

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement will show the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1898 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1898.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1898.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Te Puke Road Board	250 0 0	...
Matamata Road Board	...	100 0 0
Bay of Islands County	500 0 0	...
Whangarei County	350 0 0	200 0 0
Tauranga County	680 0 0	730 0 0
Coromandel County	100 0 0	150 0 0
Thames County	3,503 14 2	3,360 5 3
Ohinemuri County	1,621 11 11	2,649 13 7
Piako County	1,764 16 10	...
Pelorus Road Board	786 5 3	402 14 9
Collingwood County	1,040 0 0	1,975 0 0
Wairau Road Board	360 1 0	673 3 8
Waiamea County	...	250 0 0
Buller County	2,495 0 0	4,700 0 0
Inangahua County	2,434 6 5	2,459 16 0
Grey County	2,395 6 11	3,580 0 0
Westland County	4,792 18 2	2,285 5 3
Ross Borough Council	100 0 0	150 0 0
Wallace County	250 0 0	250 0 0
Taieri County	...	500 0 0
Lake County	550 0 0	400 0 0
Southland County	200 0 0	...
Tuapeka County	1,659 2 1	1,922 19 3
Vincent County	950 0 0	800 0 0
Land and Survey Department	9,241 0 8	6,368 19 7
Public Works Department	1,386 10 10	...
Totals	37,410 14 3	33,907 17 4

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement will show the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued in subsidies to prospecting associations and parties of miners recommended by the local bodies in the different counties for the year ending the 31st March last :—

Name of County.	Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1898.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1898.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Piako County	5 12 6	12 2 6
Bay of Islands County	212 7 0	110 3 0
Manukau County	55 2 3	14 2 3
Coromandel County	515 6 11	255 15 11
Tauranga County	10 0 0	6 0 0
Marlborough County	34 6 6	...
Grey County	7 10 0	80 0 0
Inangahua County	11 11 0	153 4 9
Westland County	1,240 3 2	754 16 4
Selwyn County	2 5 0	17 15 0
Tuapeka County	118 14 0	104 16 0
Lake County	10 0 0	13 0 0
Southland County	13 3 0	17 7 0
Vincent County	42 9 9	15 0 3
Maniototo County	...	20 0 0
Wallace County	79 4 0	7 10 0
Totals	2,357 15 1	1,581 13 0

SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The average attendance of students at the Thames School, although there is a slight decrease compared with last year, shows that the interest evinced is still well maintained, and that the