

TARANAKI.

Sir,—

New Plymouth, 26th March, 1885.

In compliance with Circular No. 84/17, dated 3rd January, 1885, I have the honour to report that very few new leases have been granted, and some have had to be cancelled on account of the failure of the lessees. The sections 40 and 42, at Patea, divided into building allotments as stated in my last report, are still in an unsatisfactory state. The operations during the year have been chiefly confined to transfers and the renewal of leases. The arrears at the end of the year will always be large, so many of the rents becoming due in December and not being paid until the following January.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

T. KING, Chairman.

W. NORTHCROFT, Secretary.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

Receipts.

	Primary Education Reserves.	Secondary Education Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances on 1st January, 1884	32 7 9	0 19 3	33 7 0
Balance of Land Fund	22 0 0	205 8 3	227 8 5
Arrears of revenue for previous years	336 16 8	123 0 3	459 16 11
Rents for current year	374 5 0	174 0 3	548 5 3
Other receipts for current year—			
Transfer-fees	5 0 0	1 0 0	6 0 0
Rents of reserves for 1885	13 11 0	...	13 11 0
Land Fund—			
Proceeds of land taken for railway purposes ...	41 13 7	...	56 2 2
Interest	2 7 5	12 1 2	
Total receipts	828 1 5	516 9 4	1,344 10 9

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	69 19 0	29 11 0	99 10 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	0 15 0	0 5 0	1 0 0
Expenses of leasing—			
Advertising, &c.	15 0 0	...	15 0 0
Expenditure on reserves—			
Surveying	7 6 8	...	53 18 9
Fencing, &c.	7 8 6	3 0 0	
Rates	24 7 0	11 16 7	
Legal expenses	8 15 6	1 5 0	10 0 6
Payments to Taranaki Education Board	417 15 5	...	610 0 0
Payments to Wanganui Education Board	192 4 7	...	
Payments towards secondary education—			
Taranaki High School	169 10 5	242 0 0
Wanganui Education Board	72 9 7	
Land Fund—			
Valuation of land for railway purposes ...	5 5 0	...	5 5 0
Balance of Land Fund	60 16 0	217 9 7	278 5 7
Credit balances of account on 31st December, 1884	18 8 9	11 2 2	29 10 11
Total expenditure	828 1 5	516 9 4	1,344 10 9

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance of cash on account of Land Fund	60 16 0	217 9 7	278 5 7
Balance of cash on 31st December, 1884	11 6 2	5 19 9	17 5 11
Arrears due on 31st December, 1884—			
Arrears of the year 1882	17 12 9	8 3 9	25 16 6
Arrears of the year 1883	113 13 0	57 1 3	170 14 3
Arrears of the year 1884	454 15 5	204 7 0	659 2 5
Certificates of exchange of town sections	7 2 7	5 2 5	12 5 0
Total assets	665 5 11	498 3 9	1,163 9 8
Written off as bad debts	145 14 1	129 0 8	274 14 9