

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Office of the School Commissioners, Napier, 4th May, 1906.

I have the honour to forward herewith statement of the Commissioners' accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1905, duly audited, and to report as follows:—

Two auction sales of leases were held during the year, when forty town sections, three suburban sections, and three rural sections were offered. Sixteen town sections, two suburban sections, and all the rural sections were sold, and realised an aggregate annual rental of £9 7s. 6d., £7, and £664 7s. 6d. respectively. Nine of the town sections and two of the suburban sections had been previously let at small rentals. One of the rural sections (let at £15 per annum) was previously subject to heavy expenditure for keeping down rabbits. Of the other two rural sections, one was let at £9 7s. 6d., and the other at £640. The latter had been previously leased at £202. The sum of £200 was obtained for timber on one of the rural sections.

The payments made to the Education Board during the year were larger than usual, owing to a balance in hand from previous year derived from sales of timber.

I have, &c.,

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending the 31st December, 1905.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
To Credit balances on the 1st January, 1905	£ 1,967 s. 8 d. 8	£ 209 s. 13 d. 9	£ 2,177 s. 2 d. 5
Arrears of revenue for previous years—viz., rents, issues, profits, or receipts from reserves	398 0 10	90 4 3	488 5 1
Interest on overdue rents	32 18 3	0 1 11	33 0 2
Revenues, viz.,—			
Rents, &c., of reserves for current year	2,642 12 10	755 8 3	3,398 1 1
Other receipts for current year, viz.,—			
Rents collected by Receiver of Land Revenue	402 7 11	...	402 7 11
Interest on deposits	12 15 10	...	12 15 10
Sales of timber	200 0 0	...	200 0 0
Royalty on road-metal	3 17 6	...	3 17 6
Instalments on account of fencing...	19 12 4	...	19 12 4
Total receipts	5,679 14 2	1,055 8 2	6,735 2 4
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
By Salaries and allowances to officers	£ 100 s. 3 d. 9	£ 29 s. 16 d. 3	£ 130 s. 0 d. 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	6 8 10	1 18 10	8 7 8
Auctioneer's charges	2 2 0	...	2 2 0
Advertising	18 11 0	...	18 11 0
Rates	19 13 11	38 11 10	58 5 9
Insurance	1 17 0	8 17 9	10 14 9
Law charges	9 6 2	1 6 4	10 12 6
Repairs to buildings	2 18 0	8 16 0	11 14 0
Destroying rabbits	35 7 0	...	35 7 0
Clearing blackberries	3 0 0	...	3 0 0
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board	4,750 0 0	...	4,750 0 0
Payments to Governors of Napier High Schools	...	925 0 0	925 0 0
Credit balances at the 31st December, 1905—			
Deposit at Post-Office Savings-Bank	506 6 0	...	506 6 0
Current Account at bank	224 0 6	41 1 2	265 1 8
Total expenditure	5,679 14 2	1,055 8 2	6,735 2 4
<i>Assets.</i>			
Balance of cash on the 31st December, 1905	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ ... s. ... d. ...	£ 771 s. 7 d. 8
Arrears due at 31st December, 1905—			
Arrears of year 1904	20 7 0	...	20 7 0
Arrears of year 1905	327 1 6	98 1 8	425 3 2
Total assets	347 8 6	98 1 8	1,216 17 10