

REPORTS OF INSPECTORS, 1857.

Wanganui, 10th October, 1857.

SIR,—I have the honor, in conformity with instructions conveyed to Capt. Campbell, Mr. Wicksteed and myself, by your Letter of the 20th July, to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor Reports on the Native Industrial Schools at Kai Iwi and Whanganui receiving pecuniary aid from the Civil List of the Colony.

The inspection of the Whanganui School was undertaken on information from the Local Trustees that the sum of fifty pounds had been received out of the Government Grant in the past financial year.

I have &c.,
GEORGE REES.

C. W. Richmond, Esquire,
Colonial Treasurer, Auckland.

REPORT ON THE WESLEYAN NATIVE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT KAI IWI.

The land on which it is intended to place this Institution consists of three hundred acres, purchased from the Government by the Wesleyan Missionary Society in 1853; it is agreeably and healthily situated about three miles from the sea and is of excellent quality.

Between sixty and seventy acres have been enclosed and subdivided and the greater part of these laid under grass and other crops.

A small plain weather boarded house, occupied by the resident missionary, the Rev. G. Stannard, and family. a store house, servants' house, barn, and a cattle shed comprise the out buildings, which are formed of unbarked stakes, brush wood, toi toi, and other materials used in what is called 'Maori work.' The stock consists of 6 working bullocks, 19 cows, heifers and calves, an excellent wheat mill capable of supplying the wants of a large station, but not erected a hand threshing and a winnowing machine, a bullock cart, ploughs, and all other implements ordinarily used on a farm.

There is neither School house nor Scholars, nor have any arrangements whatever been made for educational purposes.

From July, 1854, to the end of June, 1857, £1257 9s. 5½d. (twelve hundred and fifty seven pounds, nine shillings and five pence halfpenny) have been expended on the Estate, the whole of which sum was derived from Government Grants, the Wesleyan Missionary Society contributing only the Missionary's Salary.

The items of expenditure are for materials and labour in the erection of the buildings enumerated, for enclosing and breaking up Land, the removal of Mr. Stannard from Waitotara to his present location, passage and outfit of a schoolmaster from England,—who has not yet arrived,—material for school, labourers' wages, provisions, and all the ordinary expenses of a farm.

Profits are returned as nil, all crops having been consumed on the property.

The entire sum granted out of the Civil List for this establishment being £1434 0s. 5d. it will be seen that there remains a balance of £176 11s. 0½d., which Mr. Stannard states is still in the hands of the Revd. J. Buller of Wellington.

Thus, at Kai Iwi we found all the necessary means and appliances for industrial purposes, but none for educational; it must however be stated that the system Mr. Stannard at the outset proposed to adopt was, the perfecting a farm, prior to the admission of the pupils, and he attributes the want of success which has hitherto attended Native Schools principally to a neglect of this precaution.

We cannot conclude our Report without remarking on a circumstance sufficient, in our opinion, to mar the progress of any Native School, viz,—the projected introduction of a Master entirely ignorant of the Native language, customs, habits, and prejudices.

We could also note that under the Provincial Fencing Act, one half the expense of boundary fences may be recovered from neighbouring proprietors.

M. CAMPBELL, J. P.
J. T. WICKSTEED, J. P.
GEORGE REES, J. P.

REPORT ON THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND NATIVE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT WHANGANUI.

In 1852, Sir George Grey gave to the Bishop of New Zealand 250 acres of land, formerly a portion of the Township of Petre (now Whanganui) and which, under his Lordship's auspices, forms the foundation of a Native Industrial School.

The following are abstracts of the Expenditure and Receipts as furnished by the Rev. C. H. S. Nicholls, the Master, who, with the Rev. R. Taylor and D. S. Durie, Esq., has been appointed by the Bishop a Local Trustee.