

TABLE JA.—CAPITATION RECEIVED AND EXPENDITURE BY EDUCATION BOARDS IN CONNECTION WITH MANUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1911 (EXCLUSIVE OF EXPENDITURE OUT OF GRANTS FOR BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT).

Education District	Capitation.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	3,484	13	2	4,698	4	11
Taranaki	1,064	1	9	932	9	6
Wanganui	2,940	18	6	3,324	10	3
Wellington	3,658	3	6	3,879	7	10
Hawke's Bay	1,792	16	5	2,320	13	10
Marlborough	340	12	0	295	10	10
Nelson	406	13	2	910	4	10
Grey	78	3	9	60	17	9
Westland	42	1	9	12	1	11
North Canterbury	2,138	13	5	3,088	1	4
South Canterbury	1,153	13	5	1,604	0	7
Otago	1,998	2	10	2,125	14	6
Southland	850	1	2	1,536	9	4
Totals for 1911	19,948	14	10	24,788	7	5
Totals for 1910	18,103	10	4	19,935	7	3

Recognized classes for manual instruction were also carried on during the year in connection with twenty-eight of the secondary schools (thirty in number) in receipt of Government grants. The chief branches taken up and the total average attendance at classes were as follows:—

Subjects of Instruction.	Average Attendance.	
	1910.	1911.
Physics and chemistry	940	1,463
Natural science	1,325	1,335
Woodwork	361	460
Cookery	512	638
Dressmaking	278	338

Some further particulars relating to the classes are as follows:—

	1910.	1911.
The number of recognized classes was	227	274
The capitation payments on attendance amounted to	£929	£1,147
The average rate of payment per class was	£4.1	£4.2
Special grants for buildings and equipment totalled	£912	£2,073

It is gratifying to note that in the case of most of the rural secondary schools steps are being taken to bring the curricula into closer touch with the pupils' environment. Many of them now provide opportunities for instruction in subjects bearing on rural pursuits. Improved facilities for instruction in subjects relating to the home are also being provided in several secondary schools.

New buildings or additions to buildings for manual-instruction purposes have been erected during the year or are in course of erection in connection with Wellington Girls' College, Marlborough High School, and Gore High School; while necessary equipment for manual instruction has been provided at Palmerston North High School, Wellington Boys' College, Christchurch Boys' and Girls' High Schools, and Rangiora High School.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

(E.—5—Tables J7 to J17.)

Satisfactory progress continues to be made by controlling authorities and managers throughout the Dominion in the matter of providing, improving, and extending facilities for technical instruction. The schools and classes, with few exceptions, continue to receive satisfactory support at the hands of those for whose direct benefit they exist. The interest taken by local bodies and various industrial and trade organizations in the schools has not only strengthened the hands of those responsible for the conduct of the classes, but has also assisted very materially the finances of the controlling bodies. During the year nearly £5,000 in the way of voluntary contributions was received by these bodies. These contributions carry a Government subsidy of £1 for £1. The Government has, as in previous years, favour-