

lation is sought from Parliament in connection with College matters, a clause should be introduced to provide for the present site and that of the land required for extension being vested in the Board of Governors. It is absolutely wrong that a permanent building like the Museum, controlled by one body, should stand on ground that is under the jurisdiction of another.

SCHOOL OF ART.

Apart from the question of finance, which is, as I have pointed out above, in a not quite satisfactory position, the general work of the school is making good progress. The work of the students, as shown in competition with outside centres, is of a high character, for in the various exhibitions where their paintings have been on view, the prizes have been many and valuable, while in the South Kensington (London) exhibition appreciation of the teaching was shown by one of the pictures being placed high on the list of successful exhibits. Such successes are due to the energy and enthusiasm of both teachers and taught, both of whom are helped by the interest and liberality of some of our residents, whose example might well be copied by others who would like to see this section of education advance still further.

At the close of the year we lost the services of the life master, who decided to proceed to Europe for the practice of his profession and for further study. During his tenure of office a great advance was made in this branch of the school, and it is confidently expected that his successor will be no less successful.

Financial arrangements also made a reconstruction of the staff necessary, with the result that one of the teachers, who had been for many years on the staff, decided to resign his position, but the altered conditions, we hope, will not interfere with the efficiency of the school.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

The reports furnished by the Principals of these two schools show much that is very satisfactory to all, and prove that the instruction is of a high character.

While the results at the Boys' High School do not reach the very high standard that was obtained some few years ago, yet it is pleasing to note that one Junior University Scholarship, two Gammack Scholarships, and three Bursaries were won by the candidates from this school at the public examinations, and three Senior Board Scholarships were also awarded, while another boy, who was awarded a scholarship, was unable to hold it owing to the fact that he had been a month too long in attendance at the school.

Another matter worthy of note is mentioned in the report of the Acting-Headmaster—namely, that those who have passed through the school are taking high positions in the various University Colleges, where they are pursuing their studies, and this gives evidence of the thoroughness of the grounding imparted during school life.

The work at the Girls' High School is still maintained at its high standard of excellence, and the school is rightly regarded as one of the best secondary schools in the Dominion. Though the ranks of the upper sixth have for two years been depleted owing to so many of the senior girls being selected for the position of pupil-teachers in the primary schools, yet at the public examinations one candidate obtained a Senior National Scholarship, one a Gammack Scholarship, and another was placed in the credit list. The successes in University work prove that this school also is fulfilling the duties for which it was established.

One other matter requires notice. Each year a table is given showing the average salary per teacher in the respective schools, and this always shows a marked difference. While a great difference will be shown again next year, yet I am pleased to be able to state that, as the finances of the Girls' High School were improved, an increase was able to be made in the case of the whole of the permanent staff to take effect at the beginning of 1911, and the salaries now payable are more in line with those paid in other girls' secondary schools throughout the Dominion.

Girls' High School.

Year.	Roll Number at End of Year.	Fees.	Government Payments for Capitation and Technical Classes.	Total.	Average Fee paid.
		£	£	£	£ s. d.
1905	166	721	843	1,564	4 6 10
1906	189	394	1,164	1,558	2 1 8
1907	218	418	1,692	2,110	1 18 4
1908	202	363	1,767	2,130	1 15 11
1909	226	179	2,247	2,426	0 15 10
1910	238	265	2,735	3,000	1 2 3
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End 1910—Junior free places	150
Senior	62
School	3
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It will be seen that 215 out of the total school roll of 238 were free-place pupils.