

TABLE G2.—INCOME AND COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Provincial District.	Total Income for the Ten Years 1899-1908 inclusive.	Cost of Administration for the Ten Years 1899-1908.	Cost of Administration Per Cent. of Income.
Auckland	£ 48,281	£ 3,264	£ 6.76
Taranaki	36,852	4,349	11.80
Wellington	59,854	4,703	7.86
Hawke's Bay	45,031	2,843	6.31
Marlborough	3,273	294	8.98
Nelson	12,872	906	7.04
Westland	4,046	1,045	25.83
Canterbury	180,166	6,188	3.43
Otago	195,269	14,431	7.39
Totals for 1899-1908	585,644	38,023	6.49
Totals for 1898-1907	572,119	38,698	6.76

Table G2 shows the total income from education reserves for the ten years, 1899-1908, and the cost of administration by the School Commissioners for the same period. In comparing these figures with those for 1898-1907, published in last year's report, it will be seen that the total income amounted in the last ten years to £585,644, as against £572,119 for 1898-1907, an increase of £13,525. The percentage of cost of administration shows a slight decrease, 6.49, as compared with 6.76. It may be noted, however, that in Westland more than a quarter of the total income for the last ten years has been absorbed by the expenses of administration.

School Commissioners' Reports, 1908.

AUCKLAND.

SIR,—

School Commissioners' Office, Auckland, 22nd May, 1909.

I have the honour to forward a statement of the School Commissioners' Accounts for the year 1908.

Tenders were accepted during the year for twelve sections of town and suburban lands, and forty-seven sections of country lands, at a total rental of £291 16s. 5d.

Rents were well paid up, thus enabling the Commissioners to hand over £4,992 and £1,037 11s. for primary and secondary education purposes respectively.

The balance at credit of Endowments Account has increased to £979 19s. 1d. through sales of timber, and is placed on fixed deposit at the bank, awaiting suitable investment in freehold land.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE J. GARLAND, Acting-Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

I. GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
Balance at 31st December, 1907	£ s. d. 398 18 9	£ s. d. 172 19 7	£ s. d. 571 18 4
Rents received—			
Arrears of 1907	736 8 0		
Due in 1908	4,723 15 9		5,460 3 9
Arrears of 1907		185 13 11	
Due in 1908		636 2 7	821 16 6
Gisborne High School—			
Arrears of 1907		65 12 0	
Due in 1908		289 7 0	354 19 0
Interest on fixed deposits		2 11 0	2 11 0
Lease deposits	85 0 0	9 6 0	94 6 0
Total receipts	5,944 2 6	1,361 12 1	7,305 14 7