

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants from Government for—			Balance at beginning of year ..	471	4 8
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	39,723	8 6	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	1,965	0 0
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	2,757	1 9	Office contingencies ..	950	16 5
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	7,299	13 6	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	43,542	11 0
Capitation for relieving-teachers ..	313	6 6	Relieving-teachers' salaries ..	111	16 3
Drill-instruction ..	51	5 0	Drill-instruction ..	45	0 9
Grants from Government for—			Conveyance of school-children ..	8	0 0
Scholarships ..	1,195	11 0	Incidental expenses of schools ..	2,606	13 4
District High Schools ..	386	10 0	Scholarships and examination-expenses ..	969	19 11
Reserves revenue for secondary education ..	107	19 10	Salaries of staffs of District High Schools paid out of special receipts ..	363	6 8
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			Manual and technical instruction—		
Scholarships ..	151	10 0	Instructors' salaries and travelling-expenses ..	195	12 5
Capitation on attendance at classes ..	1,365	1 8	School classes ..	348	11 8
Material for class-work ..	72	7 4	Special classes ..	649	7 3
Instruction of teachers ..	200	0 0	Payments to managers of associated classes ..	1,590	16 0
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests ..	136	17 6	Maintenance of school buildings, &c. ..	1,840	7 0
Expenses in connection with cookery ..	17	10 0	House-allowances ..	1,765	15 0
Receipts from other sources—Fees, £337 13s.; sales, £19 11s. 10d. ..	357	4 10	New schools, additions, sites, &c. ..	10,707	4 0
Grants from Government for—			Buildings, class rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—		
Maintenance of school buildings, &c. ..	4,012	10 0	School classes ..	106	1 0
House-allowances ..	1,765	15 1	Associated classes ..	361	8 2
New school buildings, furniture, &c. ..	2,622	0 0			
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c. ..	550	19 0			
Other receipts—					
Truancy ..	3	0 6			
Sale of land—Hutt, £206 18s. 3d.; Newtown, £437 4s. 6d. Rent of reserves, £113 4s. 6d.; forfeited deposit, £12 10s. ..	769	17 3			
Balance at end of year ..	4,740	2 3			
	£68,599	11 6		£68,599	11 6

15th March, 1904.

F. BRADEY, Chairman.
A. DORSET, Secretary.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Education Office, Napier, 18th April, 1904.

I have the honour to forward the following report of proceedings of the Hawke's Bay Education Board for the year 1903 :—

The Board consists of the following members: T. Tanner (Chairman), Rev. W. J. Comrie, C. A. Fitzroy, Rev. A. Grant, S. Johnson, C. Hall, M.H.R., S. McLernon, J. J. Patterson, and Sir William Russell, M.H.R.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The average attendance for 1903 was 7,152; roll-number, 8,375; and the number of schools, 85.

SCHOOLS.—Two aided schools have been opened—Pakarae and Waihora; besides, schools at Hatuma, Mahora, Mangateretere, Mangatoro, and Mangapapa have been erected. Additions have been made to several schools, and teachers' residences erected and in course of erection. With reference to grant for school at Mohaka, a contract was accepted for the erection of a school on the site that had been arranged with the Natives, but they refused to permit the school to be erected unless it was placed under their sole control. The Government were appealed to but their reply was, "The Department regrets its inability to advise the Board upon the questions that have arisen in connection with the establishment of a school at Mohaka." The Board then decided to take no further steps in the matter for the present.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—The Board can only reiterate what it said last year—that whilst the Board agrees that sanitary reform may be necessary in some schools, it should be supplied with means necessary to meet such an expenditure, and not compel the Board to expend money granted for erection of school buildings, repairs, desks, maps, and all apparatus and appliances (which are required to carry out the works of the schools), on sanitary works.

TRAINING-SCHOOL.—It has been decided by the Department that this school should be closed. The Board has much doubt if this is a step in the right direction, seeing that it will debar the pupil-teachers of this district from obtaining instruction such as it is intended to be given in the four centres of the colony.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—The Board has again great pleasure in reporting that its relations with School Committees continue to be most satisfactory. There is, however, an underlying feeling of dissatisfaction with the grants made to provide for necessary works, but of course the Board can only meet applications to the extent of its means. Several of the Committees subsidise the grants of the Board.

PHYSICAL DRILL.—Drill is taught in all schools. Drill classes for instructing pupil-teachers have been established and instructors appointed; they have done good work.

SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS.—These are still under consideration and will be shortly submitted for the Minister's approval; they will be based upon the new regulations of the Department, as approved at the Inspector's Conference. The new regulations bearing on the work of secondary education have materially affected the conditions. Thirty scholarships are held as follows: 9 at £30 4s. each, 1 at £22 10s., 1 at £16 4s., and 19 at £2 11s. each per annum. Twenty-two attend the Napier High School, and eight attend the Gisborne High School, as free pupils.