

GREY.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Special classes for teachers were held in cookery, agriculture, chemistry, and wood-carving. Eight school and two special classes were held in cookery and four in dressmaking; eight schools conducted classes in elementary agriculture; and at the various schools 890 children received instruction in elementary handwork. At Blackball the headmaster of the school successfully conducted two continuation classes.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Every girl in the Fifth and Sixth Standards in this district has now had an opportunity of obtaining a two-years course of cookery under Miss Dillon. Dressmaking classes under Mrs. Malcolm Potts were started this year, and will be continued during the coming year. The woodwork class under Mr. Austin, of the Grey District High School, continues to do excellent work. Agriculture, under Mr. Bruce, is taken at various schools with fair measure of success, and the usual classes in paper-folding, carton-work, &c., are taken in the larger schools. Altogether as much manual instruction is being done as we can afford time for without seriously impairing the efficiency of our schools in other subjects, and in proportion to the number of our pupils we are doing as much as most towns in the Dominion.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Special Classes conducted at Greymouth.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Capitation on special classes	37	1	3	Balance, at beginning of year	163	0	7
Furniture, fittings, apparatus	49	14	5	Salaries of instructors	140	0	0
Material	40	7	8	Office expenses (including salaries, station- ery, &c.)	50	5	0
Fees	32	15	0	Advertising and printing	6	17	6
Teachers' training grant	195	0	0	Lighting and heating	10	11	8
Sale of material	4	10	10	Material for class use	51	10	0
Balance at end of year	150	3	10	Caretaker and cleaning	23	6	8
				Coach fares of teachers attending classes ..	11	16	0
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	52	5	7
	£509	13	0		£509	13	0

P. F. DANIEL, Secretary.

WESTLAND.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

The following classes for manual and technical instruction have been in operation during the year :—Elementary agriculture and school gardens : A teachers' class has been held at intervals during the year under the direction of Mr. J. Bruce. Seven sessions have been held, including two outdoor excursions in nature-study. Thirty teachers have taken part in these lessons. Cookery : Two school classes and one special class have been held for two quarters each, and, in addition, a class for teachers has been in operation for fifteen weeks. The total number of students was seventy-one. Under the instruction of Miss Dillon the success of the previous years has been continued. Dressmaking : For two quarters special classes have been conducted under the instruction of Mrs. A. M. Potts. For the first quarter three classes in Hokitika and one in Kumara were carried on, the total number of students being seventy-six. For the second quarter the classes in Hokitika were reduced to one, with twenty-one students, while the class at Kumara was continued with twelve students. The total number of students receiving instruction during the year was eighty-two. Design-drawing and brush work : A class of twenty-seven teachers in these branches was conducted with success for sixteen weeks under instruction by Mr. H. R. Barrett. The following school classes have also been in operation during the year : Woodwork (Hokitika), practical chemistry and physics (Hokitika), elementary agriculture (Arahura Road, Humphreys, Koiterangi, Lower Kokatahi, Ross, and Stafford), elementary handwork (eight schools), needlework, with extra teacher (two schools).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Special Classes conducted at Hokitika and Kumara by the Westland Education Board.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Capitation on special classes		29	1	9	Balance at beginning of year		22	13	11
Material		5	14	10	Salaries of instructors		123	1	2
Fees		31	12	0	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)		26	7	0
Grant for training of teachers		195	0	0	Advertising and printing		6	1	3
Sales		2	3	0	Lighting and heating		16	9	2
Transfer from Board's Building Fund		27	6	4	Material for class use		15	10	8
					Teacher's travelling-expenses		47	0	0
					Furniture, fittings, and apparatus		11	11	4
					Balance at end of year		22	3	5
		£290	17	11			£290	17	11

CHAS. KIRK.