

TABLE S.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS—continued.

| Provincial Districts. | Expenditure for the Year 1900. |                              |                             |                               |                          |                                  |             |
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|                       | Office Expenses and Salaries.  | Other Expenses of Management | Paid for Primary Education. | Paid for Secondary Education. | Investments and Refunds. | Balances on 31st December, 1900. | Total.      |
|                       | £ s. d.                        | £ s. d.                      | £ s. d.                     | £ s. d.                       | £ s. d.                  | £ s. d.                          | £ s. d.     |
| Auckland .. ..        | 158 8 3                        | 407 19 5                     | 2,400 0 0                   | 300 0 0                       | 35 14 0                  | 1,666 6 11                       | 4,968 8 7   |
| Taranaki .. ..        | 170 11 9                       | 322 16 8                     | 2,500 0 0                   | 500 0 0                       | 132 16 9                 | 716 6 7                          | 4,342 11 9  |
| Wellington .. ..      | 403 0 5                        | 268 14 6                     | 3,000 0 0                   | 750 0 0                       | 30 9 0                   | 190 9 0                          | 4,642 12 11 |
| Hawke's Bay .. ..     | 108 15 0                       | 147 15 7                     | 2,750 0 0                   | 634 8 3                       | ..                       | 3,515 13 7                       | 7,156 12 5  |
| Marlborough .. ..     | 25 14 5                        | 1 18 0                       | 150 0 0                     | 497 6 8                       | ..                       | 236 10 1                         | 911 9 2     |
| Nelson .. ..          | 50 14 6                        | 41 12 6                      | 1,000 0 0                   | 288 0 0                       | ..                       | 56 9 10                          | 1,436 16 10 |
| Westland .. ..        | 31 12 8                        | 80 14 0                      | ..                          | 400 0 0                       | ..                       | 299 3 9                          | 811 10 5    |
| Canterbury .. ..      | 549 2 8                        | 287 3 5                      | 15,800 0 0                  | ..                            | ..                       | 950 17 10                        | 17,587 3 11 |
| Otago .. ..           | 873 9 7                        | 480 1 5                      | 13,658 0 3                  | 560 12 0                      | 6,731 3 11               | 11,100 14 0                      | 33,404 1 2  |
| Totals for 1900 ..    | 2,371 9 3                      | 2,038 15 6                   | 41,258 0 3                  | 3,930 6 11                    | 6,930 3 8                | 18,732 11 7                      | 75,261 7 2  |
| Totals for 1899 ..    | 2,394 6 0                      | 2,613 9 5                    | 40,354 18 10                | 4,016 7 10                    | 5,684 6 8                | 19,795 4 4                       | 74,858 13 1 |

| Provincial Districts. | Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1900. |                      |               |                                 |                    |                    |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                       | Balances of Accounts.                        | Arrears of Rent due. | Total Assets. | Amounts due to Capital Account. | Other Liabilities. | Balance of Assets. |
|                       | £ s. d.                                      | £ s. d.              | £ s. d.       | £ s. d.                         | £ s. d.            | £ s. d.            |
| Auckland .. ..        | 1,666 6 11                                   | 1,399 14 7           | 3,066 1 6     | 1,537 11 2                      | 43 16 0            | 1,484 14 4         |
| Taranaki .. ..        | 716 6 7                                      | 377 0 2              | 1,093 6 9     | 237 3 7                         | ..                 | 856 3 2            |
| Wellington .. ..      | 190 9 0                                      | 38 10 11             | 228 19 11     | 88 13 2                         | ..                 | 140 6 9            |
| Hawke's Bay .. ..     | 3,515 13 7                                   | 474 16 4             | 3,990 9 11    | 3,160 6 1                       | ..                 | 830 3 10           |
| Marlborough .. ..     | 236 10 1                                     | 109 11 0             | 346 1 1       | ..                              | ..                 | 346 1 1            |
| Nelson .. ..          | 56 9 10                                      | 292 2 8              | 348 12 6      | ..                              | ..                 | 348 12 6           |
| Westland .. ..        | 299 3 9                                      | 31 8 3               | 330 12 0      | ..                              | ..                 | 330 12 0           |
| Canterbury .. ..      | 950 17 10                                    | 2,450 9 11           | 3,401 7 9     | 251 15 11                       | 45 0 0             | 3,104 11 10        |
| Otago .. ..           | 43,336 12 8                                  | 4,897 15 4           | 48,234 8 0    | 39,886 4 8                      | 2,917 18 0         | 5,430 5 4          |
| Totals for 1900 ..    | 50,968 10 3                                  | 10,071 9 2           | 61,039 19 5   | 45,161 14 7                     | 3,006 14 0         | 12,871 10 10       |
| Totals for 1899 ..    | 48,034 11 2                                  | 11,052 17 7          | 59,087 8 9    | 45,239 12 1                     | 1,611 17 2         | 12,235 19 6        |

The payments made to Education Boards out of the proceeds from education reserves in 1900 amounted to £41,258 0s. 3d. The revenues of the Boards are not, however, increased thereby, as equal amounts are deducted from the capitation grants due to the Boards. The payments for secondary education from reserves under the control of the School Commissioners amounted to £3,930 16s. 11d.

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

The number of Maori village schools in operation at the end of 1900 was eighty-nine, one more than the number open in December, 1899. The number of children on the rolls of these schools as on the 31st December, 1900, was 3,109, or forty-four more than at the end of the previous year. The average weekly roll-number for 1900 was almost identical with that for 1899, the excess for the former year being less than two. Regularity of attendance declined from 77·95 per cent. in 1899 to 76·8 per cent. in 1900. In 1898 it was 79·5 per cent. The number of predominantly Maori children attending Maori village schools, as at the end of 1900, was 2,482, compared with 2,451 for 1899. The corresponding numbers for half-castes and children predominantly European were, for 1900, 280 and 347 respectively; for 1899 the numbers were 302 and 312 respectively. The principal change, then, in the matter of race is that the ratio of half-castes to Maoris has sensibly diminished, as has that of half-castes to Europeans.

Of the new schools opened, two seem likely to be very successful. One of these is at Touwai, a few miles from Whangaroa, and the other is at Tapuae-haruru, at the head of Lake Rotoiti. Touwai provides school accommodation for an interesting settlement in the middle of a considerable gum district; Tapuae-haruru depends on the population scattered round those portions of Lake Rotoiti that are somewhat remote from Lake Rotorua. The other schools opened in 1900 are at Okoha, Pelorus Sound, an assisted school; at Paparore, near the Awanui, Mangonui, an experimental school; and at Tapuwae, near Motukaraka, Hokianga, a half-time school. At the beginning of the current year two schools