*Balance Account.*

| | | | £ | s. | d. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
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| 1899. | | | | | | 1899. | | | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | Balances brought down— | | | | Jan. | 1. | Balances brought down— | | | |
| | | Capital Account .. .. | 39,079 | 10 | 9 | | | Fixed deposits—Bank of New Zealand .. .. .. | 4,450 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Valuation Account .. .. | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | Fixed deposits—National Bank of New Zealand .. .. | 5,950 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Primary: Rents under-apportioned .. .. .. | 294 | 11 | 4 | | | Cash in bank and in hand .. | 131 | 14 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | Investments .. .. | 28,618 | 11 | 5 |
| Dec. | 31. | Balances carried forward— | | | | Dec. | 31. | Balances carried forward— | | | |
| | | Fixed deposits—Bank of New Zealand .. .. | 6,950 | 0 | 0 | | | Capital Account .. .. | 40,149 | 10 | 11 |
| | | Fixed deposits — National Bank of New Zealand .. | 5,850 | 0 | 0 | | | Primary: Rents under-apportioned .. .. | 112 | 15 | 5 |
| | | Valuation account .. | 28 | 12 | 7 | | | Secondary: Rents under-apportioned .. .. | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| | | Cash in bank and in hand (less outstanding cheques) | 308 | 12 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | Investments .. .. | 26,914 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | £79,427 | 14 | 8 | | | | £79,427 | 14 | 8 |
| 1900. | | | | | | 1900. | | | | | |
| Jan. | 1. | Balances brought down— | | | | Jan. | 1. | Balances brought down— | | | |
| | | Capital Account .. .. | 40,149 | 10 | 11 | | | Fixed deposits—Bank of New Zealand .. .. .. | 6,950 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Primary: Rents under-apportioned .. .. | 112 | 15 | 5 | | | Fixed deposits—National Bank of New Zealand .. .. | 5,850 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Secondary: Rents under-apportioned .. .. | 15 | 2 | 0 | | | Valuation Account .. .. | 28 | 12 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | Cash in bank and in hand .. | 308 | 12 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | Investments .. .. .. | 26,914 | 5 | 1 |

J. P. Maitland, Chairman.
C. Macandrew, Secretary and Treasurer.

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

## CIRCULARS TO EDUCATION BOARDS.

### Model Rifles.

Education Department, Wellington, 15th January, 1900.

The following are the rules under which model rifles will be issued on loan to Education Boards for use in public schools:—

1. To qualify for a loan of model rifles an Education Board must make regulations approved by the Minister, providing, *inter alia*,—

(*a*.) That each cadet company shall have a minimum strength of thirty-five of all ranks, classified approximately as follows: 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 colour-sergeant, 3 sergeants, 1 bugler, 27 cadets; officers to be appointed on the recommendation of the headmaster.

(*b*.) That as a rule no boy shall be enrolled in a cadet company who is under the age of twelve; but that in exceptional cases younger boys may be enrolled provided that they are not under 4 ft. 7½ in. in height, and are otherwise physically fit.

(*c*.) That, subject to the supply being adequate, a model rifle will be issued to each cadet in a regularly formed company on the headmaster's undertaking to provide for its proper care and custody, and for the payment of 4s. for its replacement if it should be broken or damaged otherwise than by fair usage.

(*d*.) That every worn-out rifle shall be returned to the Board's office.

(*e*.) That cadets shall not take their rifles from the precincts of their schools except for an authorised parade or manœuvre.

(*f*.) That the rifles shall always be kept clean, dry, and in good order; and that after use they are to be cleaned and placed safely in racks provided for them.

(*g*.) That companies shall be drilled not less than half an hour twice a week, or forty-five minutes once a week; and that physical and company drill shall form part of their work.

(*h*.) That the drill-book used shall be "The Drill-book; By Authority," or other recognised manual on the subject.

2. At the beginning of each year the Board shall send to the department a copy of its regulations for the organization and control of public-school cadet companies, a statement of the number and strength of the cadet companies in the district, and a statement of the number of model rifles in stock in good order and condition.

3. Rifles that become worn out are to be returned to the department, and if they appear to have received fair usage may be replaced by new ones.

4. The department will not undertake at present to supply model rifles except to cadet companies actually formed under regulations made hereunder.

5. The department reserves the right to ask at any time for the return of model rifles supplied on loan to any Board, if it should see reason for doing so.

George Hogben, Secretary for Education.

The Secretary to the Education Board.