

MONDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1869.

College and Grammar School.

Mr. William Holmes, being duly sworn, states: My name is William Holmes. I am the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the College and Grammar School Reserve. I have been secretary since June, 1867. I can only give evidence as to the expenditure since that time.

The sum in cash received from the late Board was £433 19s. 2d., and in debentures £750,—£550 of the Provincial Government, and £200 of the General Government,—total, £1,183 19s. 2d.

Since then we have received from rents and interest on debentures, £478 10s. 11d.; that is up to the 31st October, 1869.

The different sections producing rent are as follows:—

WELLINGTON COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST ESTATE.—Account Current of Board of Trustees, from 10th June, 1867, to 31st October, 1869.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Amount handed over by former Board	433 19 2	By cost of erecting Grammar School Buildings on Town Belt, fittings, &c., and of excavating road thereto	1,186 9 3
„ Debentures	750 0 0	„ Town Board, rent and rates on Sections Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Terrace District, Town Belt	18 5 0
„ Interest on debentures, &c.	130 10 11	„ Alterations and fittings to Thorndon Barracks, for temporary school	48 8 6
„ Rents collected	348 0 0	„ Masters' salaries	262 10 0
		„ Insurance on school buildings	20 14 3
		„ School prizes	8 13 10
		„ Secretary's salary	21 0 0
		„ Sundries, viz., stationery, stamps, printing, &c.	3 17 5
		„ Balance in Bank of New South Wales	92 11 10
	£1,662 10 1		£1,662 10 1

WM. HOLMES, Auditor.

There has been expended on the grammar school on the Town Belt, and the road to it, £1,186 9s. 3d., as per account which I produce. The accounts have been audited up to the 31st December, 1868, by Mr. Bethune, the auditor appointed by the Board.

COLLEGE AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST ESTATE.—Schedule of Lands included in Crown Grant to Trustees as an Endowment.

Locality.	Contents.	Leased to.	Rental.	Period.
Wellington.	A. R. P.		£ s. d.	
Section 604, and parts of 592, 601, 602, 603, 605, 606, 607, and 608	5 1 32	Not leased	Nil.	
Lots 3 and 5, Reclaimed land, 182 feet, Lambton Quay	0 1 25	C. R. Carter	12 10 0	21 years from 25th December, 1857
		W. W. Taylor	43 10 0	21 years from 29th September, 1859
		E. Pearce	35 0 0	21 years from 24th June, 1854
Sections 270, 271, 272, 278, and 279	5 0 0	W. B. Robinson	30 0 0	21 years from 25th September, 1858
	10 3 17		£121 0 0	

27th November, 1869.

WM. HOLMES, Secretary.

We have also expended on the school at Thorndon, occupied temporarily by Mr. Tuckey until the new school was built, £48 8s. 6d.

There are three masters, Messrs. T. A. Bowden, Tuckey, and Hamilton. Their salaries are about—1st master £300, 2nd ditto £300, 3rd ditto £300, which are paid out of the school fees collected by the masters, and subsidized by the Board.

The last report of the head-master, Mr. Bowden, shows the maximum attendance during the last quarter at 76. The trustees left it to the masters to settle the course of study, they having submitted two courses to the trustees.

I do not know for what reason the Board determined upon founding a grammar school and not a college.

The school is built on a piece of land (Sections Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the Town Belt) consisting of eighteen acres, let by the Town Board to the trustees, who had bought a lease of the same given by trustees appointed by the Superintendent to Alfred Hewitt, who had failed to pay his rent. I know nothing further about the title. The trustees are James Coutts Crawford, Esq., chairman, Joe Dransfield, Esq., Edward Pearce, Esq., A. de B. Brandon, Esq., and William Lyon, Esq. With reference to the principles on which the grant declares the school shall be conducted, I can only say—

1. There is a classical master, Mr. Tuckey, who teaches Greek and Latin. Mathematics and English are taught by Messrs. Bowden and Hamilton.

2. I do not think the school is kept open for evening instruction.

3. Persons of all classes, who pay the fees, are, as far as I know, admitted to the school. I am not aware of any difference being made as to the religious denomination to which scholars may belong.

4. There are no free scholars, unless the sons of the masters are to be so considered.

The rents received amount to £121 per annum.