

Expenditure.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance on 31st December, 1895 ... ..	...	15 10 1	15 10 1
Nelson Education Board	856 10 0	...	856 10 0
Grey Education Board	110 0 0	...	110 0 0
North Canterbury Education Board	33 10 0	...	33 10 0
Nelson College ... ..	...	375 0 0	375 0 0
Commissioners' travelling-expenses	5 17 4	2 18 8	8 16 0
Stationery	0 6 8	0 3 4	0 10 0
Advertising ... ..	...	6 6 0	6 6 0
Examiners' fees ... ..	...	4 4 0	4 4 0
Office salaries, exchange, &c.	33 18 5	16 16 4	50 14 9
Balance on 31st December, 1896	553 4 11	110 12 10	663 17 9
Total expenditure	1,593 7 4	531 11 3	2,124 18 7

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, Union Bank of Australia, 31st December, 1896	553 4 11	110 12 10	663 17 9
Rents outstanding	97 12 6	90 0 6	187 13 0
Total assets	650 17 5	200 13 4	851 10 9

Liabilities.

Nil.

ALFD. THOS. JONES, Secretary.

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

WESTLAND.

SIR,—

Hokitika, February, 1897.

By direction of the School Commissioners of the Westland District, I have the honour to forward the annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

During the year there has been an increase in the amount received from royalties on timber. The increase in rents is due to payments for temporary holdings in connection with the right to cut timber. In consequence, payments have been made to the High School Boards of the district. Rents for ordinary purposes have not increased, and the need of the reduction of rates on reserves let for pastoral purposes, as explained in the last annual report, is still very urgent.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

JAS. A. BONAR, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Receipts.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 1st January, 1896... ..	36 0 1	73 1 4	109 1 5
Fees under Mining Act, Reserve 128	24 8 0	4 2 6	28 10 6
Royalties on timber ... ..	...	89 12 6	89 12 6
Rent of reserves	14 8 0	54 10 0	68 18 0
Total receipts	74 16 1	221 6 4	296 2 5

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Commission on royalties ... ..	...	12 13 9	12 13 9
Hokitika High School Board ... ..	...	60 0 0	60 0 0
Greymouth High School Board ... ..	...	60 0 0	60 0 0
Commissioners' travelling-expenses	9 9 0	...	9 9 0
Secretary's salary	10 0 0	...	10 0 0
Preparation of plans, &c.	1 8 0	0 3 6	1 11 6
Balance on 31st December, 1896	53 19 1	88 9 1	142 8 2
Total expenditure	74 16 1	221 6 4	296 2 5