

The University of Otago School of Mines has not been included, as special examinations are held at that school.

The effective work by a school of mines may be gauged by the result of examinations upon mining subjects. From the foregoing table it will be seen that the number of students presenting themselves for examination on mining subjects is insignificant, and as mining schools these institutions cannot now be regarded as a success. The number of students attending one or more classes on any subject affords no criterion as to the effective work as a school of mines. A considerable majority of the students, including school boys and girls, attend evening classes at the schools of mines to improve themselves in mathematics, while others attend to study electricity, chemistry, mechanical drawing, or surveying, which are common to occupations other than mining.

The following table shows the expenditure by the Government on schools of mines since their inception, exclusive of subsidies paid to the University of Otago towards the School of Mines in connection with that institution:—

Financial Years.	Subsidies towards the Erection of Schools of Mines, and Maintenance.	Chemicals and Apparatus, also Mineralogical Specimens supplied to Schools of Mines.	Scholarships.	Salaries of Teachers, and Travelling-expenses, &c.	Total Sum paid by the Department towards the Schools of Mines.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1885-86 ...	...	36 19 9	...	1,223 9 10	1,260 9 7
1886-87 ...	257 16 6	409 1 4	...	2,716 9 3	3,383 7 1
1887-88 ...	253 15 9	253 14 1	...	1,714 9 6	2,221 19 4
1888-89 ...	42 10 0	6 12 9	...	1,139 4 1	1,188 6 10
1889-90 ...	142 2 0	181 14 10	...	716 3 10	1,040 0 8
1890-91 ...	217 6 6	54 8 0	...	620 9 9	892 4 8
1891-92 ...	181 14 0	...	...	689 5 9	870 19 9
1892-93 ...	312 3 4	...	...	670 1 0	982 4 4
1893-94 ...	197 0 5	...	...	858 19 4	1,055 19 9
1894-95 ...	390 0 0	45 10 10	...	773 17 8	1,209 8 6
1895-96 ...	820 0 0	...	50	849 3 0	1,719 3 0
1896-97 ...	352 14 11	58 18 6	100	834 12 8	1,346 6 1
1897-98 ...	1,089 18 6	29 19 9	100	780 19 0	2,000 17 3
1898-99 ...	740 15 2	32 19 7	50	729 10 11	1,553 5 8
1899-1900 ...	990 3 4	24 3 8	50	52 16 3	1,117 3 3
1900-1 ...	866 10 11	56 3 4	98	77 7 10	1,098 2 1
1901-2 ...	1,155 12 3	63 5 1	49	69 16 4	1,337 13 8
1902-3 ...	1,379 15 6	134 18 8	158	111 0 0	1,783 14 2
1903-4 ...	1,575 15 3	88 18 8	92	109 15 10	1,866 9 9
1904-5 ...	1,401 2 11	17 3 0	100	362 19 6	1,881 5 5
1905-6 ...	1,806 19 5	87 2 1	49	440 9 4	2,383 10 10
1906-7 ...	1,836 6 6	11 15 8	100	388 18 5	2,337 0 7
1907-8 ...	2,428 19 3	94 6 2	150	345 15 11	3,019 1 4
1908-9 ...	2,738 11 1	328 9 3	100	642 9 4	3,809 9 8
1909-10 ...	1,882 2 6	692 2 8	100	587 3 2	3,261 8 4
1910-11 ...	2,813 0 10	44 5 8	108	1,130 7 3	4,095 13 9
1911-12 ...	1,852 19 11	38 9 9	92	1,138 6 7	3,121 16 3
1912-13 ...	1,769 6 10	182 18 4	100	1,227 2 2	3,279 7 4
1913-14 ...	1,909 14 7	70 4 2	250	1,267 17 10	3,497 16 7
1914-15 ...	1,628 4 1	11 13 8	275	2,416 6 2	4,331 3 11
1915-16 ...	932 11 0	47 1 0	258	2,414 14 7	3,652 6 7
Totals ...	33,965 13 3	3,103 0 3	2,429	27,100 2 1	66,597 15 7

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