

The following amounts were paid during the year on account of the subsidies granted for resident medical officers in outlying districts :—

District.	Annual Subsidy.	Amount paid, 1902-3.
Whangaroa : Comprises practically the Whangaroa County (Dr. Scott resident)	£ 25	£ s. d. 12 10 0
Kaitaia : Portion of the County of Mongonui, extending as far as Herekino (Dr. Reekie resident). (Also £50 from Justice Department for Maoris)	50	13 12 3
Waimarino : The County of Waimarino, with Raetihi as a centre (Dr. Gardner resident)	75	93 15 0
Tinui : Generally the County of Castlepoint, with Tinui as a centre (Dr. Hunter resident)	50	...
Wanaka : Portions of the Counties of Lake and Vincent, with Pembroke as a centre. The residents have not been able to obtain the services of a doctor	100	...
Catlin's : The southern portion of the County of Clutha, with Owaka as headquarters. The district is very scattered, and it is difficult to get a doctor to reside. Dr. Sale accepted the district and resided for six months, to August, 1901. Neither the residents nor the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Dunedin have been able to secure the services of another. The nearest doctor is at Balclutha, twenty miles distant	150	...
Cromarty : Portion of the Fiord County around Preservation Inlet, with Te Oneroa as a centre (Dr. Fox resident)	50	25 0 0
Total	500	144 17 3

AUDIT.

Mr. W. G. Runcie, the Auditor of Land Revenue, reports that the gross receipts are ranged under the following heads :—

	£	s.	d.
Territorial revenue	252,277	15	1
Land for settlements	110,632	8	8
Cheviot Estate	14,609	9	9
State forests	3,870	14	10
North Island Main Trunk Railway	9,396	14	7
Thermal springs	77	4	9
Rotorua Town Council	1,846	2	0
Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth	1,631	17	10
Crown-grant fees	804	1	6
Lands and Survey vote	1,713	19	9
Native townships	702	2	10
Mining Districts Land Occupation Act	911	10	9
Miscellaneous	1,550	6	7
Government Loans to Local Bodies Act	28,301	7	4
Endowments	20,053	19	9
Total	£448,379	16	0

The Auditor states,—

The total receipts for the year represent an increase upon last year's of £21,241 1s. 5d., notwithstanding that the Hanmer Plains Sanatorium and Mount Cook Hermitage collections are not accounted for by Receivers of Land Revenue now. Attached to this report I give a comparative table which shows in which items the increases and decreases have occurred. In previous annual reports I have expressed the opinion that, on account of the gradual extinction of deferred-payment holdings and the making freehold of perpetual leases, the territorial revenue would diminish yearly for some time to come.