Under sanction of the Government, the Board took advantage of "The High School Reserves Act, 1880," and sold two reserves which they could not get leased. Considerable delay has taken place in getting the title completed, but all difficulties will soon be overcome. The interest of the money arising from the sale of these reserves will augment the revenue of the Board by something over £100 per annum.

The tabulated information required by the Government is appended hereto, and a copy of the

Rector's report at the close of the school year is also appended.

I have, &c,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

WM. GILLIES, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

## RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1881.

Receipts.				£	s.	d.	Expende	ture.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1880				167	16	3	Salaries account, paid for 1881			1,635	10	5
School fees account—							Incidentals, sundries, &c			199	15	4
Fees paid for 1880					15		Advertising			31	13	5
,, 1st term,	, 1881		•••	251			Prizes account	***		61	17	0
,, 2nd ,	,			263		3	Furnishing account			105	15	6
", 3rd ,	, ,			262		6	Secretary, one year's salary	***		70	0	0
", 4th ,	,			259	12	0	Land purchase account			200	0	0
Reserve rents account—							Scholarships	***		42	0	0
Rents paid for 1880				86	5	0	Balance	***		309	2	8
,, 1881				866	1	11						
School Commissioners				21.7	0	0						
Sale of reserves				223	9	6						
Sundries, amount returned Hutton's cheque				0	1	1						
Scholarships account				42	0	0						
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				£2,655	14	4			19	E <b>2,</b> 655	14	4
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Timaru, 31st December, 1881.

I have audited this account and have compared the items with the vouchers, and find it correct.— J. OLLIVIER, District Auditor.—25th January, 1882.

## WAITAKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Sir,-

Oamaru, 25th April, 1882.

As per my telegram, I now have the honour to forward copies of audited accounts for year ending the 31st December, 1881.

For the information of the Government I beg to state that a bonus of £20 was offered for best design for High School buildings (of stone) and master's residence, the total cost of the same when completed to be £5,000, the cost of the portion at present to be erected not to exceed £2,500. The design of Messrs. Forrester and Lemon, bearing the motto "Voila," was accepted. Tenders were called, and those of Messrs. Wilson and Roxburgh for mason work, £1,891, and of Mr. H. Sidon for carpenters' work, £2,196 10s., were accepted. The foundation-stone was laid on the 12th October by the Chairman, Mr. Shrimski, and good progress has since been made with the building. The site chosen was part of the Board's Reserve in Block I., Oamaru District, the portion so set aside containing about thirty acres. The Board proposes to pay for cost of erecting same out of sale of land of other portion

of this reserve.

Steps are being taken to obtain the services of a headmaster from Home, by permission of the Government, through the Agent-General.

I have, &c.,

George Sumpter, Honorary Secretary.

## The Hon. the Minister of Education.

## RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Year ending 31st December, 1881.

Receipts. £ s.			s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d۵
Balance from 31st December, 1880			7	10	Balance of purchase-money of lease of site	263	15	5
Amount of rents collected		732	14	7	Labour at site	6	14	
Interest		9	15	7	Ceremonial expenses, laying foundation-stone	15	5	3
Balance forward, overdraft at Colonial	Bank				Progress payment, contract for building	1,500	0	0
of New Zealand	***	890	15	11	Amount paid for survey and valuations	17	13	0
					Printing, advertising, and stationery	7		3
					Incidental expenses, exchange, telegrams, &c.	0	12	8
					Clerical assistance		-	0
					Balance forward, bank, fixed deposit	100		0
					" cash (petty) in hand	0	9	4
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct statement of the Treasurer's transactions for the period stated.—H. Livingston, Auditor.