

## (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, 1917 :—

|                            | Direct Grants. |    |    | Subsidies. |    |    |
|----------------------------|----------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
|                            | £              | s. | d. | £          | s. | d. |
| Coromandel County .. .. .  | 350            | 10 | 0  | 61         | 17 | 6  |
| Thames County .. .. .      | 25             | 0  | 0  | 176        | 8  | 10 |
| Ohinemuri County .. .. .   | 1,365          | 5  | 3  | ..         |    |    |
| Pelorus Road Board .. .. . | 339            | 10 | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Collingwood County .. .. . | 147            | 18 | 10 | ..         |    |    |
| Takaka County .. .. .      | 100            | 0  | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Waimea County .. .. .      | 13             | 10 | 7  | ..         |    |    |
| Buller County .. .. .      | 4,311          | 4  | 11 | 133        | 6  | 8  |
| Inangahua County .. .. .   | 3,730          | 10 | 11 | 79         | 17 | 1  |
| Murchison County .. .. .   | 274            | 13 | 1  | ..         |    |    |
| Westland County .. .. .    | 1,064          | 16 | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Grey County .. .. .        | 2,716          | 0  | 8  | 50         | 0  | 0  |
| Arrowtown Borough .. .. .  | 49             | 19 | 6  | ..         |    |    |
| Bruce County .. .. .       | ..             |    |    | 300        | 0  | 0  |
| Vincent County .. .. .     | 192            | 0  | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Tuapeka County .. .. .     | 50             | 0  | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Lake County .. .. .        | 379            | 19 | 1  | ..         |    |    |
| Wallace County .. .. .     | 300            | 0  | 0  | ..         |    |    |
| Southland County .. .. .   | 579            | 11 | 6  | 265        | 0  | 4  |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .      | 41             | 5  | 6  | ..         |    |    |
| Totals .. .. .             | £16,031        | 15 | 10 | £1,066     | 10 | 5  |

During the year ended 31st March, 1916, the expenditure by way of direct grants was £23,662 1s. 5d., and by way of subsidies £769 19s. 2d.

## (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 during 1916 supplied seventy miners with water for sluicing, by which gold to the value of £14,683 was obtained. The cash received for water sold amounted to £2,609, and the expenditure on upkeep of the races was £3,462.

After deducting the price paid for Government water, the average earnings during the year by each person using such water was only £170, and from this must be subtracted the cost of plant and material, rent, and other incidental expenses.

## VIII. SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The following table shows the expenditure by the Government on schools of mines since their inception, exclusive of subsidies paid to the University of Otago towards the School of Mines in connection with that institution :—

| Financial Years.     | Subsidies towards the Erection of Schools of Mines, and Maintenance. | Chemicals and Apparatus, also Mineralogical Specimens supplied to Schools of Mines. | Scholarships. | Salaries of Teachers, and Travelling-expenses, &c. | Total Sum paid by the Department towards the Schools of Mines. |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      | £ s. d.                                                              | £ s. d.                                                                             | £             | £ s. d.                                            | £ s. d.                                                        |
| Totals prior to 1916 | 33,965 13 3                                                          | 3,103 0 3                                                                           | 2,429         | 27,100 2 1                                         | 66,597 15 7                                                    |
| 1916-17 ...          | 1,133 14 11                                                          | 6 5 0                                                                               | 133           | 2,519 13 7                                         | 3,792 13 6                                                     |
| Totals ...           | 35,099 8 2                                                           | 3,109 5 3                                                                           | 2,562         | 29,619 15 8                                        | 70,390 9 1                                                     |