

The teaching staff were energetic and painstaking. Some of them have served this Board faithfully and well for a number of years, and are now widely known and worthy of confidence. The other instructors also did excellent class work, and no doubt will quickly win the esteem of the Board, the students, and the residents of Temuka. It is hoped this coming year to add other well-qualified instructors to the teaching staff.

In the shearing class there was a larger roll of students than in any previous year in the history of the school, and 2,780 sheep were shorn in a most satisfactory manner. Pupils attended the class from the Fairlie, Geraldine, Ashburton, Pleasant Point, Seadown, and Temuka districts. Nine students gained first-class shearing certificates, and nearly every member secured a "stand" in a good shed, some going as far as the Mackenzie country and doing very creditable work in merino flocks. It may be interesting to state in passing that some of our last year's students went this year to the North Island, and had a good run and earned high wages. In connection with the shearing class the Managers desire to thank Mr. S. McCully for providing shed accommodation and sheep, Mrs. S. McCully for supplying tea and lunches to the students and instructors, and the farmers generally for keeping the men going with sheep, sometimes at considerable inconvenience and at no small expense to themselves. The public day arranged by Mr. McCully was a complete success, and over a hundred visitors interested in the shearing class gathered to see the pupils shearing, classing, and pressing. The wool for the wool-classing class was kindly supplied by the Imperial Supplies Department, Wellington, at the instance of the Minister of Lands; and at the close of the session it was sent to Mr. Rooney's wool-scouring works, Temuka, whence it was forwarded to Timaru. The Board appreciate very much the assistance given by the Minister to obtain the wool for instructional purposes. The wool for next session is being similarly arranged for. Eleven students gained first-class certificates in wool-classing. A member of the wool class competed successfully at the Timaru Agricultural and Pastoral Association's wool-classing competition held in October.

The dairying class was a very useful one, and the practical work done during the term interested the farmers a great deal. A cow was brought to the school on three different occasions; milk-testing was done; the making of calf-meal was explained and samples analysed; diseases and ailments in horses, cows, and pigs were demonstrated; work with the lactometer and hydrometer was carried out, and other practical work received full attention. At the close of the course pupils felt that they had not had enough, and hoped that the course would be continued during the next year.

The classes in dressmaking are now so well known that comment on the instruction therein is not necessary. It is hoped that during 1920 there will be larger classes in carpentry and book-keeping respectively. It is intended during the next season to launch classes in bee-keeping, poultry-farming, boot-mending, and motor-engineering in addition to those already mentioned, and perhaps there will be cookery and millinery classes as well.

We cannot close this report without expressing the thanks of the Board to the Geraldine County Council for their practical recognition of the work done in our classes, and also to the Canterbury Sheepowners' Union for increasing their grant. To local bodies generally and to private individuals the Board also wish to extend their thanks for continued support, which has encouraged them to persevere in the good work of extending the opportunities to gain knowledge. Before concluding the Board wish to point out that, by new regulations, the representation of local bodies and subscribers was considerably narrowed, and gentlemen who for many years were members of the management, and who took a lively interest in the school, lost their seats. A motion expressing appreciation of their work in the interests of the Temuka technical classes, and therefore of the Town of Temuka and its people, has been recorded in the books of the association, and a letter of thanks for their services sent to each.

GEO. B. CARTWRIGHT, Chairman.

J. T. SMART, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE PLEASANT POINT TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the labour-market, occasioned by the war unrest, technical education has not made much progress during the year 1919, and the restricted train service added further difficulties.

The thanks of the members of the association are due to the several bodies which gave financial support. These grants, with the Government subsidy, enabled a sound financial position to be maintained.

It is the intention of the association to establish continuation classes during the year 1920, and a decided forward policy is contemplated in addition to the ordinary technical classes.

J. MAZE, Chairman.

ARTHUR J. WICKES, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE WAIMATE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

The following classes were successfully conducted at Waimate during the 1919 session: English and arithmetic, painting, book-keeping, wool-classing (two classes), and dressmaking (three classes), the total number of students being 129.

Wool-classing continues to be the most popular subject, and was taken by no fewer than forty-nine students, dressmaking coming next with thirty-seven.

A new departure was in the direction of establishing classes in English and arithmetic, thus making provision for free students. In all nine free students and five returned soldiers availed themselves of the special facilities provided.

All the classes were well attended, and the students, under the tuition of competent and painstaking instructors, displayed commendable keenness in their work.

From a financial point of view the session proved very satisfactory, the capitation earned amounting to £183 13s. 3d. The total receipts amounted to £310 18s. 6d. and the expenditure to £282 11s. 8d., the balance to credit at the Bank of New Zealand being £113 12s. 4d.

J. MENZIES, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE FAIRLIE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

As was expected, the conclusion of the war brought a revival in the work of the Fairlie Technical Classes Association. The Director was successful in forming three classes—namely, wool-classing, dressmaking, and motor engineering. A total of fifty-two pupils attended these