

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The number of students in attendance during the year was, for the New Plymouth Centre, 302; for the Stratford Centre, 126; and for the Inglewood Centre, 32.

New Plymouth Centre.—The plumbing class was one of the best attended. Commercial subjects were also taken by a good number of students. The initiation of classes held during the day was a step in the right direction, as about twenty students completed one or other of the courses provided—commercial, domestic, or industrial. This number was very encouraging, and fully justified the action of the Board in establishing the classes. A millinery class was also conducted at Waitara.

Stratford Centre.—The Superintendent reports as follows: Classes in dressmaking and millinery were held at Tariki (three terms), Cardiff, Toko, Midhirst, and Stratford (two terms), and Ngaere (one term). Continuation classes were held at Stratford—(1) For pupils preparing for proficiency; (2) Latin and mathematics for Civil Service Junior students; (3) Latin and English for advanced students. Three of the pupils of the first-mentioned class gained proficiency certificates at the end of the year.

Inglewood Centre.—At this centre classes were held in woodwork, first aid and physiology, and in cookery. The classes were very well attended, and thanks are due to Dr. W. Kerr-Hislop, who acted as instructor in first-aid and physiology.

In conclusion, I should like to state that, in my opinion, military training and evening technical classes will have to be more closely allied if both are to be carried out to the best advantage. Also, more public interest will have to be shown before technical education in Taranaki will be as successful as the importance of the district warrants

ALFRED GRAY, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1912, in respect of Special Classes conducted at New Plymouth, Opunake, Urenui, and Midhirst.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Capitation on classes	86	5	7	Balance at beginning of year	63	1	7
Capitation on account of free places	33	1	0	Salaries of instructors	398	5	4
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	204	8	6	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	14	1	6
Material	11	18	4	Advertising and printing	32	1	3
Subsidies on voluntary contributions	49	14	1	Lighting and heating	14	8	2
Fees	169	0	3	Insurance and repairs	11	6	8
Voluntary contributions	51	13	6	Examinations, &c.	1	10	0
Deposit fees	62	0	0	Material for class use	48	0	8
Sales of material	0	18	0	Caretaker	27	0	0
Refunds	38	15	6	Refunds and rebates	58	7	6
Rent (New Zealand University)	2	0	0	Legal expenses	1	0	0
Balance at end of year	120	15	8	Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.)	9	12	4
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	151	15	5
	<u>£830</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£830</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

R. W. WHETTER, for Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1912, in respect of Special Classes conducted at Stratford, Cardiff, Ngaere, Tariki, and Toko.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Capitation on classes	64	0	0	Balance at beginning of year	14	13	5
Grants to instructors for travelling	11	17	0	Salaries of instructors	165	10	9
Rent	5	0	0	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	6	0	10
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	13	13	6	Advertising and printing	2	7	3
Material	0	17	0	Lighting and heating	0	19	6
Subsidies on voluntary contributions	12	10	0	Insurance and repairs	2	16	3
Fees	127	2	6	Rent	2	10	0
Voluntary contributions	2	0	0	Caretaker	10	0	0
Sales of material	3	1	6	Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.)	0	3	0
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	0	8	6
	<u>£240</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	Balance at end of year	34	12	0
					<u>£240</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

R. W. WHETTER, for Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1912, in respect of Special Classes conducted at Inglewood.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Capitation on classes	6	0	0	Balance at beginning of year	2	8	9
Rent	1	1	0	Salaries of instructors	18	9	10
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	29	13	10	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	2	11	8
Material	2	6	8	Advertising and printing	3	4	0
Fees	4	17	6	Insurance and repairs	1	0	0
Sales of material	0	8	0	Examinations, &c.	1	1	0
				Material for class use	0	13	5
				Caretaker	1	2	0
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	0	3	10
	<u>£44</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	Balance at end of year	13	12	6
					<u>£44</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

R. W. WHETTER, for Secretary.