

15. I take it that it reads like this: "To the Board of each road district . . . if the Counties Act is not in full force . . . When the general rates actually collected by the Road Board in the road district do not exceed a total sum of £500, then a sum equal to 10s. for every £1 of such rates"—Yes.
16. Now I may explain that this has governed the payment of the subsidy to the road districts for many years?—Irrespective of paragraph 4?
17. Yes?—Well, I cannot reason in that way. It seems to me that paragraph 4 covers the whole.
18. Then you think that, where the Counties Act is suspended and the local government is carried out by Road Boards, if the subsidies paid have exceeded £2,500, such subsidies have not been legally paid—they have been paid in excess?—I think so.

JOHN P. DUGDALE, Inspecting Valuer, Valuation Department, examined. (No. 6.)

1. *The Chairman.*] You understand what you have been asked to supply, Mr. Dugdale?—I have a summary here, which I will leave with you. The Manukau County has about twenty-seven separate Road Boards. In the year 1907–8 the twenty-seven Road Boards received £3,252 15s. 6d. That was under the old Act. The Appropriation Act for 1908–9 enacted that the maximum should be £2,500. If in the year 1908–9 Manukau had been treated as in the previous year they would have received £3,522 16s. 1d.
2. *Mr. Fraser.*] What did they get?—£2,500. Those are the figures in connection with Manukau for the two years. There was a reference also, I understand, to Ashley County. Ashley County for the year 1907–8 received £2,804 1s. 9d. If they had been in the same position for the year 1908–9 they would have got £2,957 11s. 10d.
3. *Mr. Laurenson.*] How many Road Boards are there in Ashley?—Eight. In that year, 1908–9, they received the £2,500.
4. *The Chairman.*] That is your statement?—Yes. I can leave the details showing how the figures are made up. [Document handed in.\*]
5. *Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.*] Can you tell the Committee what amount the Road Boards in the district of Manukau received for the year prior to 1907–8?—No, I have not got the figures here. I could get them from our records.
6. *Mr. Massey.*] Is not the County of Eden in the same position as Ashley and Manukau?—Yes, sir.
7. You have not prepared the figures?—No, but I know what the increase would be, assuming you placed it in the same position as it was in the year before last.

\* MANUKAU COUNTY.

Part of County: Road Board.	Rates collected, 1907–8.	Subsidy.	Reduced to Maximum payable.	Advance.	Balance, Amount pay- able to Road Board.
<i>Particulars of Payment of Subsidy to Road Boards, 1907–8.</i>					
Awhitu (1½d. U.V. reduced to ¾d. C.V.)	£ 155 s. 5 d. 2	£ 76 s. 12 d. 7	..	£ 55 s. 2 d. 6	£ 21 s. 10 d. 1
Drury (¾d.) .. ..	225 7 3	112 13 7	..	67 10 0	45 3 7
East Tamaki (½d.) .. ..	348 18 7	174 9 3	..	130 10 0	43 19 3
Howick Township (¾d.) .. ..	77 11 4	38 15 8	..	28 10 0	10 5 8
Hunua (2¾d. U.V. reduced to ¾d. C.V.)	130 1 6	65 0 9	..	..	65 0 9
Karaka (¾d.) .. ..	240 14 7	120 7 3	..	..	120 7 3
Mangare (½d.) .. ..	670 13 11	250 0 0	..	..	250 0 0
Manurewa (½d.) .. ..	114 5 9	57 2 10	..	43 2 6	14 0 4
Maraetai (1d. U.V. less than ¾d. C.V.)	55 10 11	27 15 5	..	20 5 0	7 10 5
Mauku (½d. and 1d. reduced to ¾d.)	247 14 9	123 17 4	..	..	123 17 4
Maungatawhiri (½d.) .. ..	76 13 6	38 6 9	..	..	38 6 9
Mercer (¾d.) .. ..	57 16 0	28 18 0	..	..	28 18 0
Oraheke (1d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	186 10 3	93 5 1	..	..	93 5 1
Otahuhu (1d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	471 15 4	235 17 8	..	..	235 17 8
Pakuranga (1d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	258 15 10	129 7 11	..	95 12 6	33 15 5
Papakura (1½d. U.V. reduced to ¾d. C.V.)	209 2 10	104 11 5	..	82 10 0	22 1 5
Paparata (¾d.) .. ..	179 4 10	89 12 5	..	..	89 12 5
Paparoa (¾d.) .. ..	116 16 11	58 8 5	..	43 2 6	15 5 11
Papatoitoi (¼d.) .. ..	185 11 2	92 15 7	..	..	92 15 7
Pokeno (1d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	135 4 3	67 12 1	..	48 7 6	19 4 7
Pollock Settlement (1d. reduced to ¾d.)	52 14 9	26 7 4	..	..	26 7 4
Pukekohe East (1d. reduced to ¾d.)	502 0 1	250 0 0	..	..	250 0 0
Pukekohe West (¾d.) .. ..	535 11 6	250 0 0	..	..	250 0 0
Turanga (¾d.) .. ..	120 3 1	60 1 6	..	45 0 0	15 1 6
Wairoa (1½d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	420 5 10	210 2 11	..	157 10 0	52 12 11
Waipipi (¾d.) .. ..	611 2 5	250 0 0	..	187 10 0	62 10 0
Waiuku (¾d. reduced to ¾d.) .. ..	441 7 6	220 13 9	..	..	220 13 9
	6,826 19 10	3,252 15 6	..	1,004 12 6	2,248 3 0