

one, and sixteen were over twenty-one years of age. The procedure in regard to the retention of control beyond that age is similar to that already described in respect of inmates of industrial schools.

The inmates are instructed in the occupations of basket-making, coir-mat making, and wood-carving. Farm and garden work is also carried out by the inmates, the institution producing more of such commodities as milk, fruit, and vegetables than its own requirements demand. Much of the school-work undertaken takes the form of handwork and kindergarten occupations.

As there is shown to be a very considerable aggregate of young persons of feeble mind throughout the country who would best be provided for at Otekaike, an important extension of the accommodation there has been in progress for some time past, and with the advent of warmer weather it is anticipated that the institution will be in a position largely to increase its usefulness by taking in many who are now excluded. Preparations have also been made for the establishment of a separate school for feeble-minded girls at Richmond, Nelson, towards the equipment of which a sum has now been placed on the estimates.

The following is a statement of the expenditure for the years 1914-15 and 1915-16:—

	1914-15	1915-16.
	£	£
Salaries	2,510	2,630
General maintenance	2,130	2,316
Travelling-expenses	247	299
Maintenance of buildings	172	144
Additional buildings, furniture, clearing land, &c.	2,245	12,515
	7,304	17,904
<i>Less—</i>		
Amount collected from parents by way of maintenance contributions ..	723	797
Amount collected from Charitable Aid Boards	694	950
Sundry other recoveries	133	346
	1,550	2,093
Net expenditure	£5,754*	£15,811*

* Including for 1914-15 £300, and for 1915-16 £139, from national-endowment revenue.

No. 2.—INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

TABLE I.—EXPENDITURE ON GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, 1915-16.

Government Schools.	Salaries.	General Maintenance (including Provisions, Clothing, Farms, &c.).	Travelling-expenses.	Furnishings, Repairs to Buildings, Small Works.	New Buildings and Works.	Boarding out. (Payments to Foster-parents.)	Gross Cost.	Recoveries from Parents and Others, and Sales from Farms, &c.	Net Cost.*
	(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Auckland	860	1,205	103	128	160	2,664	5,120	2,283	2,837
Boys' Training-farm, Wairarapa	2,733	5,548	179	713	..	..	9,173	3,330	5,843
Receiving Home, Wellington	1,055	1,595	275	17	..	10,139	13,081	7,865	5,216
Receiving Home, Nelson ..	265	130	20	..	531	671	1,617	172	1,445
Boys' Training-farm, Nelson	2,648	4,247	119	370	643	..	8,027	1,746	6,281
Receiving Home, Christchurch	924	1,028	91	10	..	5,481	7,534	3,589	3,945
Te Oranga Home	1,384	1,728	82	237	..	..	3,431	300	3,131
Burnham	3,345	4,782	318	462	..	..	8,907	967	7,940
Caversham	997	1,250	180	39	..	4,333	6,799	3,787	3,012
Totals	14,211	21,513	1,367	1,976	1,334	23,288	63,689	24,039	39,650
Salaries, travelling-allowances, and expenses of certain departmental officers (Inspectors, visiting officers, &c.)									1,759
Amount paid to Postal Department for payment of boarding-out orders									100
Sundries									102
Total net cost									†41,611

* Column (7) less column (8).

† Including £2,057 paid from national-endowment revenue.