

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	527	16	3	Staff salaries and clerical assistance	555	8	4
Grants from Government for—					Office contingencies	247	14	8
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	7,846	11	11	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	8,067	18	6
Reserves revenue for primary education	200	0	0	Relieving-teachers' salaries	31	18	6
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers	45	19	4	Training of teachers other than at training colleges	181	6	7
Capitation at 11s. 3d. and grant of £250	1,285	2	0	Conveyance and board of school children	35	8	0
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	66	9	9	Special capitation to School Committees	66	9	9
Training of teachers other than at training colleges	175	8	10	Incidental expenses of schools	562	4	10
Conveyance and board of school-children	23	0	6	Truancy	48	18	10
Receipts from other sources—					Allowance to scholarship-holders and expenses of examination—				
Truancy fines	2	19	6	Board scholarships	163	10	0
Sale of stationery	0	12	0	National Scholarships	75	0	0
Grants from Government for Scholarships—					Manual and technical—				
Education Board	160	9	6	School classes	292	10	5
National	75	0	0	Special classes	124	11	8
Receipts from other sources—Refund of Education Board scholarship allowance	1	0	0	Maintenance of school buildings—				
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—					Alterations, small additions, repairs, repainting, &c.	1,061	10	0
Capitation—					Rebuilding	112	17	6
On school classes	291	0	0	Rent	76	0	0
On special classes	67	11	6	House allowances	170	8	4
On account of free places	3	19	3	New school buildings, additional classrooms, furniture, sites, &c.	568	4	3
Receipts from other sources, manual and technical—					Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—				
Fees	35	16	8	School classes	23	18	6
Voluntary contributions	10	0	0	Special classes	5	5	6
Sale of goods	5	11	2	Balance at end of year	679	16	11
Grants from Government for—									
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding, rents, sites, &c.	1,398	10	0					
House allowances	179	7	11					
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	692	19	0					
Technical-school buildings, furniture, fittings, apparatus, &c.	4	10	0					
Other receipts—									
Rents from school-sites	9	11	0					
Miscellaneous—Sale of material, &c.	20	5	9					
Interest from Post-Office Savings-Bank	21	9	3					
		£13,151	1	1			£13,151	1	1

R. McCALLUM, Chairman.
E. HYLTON, Secretary and Treasurer.

SIR,—

I have the honour to lay before you the report of the proceedings of the Nelson Education Board for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

THE BOARD.—The members of the Board are: Messrs. A. T. Maginnity (Chairman), W. Lock, F. W. O. Smith, W. N. Franklyn, J. D. Beuke, T. J. Baigent, G. B. Shepherd, J. L. Munson, and J. W. Fair. Mr. T. Bailie, of Westport, who rendered valuable service as a member for a number of years, did not seek re-election in August last, and his place was filled by the election of Mr. J. W. Fair. At the annual meeting Mr. Maginnity was again re-elected Chairman.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.—During the year twenty-five meetings were held, the average attendance at each meeting being 7·5.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.—In this district 110 schools were in operation during the year. Included in this number, however, are forty-two household or Grade 0 schools, with a total average attendance of 270. Difficulty is found in securing competent persons willing to undertake the teachership of household schools, which are principally situated in the more isolated parts of the educational district. It is pleasing to record the interest shown by backblock settlers in taking advantage of the provision for the establishment of household schools, and thus securing all the education it is possible to obtain for their children; and the Board, by requiring the fulfilment of lenient but equitable conditions, believes that its endeavours to meet the various requests for the establishment of household schools have met with approval. During the year seven schools were closed, while five others were opened.