

The following gentlemen are members of the Board of Commissioners: Mr. J. R. Blair (Chairman), Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., Mr. F. Pirani, M.H.R., and Mr. J. W. A. Marchant, Surveyor-General.

The usual sales of leases were held in the country districts during the year, at which 8,440 acres 2 roods 18 perches were let at an annual rental of £450 0s. 7d., comprising fifty-three sections, to fifty-one tenants.

The number of sections vested in the Commissioners not exceeding 1 acre in area is 136, and of these seventy-eight are only of 1 rood or under, and the total number of tenants now on the rent-roll of the Commissioners is 440.

The total area of reserves set aside and vested in the Commissioners during the year was 37 acres, comprising two sections.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1901.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
To Balances on 1st January, 1901	£ 190 9 0	£ ...	£ 190 9 0
Receipts on account of previous years	33 2 10	0 1 10	33 4 8
Receipts on account of year 1901	3,713 16 2	754 6 5	4,468 2 7
Receipts on account of year 1902	196 5 1	0 1 9	196 6 10
Preparation and registration of leases	122 10 0	...	122 10 0
Fencing	5 4 0	...	5 4 0
Interest and sinking fund on improvements	60 9 5	...	60 9 5
Total receipts	4,321 16 6	754 10 0	5,076 6 6
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
By Payments to Boards—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Education Board	2,075 4 2	...	3,200 0 0
Wanganui Education Board	1,124 15 10	...	...
Wellington College	...	113 7 10	...
Wellington Girls' High School	...	113 7 10	...
Wanganui Girls' High School	...	122 12 1	350 0 0
Napier Boys' High School	...	0 12 3	...
Salaries of officers	270 8 6	29 11 6	300 0 0
Printing, stationery, and office contingencies	92 0 0	10 3 4	102 3 4
Commissioners' travelling-expenses	10 11 2	...	10 11 2
Commission on sales of leases	24 14 0	...	24 14 0
Advertising sales of leases	87 18 6	...	87 18 6
Fencing	22 10 0	...	22 10 0
Preparation and registration of leases	102 10 0	...	102 10 0
Crown-grant fees	7 2 5	...	7 2 5
Travelling-expenses of Secretary	27 19 6	4 9 2	32 8 8
Masterton Town Lands Trust	2 0 0	...	2 0 0
Arbitration	19 17 8	...	19 17 8
Government Printer	0 13 0	...	0 13 0
Land Purchase Account	5 12 10	...	5 12 10
Law	4 9 0	...	4 9 0
Bank balance	£796 6 9	...	...
Cash in hand	7 9 2	443 9 11	360 6 0
Total expenditure	4,321 16 6	754 10 0	5,076 6 6
<i>Assets.</i>			
Balances on 31st December, 1901	£ 443 9 11	£ 360 6 0	£ 803 15 11
Arrears of rents	56 8 3	0 2 1	56 10 4
Total assets	499 18 2	360 8 1	860 6 3
<i>Liabilities.</i>			
Land Purchase Account	£ 83 0 4	£ ...	£ 83 0 4

NAT. J. TONE, Secretary and Treasurer.

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