

The Junior National Scholarship was won by Master John Cairney, who obtained 534 marks the next highest candidate in order of merit obtaining 440 marks. Cairney was twelve years and two months old at date of the examination, and a Fifth Standard pupil of the Greymouth District High School. Of the twenty-six candidates, fourteen passed the Board's standard of Scholarship Examination. Town scholarships were awarded to Norman Campbell, Mary Pascoe, Vera Lather; and a country scholarship to Louise Leitch.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL.—In connection with the principal schools, one physiology, three hand-work, two woodwork, two cookery, and four agriculture classes were held, and at Hatter's Terrace and Blackball Schools continuation classes were successfully conducted. At the technical school, special classes were held in chemistry, carpentry, wood-carving, applied mechanics, and mechanical drawing, in the latter subjects extended programmes being most successfully carried through. In this connection it is worthy of mention that the Greymouth Dispatch Foundry Company generously donated £8 as a prize fund for the engineering classes, and intimated their intention of donating a similar amount for the year now current. The examination in connection with the award of the prizes was kindly made by Mr. James Bishop, M.I.M.E., the managing engineer of Point Elizabeth State Collieries.

CADETS, PHYSICAL DRILL, ETC.—During the year the public-school cadet companies attached to the Greymouth District High School, Cobden, Taylorville, Runanga, and Blackball Schools did excellent work, and at all schools physical drill was well attended to. The Board welcomes the new system of military training introduced by the Government, and is assured that in every way it will make for the betterment of the rising generation and the good of the Dominion and Empire.

FINANCE.—By the balance-sheet you will notice that on 31st December the Board was in debit £701 on all accounts. Allowing for cash assets to be collected, and taking into account accruing liabilities, the Board's net indebtedness approximates to £600. This result is wholly due to the reduction in the maintenance vote for 1909, otherwise a credit balance would have resulted. As this matter affects all the Boards in the Dominion, and has been so well ventilated, I will forbear comment, trusting to the generosity of the Department to see that justice is done to Boards and Committees at an early date. The present position of the Grey Board is that it is nearly £500 in debt, and has not a penny piece to carry out necessary repairs of its various schools.

GENERAL.—The Board sincerely desires to thank your Department for the various special grants for new buildings, &c., authorised during the year, and, as in the past, accords its best thanks to yourself and the officers of your Department for the unfailing courtesy and consideration ever extended to the Board.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister for Education.

W. R. KETTLE, Chairman.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1909.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	554	12	1	Staff salaries and clerical assistance	565	0	0
Grants from Government for—				Office contingencies	421	17	6
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	7,037	19	9	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	7,230	12	1
Reserves revenue for primary education	132	0	0	Relieving-teachers' salaries	37	6	10
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers	41	1	10	Special capitation to School Committees	58	16	9
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	1,174	3	9	Incidental expenses of schools	283	8	9
Special capitation at 9d. for School Committees	58	16	9	Inspection of private schools	12	10	6
Other grants—Private school inspection	12	10	6	Free school-books	56	8	6
Receipts from other sources—				Allowance to scholarship-holders, and expenses of examinations—			
Truancy fines	1	12	0	Board scholarships	64	0	0
Voluntary contributions, £2 9s. 9d.: rents, £21	23	9	9	National Scholarships	90	0	0
Grants from Government for—				Salaries of teachers and additions to salaries of head teachers on staffs of district high schools	414	11	8
Scholarships—				Other expenses—			
Education Board	64	0	0	Inspector, £25; printing and advertising, £9 2s.; incidentals, £38 13s. 7d.	72	15	7
National	90	0	0	Manual and technical—			
District high schools—				School classes	78	7	10
Salaries of teachers	365	0	0	Special classes	138	4	6
Receipts from other sources, district high schools—				Maintenance of school buildings—			
Fees	5	10	0	Alterations, small additions, repairs, re-painting, &c.	1,070	12	8
Voluntary contributions	21	0	0	Rent	22	1	0
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—				House allowances	405	19	2
Capitation on all classes	207	6	8	New school buildings, additional classrooms, furniture, sites, &c.	1,334	7	1
Material for class-work	20	13	4	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—			
Receipts from other sources—				School classes and special classes	40	17	6
Fees	25	15	0				
Sale of material, £1 9s. 10d.; grazing, £2 10s.	3	19	10				
Grants from Government for—							
Maintenance of school buildings, rebuilding, rents, sites, &c.	394	13	6				
House allowances	398	4	9				
New school buildings, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	1,063	0	0				
Other receipts—							
Sale of old material	1	0	0				
Balance at end of year	701	8	5				
	£12,397	17	11		£12,397	17	11

W. R. KETTLE, Chairman.
P. F. DANIEL, Secretary.