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GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1886.

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Receipts.	£	s.	đ.	Expenditure. £ s. d	١.
To Balance at beginning of year-				By Office staff, salaries 162 0	
On Building Account	82	5	4		
	545			Departmental contingencies 198 19 1	
On Petty Cash Account			8	Inspector's salary 175 0	
Government grant for buildings	1,409	U	U	Inspector's travelling expenses 71 0	
Trogress payments on from an		0	_	Examination of pupil-teachers 21 15 (	J
	1,352		0	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-	_
Government statutory capitation (£3 15s.)	5,547	- 3	9	cluding rent, bonus, &c.) 5,168 19	
Special capitation (5s.)	369		3	Incidental expenses of schools 366 10	}
Scholarship grant (1s. 6d.)	140	6	1	Scholarships—	
	175	0	0	Paid to scholars 150 0 (	)
Sale of books	109	16	9	Examination expenses 12 2 (	)
Sale of books Deposits on contracts	150	8	9	School buildings-	
Inspection subsidy Sale of books Deposits on contracts Interest on fixed deposits	16	10	0	New buildings 1,767 5 6	3
Sale of débris, Hokitika School	4	0	0	Improvements of buildings 351 8 7	
Sale of worker, 110 and the section				Furniture and appliances 42 11	
				Sites and improvements thereof 217 3	
				Plans, supervision, and fees 259 0	
			- 1	Advertising for tenders 16 2 (	
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			- 1	Deposits returned	,
				Extraordinary expenses owing to fire at	
			- 1	Hokitika, viz.,—	
				Rent of temporary premises 143 10 (	
			1	Altering and adapting same 154 1 6	
				Temporary furniture and appliances 35 9 9	
			j	Advertising 3 6 0	
			- 1	Miscellaneous 11 6 9	}
			1	Balance at end of year—	
				On Building Account 189 14 2	2
			1	On General Account 208 16 1	L
			- }	On Petty Cash Account 1 12 6	
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	£9,907	6	4	£9,907 6 4	ļ
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RICHARD JOHN SEDDON, Chairman. John Smith, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above statement of accounts, and, having compared the same with the vouchers, ledger, bank pass-book, and other documents, find the same to be correct.—E. F. Rich, Auditor. Hokitika, 23rd March, 1887.

## NORTH CANTERBURY.

Sir,— Christchurch, 31st March, 1887. [Received, 16th May, 1887.]

I have the honour to present the following report of the proceedings of the Education

Board of North Canterbury for the year ended 31st December, 1886:—

Board.—The three members who retired by rotation on the 31st March, 1886, were Mr. C. C. Bowen, Mr. A. Saunders, and Mr. A. H. Cunningham, all of whom were re-elected. At a meeting held on the 1st April Mr. Bowen was elected Chairman. The Board held twenty-three ordinary and two special meetings during the year. The average attendance of members was 7.76. In the course of the year important changes were made in the Board's system of administration. A Select Committee, of which Mr. Saunders was Chairman, was appointed to inquire into the condition of the schools in North Canterbury, and to suggest any reforms that might appear desirable. The Committee devoted a considerable time to their investigations and to the taking of evidence, and finally brought up an able and exhaustive report, which, with the evidence, was, by order of the Board, printed and circulated throughout the district. The principal recommendations were—(1) That, with the view of insuring a definite responsibility for the performance of executive duties, the several departments of the Board's executive work should be placed in charge of Committees specially appointed for the purpose; (2) that School Committees should receive more assistance from the Board in the choice of teachers, with which object the Board should call for applications, and, after setting aside any from applicants of whose qualifications it was not satisfied, should forward the rest to the School Committee for their consideration and selection; (3) that the number of pupil-teachers in the large schools should be reduced, and a greater number of female certificated teachers employed; (4) that, to assist the Board in the retention and promotion of deserving teachers, a permanent record should be kept of the services of all teachers employed in the district; (5) that a special inquiry should be held into the working of the Normal School. This report was adopted by the Board on the 15th July, and its recommendations have been carried into effect. A Building Committee had existed s

its business will be maintained on a thoroughly satisfactory and efficient footing.

New Districts and Buildings.—New districts were formed in the year 1886 at Rotherham, Acton (near South Rakaia), and Westerfield; and the district of Governor's Bay South, in which there were two schools, was divided into two separate districts, called Charteris Bay and Teddington. New school buildings were erected at Charing Cross and Richmond, and a master's house at Charteris Bay, and a house for the master was bought at Hampstead. Additions were made to the