

Liabilities.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Liabilities—									
Steward's salary for December, 1884			45	0	0
Total liabilities			45	0	0

5th January, 1885.

H. R. WEBB, Chairman.

I certify that I have audited this account and find it to be correct, and that the balance in the Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch, on the 31st December, 1884, was as herein stated.—J. OLLIVIER, Provincial District Auditor. 7th January, 1885.

WESTLAND.

SIR,—

Greymouth, 6th May, 1885.

I have the honour, by direction of the Commissioners, to report upon their management of reserves during the past year. A second sale of sections held under lease took place at Kumara in April, 1884, and, with a few exceptions, this disposed of the sections so held. The periods for which leases were originally granted by the Westland Education Board having expired in July and August of the past year, very little revenue is now payable direct to the Commissioners, and the greater portion of that receivable will consist of arrears and revenue collected by the Receiver of Gold Revenue, Kumara, under "The Kumara Education Reserve Act, 1879." The revenue at present derived from other reserves is merely nominal. The Commissioners would recommend that the provisions of the Kumara Reserve Act may be so amended as to allow of sections being sold at auction without restriction as to their being held under lease or otherwise. At present a person desirous of purchasing a section is put to unnecessary trouble and expense. By the provisions of the Act referred to he is compelled: First, to take out a business license. Second, the Warden, having approved of the improvements made, may recommend the Governor to grant a lease. Third, having procured his lease, he can apply to the Commissioners to allow him to purchase.

From 1st April, 1884, the payment of the Secretary was fixed at 10 per cent. upon receipts, instead of a fixed salary of £50 per annum.

I have, &c.,

E. T. ROBINSON,

Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

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—									
Rent account	...	...	...	75	0	8	75	0	8
Purchase account	...	...	...	86	15	0	86	15	0
Error, 1883	...	...	...	8	3	4	8	3	4
Arrears of revenue for previous years	3	5	0	13	17	9	17	2	9
Rents, &c., of reserves for current year	27	16	6	...	...	...	27	16	6
Proportion of outstanding cheques written off	1	8	10	2	17	8	4	6	6
Sale of sections, 1884	28	0	0	186	10	0	214	10	0
Bank of New Zealand, deposit account	...	...	...	1,263	0	0	1,263	0	0
Interest on fixed deposit from July, 1883, to July, 1884	...	...	...	75	15	6	75	15	6
Balances of account on 31st December, 1884—									
Rent account	43	8	8	8	5	9	51	14	5
Total receipts	103	19	0	1,720	5	8	1,824	4	8

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Debtor balances on 1st January, 1884	45	13	3	...	...	...	45	13	3
Error, 1883	8	3	4	...	...	...	8	3	4
Salaries and allowances to officers	19	3	1	38	6	2	57	9	3
Stationery, &c.	1	11	4	3	2	8	4	14	0
Sundries	1	8	0	2	16	0	4	4	0
Expenses of leasing—									
Auctioneer's commission	1	0	6	6	2	6	7	3	0
Advertising, &c.	1	15	3	10	11	3	12	6	6
Travelling expenses at sale	0	11	2	3	6	10	3	18	0