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GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Subsidies to Public Libraries.

Education Department,
Wellington, 18th November, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £4,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries.

The distribution will take place on the 9th February, 1914, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that shall not have been sent in due form and received by the Secretary for Education, Wellington, on or before the 26th January, 1914.

1. A library to be entitled to a subsidy must be public in the sense of belonging to the public, and of not being under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only, and if within a borough it must be open to the public free of charge. The receipts for the year from subscriptions and donations must not have been less than £2, exclusive of moneys received from endowments, or from Government, or from Borough or County Councils, or for special building purposes, or as rent, hire, or consideration for the use of any room, or building, or land belonging to the institution, in respect of none of which will subsidy be allowed. The net proceeds of concerts, lectures, or other entertainments on behalf of the current expenses of the library will be regarded as voluntary contributions. A subsidy will not be given to more than one library in the same town.

2. In the division of the vote a nominal addition of £25 will be made to the amount of the income of each library derived from subscriptions, donations, and rates, and the vote will be divided according to the amounts thus

augmented; but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £100.

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value; that is on books of more than merely passing interest.

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913; and such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received during the year was expended in the purchase of books for the library; [and that by the rules of the library it is open to the public free of charge].

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 191____,
before me— _____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor,
or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 2s. 6d.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to last year's subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not applicable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Education.

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Office of the Registrar-General, Wellington, 3rd December, 1913.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, the Department of Agriculture collected through the post returns of the areas under grain (for threshing only) and root crops in the various districts for the current season (1913-14), and the following table gives the results of the compilation made therefrom. The figures may be taken as a fairly accurate estimate of the areas under the respective crops.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

GRAIN, ROOT, AND OTHER CROPS SOWN OR INTENDED TO BE SOWN THIS SEASON, 1913-14.—SUMMARY OF PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS.—RETURNS COLLECTED OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1913.

District.	For Threshing only.					Intended to be cut for Seed.						Sown or intended to be sown this Season.			
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	Rye Grass.	Cocks-foo.	Chewings Fescue.	Red Clover.	White Clover.	Other Clover.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangolds.	Rape.
Auckland ..	919	10,657	872	5,293	211	4,424	2,699	248	170	105	305	4,653	72,574	1,537	14,266
Taranaki ..	279	2,578	373	93	107	290	315	16	13	12	15	696	25,201	1,816	5,588
Hawke's Bay ..	451	7,822	1,120	308	85	3,612	769	18	31	55	3	1,157	18,612	515	22,717
Wellington ..	3,927	16,670	970	183	505	3,971	1,125	47	171	22	83	2,505	33,777	1,214	29,945
Marlborough ..	972	7,299	8,573	3	5,596	582	861	..	622	33	87	761	3,885	450	6,565
Nelson ..	3,140	8,000	2,374	35	565	219	229	602	102	21	..	1,071	11,277	230	7,392
Canterbury ..	125,858	138,048	11,190	26	6,453	14,722	18,046	592	3,468	1,255	113	19,168	91,783	3,058	76,911
Otago -															
Otago portion ..	23,730	86,760	5,942	1	340	9,362	837	530	343	137	22	4,912	102,989	1,328	40,224
Southland portion ..	2,498	83,907	608	9,18,754	1,054	5,549	55	61	190	3,008	133,470	84	17,303
Totals ..	166,774	361,741	32,022	5,942	13,871	55,936	25,935	7,602	4,975	1,701	818	37,931	493,568	10,182	220,911