

FINANCE.—The general statement of receipts and expenditure shows a credit balance of £6,019 16s. 4d. Of this, the sum of £3,325 12s. 10d. belongs to the General Account, £1,819 14s. to the Building Account, and £874 9s. 6d. to the Rees Bequest Account. The statement of assets and liabilities in the General Account shows the above credit of £3,325 12s. 10d., and an asset of £89 18s. due from Government on account of scholarships, liabilities of £150 9s. 2d. due to teachers, and £267 10s. due to Committees, leaving a net credit balance of £2,997 11s. 8d. The same statement on account of the Building Fund only shows the above credit of £1,819 14s., with liabilities of £2,057 2s. due, or to fall due, on account of contracts, £15 3s. due to contractors on account of deposits, and £100 due on account of the Rees bequest (since paid) leaving a net debit balance of £352 11s. on this account.

For full information respecting the state of education in this district I beg to refer you to the report of the Inspector of Schools.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

GILBERT CARSON, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1891

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JOHN NOTMAN, Member

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary

Examined and found correct.—JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD, Controller and Auditor-General.

## WELLINGTON

SIR,—

Wellington, 30th March, 1892.

In accordance with section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," the Board submits the following report of its proceedings for the past year:—

BOARD.—At the beginning of the year the members of the Board were—Mr J R. Blair (Chairman), Mr George Beetham, Mr A. W Brown, Mr Henry Bunny, Mr W C. Buchanan, Mr F H. Fraser, Mr J Young, Dr Newman, and the Rev James Paterson. Early in the year an extraordinary vacancy was caused by the death of Mr Henry Bunny, one of the oldest members of the Board. The seat on the Board was filled by the election of Mr W W McCardle. The three retiring members, Mr A. W Brown, Mr J Young, and the Rev J Paterson, were re-elected. During the year the Board has held twelve ordinary meetings and one special meeting, with the following attendance J R. Blair 13 G Beetham, 10, A. W Brown, 12 W C. Buchanan, 11, F H. Fraser 12 W W McCardle, 8, Dr Newman, 13 Rev J Paterson, 9 J Young, 12. The Finance Committee have met regularly each month, and thoroughly examined all accounts submitted for payment. The Technical School Committee also hold frequent meetings for the purpose of dealing with all matters affecting that institution.

SCHOOLS.—There were eighty-three schools open at the end of last year with a total average of 10,653. During the year the new school at Ohau was opened, and also an aided school at Stokes Valley. The aided schools at Kaiwhata, Waikanae, and Waikawa have been closed. The end of the year showed eighty-four schools in operation, with a total attendance of 11,175, an increase of 522. The schools are classified as follows: Under 15 pupils, six schools, 15 and under 20 pupils, ten; 20 and under 25 pupils, seven; 25 and under 50 pupils, twenty-four; 50 and under 75 pupils, nine; 75 and under 100 pupils, seven; 100 and under 150 pupils, six; 150 and under 300 pupils, five; 300 and under 500 pupils, eight; 500 pupils and upwards, two. There are eleven aided schools included in the above.

The teaching staff shows the following arrangement Head of school, 50, sole teachers, 35; assistants, 75, pupil-teachers, 123 sewing-teachers, 10.