

CANTERBURY.

SIR,—

Government Buildings, Christchurch, 21st January, 1911.

In accordance with Order in Council of date 17th September, 1878, I have the honour to forward the report of the School Commissioners for the Canterbury Provincial District for the year ending 31st December, 1910, together with a copy of its accounts duly audited.

The total area of the primary-education estate under lease on the 31st December, 1910, was 67,161 acres, producing an annual rent of £19,739 15s. 8d. Of this area, 23,315 acres is contained in what is known as Pastoral Run No. 5.

Of the £1,219 18s. 3d. received at the end of 1908 from the sale of Opawa Township sections, Albury, £1,200 was invested on mortgage for three years from 16th February, 1909, at 5½ per cent., and the balance was added to the School Commissioners' fixed deposit with the Bank of New Zealand, which has been renewed for one year from 23rd December, 1910.

During the year the lease of only one reserve fell in, and that was relet by public tender for thirteen years and eleven months from the 1st May, 1910.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

JOHN RENNIE, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1910.

	Primary.			Total.		
<i>Receipts.</i>						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought down from 31st December, 1909	...	...	...	3,221	2	10
Arrears of rent from last account collected	...	...	...	1,807	7	4
Moneys payable within the year 1910, and collected—						
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st May, 1910	9,908	5	3			
On account of half-year's rent payable in advance on the 1st November, 1910	8,338	5	5			
				18,246	10	8
Other receipts—						
Bank of New Zealand: Interest on £298 8s. 10d. placed on deposit for one year (see statement of 31st December, 1909)	...	...	...	10	8	7
One year's interest on mortgage for £1,200, to 16th August, 1910	...	...	...	66	0	0
Total receipts	...	...	...	23,351	9	5
<i>Expenditure.</i>						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Office expenses and management—						
Salary of steward (inclusive of all travelling-expenses)	540	0	0			
Stationery and postage	7	15	0			
Fuel	2	3	4			
School Commissioners' railage and expenses	15	13	0			
Bank exchange on remittances to South Canterbury Education Board	4	12	3			
Bank exchange on cheques	0	14	10			
Expenses of leasing—				570	18	5
Advertising and printing	3	13	6			
Legal costs	1	17	0			
Special expenditure—				5	10	6
Half-share of cost of tree-planting done by lessee, Lot 2, of Reserve 1550	6	2	0			
Board's contribution towards cost of deepening canal drain, next Reserve 1400, and other drains on this reserve	23	8	9			
Cost of field-pipes supplied to Board's tenants	56	8	8			
Special rate levied by Sefton-Ashley Drainage Board on Reserve 119	57	12	1			
				143	11	6
Payments to Education Boards—				720	0	5
North Canterbury	15,368	12	6			
South Canterbury	3,631	7	6			
				19,000	0	0
Balance in Bank of New Zealand, 31st December, 1910—				19,720	0	5
At credit of current account	3,333	0	2			
On fixed deposit	298	8	10			
				3,631	9	0
Total expenditure	...	...	...	23,351	9	5