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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|
| The cost of conducting both groups of examinations was as follows :— |    |    |    | £      | s. | d. |
| Total expenses, exclusive of cost of printing and clerical work      | .. |    |    | 5,274  | 6  | 3  |
| Less recoveries—fees paid by candidates                              | .. | .. | .. | 3,739  | 5  | 7  |
| Net cost of examinations                                             | .. | .. | .. | £1,535 | 0  | 8  |

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THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOLS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 15th June, 1911.

I have the honour to present the following report of the annual examinations conducted by the Department for the various purposes of Junior National Scholarships, Junior Free Places in secondary schools, district high schools, and technical schools, Senior Free Places in secondary schools and district high schools, for admission to or promotion in the Civil Service, and for teachers' certificates.

The examinations were held between the 21st and 28th November, 1910, on the 1st and 2nd December, 1910, and between the 5th and 19th January, 1911, at the thirteen towns which are the seats of Education Boards, and at Alexandra, Aratapu, Arrowtown, Ashburton, Balclutha, Carterton, Chatham Islands, Dannevirke, Gisborne, Gore, Hamilton, Hastings, Hawera, Lawrence, Levin, Marton, Masterton, Naseby, Oamaru, Opotiki, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Pukekohe, Rangiora, Reefton, Stratford, Taihape, Tapanui, Tauranga, Thames, Waihi, Waimate South, Waipawa, Wairoa, Westport, and Whangarei.

The following are the details of the number of candidates entering for the November-December and January tests :—

|                                                 |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Number who entered, 1910-11                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7,553 |
| Number who entered, 1909-10                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7,267 |
| Increase in 1910-11                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 286   |
| Number actually present at examination, 1910-11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,682 |
| Number actually present at examination, 1909-10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,508 |
| Increase in 1910-11                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 174   |
| Number who did not present themselves, 1910-11  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 871   |

This difference of 871 between those who entered for examination and those who actually sat is accounted for partly on the usual grounds, and partly by the operation of a new clause in the Regulations for Senior Free Places, introduced in 1908, under which a number of candidates recommended on an accrediting principle therein embodied were exempt from examination, and accordingly did not present themselves. In the several examinations the following were the numbers present :—

|                                                                |    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examinations | .. | 2,383 |
| Civil Service Junior and allied examinations                   | .. | 2,375 |
| Civil Service Senior Examination                               | .. | 390   |
| For certificate examinations                                   | .. | 1,534 |

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