

on the rolls of the schools at the end of 1903 was 89, and the average attendance 69. The total expenditure was £682 15s. 9d., made up as follows: Salaries and allowances of teachers, £530 3s. 6d.; school furniture, requisites, &c., £69 7s. 10d.; passage-money of teachers and families, £5 7s. 9d.; inspection, £23 6s. 8d.; scholarships, £54 10s. All these schools are now conducted as public schools, and the teachers are paid at colonial-scale rates with a small addition to the salary to compensate for the isolation and the greater cost of living. At the principal school, Te One, the children were being taught in a temporary building, the old one being far too small to accommodate them. A new two-roomed building to accommodate about seventy children has now been erected.

As it was impossible to find a teacher who would undertake to teach both the southern schools, distant some fifteen miles apart, the school at Ouenga was without a teacher for the latter part of the year. The parents of the children had, however, carried on the instruction, and the examination by the Inspector showed that they had been satisfactorily taught.

The pupil-teachers appointed last year are giving satisfaction. They were examined in practical and theoretical work at the end of the year, and have both been promoted to be second-year pupil-teachers. The plan of taking local applicants for these positions has so far been successful. The schools were examined in January of this year (1904). The Inspector's reports show that there has been a steady increase in efficiency all round; indeed, that much of the work was excellent and compares very favourably with that of children in New Zealand schools.

A special scholarship provided for the European children of the Islands is at present held by a boy at Nelson College. The ordinary Native-schools scholarships are available for the Maori children, and there are at present two girls and one boy holding such scholarships at Hukarere and Te Aute respectively.

EDUCATION RESERVES.

Table I. is a summary of the accounts of the School Commissioners, which are given in full in the Appendix.

TABLE I.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Provincial Districts.	Income for the Year 1903.						
	Balances on 1st January, 1903.	Receipts during Year.				Total Income.	
		Primary Reserves.	Secondary Reserves.	Investments, &c.	Deposits.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland ..	154 19 3	3,458 0 7	787 13 7	101 19 6	87 11 0	4,590 3 11	
Taranaki ..	618 1 11	3,152 2 3	495 13 4	6 16 7	..	4,272 13 1	
Wellington..	496 11 3	4,561 6 10	773 18 4	119 8 9	..	5,951 5 2	
Hawke's Bay	2,405 2 5	3,326 6 8	798 19 2	48 3 7	..	6,578 11 10	
Marlborough	161 10 6	251 5 6	38 15 0	..	..	451 11 0	
Nelson ..	46 13 6	785 14 6	325 17 9	..	..	1,158 5 9	
Westland ..	206 10 8	67 0 0	213 4 6	..	..	486 15 2	
Canterbury..	2,368 13 6	18,201 16 8	..	4 17 9	..	20,575 7 11	
Otago ..	2,237 12 8	12,407 19 3	699 1 7	4,203 1 3	..	19,597 14 9	
Totals for 1903..	8,745 15 8	46,211 12 3	4,133 3 3	4,484 6 5	87 11 0	63,662 8 7	
Totals for 1902..	12,925 2 7	45,364 18 7	4,388 12 4	8,340 18 1	89 9 0	71,109 0 7	

Provincial Districts.	Expenditure for the Year 1903.						
	Office Expenses and Salaries.	Other Expenses of Management	Paid for Primary Education.	Paid for Secondary Education.	Investments and Refunds.	Balances on 31st December, 1903.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ..	175 19 0	364 8 8	3,135 0 0	521 14 11	105 0 0	288 1 4	4,590 3 11
Taranaki ..	154 1 3	245 14 9	3,000 0 0	300 0 0	38 14 0	534 3 1	4,272 13 1
Wellington..	416 7 11	215 4 0	4,250 0 0	500 0 0	..	569 13 3	5,951 5 2
Hawke's Bay	108 9 1	543 15 1	2,900 0 0	670 11 1	..	2,355 16 7	6,578 11 10
Marlborough	25 8 0	3 13 0	300 0 0	50 0 0	..	72 10 0	451 11 0
Nelson ..	57 2 6	15 16 6	750 0 0	283 0 0	..	47 6 9	1,158 5 9
Westland ..	26 15 0	51 5 0	..	300 0 0	..	108 15 2	486 15 2
Canterbury..	563 19 1	125 17 2	17,500 0 0	..	..	2,385 11 8	20,575 7 11
Otago ..	840 14 8	796 15 4	12,927 15 11	689 15 4	2,754 8 6	1,583 5 0	19,597 14 9
Totals for 1903..	2,368 16 6	2,362 9 6	44,762 15 11	3,320 1 4	2,898 2 6	7,950 2 10	63,662 8 7
Totals for 1902..	2,320 12 5	2,099 3 9	43,325 19 4	4,048 12 1	10,832 9 0	8,482 4 0	71,109 0 7