

RETURN for each of the Last Four Years showing the Years in which the SPECIAL NINEPENNY CAPITATION was paid to School Committees.

PAYMENT of the special capitation was made in the years 1906, 1907, and 1908.

Education Department, Wellington, 30th August, 1910.

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VARIATIONS IN WHAT THE BOARDS HAVE EXPECTED FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

DURING THE PERIOD 1906-9 (INCLUSIVE).

THE several Education Boards report as follows:—

Auckland.—No change during this period.

Taranaki.—Has reduced Committees' share of the repairs.

Wanganui.—No change.

Wellington.—No change in the regulations, but their application has been relaxed: Board now does more repairs, allows separate capitation for each school building and for temporary buildings, provides furniture-renewals and sanitary buckets, pays accident insurance for cleaners.

Hawke's Bay.—Committees do not now supply "appliances."

Marlborough.—Scale of allowances was increased in 1908, and certain stationery has been supplied by the Board since that date.

Nelson.—Board now pays bank charges, and gives additional grants for fuel to country schools, except schools of Grade 0.

Grey.—Committees now pay cost of outgoing postage.

Westland.—No change.

North Canterbury.—No change; but there is a tendency to lessen Committees' responsibilities.

South Canterbury.—No change, except that there has been a decrease in the repairs required to be done by Committees, as Board's workmen now do many repairs formerly done by Committees.

Otago.—No change; but it is remarked that in the case of some large schools the allowances are not enough to pay for cleaning and fuel.

Southland.—No change.

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EDUCATION BOARDS' REGULATIONS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES' FUNDS.

A copy of each (thirteen) Education Board's regulations is attached.

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REGULATIONS OF THE AUCKLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

School Fund.

1. The School Fund consists of (1) moneys granted out of the Board Fund; (2) donations, subscriptions, and all other moneys which may be granted to the Committee for the purposes of the Act. All such donations and subscriptions should be included in the Committee's accounts.

2. The grant from the Board Fund consists of an allowance regulated quarterly according to the following scale by the average attendance at the school. Payments are made quarterly in advance, according to the ascertained average for the preceding quarter.

Average Attendance.	Grant per Annum. £	
5	3	and an increase of 6s. per annum for each additional unit of average attendance above 5 and up to 60.
61	20	and 3s. per annum for each additional unit of average attendance up to 100.
101	26	and 4s. per annum for each additional unit of average attendance up to 500.
501	106	and 3s. per annum for each additional unit of average attendance.

3. The grant is paid to such bank as the Committee shall from time to time appoint, to an account to be called "The ——— School Fund Account"; and no moneys are to be drawn out of the bank except by authority of the Committee, and by cheque signed by the Treasurer and by such one or more members of the Committee as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

4. Committees should forward to the bank the signatures of the members authorized to sign cheques upon the account.

School Buildings.

5. It is the duty of Committees to make proper provision for the cleaning of the schoolrooms and offices. The schoolrooms and furniture should be swept and dusted daily, and washed as often as they are found to need washing. The windows also should be kept clean. Fuel should be provided in the winter. The School Fund is intended primarily to defray these expenses.

6. It is the duty of Committees to exercise a general supervision over the school buildings, to do all in their power to protect the buildings and furniture from damage, and to cause any small repairs to be made at the cost of the School Fund.