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recognition to the assistance rendered by the various Committees in carrying out the provisions of the Act. The period—three years—for which the cadet employed in the Board's office was engaged terminating on March 31st, 1891, the Board decided to offer the appointment to be competed for by scholars attending the Sixth or Seventh Standard, the engagement to be for three years, salary £30, £40, and £50 respectively per annum. Six scholars only competed—one from Orwell Creek School, three from Dobson School, and two from Greymouth School. Ben Warnes, of the Greymouth School, was the successful competitor, gaining 741 marks out of a possible total of 885. James Binney, of the Dobson School, was a very close second with 739 marks. Ben Warnes also won a town scholarship this year, and won the Watkins gold medal competed for annually by scholars attending the Greymouth School. There is therefore no doubt that the cadetship is the reward of merit.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

James Kerr, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for	$_{ m the}$	Year	ending	$31 \mathrm{st}$	December,	1890.
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Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure. \pounds	s.	d.
To Government grant for buildings		592	1	0	By Balance at beginning of year—		
Government statutory capitation		5,210	7	2	General Account 124	19	10
Scholarship grant		90		0	Building Account 508	18	3
Inspection subsidy	٠.	125	0	0	Office staff—Salaries	0	0
Payments by School Commissioners		104	5	0	Clerical assistance 58	15	0
District High School fees		125		0	Departmental contingencies 372		1
Greymouth High School Board		50		0	Inspector's salary 162		0
Refund from Building Account			13	6	Inspector's travelling expenses 100	0	0
School requisites			$\overline{12}$	6			Ò
Balance at end of year—	• •			Τ,	Teachers' salaries and allowances (in-		_
General Account	٠.	316	8	7	cluding rent, bonus, &c.) 4,650	10	5
Building Account		491	2	9	Incidental expenses of schools 171		9
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					Scholarships—		-
						10	0
					Examination expenses 9		Õ
					School buildings—	•	•
					Improvements of buildings 335	18	5
					Furniture and appliances 186		-
					Plans, supervision, and fees 22		6
					Intoroat		4
					Danit 67	16	0
					rent	-0	
		£7,141	12	6	£7,141	12	6
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James Kerr, Chairman. Edward T. Robinson, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—James Edward FitzGerald, Controller and Auditor-General.

WESTLAND.

Sir,—

Hokitika, 31st March, 1891.

I have the honour to submit the report of the Education Board of the District of Westland

for the year ending 31st December, 1890.

The Board.—At the beginning of the year the Board was composed of the following persons: Messrs. Jack, Seddon, and Will, elected members, and Messrs. Bevan, Grimmond, Mueller, and McWhirter, nominated by Government. At the first election, in March, under "The Westland and Grey Education Boards Act, 1888," the retiring members—Messrs. Jack, Seddon, and Will—were re-elected, and Government again nominated Messrs. Bevan, Grimmond, Mueller, and McWhirter. Gerhard Mueller, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Chairman, and was appointed a member of the Westland School Commissioners. McLean Watt Jack, Esq., was re-elected Treasurer; John Bevan, Esq., was appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Hokitika High School. During the year eleven ordinary monthly meetings and seven special meetings were held. The ordinary monthly meeting which should have been held on 8th April, lapsed for want of a quorum. The average attendance of members at the meetings actually held was five; and the attendance of the individual members was as follows: Mr. Bevan, 14; Mr. Grimmond, 7; Mr. Jack, 18; Mr. Mueller, 14; Mr. McWhirter, 13; Mr. Seddon, 10; and Mr. Will, 14.

TEACHERS.—There are now sixty-six teachers in the Board's employ, classed as follows: Ten head male teachers, one head female teacher, seven male teachers in sole charge of schools, eleven female teachers in sole charge of schools, two assistant male teachers, nine assistant female teachers, six male pupil-teachers, fifteen female pupil-teachers, and five monitors. Besides these, there are two sewing-mistresses—one at the Blue Spur School, and the other at the Gillespie's School. Eighteen of the Board's teachers above the rank of pupil-teachers are uncertificated. During the year a change has taken place in the management of the two principal schools—Mr. J. J. Patterson, B.A., head teacher of the Kumara School, resigned, and was succeeded by Mr. T. A. Walker, of Waimataitai; and Mr. E. B. Dixon, head teacher of the Hokitika School, was promoted to the office of Inspector and Secretary to the Board, and was succeeded by Mr. J. Gammell, B.A.,

London University.

Schools and Attendances.—There are now thirty-two schools open in this district, including seven "aided" schools, and six half-time schools. Two new schools have been opened during the year—one at Kawhaka, in the Humphrey's School District, and the other at the Waiho River, South Westland. The latter is an "aided" school, and is worked as a half-time school with the Waikukupa aided school. The attendance returns for this year show a decrease in the strict average attendance amounting to nearly two hundred as compared with the returns for 1889. The Board has repeatedly