

The Government annual examinations of the students attending the schools of mines throughout the Dominion (excluding the Otago School, which, being connected with the University of Otago, holds separate examinations) were held in December, 1911, the following being a summary of the results by senior students from each school, arranged in order of seniority in average marks obtained:—

Locality of School of Mines.	Average Marks awarded per Paper submitted.	Number of Students examined.	Number of Papers submitted.	Total marks awarded.
	Per Cent.			
Karangahake	62.43	12	30	1,873
Reefton	59.75	10	16	956
Waihi	52.59	26	47	2,471
Thames	48.81	24	44	2,148
Coromandel	48.54	4	11	534
Totals, 1911 ..	53.93	76	148	7,982
„ 1910 ..	57.9	112	186	10,774

Upon comparison with the results obtained at the examination for the previous year, it will be seen that the quality of the work has been about maintained, but there has been a decline of 30 per cent. in the number of students presenting themselves for examination.

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.	Scholar- ships.	Salaries of Teachers, and Travelling- expenses, &c.	Total Sum paid by the Depart- ment 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
1911-1912	1,852 19 11	38 9 9	92	126 6 7	2,109 16 3
Totals ...	27,725 16 9	2,791 3 1	1,546	17,753 3 3	49,816 3 1

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