

As in former years, we are indebted to a number of public bodies and friends—including the following: The Ashburton Agricultural and Pastoral Association; Messrs. Pyne and Co.; Canterbury Frozen Meat Company; Messrs. Booth, Macdonald, and Co.; L. White, Esq.; G. W. R. Osborne, Esq.; J. Sowden, Esq.; and the Old Boys' Association—for presenting the College with very valuable trophies to be given as prizes to the students. These gifts are very much appreciated by both staff and students, as they stimulate a very wholesome spirit in the general work of the College.

At the end of the year Mr. H. M. Budd, M.Sc., resigned his position as Lecturer on Mechanics, Surveying, &c., to resume his studies at Otago University. Mr. G. Simon Mackenzie, of Hakataramea, an ex-student of Canterbury College, has been appointed to the position.

The experimental work on the improvement of cereals has reached a stage when we are able to announce that we have secured pure strains of wheat giving more satisfactory returns than the varieties from which they were originally selected. We hope in 1914 to be able to grow a fairly large area of the best strains, and offer the seed the following year to farmers.

All the buildings, College and farm, have been kept in good repair throughout the year. The whole of the inside and outside of the College has been repainted, as well as the greater portion of the farm buildings. Upwards of £850 has been spent in improvements. A new and up-to-date laundry has been erected, a new cottage for the shepherd, new pigsties, and greenhouse.

The College farm has maintained its high state of fertility ; we still continue the policy of running the farm on a purely commercial basis, so that the students may be taught economic farming. The general state of the farm and the crop was very favourably commented on by the farmers from all over Canterbury who attended the last annual gathering in December. The farm stock has also maintained its high level. A draft from the stud flock was exhibited at two shows during the year—Ashburton and Christchurch. At Ashburton the College gained nearly all the prizes in the section in which it exhibited, getting eight out of a possible ten championships. At Christchurch the stock also successfully competed with the very large entry from all over Canterbury. The College obtained one championship and three reserve championships, nine first prizes, and many second prizes and awards. During the year a Shropshire ram was imported, besides four pigs (two Berkshire boars and one large black boar and sow). The object in importing this stock is not for the purpose of exhibiting at shows, but for improving the stock generally, so that the College may be able to distribute good stock in the district. The demand for pigs latterly has been so great that the Board felt justified in getting the best blood possible.

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The Hon. the Minister of Education.

R. E. ALEXANDER, Director.

ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE-SHEET.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1913.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

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R. E. ALEXANDER, Director.

Examined and found correct.—R. J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.