
Napier	284	3	6
Gisborne	314	14	11
Wellington	883	14	6
Blenheim	151	5	11
Nelson	505	0	2
Ahaura	9	9	0
Reefton	44	19	0
Westport	28	4	6
Hokitika	30	1	0
Christchurch	45,692	5	4
Dunedin	669	7	7
Invercargill	1,145	9	2
	£51,195	6	6

I need scarcely state that the reason why the amount at credit in the Christchurch Receiver's account is so large is on account of the disposal of the Waikakahi Estate so near to the end of the financial year, and not sufficient time elapsing to allow it being brought to its normal state by the 31st March.

The balances at credit in the various Receivers' books of "thirds" and "fourths" due local bodies in the under-mentioned land districts were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	3,731	18	5
Taranaki	4,099	0	2
Hawke's Bay, Napier	4,180	19	6
Wellington	14,096	2	6
Marlborough	150	4	0
Nelson	1,166	16	2
Westland	44	4	4
Canterbury	1,130	4	11
Otago	3,352	1	1
Southland	1,472	7	0
	£33,423	18	11

This is a total increase upon last year of amounts due local bodies of £4,203 15s. 5d. With the exception of Taranaki, where the amount due has decreased, the other offices that have been notably increased are Wellington, Otago, Hawke's Bay, Southland, and Nelson.

During the past year I inspected the following offices—viz., Wellington, New Plymouth, Christchurch, Nelson, Blenheim, Auckland, Invercargill, and Dunedin, and went through the Receiver of Land Revenue's work in each office, and checked 1,383 cash-books, and prepared balance-sheets of their transactions from the date of their previous audits to time of visit, copies of which I furnished you with, also a report upon each office, on my return.