

course of work is necessary if success at the examination is to be assured. The Wanganui Sanitary and Plumbing Board of Control, under the Department of Public Health, held a practical and theoretical examination for certificates of competency. Five students presented themselves, and all passed. The theoretical class in plumbing was well attended in the fourth quarter, and good work was done. Mr. J. Bruce, who kindly took charge of this class up to the second quarter, resigned, and Mr. Arnold was appointed in the fourth quarter.

*Building-construction.*—The attendance at this class has fluctuated during this year owing to the students being called away to work in various parts of the districts. The students worked steadily through the session, and good results were obtained at the examination.

*Machine-construction.*—The work of this class was of good quality, and a number of drawings were executed during the year. We are still in need of more mechanical models to enable students to draw direct from the object. The attendance has been fair.

*Wood-carving.*—The attendance has considerably increased in numbers, and if as many students enrol next year another class will be necessary. The students have turned out excellent specimens of work. Several specimens were shown at the various shows and exhibitions, and several prizes were gained.

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#### EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE PALMERSTON NORTH ART CLASSES.

Classes were held by Mr. L. J. Watkin on the same lines as for last year. The average number of students attending day classes was 19; general evening classes, 12; evening life class, 6; teachers' Saturday art classes, 40. About two-thirds of the latter classes were pupil-teachers. The subjects taught included freehand, model-drawing, light and shade, painting in oils and in water-colours, geometrical drawing, brushwork and design, building-construction, machine-drawing, signwriting, drawing from life, &c. The general attendance of the students has been good, and some good work has been done. Prizes were obtained in the industrial classes at the Palmerston Agricultural and Pastoral Show by students of the school in various branches of drawing and of painting.

For the first time the examinations of the Board of Education, South Kensington, were held in Palmerston North in connection with the school. Seventeen students entered, the subjects taken being freehand, model-drawing, light and shade, geometrical drawing, and painting from still life.

The Saturday art classes for teachers having grown too large to be properly managed single-handed, at the beginning of the third quarter the Wanganui Education Board appointed Mr. Herbert Gabites as assistant instructor. His assistance has been most valuable, and his work in the highest degree satisfactory.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE HAWERA ART CLASSES.

During the year classes in painting, freehand, model and geometrical drawing were held. The classes were not well attended, except the Saturday classes for pupil-teachers.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE SCHOOL CLASSES FOR WOODWORK AND COOKERY.

Classes for woodwork were conducted at Hawera, Palmerston North, and Wanganui by Mr. R. Grant. The total number on the rolls at the end of the term for each place was as follows: Hawera, 58; Wanganui, 153; Palmerston, 164; whilst the average attendance was—Hawera, 57; Palmerston, 157; Wanganui, 153.

The course of instruction included twelve simple models, each one involving a principle; also lessons on timber, the growth of trees, the proper use and manipulation of tools, &c. The drawing for each model was taken in connection with the work. The three centres were visited by Mr. Isaac, the Department's Inspector, who expressed himself as satisfied with the work that was being done throughout the district; he also gave many useful hints as to the future conduct of the classes. It might be mentioned here that a woodwork exhibit and a drawing exhibit were sent to the Wanganui Agricultural Show, each of which was awarded a first prize.

By degrees the rooms are being fitted up in an attractive manner. The specimens of New Zealand woods supplied by the Department have been supplemented from the instructor's private collection. Blackboards are badly needed for each of the rooms; there are many other requisites also which can be made in the room, but which take time to complete. Teachers' classes were conducted in Wanganui and Palmerston North. The Wanganui class was attended by eighteen teachers, and the Palmerston North class by nine teachers.

Cookery classes were conducted at Palmerston North and Hawera by Miss B. Mollison. At Palmerston seven classes were held weekly, with a roll-number of 138, and an average attendance of 122; and at Hawera three classes, with a roll-number of sixty-eight, and an average attendance of fifty-seven. The course of work at each place comprised instruction and practice in the chief ways of cooking meat; also pastry-making and puddings. In addition to these school classes, a teachers' class was held at Hawera, with an average attendance of six out of seven teachers. The programme followed was that laid down by the City and Guilds of London Institute.