creased to £38 14s. 6d. This account cannot be allowed to encroach on the funds devoted to administration, and consideration will be given to render the former self-supporting. The Manual and Technical Account shows a small credit balance. "School" classes are largely in debt, but amounts still due will reduce the deficit.

As the full amount allotted for the maintenance of buildings for 1908 was received during the year, in addition to part of the previous vote, the receipts in the Building Fund are larger than usual. The result (excluding contractors' deposits) is a credit balance, £832 7s. 5d. Towards the end of the year grants totalling £650 were promised for the rebuilding of the teacher's residence, Hokitika, and of the school building at Jackson, the latter having been destroyed by fire. The contracts for re-erection were let in December. During the year £128 has been expended in renewing desks by the supply of those in dual form.

Authority was received to supply free text-books to the junior pupils of the schools, and the Board has authorised the teachers to obtain the necessary copies in accordance with the instructions

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The Hon. the Minister of Education. George Perry, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	đ.
Grants from Government for—				Balance at beginning of year	134	19	9
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and				Staff salaries and clerical assistance	435	0	0
allowances to pupil-teachers	4,230	15	1	Office contingencies	199	2	10
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers		13	2	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and			
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	759	10	0	allowances to pupil-teachers	4,250	3	3
Special capitation at 9d. for School Com-	•	_	-	Relieving-teachers' salaries		13	
mittees	33	17	3	Conveyance and board of school-children		10	
Training of teachers other than at train-			•	Special capitation to School Committees	33		
ing colleges	195	0	0	Incidental expenses of schools	169		
Conveyance and board of school-children		10		Rents of residences (paid to teachers)		2	
Defend of mentage		10		Allowance to scholarship-holders and ex-		-	•
Receipts from other sources—Rent of re-	·	10	•	penses of examination—			
sidences and reserves	19	11	Λ	Board scholarships	50	0	Λ
Grants from Government for—	10		٠	National Scholarships	40		ő
				Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries	40	U	U
Scholarships— Education Board	50	0	Λ	of head teachers on staffs of district high			
		10			460	^	^
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District high schools—Salaries of teachers	312	19	4		10	U	0
Receipts from other sources for district				Manual and technical—		٠,	0
high schools — Hokitika High School	105	0	_	School classes		14	
Board	125	0	U	Special classes	208	2	3
Grants from Government for manual and				Maintenance of school buildings—	•		
technical instruction—			_	Alterations, small additions, repairs, re-	~~ -	4.0	_
Capitation on all classes		3		painting, &c	857		
Material for class-work	5	14	10	Rebuilding		16	
Receipts from other sources, manual and				Rent		8	
technical — Fees, £31 12s.; sales, £8				House allowances		7	1
14s. 6d	40	6	6	New school buildings, additional class-rooms,			
Grants from Government for—				furniture, sites, &c	1	10	0
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuild-				Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for			
	1,748			manual and technical purposes-			
House allowances	81	9	7	General purposes		11	
New school buildings, additions, furni-				Denoticialses		12	
ture, sites, &c	165	0	0	Special classes		0	
Technical-school buildings, furniture,				Balance at end of year	913	4	2
fittings, apparatus, &c	7	10	0				
Other receipts—					£8,001	17	7
Rifle range, Hokitika	15	0	0				_
Sale of old buildings	49	5	0				
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-	£8,001	17	7				

13th February, 1909.

GEORGE PERRY, Chairman. A. J. Morton, Secretary.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Sir,—

I have the honour to present the following report of the proceedings of the Education Board of the District of North Canterbury for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The Board.—The members whose term of office expired under the provisions of the Act were Mr. Adams, Mr. Peryman, and Mr. Rowe (representing the North, South, and Central Wards respectively). Mr. Rowe did not offer himself for re-election. At an election held on the 27th July Mr. Adams and Mr. Peryman were re-elected for their respective wards, the former being unopposed. Mr. C. H. A. T. Opie was elected to represent the Central Ward. At the Board's annual meeting, held on the 9th September, Mr. Hardy was elected Chairman. The Board met fourteen times during the year, the Buildings Committee seventeen times, the Appointments Committee twenty-eight times, and the Normal School and Technical Committee fourteen times,