

To sum up, for many years the Boards have been receiving large grants of money for the maintenance of school buildings; for the last four years these grants have been specially earmarked for repairs and for the rebuilding of worn-out schools. Presumably, about half the amount of the grants has been used for repairs, and a few schools have been rebuilt; but the unspent balance of the grants, according to the accounts of the Boards, should show nearly £70,000 now available to meet the cost of rebuilding a large number of schools which must, in the interests of health and efficiency, be soon replaced. Owing to neglect of the conditions on which the grants were given, or to other causes not easily traced, about £62,000 of this reserve fund has disappeared, leaving only £7,000 in hand to meet an imminent necessary expenditure of ten times that amount. The position is one that calls for serious consideration.

EDUCATION RESERVES.

Table G1 is a summary of the accounts of the School Commissioners, which are given in full in the Appendix.

TABLE G1.—SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Provincial Districts.	Income for the Year 1907.									
	Balances on 1st January, 1907.		Receipts during Year.						Total.	
			Primary Reserves.		Secondary Reserves.		Investments and Deposits.		Sundries.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	141	15 10	4,693	7 1	1,036	18 3	149	4 5	2	0 0
Taranaki ..	1,651	5 9	3,093	11 11	383	19 3	24	11 11	165	6 0
Wellington..	679	1 0	6,356	9 5	965	5 2	80	2 6	34	18 0
Hawke's Bay	757	14 2	3,998	2 6	1,020	10 2	17	13 9	271	17 6
Marlborough	114	18 6	269	0 0	36	10 0	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	170	5 5	911	8 4	372	9 8	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	96	13 2	178	3 9	176	14 2	..	..	..	..
Canterbury..	2,560	16 5	19,108	17 4	..	..	8	6 9	..	..
Otago ..	7,327	5 0	13,597	10 6	927	4 9	2,428	16 11	4,601	11 0
Totals for 1907..	13,499	15 3	52,206	10 10	4,919	11 5	2,708	16 3	5,075	12 6
Totals for 1906..	7,394	13 3	49,628	15 11	4,401	12 5	7,222	4 7	1,512	13 9
Provincial Districts.	Expenditure for the Year 1907.									
	Office Expenses and Salaries.		Other Expenses of Management		Paid for Primary Education.		Paid for Secondary Education.		Investments and Refunds.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	183	9 0	429	4 9	3,828	0 0	852	10 6	158	3 0
Taranaki ..	162	7 6	442	11 0	2,100	0 0	300	0 0	211	3 11
Wellington..	416	12 10	154	1 3	5,800	0 0	800	0 0	..	..
Hawke's Bay	136	10 0	197	13 4	3,650	0 0	942	0 0	..	..
Marlborough	25	0 0	6	3 0	240	0 0	..	..	30	0 0
Nelson ..	54	6 4	26	1 6	749	12 0	290	0 0	..	..
Westland ..	44	11 10	71	7 7	..	..	200	0 0	..	..
Canterbury	554	2 6	29	10	618,000	0 0	..	..	104	14 10
Otago ..	631	13 1	1,831	8 0	13,017	12 8	969	3 18	18,191	5 0
Totals for 1907..	2,208	13 1	3,168	0 11	47,385	4 84	3,853	13 7	8,695	6 9
Totals for 1906..	2,374	7 1	2,343	9 94	47,406	2 113	3,700	15 9	835	9 2
Provincial Districts.	Assets and Liabilities, 31st December, 1907.									
	Balances of Accounts.		Arrears of Rent and Interest due.		Total Assets.		Amounts due to Capital Account.		Other Liabilities.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland ..	657	10 2	1,078	12 11	1,736	3 1	..	..	18	10 0
Taranaki ..	2,112	13 5	1,065	17 4	3,178	10 9	..	..	23	8 11
Wellington ..	975	2 0	135	5 2	1,110	7 2	532	4 1	10	0 0
Hawke's Bay	1,234	14 9	334	14 10	1,569	9 7	685	4 6	145	0 0
Marlborough	119	5 6	142	18 6	262	4 0	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	334	3 7	362	2 11	696	6 6	..	..	..	..
Westland ..	135	11 8	128	11 3	264	2 11	..	..	..	..
Canterbury ..	2,989	12 8	1,978	12 1	4,968	4 9	278	10 7	45	0 0
Otago ..	43,908	18 0	2,954	14 4	46,863	12 4	..	..	456	5 3
Totals for 1907	52,467	11 9	8,181	9 4	60,649	1 1	1,495	19 2	698	4 2
Totals for 1906	50,660	8 5	8,739	14 10	59,400	3 3	784	16 7	619	6 3