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By His Honor's command,  
ALFRED DOMETT, Provincial Secretary.

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Provincial Secretary's Office, Nelson,  
August 16, 1861.

HIS Honor the Superintendent directs it to be notified, for general information, that the following charges for food, in respect of Cattle impounded in the respective Public Pounds within the Province of Nelson, will be taken and charged by each Pound-keeper, from and after this date:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, Ass, Colt, Filly, or Foal ...	2	0
„ Bull, Cow, Ox, Steer, or Heifer, ... ..	1	0
„ Calf, under 6 months old ...	0	6
„ Sheep, or Lamb ... ..	0	3
„ Goat ... ..	0	3
„ Boar, Sow, or other Pig ...	0	9

The above charges to be paid for each day or part of day, during which the animal is supplied with food and water by the Pound-keeper; but the Owner may supply food and water, in which case these charges are not to be made.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,  
*Chief Clerk.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Nelson,  
August 16, 1861.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Petition against the return of Messrs. EVERETT, R. AITKEN, and D. BURNS, at the Election of members of the Board of Works for the city of Nelson, on the 30th July last, having been referred to and considered by the Superintendent and Executive Council, the said election has been declared void.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,  
*Chief Clerk.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Nelson,  
August 16, 1861.

HIS Honor the Superintendent has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:—

Mr. GEORGE HODGSON,  
to be Assistant Clerk, in the Provincial Secretary's Office. Date of Appointment, 1st December, 1860.

Mr. EDWIN SMALLBONE,  
to be Assistant Clerk in the Registrar of Deeds' Office. Date of Appointment, 1st July, 1861.

Mr. GEORGE MADGE TAYLOR,  
to be District Constable, Moutere. Date of  
Appointment, 12th August, 1861.

ALFRED GREENFIELD,  
*Chief Clerk.*

### REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To his Honor J. P. ROBINSON, Esq., Super-  
intendent, Nelson.

*Nelson, May 6, 1861.*

Sir,—

I have the honor to forward to you the general and building accounts of the Central Board of Education, to the close of the year 1860, together with an estimate of the probable expenditure required for the coming year; on each of these it appears desirable to offer some explanations and remarks.

*General Account, 1859—60.*

The principal disbursements in this account are those made to the Local Committees for Schoolmasters' Salaries.

The legal expenses are those rendered necessary by the transfer of the property of the Nelson School Society to the Board, and the purchase of Freehold sites for schools in various localities.

The plan, in furtherance of which the sum of £400 was voted for books and school apparatus, has been successfully carried out. The schools have been furnished with maps, and other aids to the teacher, and the children have had the opportunity of purchasing their books at prices in many instances below those at which they are published in England. They have largely availed themselves of this privilege, and the proceeds as they arise, are transmitted to England for fresh purchases. Mr. Henry Seymour giving to the Board the aid of his valuable and gratuitous services.

The loan of £3,000 for building purposes having been expended, the Board has been enabled to supplement it and carry on the work by making grants from the general fund, amounting in this account to £440 0s. 6d.

*General Account for half-year ending  
December 31, 1860.*

It will here be seen that a change was made shortly after the present Board was appointed, by transferring the payment of the Schoolmasters' salaries from the local Committees to the Board, and by voting an annual sum of £10 to each school for incidental expenses, such as small repairs, Stationery, Firing, Children's Prizes, &c.

As this alteration has been the subject of

some remarks and misunderstanding, the reasons for making it may be shortly stated:—

The "Education Act" gives to the Central Board "the power to erect and maintain schools, and to provide books, maps, and other requisites, for the use of such schools, and to erect and keep in repair dwelling-houses for teachers, and to pay the teachers such salaries as the Board shall deem fit." In other words, it made the Board, composed of representatives elected by the educational districts, responsible for the expenditure of the public money entrusted to it, and left to the local committees the appointment of the masters; with the whole moral control and management of the schools, subject in certain cases only to the supervision of the Inspector of the Board.

But in practice this division of responsibility had been lost sight of. The funds for salaries and building purposes once voted to the local Committees, were paid in to their credit, and the control of the Board over their expenditure was at an end.

In the great majority of cases no practical inconvenience resulted beyond that which must always arise in obtaining accounts of expenditure, which they are not bound to furnish, from Committees who have given their gratuitous services, after their term of office has expired, and when, as happened in some instances, they had been replaced by a new Committee, but in some cases the effects were more serious.

Thus, in one instance, no accounts at all were furnished for three years, in a second, the surplus funds were presented to the teacher, in a third, the master's salary was left three months in arrear, whilst the amount was expended for other purposes; and in a fourth, debts having been incurred, which were unauthorised by the Board, when the Committee went out of office, no fresh one was appointed, and the charge of the District and its liabilities were thus thrown upon the Board.

In many cases also expenses had been incurred almost unavoidably, by the local committees, for which no provision had been made, and the sum of £274 5s. was paid after a careful scrutiny to balance these accounts, and to clear the newly elected committees from the liabilities left them by their predecessors.

Under these circumstances, the Board unanimously came to the conclusion that it was bound to carry out strictly the provisions of the "Education Act," whilst, in order to meet the incidental and casual expenses already spoken of, a sum of £10 for each school was placed at the disposal of the local committees.

*Building Accounts.*

These show an expenditure of £2,670 on schools and teachers' houses, during the eighteen months included in these accounts, in addition to that previously reported upon. But the work is not yet completed. Since the beginning of the present year, two additional teachers' dwellings have been finished, two more are in progress, and two schools with dwelling-houses attached are under consideration.

For these the funds now in hand, accruing from the proportion of Land Sales set apart for educational purposes will suffice, and the Board trusts that before long it will be able to congratulate the Province upon possessing a more complete set of buildings for the purposes of general education than can be found elsewhere in New Zealand.

*Estimate for the Year 1861—2.*

1. *Salaries.*—On these, the largest and most important item of the expenditure, depends the efficiency of the whole system of education. Whilst in other respects the condition of the teacher has been improved, the salaries are still inadequate to render so responsible a situation sufficiently attractive; although they are as high as the sums voted will admit of.

By its "Resolutions" of September, 1860, a copy of which is enclosed, the Board has recognised the propriety of increasing the salary to a certain extent in proportion to the number of scholars and the average attendance, whilst the small sum expended in gratuities, gives the opportunity of recognising meritorious exertions in smaller schools.

The increasing demand for female teachers to give instruction in the branches of education peculiar to their own sex, and their superior aptitude for teaching the first rudiments to the younger children, has led to the adoption of the 5th Resolution, and the number of such assistant teachers already

appointed, and the consequent increase in the attendance at the schools, with the benefits which they confer at a comparatively small cost, leave the Board to express the confident hope that it will be enabled to continue and still further to develop this part of its arrangements.

2. *The Incidental Expenses* have been already sufficiently explained.

3. *Rents.*—The payment to the "Nelson School Society" is a permanent charge. Those on account of Ranzau and Motueka represent the interest of sums which would probably suffice, or nearly so, to erect the necessary buildings, in case those now rented should become no longer available.

4. *Maintenance of School Property.*—The value of this property may be roughly estimated at about £8,000. The cost of keeping up and maintaining which in good order cannot be taken, one year with another, at less than five per centum, although for some short time it may probably be less. Meanwhile, some of the new buildings are still in an unfinished state; requiring painting, internal fittings, fences, &c., and the amount put down will not do more than complete them in these and other essential respects.

5. *Expenses of Central Board.*—Under this head, the advantage of providing the schools with bells, clocks, and pumps instead of wells, for the greater security of the children, has been urged upon the consideration of the Board.

This would, however, entail the necessity for a farther grant of about £400.

The Board has, therefore, thought it sufficient to point out that such deficiencies exist, to be supplied whenever the necessary funds are provided for these purposes.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

DONALD SINCLAIR,  
*Chairman.*



## BUILDING ACCOUNT.—1859-1860.

Dr.				Cr.	
Balance from 1858-9 ...	£ 1,418	s. 6	d. 6	1859.	£ s. d.
Vote from General Fund ...	440	0	6	Oct. By Grant to Stoke Committee ...	15 0 0
				Nov. " " Wairau do. ...	250 0 0
				" " Stoke do. ...	50 0 0
				" " Waimea East do. ...	50 0 0
				" " Wakefield do. ...	80 0 0
				" " Waimea West do. ...	50 0 0
				" " Collingwood do. ...	75 0 0
				" " Motupipi do. ...	10 0 0
				Dec. " " Riwaka do. ...	25 0 0
				" " Moutere do. ...	75 0 0
				" " Riwaka do. ...	25 0 0
				1860.	
				Jan. " " Stoke do. ...	100 0 0
				" " Nelson do. ...	35 0 0
				" " Stoke do. ...	50 0 0
				" " Spring Grove do. ...	100 0 0
				" " Nelson do. ...	300 0 0
				" " Stoke do. ...	55 0 0
				" " Waimea East do. ...	165 0 0
				" " Moutere do. ...	25 0 0
				" " Spring Grove do. ...	73 7 0
				" " Collingwood do. ...	50 0 0
				" " Motueka do. ...	200 0 0
	£ 1,858	7	0		£ 1,858 7 0

DONALD SINCLAIR, *Chairman*,  
J. D. GREENWOOD, *Secretary*.

## ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr.		From January 1, 1861.		Cr.	
Jan. 18. By Warrant ...	£ 400	s. 0	d. 0	Jan. Salaries ...	£ 200 0 0
25. Cash overpaid Nelson Committee ...	10	0	0	Inspector ...	50 0 0
Feb. 2. By Cash, proceeds of land...	544	10	7	Nelson School Rent ...	10 0 0
5. " do. ditto ...	208	2	6	Feb. C. & J. Elliott ...	3 17 4
March 7. " Warrant ...	400	0	0	Salaries ...	200 0 0
April 16. " ditto ...	800	0	0	Mar. Ditto ...	200 0 0
17. " ditto ...	700	0	0	Inspector ...	50 0 0
May 7. " Proceeds of Land Sales	146	16	2	Edwards (freight) ...	6 11 4
Balance of Acc. from 1860	716	16	8	Hope School (painting) ...	6 10 0
				Ranzau ditto (ditto) ...	10 17 6
				April. Salaries ...	200 0 0
				Appleby School (painting) ...	13 18 0
				Ranzau, Rent, 1859-60 ...	12 0 0
				Incidental Expenses, Local Committees... ..	230 0 0
				May 4. Salaries ...	200 0 0
				Inspector ...	50 0 0
				Motueka School (painting) ...	8 2 0
					1,451 16 2
				Building Account ...	500 0 0
					1,951 16 2
				Estimate of Liabilities ...	1,723 0 0
					3,674 16 2
				Balance to 1861-2 ...	251 9 9
	£ 3,926	5	11		£ 3,926 5 11

## BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Clifton School ...	£ 50	0	0
Nelson Schools ...	150	0	0
Wakefield, Master's House ...	150	0	0
Spring Grove, ditto ...	150	0	0
	£ 500	0	0

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J. D. GREENWOOD, *Secretary*.

CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1861-1862.

1. <i>Salaries.</i> —				
Five Teachers, Nelson	...£	560	} £2,700 0 0	
Twenty do., at £80	...	1,600		
Five female do., at £40 to £60	...	220		
Eight do., assistants, at £12 to £24	...	140		
Gratuities	...	50		
Allowances for Rent	...	30		
Increase of Salaries, under 4th Resolution	...	100		
2. <i>Incidental Expenses of Committees.</i> —				
For thirty Schools at £10	...	300 0 0		
3. <i>Rents.</i>				
Nelson School Society	... £25	} 52 0 0		
Ranzau	... 12			
Motueka	... 15			
4. <i>Maintenance of School Property.</i> —				
£8,000 at 5 per cent.	...	400 0 0		
5. <i>Expenses of Central Board.</i> —				
Inspector	... £250	} 400 0 0		
Secretary	... 100			
Stationery, Printing, Advertisements, &c.	... 50			
		£3,852 0 0		

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Secretary.

ESTIMATED LIABILITIES.

Two months' Salaries	...		
Gratuities and Rents	...		
Inspector and Secretary	...	£450	0 0
Fittings for Schools	...	150	0 0
Ditto for Masters' Houses	...	75	0 0
Buildings, Richmond	...	150	0 0
Ditto, Takaka	...	50	0 0
Ditto, Motupipi	...	350	0 0
Ditto, Stoke	...	150	0 0
Ditto, Clifton	...	45	0 0
Sundry small Grants	...	150	0 0
	...	100	0 0
	...	53	0 0
		£1,723	0 0

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