

VI. STATE AID TO MINING.

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement shows the expenditure on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ended the 31st March, 1911 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1911.		
	£	s.	d.
Coromandel County	2,280	17	8
Thames County	1,385	15	11
Thames Borough	150	0	0
Ohinemuri County	3,108	2	2
Piako County	275	0	0
Pelorus Road Board	100	0	0
Takaka County	319	11	4
Collingwood County	515	15	6
Waimea County	384	7	5
Murchison County	377	13	0
Buller County	6,187	2	1
Inangahua County	1,789	17	4
Grey County	3,763	19	2
Brunner Borough	142	2	8
Westland County	1,788	6	0
Ross Borough	300	0	0
Waihemo County	40	0	0
Tuapeka County	350	0	0
Vincent County	319	12	0
Lake County	414	4	0
Southland County	1,173	1	7
Wallace County	323	9	8
Stewart Island County	33	12	6
Public Works Department	103	10	8
Total	25,626	0	8

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement shows the expenditure on authorities issued in subsidies to prospecting associations and parties of miners in the different counties for the year ended the 31st March, 1911 :—

Name of County, &c.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1911.		
	£	s.	d.
Coromandel	550	15	0
Tauranga	41	10	0
Ohinemuri	183	15	0
Wairau Road Board	191	5	8
Inangahua	232	15	0
Buller	20	11	0
Grey	188	9	6
Westland	931	5	0
Ross Borough Council	85	0	0
Maniototo	79	10	0
Waihemo	46	11	6
Lake	236	16	7
Tuapeka	61	0	0
Vincent	106	5	0
Prospecting associations, &c.	281	13	0
	£3,237	2	3

GOVERNMENT PROSPECTING DRILLS.

Three diamond drills, with a boring-capacity of 2,500, 1,500, and 500 ft., respectively, also a Keystone traction placer drill of 350 ft. capacity, are now lent out by the Government to mining companies free of charge; the borrowers have, however, to keep the machines in good order, and pay all expenses and wages in connection therewith, including those of the Government Superintendent of the drill.