

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1901 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1901.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Whangarei County	...	200 0 0
Coromandel County	3,592 6 3	5,798 17 3
Thames County	4,098 18 2	2,598 9 6
Waitoa Road Board	...	150 0 0
Ohinemuri County	1,637 14 11	3,357 0 8
Piako County	275 0 0	118 0 0
Tauranga County	1,030 0 0	737 0 0
Picton Road Board	30 0 0	...
Pelorus Road Board	140 17 1	562 18 7
Wairau Road Board	11 18 10	600 0 0
Collingwood County	1,297 19 2	1,783 1 10
Waimea County	561 8 7	1,709 18 2
Buller County	2,400 0 0	4,895 0 0
Inangahua County	2,345 16 2	1,202 13 6
Grey County	4,686 4 0	1,765 0 0
Brunner Borough	200 0 0	...
Westland County	2,902 7 0	2,629 0 0
Ross Borough	...	200 0 0
Taieri County	...	400 0 0
Bruce County	162 0 0	218 0 0
Tuapeka County	1,800 0 0	1,325 0 0
Vincent County	488 0 0	1,912 0 0
Lake County	745 15 0	875 0 0
Southland County	1,250 0 0	1,600 0 0
Knapdale Road Board	...	150 0 0
Wallace County	326 10 7	150 0 0
Lands and Survey Department	9,176 13 3	4,079 7 9
Public Works Department... ..	5,993 5 2	7,111 17 1
Totals	45,152 14 2	46,128 4 4

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement shows 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, 1901.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1901.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bay of Islands	85 2 0	164 18 0
Marlborough	177 16 6	18 4 6
Coromandel	20 0 0	4 0 0
Ohinemuri... ..	1 4 0	5 11 0
Buller	138 14 9	59 15 3
Grey	239 7 0	92 5 0
Westland	569 9 6	688 14 0
Tuapeka	9 17 10	...
Southland... ..	25 0 0	...
Totals	1,266 11 7	1,033 7 9

SCHOOLS OF MINES.

In the North Island the schools at Coromandel, Thames, and Waihi continue to be appreciated, and in the early part of this year a school was opened at Karangahake to meet the requirements of the locality.

In the Middle Island, the school in connection with the University of Otago at Dunedin and that at Reefton are doing good work. Some instruction is also given at Nelson by Mr. W. F. Worley.