

"The examinations will be conducted in writing, and embrace six of the following subjects:—

- "(a.) Theoretical chemistry.
- "(b.) Practical chemistry.
- "(c.) Metallurgy of gold and silver; or drainage, haulage, and winding.
- "(d.) Mining 'coal' or 'metal.'
- "(e.) Ventilation.
- "(f.) General and mining geology.
- "(g.) Land and mine surveying.
- "(h.) Mathematics.

"The branches of subjects (c) and (d) shall be at the option of the candidates, who must state in their applications the branch of each subject they intend to take up.

"No scholarship shall be awarded to any candidate who does not obtain 75 per cent. of the marks in each of the six subjects."

EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The following table shows the expenditure by the Government on schools of mines since their inception, exclusive of subsidies paid to the University of Otago towards the School of Mines in connection with that institution:—

Financial Years.	Subsidies towards the Erection of Schools of Mines, and Maintenance.	Chemicals and Apparatus, also Mineralogical Specimens supplied to Schools of Mines.	Scholarships.	Salaries of Teachers, and Travelling-expenses, &c.	Total Sum paid by the Department towards the Schools of Mines.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1885-86 ...	...	36 19 9	...	1,223 9 10	1,260 9 7
1886-87 ...	257 16 6	409 1 4	...	2,716 9 3	3,383 7 1
1887-88 ...	253 15 9	253 14 1	...	1,714 9 6	2,221 19 4
1888-89 ...	42 10 0	6 12 9	...	1,139 4 1	1,188 6 10
1889-90 ...	142 2 0	181 14 10	...	716 3 10	1,040 0 8
1890-91 ...	217 6 6	54 8 0	...	620 9 9	892 4 3
1891-92 ...	181 14 0	...	...	689 5 9	870 19 9
1892-93 ...	312 3 4	...	...	670 1 0	982 4 4
1893-94 ...	197 0 5	...	...	858 19 4	1,055 19 9
1894-95 ...	390 0 0	45 10 10	...	773 17 8	1,209 8 6
1895-96 ...	820 0 0	...	50	849 3 0	1,719 3 0
1896-97 ...	352 14 11	58 18 6	100	834 12 8	1,346 6 1
1897-98 ...	1,089 18 6	29 19 9	100	780 19 0	2,000 17 3
1898-99 ...	740 15 2	32 19 7	50	729 10 11	1,553 5 8
1899-1900 ...	990 3 4	24 3 8	50	52 16 3	1,117 3 3
1900-1901 ...	866 10 11	56 3 4	98	77 7 10	1,098 2 1
1901-1902 ...	1,155 12 3	63 5 1	49	69 16 4	1,337 13 8
1902-1903 ...	1,379 15 6	134 18 8	158	111 0 0	1,783 14 2
1903-1904 ...	1,575 15 3	88 18 8	92	109 15 10	1,866 9 9
1904-1905 ...	1,401 2 11	17 3 0	100	362 19 6	1,881 5 5
1905-1906 ...	1,806 19 5	87 2 1	49	440 9 4	2,383 10 10
1906-1907 ...	1,836 6 6	11 15 8	100	388 18 5	2,337 0 7
1907-1908 ...	2,428 19 3	94 6 2	150	345 15 11	3,019 1 4
1908-1909 ...	2,738 11 1	328 9 3	100	642 9 4	3,809 9 8
1909-1910 ...	1,882 2 6	692 2 8	100	587 3 2	3,261 8 4
1910-1911 ...	2,813 0 10	44 5 8	108	121 9 2	3,086 15 8
Totals ...	25,872 16 10	2,752 13 4	1,454	17,626 16 8	47,706 6 10

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GOLD-MINERS' RELIEF FUND.

On the 3rd December the Gold-miners' Relief Fund was inaugurated by the passing of the Mining Amendment Act, 1910. Provision is made for the payment of a duty of 3d. per oz. on all gold exported to a fund controlled by the Public Trustee, and called the "Gold-miners' Relief Fund," the proceeds to be devoted to the relief of miners who are injured while working in mines and for the relief of the families of miners who are killed or injured while so working. During the period from the date of the inauguration of the fund and the close of the financial year £1,796 10s. 7d. had been contributed to the fund, but no payments for relief had been made as the regulations relating to payment thereof had not been gazetted.