

TABLE S.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Provincial Districts.	Income for the Year 1899.				Arrears of Rent due on 31st December, 1899.	Liabilities or Engagements on 31st December 1899.
	Balances on 1st January, 1899.	Receipts during Year.		Total Income.		
		Primary Reserves.	Secondary Reserves.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	608 2 3	2,652 18 0	616 12 8	3,877 12 11	994 12 10	20 14 0
Taranaki	917 10 11	3,098 0 8	639 14 10	4,655 6 5	519 17 1	326 5 1
Wellington .. .	179 16 4	3,457 7 1	745 17 2	4,383 0 7	59 10 1	70 18 6
Hawke's Bay ..	3,088 18 11	3,203 1 3	836 10 3	7,128 10 5	616 16 7	518 1 0
Marlborough ..	262 18 9	172 9 6	448 16 0	884 4 3	113 11 0	..
Nelson	210 0 7	1,013 8 6	473 2 9	1,696 11 10	275 9 6	..
Westland	377 15 9	19 0 0	485 3 0	881 18 9	40 12 0	..
Canterbury .. .	961 11 5	16,284 12 10	..	17,246 4 3	3,227 12 6	349 14 1
Otago	10,531 14 11	22,883 9 6	689 19 3	34,105 3 8	5,793 4 2	130 4 5
Totals for 1899..	17,188 9 10	52,784 7 4	4,935 15 11	74,858 13 1	11,641 5 9	1,415 17 1
Totals for 1898..	17,120 14 0	47,342 15 8	3,771 12 0	68,235 1 8	11,095 9 10	1,602 17 3

Provincial Districts.	Expenditure for the Year 1899.						
	Office Expenses and Salaries.	Other Expenses of Management	Paid for Primary Education.	Paid for Secondary Education.	Investments and Refunds.	Balances on 31st December, 1899.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	164 12 11	1,227 12 7	2,000 0 0	375 9 3	60 18 0	49 0 2	3,877 12 11
Taranaki	143 13 6	282 6 2	2,250 0 0	750 0 0	18 15 0	1,210 11 9	4,655 6 5
Wellington .. .	396 7 8	295 12 5	2,800 0 0	700 0 0	9 12 6	181 8 0	4,383 0 7
Hawke's Bay ..	111 3 8	140 5 3	3,050 5 0	602 0 4	..	3,224 16 2	7,128 10 5
Marlborough ..	25 19 9	9 16 6	200 0 0	42 13 4	..	605 14 8	884 4 3
Nelson	51 15 10	29 13 3	1,000 0 0	521 8 0	..	93 14 9	1,696 11 10
Westland	27 6 6	67 3 0	..	400 0 0	..	387 9 3	881 18 9
Canterbury .. .	559 1 0	53 6 4	15,700 0 0	..	..	933 16 11	17,246 4 3
Otago	914 5 2	507 13 11	13,354 13 10	624 16 11	5,595 1 2	13,108 12 8	34,105 3 8
Totals for 1899 ..	2,394 6 0	2,613 9 5	40,354 18 10	4,016 7 10	5,684 6 8	19,795 4 4	74,858 13 1
Totals for 1898 ..	2,157 12 13	3,333 0 3	38,424 3 10	3,024 1 3	4,157 14 5	17,138 9 10	68,235 1 8

The payments made to Education Boards out of the proceeds from education reserves in 1899 were £40,354 13s. 10d. The revenues of the Boards are not, however, increased thereby, as equal amounts are deducted from the capitation grants due to the Boards. The payments for secondary education from reserves under the control of the School Commissioners amounted to £4,016 7s. 10d.

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

The number of Maori village schools in operation at the end of 1899 was eighty-four, four more than were open in December, 1898. The number of children on the rolls of these schools on 31st December, 1899, was 3,065, or 93 more than at the end of the previous year. The average weekly roll-number during 1899 was 3,255, which shows an increase of 199; but there was a slight falling-off in the regularity of attendance, as the strict average attendance increased only by 93·75—namely, from 2,341 to 2,434·75; in other words, the average attendance during 1899 was 74·8 per cent. of the average roll-number, as against 76·6 in 1898. Two new schools—Waimana, in the Tuhoe country, and Wai-o-tapu, in the Rotorua district—were opened during the year, and seem to promise success. Three schools were reopened; these are—Peria, in the Mangonui district; Whangape, in the Hokianga district; and Otamatea, in the Kaipara district. At the first two schools there has been a large attendance since the reopening; in the case of the third serious sickness has interfered with progress. The school at Karikari (Tauranga) was removed to a new site at Papamoa; the name of the Koriniti school (Wanganui district) was changed at the request of the Maoris to Pamoana. One school, Mawhitiwhiti, in the Taranaki district, was closed towards the end of the year, in consequence of the continued apathy of the people. More recently, since the beginning of the present year, it has been found necessary, by reason of greatly diminished attendance, to close two other schools—Whakarapa, near Hokianga, (temporarily), and Huria, near Tauranga.