

sitated the replacement of the old pan system with one more in accordance with modern requirements; but, unfortunately, there was no provision for such extensive expenditure as this involved—in four schools alone this work involving a cost of fully £800. The first school, Campbell Street, Palmerston North, was equipped at a cost of £230, but, although the Board has been served with legal notice to equip the schools at Eltham, Feilding, and College Street, Palmerston North, similarly, the finances do not justify such an expenditure, except out of an overdraft obtained on the personal guarantee of the members. An appeal was made to the Minister for assistance, and it is still hoped that the magnitude and importance of the work will be sufficient reason for compliance with the desire of the Board.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF TEACHERS' SALARIES.—Since the introduction of the colonial scale, teachers have been compelled to pay the exchange on cheques for salaries. The Board decided, from the beginning of this year, to pay teachers' salaries and School Committees' allowances free of exchange. It is intended for the future to pay teachers' salaries, as far as possible, through the bank, instead of, as hitherto, by cheque.

POSTAGE.—The Board has minimised to some extent the cost of having to pay for postage and telegrams, by only providing for outgoing expense of this sort; but it has been considered unfair to mulct teachers and Committees in the cost of official correspondence, and from the beginning of 1908 the Board will provide for this, the expenditure being estimated at £300 a year—a burden on the finances which hardly accords with the idea of improving them, especially when it is remembered that free postage did not add a penny to the Dominion's expenditure, while it savours of a farce to pay capitation to the Board and then to take £300 a year out of it for postage.

NOTE TO TEACHERS.—The Board has again to refer in the highest terms to the capability, industry, and enthusiasm of the general body of teachers, for, with hardly an exception, they have proved their fitness for the very important work intrusted to them.

INSPECTORIAL STAFF.—The district is fortunate in its staff of Inspectors, all three carrying on its work most ably, whilst the Chief Inspector, Mr. G. D. Braik, has proved the mainspring of many new and useful movements for the improvement of the education of the district, and a perfect genius for organizing systematic methods, and inculcating the best principles to be utilised.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education.

FRED. PIRANI, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants from Government for—			Balance at beginning of year	1,844	9 10
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	43,005	17 5	Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	1,783	9 6
Reserves revenue for primary education ..	2,725	3 2	Office contingencies	1,356	19 7
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers ..	274	6 0	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers ..	45,668	0 6
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250 ..	6,421	12 3	Relieving-teachers' salaries	283	4 7
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	416	8 0	Truant inspection	260	10 0
Conveyance and board of school-children ..	81	4 0	Conveyance and board of school-children ..	83	0 0
Receipts from other sources—			Special capitation to School Committees ..	416	8 0
House allowance refunded	4	3 4	Incidental expenses of schools	2,648	1 11
Truant inspection, fines	55	17 6	Special training of teachers, £253 19s. 10d.; teachers' salaries (primary), £298 10s. 11d.; teachers' salaries (secondary), £43 17s. 3d.; teachers' bonus, £12; house allowance, £47 10s. 3d.; teachers' travelling expenses, £28 4s. 2d. ..	684	2 5
Unpresented cheques written on	51	17 1	Allowance to scholarship-holders, and expenses of examination—		
Grants from Government for—			Board scholarships	829	13 10
Scholarships—			National Scholarships	261	15 0
Education Board	816	11 1	Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools	1,682	18 8
National	256	2 6	Other expenses—Subsidies and voluntary contributions paid to School Committee ..	254	2 6
District high schools—			Manual and technical—		
Salaries of teachers	1,767	18 8	School classes	2,113	14 2
Subsidies on voluntary contributions, &c. ..	105	0 8	Special classes	4,007	4 8
Receipts from other sources—			Other expenses—Office salaries, £142 13s. 4d.; fees refunded, £1; examination expenses, £7 12s.; telephone, £5 5s. 3d.; scholarships, £84; library and prizes, £96 8s. 7d.	336	19 2
Fees	17	0 0	Maintenance of school buildings—		
Voluntary contributions	260	10 9	Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c.	1,935	18 7
Voluntary contribution, S. J. Gibbons, Gibbons Scholarship	20	0 0	Rebuilding	522	18 11
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			Rent	112	9 1
Capitation—			House allowances	1,427	0 7
On all classes	1,791	10 4	New school buildings, additional class-rooms, furniture, sites, &c. ..	2,918	5 0
On account of free places	474	17 2	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—		
Material for class-work	58	6 11	School classes	794	9 9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests	442	2 9	Special classes	4,526	7 11
Receipts from other sources—			Other expenses—Purchase of sites (Land Sales Account)	72	17 3
Fees	1,662	2 9			
Voluntary contributions	1,296	1 8			
Transfer from Rees Bequest Fund Account for apparatus, £15 18s. 7d.; Unpresented cheque written on, £1 10s.; material, &c., sold, £59 19s.; interest on deposit, 12s. 6d.	78	0 1			
Grants from Government for—					
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding schools, &c.	3,174	6 8			
House allowances	1,391	14 5			
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	3,333	9 6			
Technical-school buildings, furniture, &c. ..	1,614	7 0			
Other receipts—Rents of sites, £75 13s. 6d.; material sold, £3 12s.; donations and refunds, £17 11s. 3d.	96	16 9			
Balance at end of year	5,131	13 0			
	£76,825	1 5		£76,825	1 5

18th February, 1908.

FRED. PIRANI, Chairman.
W. J. CARSON, Secretary.