

CADET CORPS.

Last session a vote of £400 was passed for the purchase of 2,000 model (or dummy) rifles for use in public schools. These were obtained, and were offered (see Appendix, p. 110) on simple conditions to Education Boards for supply to those schools where cadet companies should be formed. The issue of the models so far has been as follows: Wellington, 613; Nelson, 182; Westland, 80; Grey, 60; Taranaki, 40; North Canterbury, 36. The Industrial Schools at Burnham and Caversham have each received 50. The use of these model rifles seems to give greater interest to the drill, paving the way for the general instruction of the youth of the colony in the elementary principles of national defence. To carry out the ideas more fully it will be necessary to provide trained instructors so that the teachers of the schools may be able to drill their pupils in an efficient manner. In order to place all matters connected with cadet corps on a proper and uniform footing it has been decided that all such matters, including the management of cadet corps in the secondary schools, shall be under the control of the Education Department.

FINANCES OF EDUCATION BOARDS.

Table N is an abstract of the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Boards of Education for the year 1899. These are given in full on pages 4-5 of the Appendix, which also contains (pp. 63-98) the annual reports of the several Boards.

TABLE N.—ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF BOARDS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st January, 1899 ..	25,047	19	11	By Boards' administration ..	14,434	8	5
Government grants—				Inspection and examination ..	13,720	6	9
Maintenance	386,121	6	11	Teachers' salaries and allowances, and training ..	365,379	16	11
Buildings	49,118	4	6	Incidental expenses of schools ..	34,705	1	9
Technical	812	15	2	Scholarships	8,424	4	2
Reserves revenues	40,803	16	7	Manual and technical instruction ..	9,212	7	4
Local receipts—				Interest	170	18	10
Fees, donations, &c. ..	5,001	6	11	Buildings, sites, plans, &c. ..	56,749	5	4
Rents, sales, &c. ..	1,384	12	10	Refunds and sundries	489	1	2
Interest	108	13	7	Balances	5,320	13	10
Refunds, deposits, &c. ..	207	8	1				
	<u>£508,606</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£508,606</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

Most of the building vote for the year was not distributed until January, 1900. The amounts payable thereunder to the several Boards are, however, included in the assets of the Boards shown in Table O.

TABLE O.—MONEY ASSETS (AND DEFICITS), DECEMBER, 1899.

Education Districts.	Cash.	Due from		Deficit on Account of		Totals.
		Government.	Other Sources.	Buildings.	Other Purposes.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	253 2 6	2,700 0 0	20 12 8	..	1,033 1 11	4,006 17 1
Taranaki	1,429 8 5	1,650 0 0	33 17 0	..	..	3,113 5 5
Wanganui	2,433 13 11	1,025 0 0	..	..	393 1 8	3,851 15 7
Wellington	..	5,050 0 0	..	1,148 18 4	2,772 10 11	8,971 9 3
Hawke's Bay	2,953 7 7	3,225 0 0	..	..	..	6,183 7 7
Marlborough	..	900 0 0	21 6 8	..	11 9 4	932 16 0
Nelson	1,825 19 6	2,149 13 5	..	..	..	3,975 12 11
Grey	..	775 0 0	12 0 0	..	7 8 6	794 8 6
Westland	..	750 0 0	19 17 6	..	222 4 8	992 2 2
North Canterbury	3,781 10 6	6,000 0 0	472 9 6	..	2,121 15 2	12,375 15 2
South Canterbury	1,717 15 5	1,800 0 0	..	..	176 0 0	3,693 15 5
Otago	..	3,356 0 5	62 1 0	734 13 9	3,033 3 11	7,185 19 1
Southland	2,587 0 6	3,400 0 0	57 6 6	..	..	6,044 7 0
Totals	16,986 18 4	32,780 13 10	699 10 10	1,883 12 1	9,770 16 1	62,121 11 2