

School Certificates.—The following is a summary of the results of the examination for proficiency and competency certificates :—

	Public Schools.		Private Schools.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Number on roll	1,019	..	104	..
Number examined	960	..	75	..
Proficiency certificates granted	709	69·5	44	42·3
Competency certificates granted	108	10·6	13	12·5
Endorsed competency certificates granted	20	1·9	2	1·9

Voluntary Contributions.—That the advantages of the scheme of securing assistance by way of subsidy on voluntary contributions in aid of the funds of School Committees for gardens and grounds, libraries, &c., are becoming more generally recognized is evidenced by the fact that during the year contributions were received to the amount of £2,143 13s. 8d. This sum is over three times that received for the previous year, and clearly indicates the increased interest that is being taken in this means of bettering school conditions.

Buildings.—Various works of considerable importance have been carried out during the year, chief of which have been re-erection of the Gore School, destroyed by fire; the erection of new schools at Pukemaori, Brown's, Dunearn; and additions to schools at Waimahaka, Lower Hedgehope, Mossburn, St. George; and the erection of new residences at Tutarau and Morton Mains. In addition to the above-named works the usual renovations of a number of schools and residences were undertaken.

Finance.—The receipts for the year totalled £157,643 and the payments £151,844. The principal items of expenditure for the year were as follows, the corresponding figures for 1920 being shown in brackets: Teachers' salaries and house allowances, £98,359 (£95,015); conveyance and board of school-children, £1,936 (£2,029); incidental allowances to School Committees, £6,222 (£6,005); office salaries, £1,552 (£1,525); office contingencies, £941 (£1,092); maintenance school buildings, £7,563 (£8,425); new school buildings and rebuilding, £9,778 (£9,251).

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