

The ordinary school buildings vote for 1897 was distributed as follows:—Auckland, £9,200; Taranaki, £1,600; Wanganui, £3,900; Wellington, £5,000; Hawke's Bay, £2,500; Marlborough, £875; Nelson, £2,050; Grey, £775; Westland, £750; North Canterbury, £6,000; South Canterbury, £1,750; Otago, £6,000; Southland, £3,300: total, £43,700.

The payments made by the department to the Boards in 1897 on account of scholarships amounted to £7,580 16s., and their expenditure on the same account to £7,769 5s. 5d. Particulars are given in Table R. The only institutions for the training of teachers are in North Canterbury and Otago. These two institutions have received grants-in-aid of £300 each.

TABLE R.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1897.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1897.	Annual Value, &c.
				Years.	£ s. d.	
Auckland.. ..	77	47	30	3	1,707 18 7	9 at £30; 15 at £25; 22 at £20; 31 at £15.
Taranaki	6	5	1	2	213 6 3	3 at £35; 3 at £10.
Wanganui	13	10	3	Varies.	523 17 11	10 at £40; 1 at £20; 2 at £15.
Wellington	38	21	17	2	731 1 3	9 at £30; 29 at £15.
Hawke's Bay	28	17	11	2	547 14 0	10 at £30 4s.; 18 at £10 4s.
Marlborough	3	1	2	2	120 0 0	£40.
Nelson	6	3	3	2	334 12 0	£52 12s.
Grey	8	5	3	3	100 0 0	4 at £25 and tuition; 4 tuition only.
Westland.. ..	8	6	2	2	113 10 0	2 at £23; 1 each at £15 10s., £12, £5 10s.; 3 at £3.
North Canterbury..	34	21	13	2	1,042 3 7	12 at £40; 22 at £20.
South Canterbury..	22	11	11	2	404 12 9	6 at £34; 2 at £28; 1 at £17; 1 at £14; 1 at £9; 11 at £4.
Otago	56	36	20	Varies.	1,375 10 9	10 at £40; 5 at £35; 1 at £24; 3 at £22 17 at £20; 1 at £17; 19 at £15.
Southland	20	16	4	Varies.	554 18 4	9 at £35; 11 at £20.
Totals, 1897..	319	199	120	..	7,769 5 5	
Totals, 1896..	305	189	116	..	7,665 9 11	

RAILWAY PASSES FOR PUPILS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

The amount paid by the Education Department to the Department of Railways for passes of pupils in 1897 was £2,963.

EDUCATION RESERVES.

The various bodies of School Commissioners have sent in reports and accounts, which are printed in the Appendix (p. 96, *et seqq.*). Their accounts are summarised in the following table (S).

TABLE S.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Provincial Districts.	Income for the Year 1897.				Arrears of Rent due on 31st December, 1897.	Liabilities or Engagements on 31st December, 1897.
	Balances on 1st January, 1897.	Receipts during Year.		Total Income.		
		Primary Reserves.	Secondary Reserves.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	395 3 2	2,199 8 10	625 10 6	3,220 2 6	1,201 3 7	20 14 0
Taranaki	1,223 18 2	2,134 10 11	404 17 10	3,763 6 11	1,324 3 8	389 4 9
Wellington	582 12 11	3,203 2 5	111 2 5	3,901 17 9	83 3 10	70 18 6
Hawke's Bay	2,630 12 6	2,778 16 0	804 12 6	6,214 1 0	791 17 9	83 12 1
Marlborough	235 15 0	165 0 0	39 8 7	440 3 7	85 14 6	..
Nelson	663 17 9	655 13 3	249 2 3	1,568 13 3	174 11 9	..
Westland	142 8 2	16 14 0	102 14 0	261 16 2	6 14 0	5 0 0
Canterbury	818 9 7	15,782 13 10	..	16,601 3 5	2,023 8 8	208 3 5
Otago	8,220 16 7	18,881 3 11	703 7 5	27,805 7 11	6,642 8 2	6 5 0
Totals for 1897..	14,913 13 10	45,822 3 2	3,040 15 6	63,776 12 6	12,333 5 11	783 17 9
Totals for 1896..	11,086 6 8	46,606 5 1	3,604 12 0	61,297 3 9	11,944 0 10	1,268 8 9