

(3.) SUBSIDIZED ROADS ON GOLDFIELDS.

The following schedule shows the amounts expended by subsidies and direct grants out of the Public Works Fund—vote, "Roads on Goldfields"—in the different counties, &c., during the year ended 31st March, 1916 :—

	Direct Grants.			Subsidies.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coromandel County	625	9	10	87	4	0
Thames County	1,473	18	3	175	15	2
Thames Borough	100	0	0	..	..	..
Ohinemuri County	1,458	5	10	57	0	0
Piako County	327	6	0	..	..	..
Havelock Town Board	112	1	0	..	..	..
Collingwood County	578	12	10	..	..	..
Takaka County	139	0	0	..	..	..
Waimea County	565	8	2	..	..	..
Buller County	6,900	2	7	..	..	..
Inangahua County	4,430	3	3	..	..	..
Murchison County	271	8	9	..	..	..
Westland County	2,099	16	2	..	..	..
Grey County	3,175	13	8	..	..	..
Runanga Borough	40	0	0	..	..	..
Vincent County	550	0	0	..	..	..
Taieri County	50	0	0	..	..	..
Tuapeka County	100	0	0	..	..	..
Lake County	427	15	1	..	..	..
Wallace County	100	0	0	..	..	..
Southland County	137	0	0	450	0	0
Totals	£23,662	1	5	£769	19	2

(4.) GOVERNMENT WATER-RACES.

The Waimea-Kumara and Mount Ida water-races, which render possible hydraulic mining in the Kumara district, Westland, and the Naseby district, Central Otago, have supplied ninety-one miners with water for sluicing during 1915, by which gold to the value of about £19,562 was obtained. The average earnings per mine, after deducting the sum paid for Government water, amounted to £180 for the past year, and from this must be deducted all expenditure on plant, rent, &c.

The receipts and expenditure were as follows :—

				Receipts.	Expenditure.
				£	£
Waimea-Kumara races	..	..	..	1,920	2,096
Mount Ida races	..	..	..	1,186	1,497
Totals	..	..	..	£3,106	£3,593

The capital expenditure upon these races exceeds £250,000; and as the expenditure in maintenance has for some years exceeded the cash received for water sold, no interest on capital or depreciation has been provided.

VIII. SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The following is a summary of the result of the Government subsidized schools of mines annual examination, together with the attendance at such schools during 1915 :—

Name of School.	Number of Students, 1915.			Number of Papers submitted at the Examination.		Average Number of Marks awarded per Paper.
	Attending one or more Classes.	Presenting themselves at the Annual Government Examination.		Senior Papers.	Junior Papers.	
		On any of the Six exclusively Mining Subjects.*	On any Subject.			
Thames	64	1	22	14	18	69·65
Coromandel	20	2	11	7	10	62·59
Karangahake	28	3	13	17	16	61·85
Waihi	65	4	20	25	8	58·09
Westport	46	4	12	14	5	52·00
Huntly	14	1	7	5	5	47·20
Reefton	47	7	25	39	3	44·83
Total	284	22	110	121	65	56·95

* Mineralogy, metallurgy, mining, ventilation, geology, and mechanics embracing pumping, haulage, and winding. Assaying is not included, as this subject is also taken up by bank and jewellers' assistants.