

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

30th March, 1900.

In compliance with your circular of the 7th December last, I have the honour to report as follows for the past year :—

An auction sale of leases of reserves was held in April last, when two rural sections, containing together 733 acres 2 roods 38 perches, were offered, and both lots were sold, at an aggregate rental of £42 14s. 9d. The sections comprised bush-land, and have recently been set apart as reserves.

I have, &c.,

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Credit balances	780 12 1	2,308 6 10	3,088 18 11
Arrears of revenue	460 10 0	215 13 9	676 3 9
Interest on overdue rents	28 19 1	3 14 11	32 14 0
Revenue,—			
(1.) Rents, &c., of reserves for current year ...	2,698 3 7	557 1 7	3,255 5 2
(2.) Other receipts for current year,—			
Interest on fixed deposits	15 3 7	60 0 0	75 3 7
Arrears of rent written off	0 5 0	...	0 5 0
Total receipts	3,983 13 4	3,144 17 1	7,128 10 5

<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Salaries and allowances to officers	73 17 10	26 2 2	100 0 0
Printing, stationery, &c.	8 13 10	2 9 10	11 3 8
Legal expenses	22 3 6	5 18 6	28 2 0
Valuer's fee and plan	21 4 0	...	21 4 0
Auctioneer's commission on sale of leases ...	2 2 0	...	2 2 0
Advertising... ..	8 10 9	...	8 10 9
Rates	15 16 8	14 13 6	30 10 2
Insurance	2 18 9	7 19 9	10 18 6
Repairs to building	38 17 10	...	38 17 10
Payments to Hawke's Bay Education Board ...	3,050 0 0	...	3,050 0 0
Fees, board, and rail-fares of pupils attending Napier High Schools ... ..	...	602 0 4	602 4 0
Amount written off (as per contra)	0 5 0	...	0 5 0
Balances,—			
Fixed deposits	506 6 0	2,000 0 0	2,506 6 0
Current Account	232 17 2	485 13 0	718 10 2
Total expenditure	3,983 13 4	3,144 17 1	7,128 10 5

<i>Assets.</i>			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance ... ..	...	...	3,224 16 2
Arrears due 31st December, 1899,—			
(1.) Arrears of year 1896	6 0 0	...	6 0 0
(2.) Arrears of year 1897	0 9 0	...	0 9 0
(3.) Arrears of year 1898	41 15 11	2 15 0	44 10 11
(4.) Arrears of year 1899	350 14 11	215 1 9	565 16 8
Total assets	398 19 10	217 16 9	3,841 12 9

<i>Liabilities.</i>			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Awaiting appropriation in purchase of land ...	...	...	506 6 0
Accrued for secondary education ... ..	...	...	2,485 13 0
Legal expenses ... ..	...	...	11 15 0
Total liabilities ... ..	...	...	3,003 14 0

ERIC C. GOLD SMITH, Chairman.

EDMD. P. A. PLATFORD, Secretary.

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