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EDUCATION: ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of SCHOOLS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,— Education Department, Wellington, 31st July, 1906.

I have the honour to report upon the annual examinations for teachers' certificates for Junior National Scholarships, for junior free places in secondary schools, district high schools, and technical schools, for senior free places in secondary schools and district high schools, and for admission to or promotion in the Civil Service. The examinations were held between the 12th and the 21st days of December, 1905, and between the 5th and the 17th days of January, 1906, at the thirteen towns which are the seats of Education Boards, and also at Alexandra, Aratapu, Arrowtown, Ashburton, Balclutha, Dannevirke, Gisborne, Gore, Hamilton, Hawera, Lawrence, Masterton, Oamaru, Ohaeawai, Opotiki, Otaki, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Rangiora, Reefton, Riverton, Stratford, Tapanui, Tauranga, Thames, Westport, and Whangarei.

The total number of candidates that entered was 3,318, of whom 316 were absent from examination. The numbers that actually sat for the several examinations were as follows: For the Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examination, 790; for the Civil Service Junior Examination, 1,305; for the Civil Service Senior Examination, 141; for certificate examinations, 749. The number, 141, given for the Senior Examination includes 17 who are also included in the number, 1,305, given for the Junior Examination.

The Junior National Scholarship Examination was used by all of the Education Boards except two for awarding their junior scholarships, and by Victoria College for awarding the Queen's Scholarships.

The Civil Service Junior Examination was used as the examination for senior free places in secondary schools and district high schools, and also as the First Examination of Pupil-teachers. It has also been adopted by nearly all the Education Boards as the test for their senior scholarships.

The expenses of the examinations amounted to £2,796 19s. 2d., and the fees paid by candidates to £1,613 9s. Printing and clerical work are not included in the account of expenses. The results of the Junior National Scholarship Examination were made known on the 19th January, those of the Civil Service Junior Examination on the 22nd January, those of the Civil Service Senior Examination on the 22nd February, those of the examination for the Education Board's Senior Scholarships and for Senior Free Places on the 23rd January, and those of the teachers' examinations on the 23rd February.