

Shortly after the end of March the Chairman of the Board, Mr. G. S. Bridge, died after a long illness, and the Board desires to place on record here its high appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the cause of education, no trouble being too great and no time too long for him to devote to the work he had so much at heart. His death created an extraordinary vacancy, but as there was no provision in the Act for an election, no steps were taken in the matter.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CARSON, Secretary.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year—				Staff salaries and clerical assistance ..	1,679	17	1
On General Account	1,333	11	1	Office contingencies	964	0	6
On Building Account	41	18	5	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and			
Grants from Government for—				allowances to pupil-teachers	39,930	2	11
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and				Relieving-teachers' salaries	252	12	10
allowances to pupil-teachers	37,332	8	6	Incidental expenses of schools	2,886	7	4
Reserves revenue for primary education	2,866	2	6	Truant inspection	259	6	8
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	6,248	4	6	Board Fund—			
Capitation for relieving-teachers	266	12	0	Teachers' salaries	143	2	9
Other grants—				House allowance	9	4	7
For School Committees	392	3	6	Teachers' bonus	9	0	0
Receipts from other sources—				Training of teachers	241	0	5
Fees, teachers' classes	35	6	3	Scholarships and expenses of examination	770	10	3
Truant inspection, Court fines	91	19	0	Salaries of staffs of district high schools ..	1,197	17	0
Grants from Government for—				Other expenses—			
Scholarships	780	0	11	Marton District High School: Amount			
District high schools	1,096	15	0	of voluntary contributions, £34; sub-			
Receipts from other sources—				sidy thereon, £34	68	0	0
District high school fees	31	15	0	Hawera District High School Science			
Subsidy on voluntary contributions	34	0	0	Scholarships	35	0	0
Voluntary contributions	34	0	0	Manual and technical instruction—			
Grants from Government for—				School classes	1,092	10	4
Capitation (general and scholarship) ..	1,641	7	2	Special classes	1,751	0	6
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and				Other expenses—			
bequests	9	4	0	Office salaries	5	0	0
Receipts from other sources—				Scholarships	36	17	6
Fees	657	2	4	Fire insurance	10	9	6
Bequests	350	0	0	Prizes	11	12	11
Voluntary contributions	91	0	6	Examination expenses	5	0	0
Refund	10	1	9	Fee refunded	0	7	6
Examination fees	1	7	6	General maintenance of school buildings—			
Material sold	22	16	6	Repairs, repainting, &c. (including fire			
Capitation from Palmerston North High				insurance)	1,948	1	5
School Board	64	10	0	Rebuilding	373	19	5
Grants from Government for—				Alterations and small additions	795	17	7
Maintenance of buildings, rebuilding, &c.	2,048	0	0	House allowances	1,480	17	6
House allowances	1,490	19	0	Rents of buildings and site	80	13	0
New schools, additions, furniture, &c. ..	2,378	4	10	New schools, additions, furniture, sites,			
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c.	481	17	11	&c.	4,159	10	0
Other receipts—				Buildings, class rooms, furniture, &c., for			
Proceeds of sale of sites	128	3	1	manual and technical purposes—			
Rent of sites let	55	13	6	School classes	33	8	3
Material sold	2	0	0	Special classes	1,329	12	0
Rent of buildings let	19	3	4				
Donation towards purchase of site	23	6	8				
Balance at end of year	1,501	5	0				
	£61,560	19	9		£61,560	19	9

FRED. PIRANI, Chairman.

W. J. CARSON, Secretary.

19th July, 1906.

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Education Board Office, Wellington, 31st March, 1906.

In accordance with the provisions of "The Education Act, 1904," I beg to submit the following report of the proceedings of the Wellington Board of Education for the year 1905.

BOARD.—Until the annual election the Board was composed of Messrs. R. Lee (Chairman), W. Allan, E. Feist, W. C. Buchanan, M.H.R., W. H. Field, M.H.R., A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., J. Kebbell, J. Robertson, and T. W. McDonald. Of these Messrs. Lee, Buchanan, and J. Robertson retired by effluxion of time. To the regret of the Board and Committees generally, the last-mentioned, after nine years' faithful service, found it necessary for business reasons not to seek re-election. Messrs. Lee and Buchanan were re-elected, and Mr. A. H. Vile, who, it is worthy of note, was trained in our own schools, was elected to the seat vacated by Mr. Robertson. At the first meeting of the new Board Mr. R. Lee, who was absent on a visit to Great Britain, was unanimously re-elected Chairman. During the absence of Mr. Lee in England Mr. James Robertson acted in the capacity of Chairman until his retirement in July, and from that time until Mr. Lee's return Mr. W. Allan acted in that capacity. Both of these gentlemen gave much attention to the onerous duties they were called on to perform, and the Board has placed on record its appreciation of their services. On expiration of his term of office as Board's representative School Commissioner, Mr. J. R. Blair, who had announced his intention of retiring, consented, at the Board's special request, to accept appointment for a further term. The Board's representatives on the Wellington Technical Education Board were Messrs. Lee, Allan, and McDonald, Mr. J. Robertson being subsequently appointed in place of the first mentioned, on his resigning to visit England.