

Expenditure.

	Primary.			Secondary.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Payments to Boards—									
Wellington Education Board ...	1,227	4	5	...			2,000	0	0
Wanganui Education Board ...	772	15	7	...					
Wellington College ...	...			31	6	1	100	0	0
Wellington Girls' High School ...	...			31	6	1			
Wanganui Girls' High School ...	...			37	7	10			
Salaries of officers ...	241	16	2	8	10	11	250	7	1
Printing, stationery, and office contingencies ...	82	15	9	4	12	0	87	7	9
Commissions on sales of leases ...	11	1	9	...			11	1	9
Advertising ...	21	19	6	...			21	19	6
Fencing ...	421	14	6	...			421	14	6
Law ...	5	2	11	...			28	12	11
Preparation and registration of leases ...	23	10	0	...					
Arbitration ...	3	3	0	...			3	3	0
District Land Registrar—titles ...	91	1	11	...			91	1	11
Travelling-expenses ...	29	13	11	...			29	13	11
Masterton Town Lands Trust—rent ...	4	0	0	...			4	0	0
Destruction of Rabbits ...	10	0	0	...			10	0	0
Exchange ...	0	1	0	...			0	1	0
Balances : Bank, £583 8s. 8d; less unpaid cheque, £3, £580 8s. 8d.; cash in hand, £2 4s. 3d. ...	491	3	0	91	9	11	582	12	11
Total expenditure ...	3,437	3	5	204	12	10	3,641	16	3

Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances on 31st December, 1896 ...	491	3	0	91	9	11	582	12	11
Arrears of rents ...	245	12	9	0	0	9	245	13	6
Total ...	736	15	9	91	10	8	828	6	5

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Credit Land Purchase Account (see "Land Act, 1892," section 243, ss. 7) ...	70	18	6	...			70	18	6

J. R. BLAIR, Chairman.

NAT J. TONE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Office of the School Commissioners, Napier, 12th April, 1897.

In compliance with your circular of 12th January last, I have the honour to report as follows for the past year :—

There were two auction sales of leases during the year. At the first, two town, four suburban, and four rural lots were offered. All of these lots had previously been held under lease, the rural land having been held in one block. One town lot which had previously been unoccupied for a considerable time was passed in. The rentals under the old leases aggregated £195 8s. per annum, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that under the new leases the same lands are let at a total rental of £279 15s. 6d. per annum. At the second auction sale nine town and fourteen rural lots were offered. All of these lots had previously been held under lease. The whole of the lots were sold at an aggregate rental of £78. The general statement of receipts and expenditure for the past year has been prepared. It has been audited and certified to as correct by the Controller and Auditor-General, and a copy of same is forwarded herewith. It will be observed from the statement of assets and liabilities which accompanies the statement of receipts and expenditure that the rents outstanding at the end of the year amounted to £732 3s., but since then a large amount has been recovered, and it is expected that the arrears will be materially diminished at an early date.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education, Wellington.

ERIC P. GOLD-SMITH, Chairman.