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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: SUBSIDIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(PAPERS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF).

[In continuation of E.—10, 1915.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

I. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

A GRANT on a more limited scale than was usually voted by Parliament before the present war for distribution to public libraries was made in 1916. Owing to the undue strain placed on the finances of the country no grant was made in 1915, and in 1916 the sum voted was £2,500, in lieu of £4,000 as in former years. The distribution of this grant, which was made in March, 1917, was confined to libraries situated in places having less than one thousand inhabitants, for the reason that small libraries in country districts are more dependent on financial assistance from the Government than are libraries supported by larger numbers of subscribers.

Notices were inserted in the *New Zealand Gazette* in September, October, and November of 1916 intimating that a grant was to be distributed to libraries in country districts, and all such libraries known to the Department were supplied with application forms. The applications for subsidy were accompanied by statements of the annual receipts and expenditure, of the books belonging to the libraries, and of the arrangements for the general conduct thereof.

A library participating in the vote must be public in the sense of not being under the control of an association, society, or club the membership of which is composed of only part of the community, and if a borough library a reading-room open to the public free of charge must be provided. In addition, the receipts from subscriptions and donations to the funds of the library during the year must not have been less than £2, this sum being regarded as a very low minimum to ensure that the library receives a certain amount of local support.

The amount received by each library during the year in the way of subscriptions, donations, and rates is taken as the basis of calculation in distributing the vote. To this amount is made a nominal addition of £25, but no library receives credit for a larger income than £25—that is, in no case does the amount on which subsidy is based exceed £50. In this manner the interests of smaller and less prosperous libraries are protected. The number of libraries among which the subsidy was divided in March, 1917, was 236, with a total income from donations and subscriptions of £2,185. The vote yielded a subsidy of 6s. 4½d. in the pound on the nominal income, the subsidies paid ranging from £8 12s. 4d. to £15 19s. 1d. The number of libraries participating in the vote in 1915 when larger libraries were included was 380, with a total income from donations and subscriptions of £18,602, and the vote yielded a subsidy of 4s. 11d. in the pound, the subsidies ranging from £6 12s. 7d. to £24 11s. 4d. It will thus be seen that the average income of the libraries participating in the vote in 1917 was much lower than in 1915, the figures for the two years being £9 5s. 2d. and £48 9s. 1d. respectively, also that the rate of subsidy paid was higher in 1917, and that there was a smaller variation in the grants made in that year.

In order that the purpose intended to be served by the vote may be attained, it is made a condition that the whole of the subsidy granted to each library must be expended in the purchase of books. It is further enjoined upon the authorities

in charge of the libraries that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value. There were, of course, no purchases made from Government grants in 1916, but in previous years there was cause for a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the class of book that was obtained for the libraries. A very large proportion of the books purchased appeared to be fiction, having little or no educational or instructive value. There is on the market a plentiful supply of literature which in addition to being entertaining is useful, instructive, and inspiring, and those whose duty it is to ensure that the grant is used to its fullest advantage should take steps to obtain a certain proportion of books of this nature for the libraries aided by the Government.

II. EXTRACT FROM *New Zealand Gazette*.

Education Department, Wellington, 20th September, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £2,500 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries in country districts.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1917, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in in due form and received by the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington, on or before the 26th January, 1917.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; and if it is within a borough a reading-room where the books may be read, and containing newspapers and periodicals, must be provided for the public free of charge; *in addition, it must not be situated in a borough, town, or town district the population of which exceeds one thousand. The receipts for the year from subscriptions and donations must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.*

2. In the division of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; *but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £25—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £50.*

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. *It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value—that is, on books of more than merely passing interest.*

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1916, and *such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—*

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December 1916, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions and net proceeds of entertainments, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstracts of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received during the year was expended in the purchase of books for the library; *[and that by the rules of the library the reading-room is open to the public free of charge].*

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 191____, before me—
[Signature.]
_____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp for 3s.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to last year's subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not applicable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary, Education Department Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

J. A. HANAN,
Minister of Education.

III.—LIST SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDY IN DETAIL.

No.	Place where Library is situated.	Income upon which Subsidy is based.	Subsidy.	No.	Place where Library is situated.	Income upon which Subsidy is based.	Subsidy.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Akaroa, North Canterbury ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	82	Lawrence, Otago ..	50 0 0	15 19 1
2	Albany, Auckland ..	27 2 0	8 13 2	83	Leeston, North Canterbury ..	37 2 0	11 16 9
3	Alton, Wanganui ..	34 8 0	10 19 7	84	Leigh, Auckland ..	30 2 3	9 12 3
4	Apiti, Wanganui ..	31 16 4	10 3 4	85	Leithfield, North Canterbury ..	30 12 6	9 15 7
5	Arapohue, Auckland ..	29 5 0	9 6 10	86	Lepperton, Taranaki ..	29 5 0	9 6 9
6	Ashley, North Canterbury ..	27 0 0	8 12 5	87	Lime Hills, Southland ..	27 18 6	8 18 3
7	Atawhai, Nelson ..	30 0 0	9 11 7	88	Little Akaloa, North Canterbury ..	27 2 0	8 13 0
8	Auroa, Taranaki ..	30 0 0	9 11 7	89	Little River, North Canterbury ..	35 12 6	11 7 5
9	Awahuri, Wellington ..	33 0 0	10 10 8	90	Lower Takaka, Nelson ..	27 17 6	8 17 11
10	Awakino, Taranaki ..	32 17 6	10 9 11	91	Mahurangi, Auckland ..	27 4 1	8 13 8
11	Awamoko, Otago ..	30 1 6	9 12 1	92	Makara, Wellington ..	27 17 6	8 17 11
12	Beaumont, Otago ..	32 12 6	10 8 3	93	Makino, Wellington ..	31 2 0	9 18 7
13	Bombay, Auckland ..	32 3 0	10 5 2	94	Mangapai, Auckland ..	30 13 6	9 15 10
14	Brightwater, Nelson ..	41 8 9	13 4 5	95	Mangatainoka, Wellington ..	46 12 0	14 17 4
15	Bruce Bay, Westland ..	27 0 0	8 12 5	96	Manutahi, Wanganui ..	30 2 0	9 16 8
16	Brydone, Southland ..	30 0 0	9 11 7	97	Marerotu, Auckland ..	33 1 0	10 11 0
17	Bunnythorpe, Wanganui ..	34 2 6	10 17 10	98	Martinborough, Wellington ..	50 0 0	15 19 1
18	Burwood, North Canterbury ..	30 19 0	9 17 8	99	Matamata, Auckland ..	39 12 6	12 12 10
19	Canvastown, Marlborough ..	28 7 6	9 1 4	100	Maungakaramea, Auckland ..	30 10 0	9 14 9
20	Chertsey, North Canterbury ..	30 5 0	9 13 2	101	Maungaturoto, Auckland ..	27 7 6	8 14 9
21	Cheviot, North Canterbury ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	102	Maxwelltown, Wanganui ..	32 5 0	10 5 11
22	Clarkville, North Canterbury ..	27 14 6	8 17 1	103	Mayfield, Ashburton, North Canterbury ..	27 0 6	8 12 7
23	Clifden, Southland ..	27 10 0	8 15 7				
24	Clive, Hawke's Bay ..	42 2 0	13 8 8	104	Millerton, Nelson ..	50 0 0	15 19 1
25	Clyde, Otago ..	35 1 0	11 3 9	105	Morrinsville, Auckland ..	41 6 6	13 3 9
26	Collingwood, Nelson ..	29 2 0	9 5 10	106	Morven, South Canterbury ..	30 15 6	9 16 6
27	Cromwell, Otago ..	46 18 0	14 19 4	107	Mount Somers, North Canterbury ..	32 3 0	10 5 3
28	Cunningham's, Wellington ..	28 8 3	9 1 4	108	Motunau, North Canterbury ..	27 10 0	8 15 7
29	Cust, North Canterbury ..	29 1 0	9 5 6	109	Motupipi, Takaka, Nelson ..	28 12 0	9 2 7
30	Denniston, Nelson ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	110	Murchison, Nelson ..	28 1 0	8 19 2
31	Doyleston, North Canterbury ..	28 10 0	9 2 0	111	Naseby, Otago ..	41 14 6	13 6 4
32	Drummond, Southland ..	27 15 0	8 17 3	112	Ngaere, Taranaki ..	30 18 0	9 17 4
33	Drury, Auckland ..	28 7 6	9 1 4	113	Ngapara, Otago ..	39 10 0	12 12 2
34	Dunrobin, Otago ..	29 0 0	9 5 2	114	Ngarua, Waitoa, Auckland ..	29 11 6	9 8 11
35	Dunsandel, North Canterbury ..	28 15 0	9 3 7	115	Ngaruawahia, Auckland ..	50 0 0	15 19 1
36	Duntroon, Otago ..	28 16 0	9 3 10	116	Ngaputahi, Pohangina, Wanganui ..	32 17 6	10 9 11
37	Ealing, North Canterbury ..	32 8 9	10 7 1	117	Nightcaps, Southland ..	30 10 0	9 14 8
38	East Takaka, Nelson ..	27 5 0	8 14 1	118	Norsewood, Hawke's Bay ..	32 4 0	10 5 7
39	Eketahuna, Wellington ..	38 7 8	12 5 0	119	North-east Harbour, Otago ..	30 7 0	9 13 9
40	Eskdale, Hawke's Bay ..	31 10 0	10 1 2	120	Oakura, Taranaki ..	27 5 6	8 14 3
41	Fairfield, Otago ..	28 6 0	9 0 8	121	Ohariu, Wellington ..	28 15 0	9 3 7
42	Fairlie, South Canterbury ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	122	Ohura, Auckland ..	39 19 0	12 15 0
43	Foxhill, Nelson ..	27 2 6	8 13 3	123	Ohutu, Utiku, Wanganui ..	27 5 0	8 14 2
44	Garston, Southland ..	27 14 0	8 16 11	124	Okaihau, Auckland ..	28 4 0	9 0 1
45	Gibbston, Cromwell, Otago ..	27 2 6	8 13 3	125	O'kain's Bay, North Canterbury ..	37 0 0	11 16 2
46	Glenfield, Auckland ..	27 9 0	8 15 3	126	Okuru, South Westland ..	28 0 0	8 18 10
47	Glen-iti, South Canterbury ..	29 10 0	9 8 4	127	Ongaonga, Hawke's Bay ..	34 16 0	11 2 1
48	Glonorchy, Queenstown, Otago ..	31 17 6	10 3 6	128	Opunake, Taranaki ..	34 6 0	10 18 11
49	Glentunnel, North Canterbury ..	29 11 0	9 8 8	129	Orepuki, Southland ..	31 0 0	9 17 11
50	Gordon, Te Aroha, Auckland ..	28 15 0	9 3 8	130	Ormondville, Hawke's Bay ..	30 10 0	9 14 9
51	Groper's Bush, Southland ..	27 10 0	8 15 7	131	Otaki, Wellington ..	44 1 0	14 1 2
52	Granity, Nelson ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	132	Otane, Hawke's Bay ..	37 15 0	12 1 0
53	Geraldine, South Canterbury ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	133	Otautau, Southland ..	40 15 6	13 0 4
54	Half-moon Bay, Stewart Island ..	45 15 0	14 12 0	134	Otepopo, Herbert, Otago ..	42 10 0	13 11 3
55	Halswell, North Canterbury ..	29 0 6	9 5 4	135	Otorohanga, Auckland ..	41 5 0	13 3 4
56	Havelock, Marlborough ..	35 18 6	11 9 4	136	Outram, Otago ..	36 15 0	11 14 8
57	Havelock North, Hawke's Bay ..	35 15 6	11 8 5	137	Owaka, Otago ..	50 0 0	15 19 1
58	Heddon Bush, Southland ..	28 5 0	9 0 5	138	Pahi, Auckland ..	27 16 6	8 17 8
59	Highbank, Rakaia, North Canterbury ..	27 17 6	8 18 1	139	Palmerston, Otago ..	49 10 0	15 15 11
60	Hillend, Balclutha, Otago ..	27 15 0	8 17 3	140	Papakura, Auckland ..	34 7 6	10 19 5
61	Hinuera, Auckland ..	30 5 0	9 13 3	141	Paparoa, Auckland ..	28 13 6	9 3 1
62	Hoteo North, Wellsford, Auckland ..	28 1 6	8 19 4	142	Parakakan, Kaukapakapa, Auckland ..	27 0 0	8 12 5
63	Howick, Auckland ..	37 16 11	12 1 8	143	Pareora, South Canterbury ..	32 1 0	10 4 8
64	Huirangi, Taranaki ..	28 15 0	9 3 8	144	Patearoa, Otago ..	30 16 0	9 16 8
65	Hunter, South Canterbury ..	46 11 0	14 17 2	145	Paterangi, Ohaupo, Auckland ..	28 0 0	8 18 10
66	Isla Bank, Southland ..	27 17 6	8 18 1	146	Pokeno, Auckland ..	30 7 6	9 13 11
67	Islington, North Canterbury ..	41 17 0	13 7 4	147	Pongakawa, Rotorua, Auckland ..	28 5 0	9 0 5
68	Kaikoura, North Canterbury ..	28 17 6	9 4 5	148	Porirua, Wellington ..	27 5 0	8 14 0
69	Kaipara Flats, Auckland ..	29 0 0	9 5 3	149	Port Albert, Auckland ..	32 7 0	10 6 6
70	Kaitaia, Auckland ..	34 12 0	11 1 0	150	Portobello, Otago ..	30 0 0	9 11 7
71	Kakanui, Otago ..	29 7 6	9 7 8	151	Pukekawa, Tuakau, Auckland ..	27 2 0	8 13 0
72	Kamo, Auckland ..	46 11 7	14 17 3	152	Pukerau, Southland ..	29 17 0	9 10 7
73	Katikati, Thames, Auckland ..	33 10 0	10 14 0	153	Pukeuri Junction, Otago ..	28 15 0	9 3 7
74	Kaukapakapa, Auckland ..	32 11 6	10 7 11	154	Queenstown, Southland ..	37 17 0	12 1 6
75	Kennington, Southland ..	28 10 0	9 2 1	155	Rakaia, North Canterbury ..	33 0 0	10 10 8
76	Killiney, North Canterbury ..	29 0 0	9 5 3	156	Rangitata, South Canterbury ..	27 17 6	8 17 11
77	Kimbolton, Wanganui ..	33 11 0	10 14 4	157	Rangiwhia, Wellington ..	35 7 6	11 5 9
78	Knopdale, Southland ..	27 7 6	8 14 11	158	Raumai, Wellington ..	29 15 0	9 9 11
79	Kohukohu, Auckland ..	49 0 0	15 12 10	159	Ravensbourne, Otago ..	36 5 0	11 11 5
80	Kuaotunu, Auckland ..	27 0 6	8 12 7	160	Redoliff, Waihao Downs, South Canterbury ..	27 5 0	8 14 0
81	Lakeside, North Canterbury ..	27 16 0	8 17 5				

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161	Redcliffs, North Canterbury ..	49 4 1	15 13 11	200	View Hill, Oxford, North Canterbury	28 1 0	8 19 1
162	Richmond, Nelson ..	36 10 0	11 13 0	201	Waiharara, Kawhia, Auckland	27 10 0	8 15 6
163	Rimu, Hokitika, Westland ..	33 2 6	10 11 5	202	Waihora, Otago ..	29 7 6	9 7 5
164	Riwaka, Nelson ..	30 2 0	9 12 2	203	Waikaia, Gore, Southland ..	33 9 0	10 13 5
165	Roxburgh, Otago ..	35 0 0	11 3 5	204	Waikari, North Canterbury ..	30 10 0	9 14 8
166	Russell, Auckland ..	27 3 6	8 13 6	205	Waikiekie, Auckland ..	28 10 0	9 1 11
167	Ross, Westland ..	31 17 6	10 3 6	206	Waikino, Ohinemuri, Auckland	33 15 0	10 15 4
168	Sawyer's Bay, Otago ..	30 5 0	9 13 2	207	Waikoikoi, Otago ..	33 11 0	10 14 1
169	Seaward Downs, Southland ..	28 9 0	9 1 8	208	Waikouaiti, Otago ..	46 7 6	14 15 10
170	Shannon, Wellington ..	42 7 6	13 10 5	209	Waikuku, Kaiapoi, North Canterbury	31 19 6	10 4 0
171	Silverdale, Auckland ..	27 10 0	8 15 7	210	Waikumete, Auckland ..	27 0 0	8 12 5
172	Southbridge, North Canterbury	35 5 0	11 5 0	211	Waimamaku, Auckland ..	27 6 0	8 14 2
173	Southbrook, North Canterbury	28 3 0	8 19 9	212	Waimana, Taneatua, Auckland	30 5 0	9 13 1
174	Spotswood, North Canterbury ..	29 13 6	9 9 5	213	Waimangaroa, Westport, Nelson	36 0 0	11 9 9
175	Springston, North Canterbury ..	28 2 6	8 19 8	214	Wainuimata, Wellington ..	28 7 6	9 1 2
176	Stafford, Hokitika, Westland ..	40 6 0	12 17 2	215	Waipu, Auckland ..	42 6 9	13 10 1
177	Stanley Brook, Nelson ..	29 2 6	9 5 11	216	Waitati, Otago ..	34 10 0	11 0 2
178	Stirling, Otago ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	217	Waitohi Flat, South Canterbury	29 0 0	9 5 1
179	Stoke, Cust, North Canterbury ..	27 18 0	8 18 1	218	Wakefield, Nelson ..	50 0 0	15 19 0
180	Stoke, Nelson ..	30 15 6	9 16 6	219	Ward, Marlborough ..	31 2 6	9 18 8
181	Studholme Junction, South Canterbury	27 15 0	8 17 2	220	Warea, Taranaki ..	28 6 0	9 0 7
182	Tai Tapu, North Canterbury ..	29 2 0	9 5 9	221	Warepa, Otago ..	29 17 6	9 10 8
183	Takapau, Hawke's Bay ..	45 0 0	14 7 2	222	Warkworth, Auckland ..	50 0 0	15 19 0
184	Taneatua, Rotorua, Auckland ..	35 10 0	11 6 7	223	Waterton, North Canterbury ..	30 2 0	9 12 2
185	Tapanui, Otago ..	37 9 6	11 19 2	224	Waverley, Wanganui ..	50 0 0	15 19 0
186	Taupo, Auckland ..	34 9 0	10 19 11	225	Weheka, Hokitika, Westland ..	29 0 0	9 5 2
187	Te Arai, Auckland ..	27 2 0	8 13 0	226	West Eyreton, North Canterbury	28 1 0	8 19 1
188	Te Araroa, Tokomaru Bay, Hawke's Bay	29 5 0	9 6 9	227	Weston, Oamaru, Otago ..	34 3 6	10 18 0
189	Te Karaka, Hawke's Bay ..	50 0 0	15 19 1	228	Whakapirau, Auckland ..	28 2 0	8 19 5
190	Te Puke, Rotorua, Auckland ..	48 14 0	15 10 8	229	Whakatane, Auckland ..	43 6 0	13 16 3
191	Te Rore, Pirongia, Auckland ..	27 12 6	8 16 3	230	Whangarata, Auckland ..	27 10 0	8 15 7
192	Te Tua, Southland ..	27 2 6	8 13 1	231	Whangaroa, Auckland ..	27 0 0	8 12 5
193	Te Uku, Hamilton, Auckland ..	28 15 0	9 3 6	232	Whetukura, Ormondville, Hawke's Bay	30 7 6	9 13 11
194	The Peaks, Medbury, North Canterbury	27 0 0	8 12 4	233	Whitford, Auckland ..	30 13 0	9 15 7
195	Tikokino, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay	28 17 0	9 4 1	234	Winchester, South Canterbury ..	36 1 0	11 10 1
196	Tikorangi, Waitara, Taranaki ..	28 2 0	8 19 4	235	Woodend, Kaiapoi, Christchurch	27 5 0	8 14 0
197	Tuhikaramca, Ohaupo, Auckland	27 0 0	8 12 4	236	Wyndham, Southland ..	41 17 6	13 7 2
198	Upper Moutere, Nelson ..	27 12 6	8 16 3				
199	Upper Waiwera, Auckland ..	27 0 0	8 12 4		Totals ..	7,831 11 5	2,500 10 0

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