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Allotments from General Revenue—			
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For schools	..	..	2,780
Special funds	3,797	3,500	2,000
Cess on land	1,67,999	1,63,000	1,68,000
Tolls	32,529	33,560	32,430
Fees in schools	954	1,200	1,300
Contributions from other circles, &c. ..	2,156	2,160	2,160
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Miscellaneous	14,618	4,450	4,050
Total ..	3,32,078	3,06,630	2,31,650

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Establishment	8,152	6,250	6,640
General reserve	..	..	4,290
Miscellaneous debt accounts	37	..	..
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