

The payments made to Education Boards for primary education out of the proceeds from education reserves in 1907 amounted to £47,385 4s. 8d., as compared with £47,406 2s. 11d. for the previous year. The revenues of the Boards are not, however, increased thereby, as equal amounts are deducted from the grants otherwise payable by the Government. The payments for primary education were distributed among the several Education Boards as follows: Auckland, £3,588 15s.; Taranaki, £1,424 3s. 6d.; Wanganui, £2,725 3s. 2d.; Wellington, £3,750 13s. 4d.; Hawke's Bay, £3,889 5s.; Marlborough, £240; Nelson, £635 4s.; Grey, £88; North Canterbury, £14,586 3s.; South Canterbury, £3,440 5s.; Otago, £9,196 10s. 7d.; Southland, £3,821 2s. 1d. The payments for secondary education from reserves under the control of the School Commissioners amounted to £4,353 13s. 7d., as compared with £3,700 15s. 9d. for 1906. This money is distributed by the Commissioners among the governing bodies of secondary schools in the provincial district in proportion to the number of pupils in average attendance at these secondary schools, exclusive of those in any preparatory department.

TABLE G2.—INCOME AND COST OF ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Provincial District.					Total Income for the Ten Years 1898-1907 inclusive.	Cost of Administration for the Ten Years 1898-1907.	Cost of Administration Per Cent. of Income.
					£	£	£
Auckland	..	..	..	..	44,681	3,542	7·93
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	34,948	4,124	11·80
Wellington	..	..	..	..	54,311	4,786	8·81
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	43,759	2,846	6·50
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	3,366	303	9·00
Nelson	..	..	..	..	12,466	807	6·47
Westland	..	..	..	..	3,673	992	27·01
Canterbury	..	..	..	..	177,277	6,207	3·50
Otago	..	..	..	..	197,638	15,091	7·64
Totals for 1898-1907 ..					572,119	38,698	6·76
Totals for 1897-1906 ..					556,071	38,212	6·87

Table G2 shows the total income from education reserves for the ten years, 1898-1907, and the cost of administration by the School Commissioners for the same period. In comparing these figures with those for 1897-1906, published in last year's report, it will be seen that the total income amounted in the last ten years to £572,119, as against £556,071 for 1897-1906, an increase of £16,048. The percentage of cost of administration shows a slight decrease, 6·76, as compared with 6·87. It may be noted, however, that in Westland more than a quarter of the total income for the last ten years has been absorbed by the expenses of administration.

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Although the powers of an Education Board in prescribing the school-books to be used in the district under its control are limited by the provisions of an Order in Council, considerable diversity nevertheless exists in the text-books used in the several districts, and parents have complained that removal from one education district to another, and even from one school to another, frequently involves the purchase of an entirely new set of school-books. In order to alleviate such a hardship, and with a view to relieving parents generally of part of the cost of providing books, it was decided in 1906 that the Department should publish a *School Journal* for free distribution to schools.

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