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By His Honor's command,

J. C. RICHMOND, Provincial Secretary.

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J. C. RICHMOND,
Provincial Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Provincial Audit Office, Nelson,
April 27, 1863.

To The Honorable,
The SPEAKER of the Provincial Council,
Nelson.

SIR—In accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Audit Act of the General Assembly 1861, I have the honor to forward herewith the Quarterly Statement of the Provincial Treasurer, ending March 31, 1863, also the Yearly Statement or Balance Sheet for the Financial Year ending same period, and a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Province, with the certificate as to the correctness of the same, required by the Act, endorsed on the face of each respectively.

The accounts of the Secretary to the Immigration Commissioners to the 31st March, 1863, have been examined as well as the accounts of the General Government with the Province, and found correct.

The statement of the Government Storekeeper shows a large amount of tools and provisions on hand, now being used by the different road gangs. Generally, the provisions being carted to the various stations are sold to the men at Nelson prices, and the difference or loss charged against the respective works.

In order to carry on these works, many of them being in altogether unsettled districts, the Government have found it necessary to purchase both Pack Horses and Bullocks, and as a matter of course largely of saddlery, which may be summed up as follows.

15 Horses @ £35 each	525	0	0
28 Bullocks @ £17 10.	490	0	0
3 Drays @ £30	90	0	0
Pack-saddles and other harness	150	0	0
	£1,255	0	0

This expenditure has mostly been charged to the work causing the same, and thus made

the vote disappear more rapidly than it otherwise would have done. I would recommend that for the future, should the Council place large sums on the Estimates for works requiring such purchases, a vote for this purpose should be specially made, as well as a vote for tools, tents, and other articles constantly required to be purchased for the use of the various public works in the outlying districts. A better account could be thus kept and given of the same.

In order to facilitate the payments for Public Works now actually in progress or contracted for, and to meet the requirements of the Audit Act, it has been found necessary to carry to the account of a Reserve Fund all such surplus funds as still remained to the credit of any vote at the end of the Financial Year, in any way compromised by a contract, or out of which payments would have to be made before any vote could be passed by the Council. The necessity for this will at once be seen. A separate account will be kept of such fund, and forwarded to the Council at its next sitting. The amount is £6,945 1s. 6d., and consists of the following items:—

	£	s.	d.
Surveys	291	4	6
Survey of Waimea Railway	150	0	0
Purchase of Land from C. Elliott	200	0	0
Government Buildings	176	12	0
Repairs of Nelson Gaol	25	0	0
Wairoa Bridge	1,254	10	0
Bridle Track, Riwaka to Takaka	160	0	0
Road, Waimea Village to Dove Dale	21	18	11
Road, Upper Moutere to Dove Dale	57	5	0
Road, Motueka to Baton	4	13	9
Bridle Road, Wangapeka River to Baton	39	10	3
Road to Canterbury by Gorge	448	0	0
Accom. House, Acheron Valley	50	0	0
House of Refuge, do.	100	0	0
Buoys for Buller River	100	0	0
Roads to Buller River and Grey District, &c.	1,118	7	3
District Cemeteries	170	12	2
Road to Cemetery	20	16	0
Crystal Palace Specimens	100	0	0
Provincial Steam Service	166	13	4
Volunteers	72	8	5
Introduction of useful Animals	100	0	0
Lesser Public Works	39	11	5
Public Garden, Trafalgar Square	33	15	9
Re-erection of Suspension Bridge, Maitai	165	0	0
Moutere Bridge, Branch Road	50	0	0
Foot Bridge, Lower Moutere	60	0	0
Waiau Bridge, Amuri	167	15	6
Suspension Bridge and District Roads, Amuri	1,190	18	7
District Roads, Amuri	113	8	8
Mail road, east of Takaka River	297	0	0
	£6,945	1	6

The amount to the credit of the Provincial Government after the above sum has been deducted is £23,754 12s. 3d. The

balance at the end of the previous Financial Year was £4,662 18s. 5d.

In the Department of "Crown Lands" the salary of the Commissioner still remains to be paid for the months of December, January, and February. The gentleman who holds the office, I understand, wishes the Council to fix the remuneration for those months. The office of Provincial Secretary was vacant during this period.

In the Department of "Medical," the amount voted proved insufficient, and two months' expenditure had to be charged to the account of "General Contingencies." The Hospital Attendant received for fees, &c., from various patients during the Financial Year, the sum of £141 9s.

The sum of £1,800 was voted for "General Contingencies," the amount has barely proved sufficient. Three and a quarter per cent. I consider not a sufficient margin for amounts that are merely aggregate.

"Interest on Debentures." In going over this calculation, I find the General Government has not charged the province of Marlborough with its share of the exchange consequent on the transmission of the Interest to the holders of Debentures in Sydney. It amounts to £5 17s. 1d. per annum, and the amount in arrear consequent on this omission is £12 13s. 7d. to the 31st December, 1861. The particulars of this were given more fully in my report on the first quarterly balance sheet.

"Education Loan, £150." This makes the fifth instalment paid towards the liquidation of the sum of £3,000 borrowed from the Nelson Trust Funds.

"Explorations, £500." This amount has been expended, partly in exploring for roads to the West Coast, for Gold in various districts, and in searching for Coal.

"Riwaka Swamp Drain," and "Maitai River Banks." Both these items were voted in consideration of equivalent sums being raised. In the first instance the Road Board has undertaken the collection of the required sum, and with respect to the Maitai River, the sum is still being collected and expended.

"Provincial Steam Service, £1,500." Of this sum £333 6s. 8d. was paid to the owners of the "Tasmanian Maid," £333 6s. 8d. to the owners of the "Lyttelton" for four months' service, and £166 13s. 4d., which has been carried to the Reserve Fund account, will have to be paid in May next to the owners of the same vessel.

In no instance have any of the votes been exceeded.

The Amounts which have been paid, but not voted, are £199 6s. 0d. to the Nelson and Motueka Road Board, being the amount paid for Tickets in those districts, under the Dog Act of 1859, and authorised by the same Act, to be re-paid to the Road Boards, and £573 1s. 5d. to the General Government, being the balance of Surplus Revenue and separate accounts.

The statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Province accompanying this report, is in the form dictated by the General Government.

I have, &c.,

H. D. JACKSON,

Provincial Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET of Assets and Liabilities of the Province of Nelson for the Financial Year ending March 31, 1863.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
To Cash Balance on the last day of the Financial Year ...	£	s. d.	By Amount of outstanding Claims legally chargeable on the Revenues of the Province (Education, borrowed from Nelson Trust Funds ...	£	s. d.
Unauthorised Expenditure, for which future legal provision is required ...	23,754	12 3	Amount of unfunded Debt, Loans by Banks, &c.* ...	2,250	0 0
Advances to Officers for the Public Service (Reserve Fund Account) ...	6,945	1 6	Deposits not available ...	21,500	0 0
Investments for Sinking Fund, giving amount belonging to each loan ...		" "	Sinking Fund Account, giving amount discharged from Provincial Revenue under each Provincial Act, together with the Interest accrued on the Investments ...		" "
Live Stock—The property of the Provincial Government, employed on Public Works ...	1,105	0 0	Amount to Credit of Province ...	8,054	13 9
	£	31,804 13 9		£	31,804 13 9

* The Amount borrowed on Debentures by the Province of Nelson is £29,000 payable in the year 1870, but by the Nelson and Marlborough Public Debt Apportionment Act, the sum of £7,500 was made payable by the Province of Marlborough.

H. D. JACKSON, *Provincial Auditor.*

Abstract of RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS of the Provincial Treasurer for the Year ending March, 31, 1863.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
		Departmental.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ordinary Revenue.		Superintendent's Estab-	
Customs, (Gross Revenue) ...	£7,629 0 0	lishment ...	£958 12 0
Publicans' Licenses ...	1,110 0 0	Provincial Solicitor ...	250 0 0
Education Act ...	2,432 18 0	Provincial Treasurer ...	152 10 0
Dog Act ...	242 10 6	Provincial Auditor ...	138 5 10
Government Wharf ...	548 6 8	Crown Land ...	1,886 16 8
Auctioneers' Licenses ...	125 0 0	Engineer ...	451 2 11
Hackney Carriage Act...	27 2 0	Gaol ...	622 2 2
	12,114 17 2	Police ...	1,562 18 7
		Collingwood Gold Fields	413 2 0
Incidental Receipts.		Native Interpreter ...	60 0 0
Miscellaneous...	3,174 12 7	Weights and Measures	101 11 1
Gold Fields, Collingwood	225 0 10	Meteorological ...	41 13 4
	3,399 13 5	Registrar of Brands, &c.	62 0 0
		Medical ...	1,198 5 3
Territorial Revenue.		Harbor ...	1,043 14 2
Crown Land Sales, &c.	58,580 4 7	Provincial Council ...	747 4 8
	58,580 4 7		9,689 18 8
		Miscellaneous.	
		Charitable Aid ...	589 3 8
		General Contingencies...	2,377 15 2
		Interest on Debentures	2,356 12 10
			5,323 11 8
		Public Works and Purposes.	
		Supreme Court ...	38 2 0
		Education Loan ...	150 0 0
		Existing Contracts ...	4,346 2 6
		Education ...	4,445 15 3
		District Libraries ...	250 0 0
		Nelson Institute Library	50 0 0
		Immigration ...	1,000 0 0
		Exploration ...	499 1 6
		Surveys ...	1,000 0 0
		Government Buildings...	2,241 0 0
		Repairs of Nelson Gaol	50 0 0
		Cart Bridge, Maitai River	1,297 17 7
		Government Wharf ...	500 0 0
		Wairoa Bridge ...	4,160 0 0
		Riwaka Swamp Drain ...	334 0 0
		Bridle Track, Riwaka to	
		Takaka ...	250 0 0
		Road to connect Riwaka	
		and Motueka ...	60 0 0
		Road from Waimea	
		Village to Dove Dale	800 0 0
		Road from Upper Moutere	
		to Dove Dale ...	160 0 0
		Road from Motueka to	
		Baton ...	500 0 0
		Road, Salisbury's to	
		Baton ...	50 0 0
		Bridle Road up Wanga-	
		peka to Baton ...	100 0 0
		Road to Canterbury by	
		Wairau Gorge ...	500 0 0
		Improving Road through	
		Big Bush ...	290 18 6
		House of Accommoda-	
		tion, Acheron Valley	800 0 0
		Roads to Buller and	
		Grey District ...	3,000 0 0
		District Cemeteries ...	385 0 0
Carried over ...	£ 74,094 15 2	Carried forward	£26,757 17 4 15,013 10 4

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RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Brought forward	£ 74,094 15 2	Brought forward	£ 25,757 17 4
		Road to Cemetery	300 0 0
		Compensation, New Zealand Company	325 0 0
		Compensation to Caldwell	107 5 0
		Bonus for Wangapeka Gold-field	100 0 0
		Agricultural Association	100 0 0
		Provincial Steam Service	833 6 8
		Inter-Colonial Steam Service	250 0 0
		Volunteers	345 3 5
		Introduction of useful Animals	300 0 0
		Lesser Public Works	390 0 0
		Survey of Line of Railway	150 0 0
		Purchase of land from Elliott	200 0 0
		Pelorus Road	1,079 5 11
		House of Refuge, Acheron Valley	100 0 0
		Buoys for Buller River	100 0 0
		Specimens for Crystal Palace	100 0 0
		Public Garden—Trafalgar Square	105 17 6
		Re-erection of Suspension Bridge, Maitai	200 0 0
		Protection of Maitai Banks	200 0 0
		Board of Works	450 0 0
		Museum	200 0 0
		Road Board, Suburban North	160 0 0
		Road Board, Waimea	1,000 0 0
		Bridge, Branch Road, Moutere	50 0 0
		Foot Bridge, Lower Moutere	60 0 0
		Road Board, Moutere	200 0 0
		Road Board, Motueka	175 0 0
		Crane, Motueka Jetty	57 10 0
		Road Board, Riwaka	80 0 0
		Moorings, Riwaka River mouth	7 0 0
		Waiau Bridge	1,500 0 0
		Suspension Bridge and Roads, Amuri	2,000 0 0
		District Roads, Amuri	533 17 9
		Mail Road East of Takaka River	300 0 0
		Repairs of Roads, Aorere	150 0 0
		Repairs of Roads, Takaka and Motupipi	250 0 0
			39,217 3 7
		Dog Act	199 6 0
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		Sub-Treasurer, refund of Revenue, &c.	573 1 5
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Total Receipts	£ 74,094 15 2	Total Disbursements	£ 55,003 1 4
Balance from last year	4662 18 5	Balance to next year	23,754 12 3
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REPORT on HOSPITAL, &c, for the Year ending March 31st, 1863.

REPORT OF PROVINCIAL SURGEONS.

HOSPITAL.

The Hospital is in a very satisfactory state, and provides amply for the existing wants of the Province; the absence of any epidemic of Erysipelas or Fever indicates that it is healthily situated and well ventilated.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DISEASES TREATED.

CLASS.	ORDER.	DISEASE.	In Hospital, April 1, 1862.	Admitted during 12 months.	Total treated.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining Mar. 31, 1863.
1. Zymotic.....	Miasmatic	Febris continua...	1	2	3	3	...	1
		Erysipelas .....	...	3	3	2	...	1
	Dietic	Delirium tremens	1	1	2	2	...	1
		Scorbutus.....	1	...	1	1	...	1
2. Constitutional	Enthetic.....	Syphilis	1	2	3	2	...	1
	Tubercular	Phthisis .....	...	3	3	3	1	...
3. Local	Carcinomatous	Cancer .....	...	2	2	2	...	1
		Nervous System	Cephalitis.....	...	1	1	...	1
	Paralysis		1	4	5	2	1	1
	Organs of Circulation	Dementia.....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Hysteria.....	...	1	1	1	...	1
	Respiratory System	Heart Disease .....	...	1	1	...	1	...
		Bronchitis .....	...	5	5	4	...	1
	Digestive Organs	Asthma	1	...	1	1	...	1
		Catarrh	1	...	1	1	...	1
	Urinary Organs	Constipation .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Hepatitis .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
	Organs of Sense	Diabetes.....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Sclerotitis.....	1	4	5	5	...	1
	Organs of Locomotion.....	Iritis .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Ophthalmia .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
	Integuments	Cataract .....	...	1	1	...	...	1
Rheumatism		2	7	9	8	...	1	
4. Developmental	Diseases of Adults	Synovitis .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Skin Disease .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
5. Violence	Diseases of Nutrition	Ulcer	1	1	2	1	...	1
		Hernia .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
5. Violence	Accident and Negligence ...	Debility .....	...	1	1	1	...	1
		Fracture.....	2	2	4	3	...	1
		Dislocation	1	...	1	...	...	1
		Contusion	2	8	10	10	...	1
		Wounds .....	...	2	2	2	...	1
			16	60	76	62	4	10

NATIVES included in this Table—Males, 6; Female, 1; Total, 7.
 RESULT TO PATIENTS—Cured, 49; Discharged relieved, 8; Died, 4; Discharged incurable, 5; Remaining in Hospital, 10; Total, 76.

In reviewing these cases we are chiefly struck by their small number, as compared with those treated in an English Hospital representing a population of the same size, this may be accounted for, partly by the general good health of the community, and partly by the better circumstances of the working-classes, which renders them to a great extent independent of Hospital assistance.

The number of cases treated (76), is scarcely large enough to admit of any general inferences being made, as to the modifying effects of the climate, and habits of life upon our population. One of the cases of continued Fever, assumed a remittent type, a condition which has been observed by some of us, to occur in other cases which have fallen under our observation in private practice. Only three cases of Phthisis (consumption) were treated, though many more cases of this disease must have occurred among the natives, who are not very willing to avail themselves of Hospital treatment; in one of these cases, in which a post mortem examination was made, death, which took place rather suddenly, was occasioned by scrofulous disease of the membranes of the brain.

The two cases of Cancer, tabulated, refer to one person who was admitted a second time. The disease was far advanced and not considered suitable for operation, he has died since leaving the Hospital.

The case of Cephalitis was of an acute character; and on making a post mortem examination an abscess was found in the brain.

Five cases of Paralysis occurred, of these H. R., aged 40, an aboriginal native, was admitted into the Hospital from Wakapuaka, with scrofulous softening of the spinal cord, resulting in paralysis, he is progressing very favorably. It is hoped the benefit this man has derived will induce other natives to avail themselves more readily of the advantages afforded by the Hospital.

The five cases of Bronchitis were of an ordinary character.

In the case of Diabetes, a large quantity of sugar was daily elaborated in the urine, even when he was completely deprived of saccharine and anylaceous food, and though he was discharged from Hospital slightly relieved, the disease is for the most part incurable, and little hope is entertained of his ultimate recovery.

Under the head of Ophthalmia, Scleratitis, Iritis, and Cataract, eight cases of disease of the eye are tabulated, a number which, if borne out by further observation, would seem to indicate that this disease is prevalent in the Colony. One of these cases, that of a boy, A. T., about 10 years of age, who was born blind from cataract, and was lately brought to Nelson from Marlborough for surgical advice, presents features of unusual interest, from the circumstance that in England they are generally operated on in infancy, when sight is developed as soon as the other senses. In this instance the cataract has been extracted from one eye, and divided in the other since he came into the Hospital, and an opportunity is given of watching the development of the faculty of sight, which he as yet assists and corrects by the touch and smell. He has not yet acquired the power of estimating distances, and he calls everything green, as he does not comprehend the meaning of color, but there is every prospect of his acquiring excellent sight. The other cases were of an ordinary character.

Nine cases of Rheumatism were treated, resulting chiefly from out of door exposure, to which many of the population are necessarily exposed, of these J. W., aged 32, was a seaman in the service of the I.R.M.C. and was discharged cured. Of the ten cases tabulated under Contusion, many were of a trivial character, and none call for special remark. One case of ankylosed elbow, which had become stiff in the straight position, was bent to a right angle, under the influence of chloroform and is now progressing satisfactorily.

LUNATICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
* Patients in Gaol and Asylum, April 1st, 1861	2	6	8
Admitted during the Year ...	1	0	1
* Discharged ...	0	2	2
Died ...	1	0	1
Remaining, March 31st, 1863	2	4	6

* Of these one Female was a native.

These cases do not call for any special remark, the death was from apoplexy followed by paralysis.

The sanitary state of the Gaol is satisfactory, and no case of serious illness has occurred among the prisoners.

S. A. CUSACK, M.B., F.R.C.S.

T. B. THEBING, M.D.

BERNARD C. BEALE, M.R.C.S.E.

ANNUAL REPORT of the TRUSTEES of the NELSON TRUST FUNDS, for the Year ending December 21, 1862.

The questions which the Trustees have been required to take into consideration during the past year have been chiefly such as related to Steam Communication; indeed, with the exception of a grant of £100 to the Roman Catholic community of Marlborough, and an application from the Superintendent of that province for a loan of £2,000 on the same terms as those formerly granted to the Nelson Government, but which could not be acceded to for want of funds, no other subject came before them of any public interest. At the close of the year 1861, the steamer *Tasmanian Maid* was performing the coasting service very efficiently; and, shortly after, the *Undine* began to run between Nelson and Motueka. But the steaming arrangement of this latter vessel were defective, and the service, in consequence, irregular; so that the attempt was unsuccessful, and the owner applied to the Trustees for leave to send her for sale to Otago. This, under the advice of their Solicitor, Mr. Poynter, they consented to do; and although the vessel has not yet been sold, they are assured by that gentleman to whom the matter was entrusted, and whose attention they have called to it several times since, that the interests of the Trust are fully secured.

In the month of May, our other steamer, the *Tasmanian Maid*, met with a serious accident, having been wrecked on the bar of the Wairau river, condemned by the Surveyors, and publicly sold for the benefit of the underwriters. Shortly afterwards a most unexpectedly heavy fresh in the river so altered and improved her position, that she was got off and brought into Nelson, comparatively uninjured. She was then disposed of, and taken to Auckland. The Trustees, upon this, applied to the Steam Company for payment of the loan, and received the sum of £2,000, but were induced to allow the payment of the remaining sum of £2,000 to stand over for six months,

to allow time for the Company to recover the sum for which the steamer was insured. That time has now elapsed, and the Trustees have made application for payment.

In the meantime, the inconvenience to the numerous passengers to and fro between Nelson and Marlborough, and the consequent diminution of traffic, were much felt. Attempts were made by several individuals to form fresh Companies, and applications were, in consequence, made to the Trustees for the funds at their disposal. But none of these offers were altogether satisfactory. Whilst the Trustees, guided by their former experience, required some guarantee in the interest of the province that the next steam service, once undertaken, should not be discontinued, even although more lucrative employment for the steamer were offered elsewhere, the applicants very naturally demurred to any such condition, and the negotiations came to an end.

This condition, indeed, was opposed to the well recognised character of all private enterprises, which look primarily to individual advantage, and to the public benefit only as a necessary ingredient and consequence.

At this time the Trustees thought it desirable to communicate with the Provincial Government, in the hope that it might be found possible to secure a regular communication with the West Coast, as well as with Marlborough; but they found that temporary engagements had already been entered into, for which their co-operation was not required. They, therefore, came to the conclusion that they should best consult the public interests by becoming themselves the owners of the best steam vessel which the funds at their command would enable them to purchase, and accordingly, after consulting those whose experience and local knowledge made their opinion most valuable, sent an order to England, selecting the builders of the *Tasmanian Maid* to execute it, as deserving such a preference by the satisfactory character which that vessel had maintained during the whole period of her service.

They took this step with the conviction

that they would then be able to secure a vessel better adapted for the special requirements of the province than could be hoped for in any other way; and, in the confidence that the increasing trade of Nelson, and the favorable terms on which they could offer its services, would secure them from all risks beyond those unforeseen casualties to which all such enterprises are, in their own nature, liable. Nor have their expectations been disappointed. Very shortly afterwards the public attention was strongly called to the subject, and an association formed, which, from its composition, and the general support it has received, offers as good a guarantee for carrying out its objects as could reasonably be expected; and the Trustees have therefore engaged to

give it the first offer of their steamer on its arrival. The propose to retain the ownership, and to put the vessel at the disposal of the Company, so long as it shall be *bona fide* employed in the service of Nelson and Marlborough, on such terms as, whilst they secure the Fund from eventual loss, shall give the Steam Association the full benefit and advantage of her services.

Subjoined is the Annual Financial Statement.

By order of the Board of Trustees,

H. C. DANIELL,
Secretary.

Nelson, Dec. 31, 1862.

Dr. ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS of the NELSON TRUST FUNDS, for the Year ending the 1st December, 1862. Cr.

STEAM NAVIGATION FUND.			
	£	s.	d.
To Amount of Fund under administration at commencement of Year ...	9,000	0	0
Nelson and Marlborough Steam Company, for first Moiety of Loan repaid by them ...	2,000	0	0
Sundry Accounts, for Loans on Mortgage repaid during current Year ...	200	0	0
Sundry Accounts, for Interest received during current Year ...	172	10	0
Religious Reserve Fund, for temporary advance therefrom to meet remittance to England for purchase of steamer ...	859	7	6
Reserve Fund, for ditto ...	66	7	6
Bank of New Zealand, for ditto ...	97	4	7
	£	12,395	9 7
By Appropriation of Fund, as shown in the Accounts of last Year, as follows:—			
Loan to Provincial Government for Educational purposes	2,000	0	0
Loan to Nelson and Marlborough Steam Navigation Company	4,000	0	0
Loan to F. Stock, on account of steamer Undine	700	0	0
Loans on Mortgage	2,300	0	0
	£	9,000	0 0
Interest paid to Nelson and Marlborough Steam Company up to period of loss of "Tasmanian Maid," as per agreement ...	145	9	7
Sundry Accounts for Loan on Mortgage effected during current Year	200	0	0
Remitted to England on account of purchase of steamer "Nelson" ...	3,050	0	0
	£	12,395	9 7
RELIGIOUS RESERVE FUND.			
	£	s.	d.
To Amount of Fund under administration at commencement of Year ...	1,259	7	6
Sundry Accounts for Loan on Mortgage repaid during current Year	500	0	0
Ditto, for Interests received during current Year ...	100	0	0
	£	1,859	7 6
By Appropriation of Fund, as shown in the Accounts of last Year, as follows:—			
Loans on Mortgage to sundry persons	1,000	0	0
Steam Navigation Fund, for temporary advance thereto ...	859	7	6
	£	1,859	7 6

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RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount of Fund under Administration at commencement of Year ...	4,223	12	3	By Appropriation of Fund, as shown in the Accounts of last Year, as follows:—			
Provincial Government, for fourth instalment of Education Loan repaid	150	0	0	Loan to Provincial Government, for Educational Purposes	500	0	0
Sundry Accounts, for Interest received during current Year ...	50	0	0	Loan to Nelson Institute	...	...	800 0 0
Interest on Bank Deposits ...	10	6	4	Loan to Governors of College	...	...	2,000 0 0
				Loans on Mortgage to sundry persons	...	...	700 0 0
							4,050 0 0
				Sundry Accounts, for Loans on Mortgage effected during the current Year	...	...	300 0 0
				Advertising, &c.	...	...	2 11 1
				Salary of Secretary (half-year)	...	...	12 10 0
				Steam Navigation Fund, for temporary advance thereto	...	...	66 7 6
				Balance, cash in hand	...	...	2 10 0
£	4,433	18	7		£	4,433	18 7

TOTAL FUNDS under ADMINISTRATION of the BOARD of TRUSTEES on December 1st, 1862, as shown in foregoing Accounts.

	Loans bearing Interest.	Loans not bearing Interest.	Cash Balances.	TOTALS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Steam Navigation Fund	2,300 0 0	6,727 0 5	. . .	9,027 0 5
Religious Reserve Fund	500 0 0	859 7 6	. . .	1,359 7 6
Reserve Fund	1,000 0 0	3,266 7 6	2 10 0	4,268 17 6
£	3,800 0 0	10,852 15 5	2 10 0	14,655 5 5

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts referred to in the preceding Abstract, and the Vouchers connected therewith and have found the same to be correct.

JOHN SHARP, }
ROBERT POLLOCK, } *Auditors.*

NELSON, December 19th, 1862.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD
OF EDUCATION.

SIR,

In forwarding the Education Accounts for the Year 1862, and in laying before your Honor, an Estimate for the year 1863-64, the Board desires to accompany these Returns with a few explanations and remarks.

The apparent difference in the amount of the two half-yearly accounts, arises from the closing of the educational year on the 30th June; the payment for that month being necessarily made in July, and brought to account before the Board retires from office. Taken together, the two accounts show the expenditure of the year.

The balance in hand still remains applicable to the purposes enumerated in the last year's report of the Board; viz., to the erection of new School-houses, and the enlargement of those which have become insufficient to accommodate the increasing population. The Board has already pledged itself to provide new School-buildings in the City of Nelson and at Ranzau, and has under its consideration applications for increased accommodation in several other Districts.

The Estimate for the present year, is based upon the ordinary current expenditure of the Board. The Salaries are those now paid.

The increase recommended in the former of the two Resolutions transmitted to your Honor, would require a corresponding addition to the Estimate; whilst in the event of the plan being adopted, which is suggested in the latter Resolution, the sum of £500 for the maintenance and repairs of the School property, which is here estimated for, would be provided from other sources.

I have, &c.,

DONALD SINCLAIR,

Chairman of Board.

Central Board of Education, April 21st, 1863.

Nelson, April 21, 1863.

To DONALD SINCLAIR, Chairman of the
Central Board of Education.

SIR—The accompanying Returns have been delayed beyond the usual period, by some irregularities and delays in forwarding the reports from the District Schools. These now require the signature of the Chairman of the Local Committee, for the double purpose of certifying to their correctness, and of authorising the issue of the various School books, which are required from time to time.

The Returns require but little remark, further than to observe that they are more than usually satisfactory, both as regards the increase of numbers, and the regularity of attendance. In my last quarterly returns the numbers were respectively 1,395 and 1,370; the daily attendance 870 and 817. In those I now lay before the Board, the numbers are 1,501 and 1,593; and the attendance 949 and 1,100. The schools have thus not only recovered from the depression which I noticed in my last report, but show more than the average increase during the year. The improvement in the attendance is still more gratifying: for whilst the numbers have increased by 200 (speaking in round numbers), there is an increased attendance of nearly 300. It must, however, be borne in mind, that the December Quarter is always that which gives the most favorable returns; but still, after making all necessary allowances, the result is sufficiently satisfactory; and the average attendance of 69 children daily out of every 100 on the School Books, could not be attained unless the Masters were attentive to their duties, and the parents were convinced that their children were well taught and attended to.

The regulations of the Board, which makes any increase of the guaranteed salary dependent in a great measure upon the exertions and acceptability of the Teachers, has certainly had a considerable share in producing this result; and in any further additions it may be enabled to make to their very moderate incomes, I trust the same principle may still be kept in view.

As one mode of making such increase, I would suggest that the length of service, combined with satisfactory performance of duty, should be considered as giving a preable claim to augmentation of salary. This might not form any great inducement for more highly qualified masters to enter upon the duty, but it would assuredly be estimated at its full value by those we now have; and would assist in retaining them in the posts which they already fill so much to the general satisfaction and advantage.

There is however one tendency which should not be lost sight of, I refer to the subdivision of schools, which it is very possible to carry too far, and to the injury rather than the advantage both of masters and scholars.

Where all the expenses are paid out of a general fund there will always be a tendency to press for changes, which appear at the moment desirable, without much reference to their attendant expenses, or their ultimate advantage. I have before remarked

upon the greater proportion of our children who remain at school after 12 years of age, as compared with the English schools.

It thus happens that in most of our schools there are some among the female scholars, who desire for themselves, and whose parents desire for them, that special instruction which a mixed school does not afford, nor is a master qualified to give. The only mode of obtaining this is to divide the school; and this plan certainly attains the object aimed at, but generally at the expense of the younger classes, and with a great waste of teaching power.

There are now several Schools, where the average daily attendance does not amount to 50, which have been thus divided. By this, the advantages of class teaching, are to a great extent lost. The care of twelve classes calls for the utmost exertion of two separate teachers, who by working together might combine them into six, and would discharge their duties with much more ease to themselves, and greater advantage to their pupils. With equal qualifications, the female teacher is generally more successful with very young children than the masters, and if in such a post there is less call for mental exertion, or for the display of intellectual acquirements, there is, to rightly constituted minds, a sufficient equivalent in forming the mind and moulding the affections of a child, at the age when he is most impressionable, and most open to all those gentle influences which are woman's special attributes. In an economical point of view, the disadvantage of this division are very obvious. Two distinct schools in one room, under separate heads, cannot go on well together; the inconvenience leads to alterations and partitions, which only partially answer their purpose, making one good

school-room into two bad ones; and finally, applications are made for fresh erections, when the existing accommodations, under proper arrangement, would be found amply sufficient. In some of our most efficient schools, this tendency has not shown itself. I have reason to know that in one or two cases, it has arisen from dissatisfaction with the general condition of the school; in such a case, this change is always uncertain in its effect, and at the best, only gets rid of one half the difficulty. The true remedy lies in more efficient teaching; and this in general, will not be promoted by further subdivision, whatever the result may be in particular instances. However, independently of this, there is, I believe, evidence of a greater interest in education, and of a growing desire for instruction of a more advanced kind than heretofore. Those schools are best attended, where the instruction best deserves this character; and whatever doubt may be felt as to the causes which produce a falling off, there can be none, as to the testimony which is thus borne to a teacher's ability and attention.

On this, the last occasion on which it will be my privilege to address the Board, I trust I may be permitted to express my gratification with the measure of success that has hitherto attended its operations, in the improvement of the schools, and their steady growth from year to year; and to hope that they may eventually offer an education, sufficient not only for present needs, but for all the probable requirements of after life.

I am, &c.,

J. D. GREENWOOD,

Inspector.

RETURN of NUMBERS and ATTENDANCE in the NELSON SCHOOLS for the Half-Year ending December 31, 1862.

SCHOOLS.	SEPTEMBER QUARTER.						DECEMBER QUARTER.					
	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Attendance.	School Days.	Average.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Attendance.	School Days.	Average.
1. Nelson, Boys	60	...	60	48	51	80	60	...	60	51	53	86
2. Do., —Second Division	93	...	93	78	51	78	99	...	99	77	53	78
3. Do., Girls .....	...	84	84	61	52	73	...	91	91	70	55	77
4. Do., —Second Division .....	...	63	63	41	51	65	...	72	72	53	56	74
5. Do., Infant	111	48	159	95	52	60	116	51	167	118	56	70
6. Clifton	11	12	23	14	55	60	12	13	25	15	55	60
7. Hillside	10	8	18	12	55	65	11	11	22	16	55	71
8. Stoke, Boys	43	...	43	26	42	61	40	...	40	27	54	67
9. Do. Girls .....	...	37	37	21	42	57	...	38	38	22	51	58
10. Richmond, Boys	58	...	58	38	55	65	56	...	56	36	59	63
11. Do., Girls .....	...	64	64	43	67	67	...	65	65	56	54	70
12. Appleby	19	14	33	20	36	61	19	14	33	23	58	70
13. Ranzau	26	16	42	20	59	48	25	22	47	30	56	64
14. Hope	22	28	50	24	55	48	23	26	49	26	61	53
15. River Terrace	21	16	37	16	63	43	18	15	33	21	50	...
16. Spring Grove, Boys	34	...	34	22	66	64	35	...	35	22	57	63
17. Do., Girls .....	...	51	51	27	66	53	...	51	51	30	57	60
18. Wakefield, Lower	26	36	62	42	67	67	25	38	63	43	60	68
19. Do., Upper	15	19	34	17	55	50	14	22	36	62	21	58
20. Fox Hill	8	12	20	12	34	60	6	11	17	10	62	59
21. Waimea West Village	44	23	67	32	57	48	47	29	76	27	67	36†
22. Do., North District .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	10	38	30	64	79
23. Moutere, Upper	16	17	33	23	61	67	18	21	39	23	...	59
24. Do., Lower	23	24	47	29	56	62	26	27	53	33	53	63
25. Motueka	19	28	47	30	59	64	28	22	50	27	57	54
26. Do., Second Division	20	23	43	27	62	62	20	23	43	27	57	63
27. Pangatotara	24	18	42	20	49	48	24	18	42	20	...	...
28. Rivaka	32	24	56	41	49	73	33	23	56	44	59	79
29. Takaka	16	14	30	16	55	53	16	11	27	16	...	...
30. Motupipi	17	10	27	22	66	80	16	10	26	20	57	77
31. Collingwood	23	21	44	32	...	75	23	21	44	31	54	70
	791	710	1501	949	...	63	838	755	1593	1100	...	69

* New Master. † Master left at Christmas. ‡ Master left.

GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
1862.					1862.					
Jan. 1.	By Balance	1,005	11	6	Jan.	Salaries, Stoke Committee	8	13	4	
	Cash from Land Sales	10	5	1		" Waimea East do.	30	0	0	
Feb.	Do. from Provincial Treasurer	750	0	0		" Suburban North do.	13	6	8	
	Do. from Land Sales	44	5	5		" Masters' account	150	0	0	
March.	Do. do.	309	4	9		Inspector, &c.	50	0	0	
April.	Do. do.	5	3	6	Feb.	Waimea East Com. (Building)	150	0	0	
May.	Do. do.	203	10	3		School Apparatus (Inspector)	25	0	0	
	Do. from Provincial Treasurer	750	0	0		Salaries, Suburban North Committee	13	6	8	
June 11.	Do. from Land Sales	579	13	10		Salaries, Stoke Committee	8	13	4	
30.	Interest on Cash Balance at Bank	7	19	0		" Waimea East do.	33	13	4	
						" Masters' account	200	0	0	
						Waimea East (Building)	175	0	0	
					March.	Waimea West Committee	8	0	0	
						Spring Grove do.	18	0	0	
						Stoke do.	8	13	4	
						Suburban North do.	13	6	8	
						Waimea East do.	35	12	6	
						Masters' Salaries	150	0	0	
						Inspector	50	0	0	
						Committees, Incidental Expenses, Half-Year	145	0	0	
						Waimea East, Appleby Well	5	0	0	
					April.	Masters' Salaries	150	0	0	
						Suburban North Committee	13	6	8	
						Stoke do.	8	13	4	
						Waimea East do.	33	13	4	
						C. & J. Elliott	2	4	6	
					May.	Inspector	50	0	0	
						Masters' Salaries	200	0	0	
						Waimea East Committee	33	13	4	
						Takaka do. (building)	60	0	0	
						Spring Grove do.	23	10	0	
						Suburban North do.	13	6	8	
						Stoke do.	9	13	4	
						Waimea West do.	6	9	0	
						Rent, Trustees of Motueka School	15	0	0	
						Rent, Nelson School Society	25	0	0	
					June.	Moutere Committee (repairs)	6	0	0	
						Suburban North do. (building)	16	10	0	
						Nelson do. (building)	18	0	0	
						Waimea East do.	33	13	4	
						Suburban North do.	13	6	8	
						Masters' Salaries	100	0	0	
						Lucas (printing)	4	0	0	
							£	2,127	6	0
					July 3.	Masters' Salaries	150	0	0	
						Moutere, Lower (pump)	5	0	0	
						Waimea East Committee	33	13	4	
						Suburban North do.	13	6	8	
						Inspector and Secretary	75	0	0	
						M. Bury, Architect	19	13	0	
						Waimea East (well, Ranzau)	10	0	0	
						Riwaka Committee, School Fittings, &c.	16	10	0	
						Motupipi Committee (buildings removed)	36	7	0	
							£	2,486	16	0
						Balance to 1862—63	1,178	17	4	
							£	3,665	13	4

DONALD SINCLAIR, *Chairman.*

GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
THE HALF-YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1863.

1862.		£	s.	d.	1862.		£	s.	d.	
	To Balance from last Account	1,178	17	4	Aug.	To Masters' Salaries	200	0	0	
Sept. 3	Cash Land Sales	463	0	6		Collingwood Committee	10	0	0	
5	Do. do. ...	115	5	0		Motueka Do.	10	0	0	
Oct. 2	Do. do. ...	7	15	1		C. Elliott, Stationery	3	18	3	
17	Do. do. ...	338	18	6		E. Stanton, Books	6	0	0	
Nov. 7	Do. Provl. Treasurer	500	0	0		Ranzau School, Rent	8	0	0	
Dec. 31.	Interest	13	11	0	Sep.	Wakefield Committee	8	10	0	
						Spring Grove	10	0	0	
						Masters' Salaries	400	0	0	
						Committees' Incidental Ex- penses, Half-Year	155	0	0	
					Oct.	Richmond Committee	7	0	0	
						Motueka Do.	5	0	0	
						Waimea West Do.	7	17	0	
						Masters' Salaries	200	0	0	
					Nov.	Richmond Committee	17	11	4	
						Riwaka Do.	5	0	0	
						Masters' Salaries	200	0	0	
					Dec.	Do. do.	200	0	0	
						Wakefield Committee	60	0	0	
						Takaka Do.	10	0	0	
						Harvey, Carpenter	11	12	6	
					Sept. } Nov. }	Inspector	100	0	0	
							1,605	9	1	
						Balance to Jan. 1863.	1,011	18	4	
		£	2,617	7	5		£	2,617	7	5
						Expenditure of first six months	2,486	16	0	
						Do. of second do.	1,605	9	1	
							£4,092	5	1	