

to the Dominion. The accommodation provided for some of the classes is still poor, and I shall be glad when the Board can arrange at least to have the building known as the "old residence" thoroughly renovated and lavatory accommodation provided. In connection with buildings and equipment I must refer to the work of my two assistants in the engineering department and the day engineering students. Besides carrying out the painting and renovation of the engineering department, they have assisted materially in connection with the equipment of the laboratory and various repairs. I take the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the prompt and sympathetic attention given by the Board and Secretary to all matters pertaining to the welfare of the school during the past year.

A. G. TOMKIES, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE REEFTON TECHNICAL CLASSES.

Unfortunately the year has not been a very successful one, the only classes held being classes for book-keeping and shorthand. The book-keeping class was very successful, but shorthand had to be abandoned at the end of the first term as the class numbers did not warrant a continuance. No qualified instructor was available for cookery and dressmaking, and consequently the usual school classes in these subjects could not be held. The ordinary school course is not complete without these, and it is to be hoped that the effort being made to obtain the services of a fully qualified instructor will prove successful. There is no reason why adult classes should not be as successful as they were in former years if sound instruction is available. In conclusion, I have to thank the instructors, the Board's officials, and local bodies for assistance so willingly given.

W. A. RUMBOLD, Supervisor.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

During the year technical and continuation classes under the direct control of the Education Board were carried on at the following centres: Blackball, Darfield, Greymouth, Geraldine, Hannanton, Hokitika, Kaikoura.

At Blackball a technical class in dressmaking was successfully carried on, the attendance being about fifteen, also a continuation class, with an average attendance of nine. For a small centre like Blackball this is as much as could be expected in the way of technical and continuation classes. At Darfield it was only found practicable to carry on one class, a class in typing, which was poorly attended. A great deal of enthusiasm in technical work was displayed at Geraldine, and successful classes were carried on in book-keeping, wool-classing, millinery, and dressmaking. The attendance at each of these classes was good: a total of forty-eight individual pupils joined the school. During the year the amount of £57 16s. was raised as voluntary contributions, and it is hoped that steps will be taken to form a Technical School Board at Geraldine to enable classes to be run by a duly constituted body in the future. The new manual-training room which has just been erected and well fitted up with apparatus should give a fillip to the work. It is hoped during the coming session to carry on technical classes in woodwork and cookery in addition to those that have been carried on during the past year. At Greymouth day and evening technical classes were conducted on the same lines as in previous years. The Engineering School with its workshop practice did excellent work, starting off with an attendance of about eighteen pupils. Owing to war conditions the evening classes were not well attended. Courses of instruction were also carried on in commercial and domestic subjects. Taking into consideration the want of facilities and the poor accommodation provided, these classes must be deemed to have been well attended, and in connection therewith a great amount of useful work was done. At Ngahere, Moana, Brunner, and Totara Flat dressmaking classes were conducted with very successful results. At Hannanton one class in dressmaking was attended by about nine students. At Hokitika classes in commercial subjects were held for about thirty weeks. Twenty-five students took a grouped course, consisting of book-keeping, shorthand, typing, English, and arithmetic, and five students took up single subjects. At Kaikoura dressmaking and woodwork were the only classes held. The dressmaking class was fairly well attended, although showing a slight falling-off from previous years. The woodwork class was poorly attended, and very little interest was taken in the work generally. An attempt to form a Technical School Board met with no response.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

The number of individual students has reached a total of 1,601, an increase of twenty-four as compared with 1915. Of these, 376 were pupils in the Technical High School, while the remainder, 1,225, were students attending our evening and special classes. The total is, however, about two hundred below that reached in 1914, before the growth of the College was seriously checked by the war. I believe it will be generally recognized that for a district with our population and under the conditions that now obtain such a roll number is a credit to Christchurch; and when I add that even at this time, when there are so many distractions abroad, there has been a marked improvement in the regularity of attendance it will be felt that the record is an honour to the students.