

Three schools are in charge of teachers who are themselves members of the Maori race, and the Inspectors speak highly of their efficiency. Several Maori girls who have completed their course in secondary schools are employed as assistants, and are, on the whole, doing satisfactory work.

EXPENDITURE.

(E.—3—Table H10.)

The total net expenditure on Native schools during the year 1911 was £35,881 9s. 4d., included in which amount is the sum of £2,680 paid out of revenues from endowment reserves. New buildings and additions involved an expenditure of £3,451; maintenance and repairs, £2,053. Table H10 of E.—3 is a classified summary of expenditure.

CHATHAM ISLANDS.

During the year 1911 there were four schools in operation in the Chatham Islands—viz., those at Te One, Te Roto, and Makarakau on the main island, and the school on Pitt Island. Towards the end of the year most of the pupils from Pitt Island crossed over to Owenga—the headquarters of the Chatham Island Fisheries Company—and in the early part of the present year the Department decided to close the Pitt Island School and open one at Owenga under the headmastership of Mr. Hutchinson of the Pitt Island School. There are now four schools on the mainland.

The total number of pupils on the roll at the end of 1911 was 87, the average attendance being 80.

The total expenditure on the schools for the year under review was £734 5s. 3d., made up as follows: Salaries and allowances to teachers, £654 12s. 6d.; repairs, &c., £10 1s.; scholarships, £40; inspection, £13 9s. 8d.; other expenses, £16 2s. 1d.

The schools at Te One and Te Roto were examined in the month of January of the present year in accordance with the regulations for the inspection and examination of public schools in New Zealand. The results were very satisfactory. It was not found possible to visit Matarakau and Pitt Island, where there were 7 and 3 children respectively, and the classification of the pupils was accordingly left in the hands of the teachers.

Three candidates presented themselves for the examination held in connection with the Chatham Island Scholarship in November, and a scholarship was awarded to Frances Lilian Guest, a pupil of the Te One School.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Salaries at End of 1911.	Allowance for Conveyance of Goods.	Attendance.	
				Mean of Average Attendance for Four Quarters of 1911.	Mean of Weekly Roll Number for Four Quarters of 1911.
Te One	Guest, J. J. .. H.M.	£ 210 0 0	£ 25	38	45
	Guest, Mrs. L. R. .. S.	8 10 0	..	..	..
	Seymour, Miss E. .. Pt. 3	45 0 0	..	..	..
	Lanauze, Miss G. .. Pt. 3	45 0 0	..	..	..
Pitt Island ..	Hutchinson, J. .. M.	94 10 0	15	10	11
Te Roto	Silcock, H. S. .. M.	112 10 0	15	24	28
Matarakau ..	Russell, Mrs. E. A. .. F.	90 0 0	..	7	8
Total . . .	..	605 10 0	55	79	92

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

AFFLICTED AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

(E.—4, 1911.)

The total number on the rolls of schools for afflicted and dependent children was on the average 2,819 during the year 1911, an increase of 233 in the number for the previous year; and the expenditure decreased from £51,922 to £47,272, of which sum the outlay in connection with the purchase of property, erection of buildings, and carrying out other new works amounted to £6,762.