

Summary showing the Schools that sent in Specimens of Sewing and the Number of Specimens sent in each Standard.

School.	Standards.						Total.	Remarks of Examiner.
	I.	II.	III.	IV	V	VI.		
1. Clive	9	10	15	4	3		41	Work varies between fair and excellent.
2. Frasertown ..	5	2	3				10	Very fair indeed.
3. Gisborne	12	19	24	15	3	2	75	Much of the work excellent.
4. Hampden	4	5	1				10	Very good work.
5. Hastings	5	6	4	5	3		23	Varies between fair and good.
6. Kaikora	12	5	5	1	4		27	Mostly unfinished. Very fair as far as finished.
7. Makatoku		2	3	1			6	Good work, but rules not complied with.
8. Matawhero		7	6	8			21	A fair beginning has been made.
9. Meanee	14	12	5	1			32	Very fair
10. Mohaka	2	3	2	1			8	Very good work.
11. Napier ..	21	43	20	26	12	9	131	Much unfinished. Standard VI. good. Standard V below fair, others very fair. Greatly fallen off.
12. Norsewood	47	5	4	1			57	Very fair, but specimens should not be coloured.
13. Patutahi	4	3		2			9	+ 3. Very good, but Standard I. not so good as last year
14. Port Ahuriri	11	5	10	6			32	Exceedingly creditable work.
15. Puketapu	1	5	3	2			11	Excellent work.
16. Taradale ..	10	13	10	8	4	1	46	+ 6. Unfinished, or below fair.
17. Tarawera		2	1				3	Very fair
18. Te Ongaonga	4	4	1				9	Very good work indeed.
19. Waipawa	7	4	4	3	2		20	Standards II. and V creditable, others hardly satisfactory
20. Waipukurau	9	1	3		1		14	Fallen off somewhat during the year.
21. Wairoa. ..	7	4	7	2	2		22	Exceedingly creditable work.
22. Woodville	6	12	2	3			23	Very fair work on the whole.
23. Waerenga-a-hika	4	2	4	1			11	Fair beginning made.
Total ..	194	174	138	89	34	12	641	+ infants, 40=grand total, 681.

CAPTAIN RUSSELL'S SEWING PRIZES.

The examination of specimens of sewing for the annual prize competition instituted by Captain Russell took place at the old Provincial Council Chamber, Napier, on Thursday and Friday, the 9th and 10th November, 1883. The prizes are three in number, and are offered for open competition to all girls attending any of the schools under the Board. The first prize is a sewing machine, and is offered for the best specimen of patching the knees and re-seating a pair of old and well-worn trousers, the second prize—a work-box—is offered for the best-made night-shirt, and the third—a lady's-companion—is offered for the best specimen of darning shown on a pair of old and well-worn stockings or socks. Four competitors entered for the first prize, nine for the second, and four for the third, representing in all eight different schools. Last year only nine competitors entered for the three classes, and only two schools were represented, viz., Napier and Wallingford. The examiners were Mesdames Ormond, Russell, and Hill, who have awarded the prizes as follows: First prize (sewing machine) to Maud Farmer, aged thirteen, of the Gisborne District School; second prize (lady's work-box) to Mary Baker, aged fourteen, of the Gisborne District School; third prize (lady's companion) to Lottie Naylor, aged twelve, of the Meanee District School. Elizabeth Rymer, of the Puketapu School, was only *one* mark behind Mary Baker for the second prize, and a special prize was awarded to her by Mrs. Ormond for the general excellence of her work. For the third prize Annie Hall obtained equal marks with Lottie Naylor, and a special prize was awarded to her by Mrs. Locke.

The examiners report "marked improvement in the character of most of the work forwarded when compared with the specimens sent in last year. The patching of the trousers was excellent, and few faults were to be found either with the night-shirts or the specimens of darning. Only one specimen fell below the mark 'good,' the majority being either very good or excellent."

The following table gives the names of the competitors for each prize, and the schools to which they severally belong:—

FIRST PRIZE—A Sewing Machine. Requirement Patching the knees and re-seating a pair of old and well-worn trousers.

No.	Name.	Age.	School.	Marks obtained.	Marks obtainable.	Remarks.
1	Maud Farmer	13	Gisborne	90	100	Prize.
2	Ada Good	14	Gisborne	85	"	Commended.
3	Rachel LeQuesne ..	14	Napier	85		
4	Mary Alley ...	14	Clive	80		