

The Science and Art Department, South Kensington, examination took place on the 13th and 14th July, with the following result :—

Subjects.	Number examined.	Passed.		Failed.
		First Class.	Second Class.	
Freehand	20	10	8	2
Model drawing	18	7	2	9
Geometrical drawing	1	1		
Perspective	1	1		

The students from the School of Mines passed the local examination with credit, seven having passed first class and two second class, details of which were forwarded to Professor Ulrich, Director of the School of Mines.

The interest taken by the students in the science and art examinations is evident in their studies and in their anxiety to profit to the utmost during the limited time at their disposal.

The pupil-teachers and students in training did excellent class-work, and passed their examinations with credit. The work of the day classes was fully up to the average of past years, the studies from life and sketches from nature show considerable progress in method and execution. In the various evening classes the progress was satisfactory, this being perhaps most noticeable in the outline drawing from ornament and in the drawing in light and shade from the antique.

On Saturdays a number of country school teachers attended for the purpose of improving their drawing, but owing to some irregularities the railway authorities withdrew the privilege of reduced fares extended to country school teachers, and so prevented them from continuing their studies.

The annual exhibition of the students' work attracted a large number of visitors, and was highly spoken of by the Press.

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DAVID C. HUTTON, Art Master, Principal.

The Secretary, Otago Education Board.

The following list shows the occupations of the students who attended the evening classes Artist, 1, builders, 2, brassfinisher, 1, carpenters, 7, cabinetmakers, 2, clerks, 5, coachbuilder, 1, coachpainter, 1, compositor, 1, confectioner, 1 decorators, 2, draper, 1, dressmakers, 3, engineers, 2, engraver, 1, hatter, 1, ironmonger, 1, jeweller, 1, lithographer, 1, machinist, 1 milliner, 1, photographic artist, 1 painters, 7; printer, 1, plumber, 1; retouchers, 3, shop-assistants, 6, signwriters, 2, students, 11, tailor 1, traveller, 1, teachers, 3 wool-classifier, 1, warehouseman, 1, no occupation or home duties, 7 total, 83.

SOUTHLAND.

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Education Office, Invercargill, 1st March, 1895.

In compliance with the provisions of section 102 of "The Education Act, 1877," the Education Board of the District of Southland has the honour to present the following report of its proceedings for the year ending the 31st December, 1894 :—

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.—At the commencement of the year the members constituting the Board were Mr George Froggatt (Chairman), Messrs. James W Bain, Alfred Baldey, George Lumsden, James Mackintosh, Robert McNab, Thomas MacGibbon, George McLeod, and D L. Matheson. In accordance with section 15 of the Education Act, the three retiring members were Messrs. Lumsden, Matheson, and McNab, each of whom was duly nominated for another term of office, and, at the election, held in March, re-elected for a further period of three years. At the April meeting of the Board Mr James Mackintosh, M.H.R., was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Messrs. James W Bain and Robert McNab, M.A., LL.B., were re-elected the Board's representatives on the Board of Governors of the Southland Boys' and Girls' High Schools, the former also representing the Board as a Commissioner of the Otago and Southland Education Reserves.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.—During the year there were held one special and twelve ordinary meetings of the Board, at each of which the very satisfactory attendance of members registered evidences a keen interest in the general business of the Board. There were also held twenty-five meetings of the Executive Committee, the special function of which is to sift out and deal primarily with the greater part of the ordinary business of the Board. In this Committee is vested the special power of making appointments of teachers and of accepting tenders for works, subject to formal confirmation by the Board at subsequent meetings. The attendances of members at meetings of the Board and Executive Committee respectively were as follows Board meetings—Messrs. Bain, Baldey, Froggatt, MacGibbon, and Matheson, 13, Messrs. Lumsden and McLeod, 12, Mr Mackintosh, 10, and Mr McNab, 8. The two latter being members of the House of Representatives, were necessarily absent from several meetings while Parliament was in session. Executive Committee meetings—Messrs. Froggatt and Lumsden, 23; Messrs. Baldey and McLeod, 22, Mr McBain, 21; Messrs. MacGibbon and Matheson, 20, Mr McNab, 14, Mr Mackintosh, 12. The average attendance of members at meetings of the Board and Executive Committee was 8.2 and 7 respectively.