

to the date of their decease), amounting to £2,494 0s. 1d., were refunded to their respective estates. One contributor was survived by a widow and three children under the age of fourteen years, two contributors by a widow and one child under the age of fourteen years, and five by widows only, to each of whom the usual allowance was granted. As previously intimated, the Government has undertaken to pay the contributions of members during the period they are members of the Expeditionary Force. The amount thus paid by the Government in 1917 amounted to £3,865 0s. 5d., making a total since the beginning of the war of £7,938 18s. 3d.

TABLES RELATING TO COST OF EDUCATION AND NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING INSTRUCTION.

In the following tables, A, B, C, D, E, and F, an attempt is made to analyse the public expenditure on the various branches of education, and to show under what heads the increase of expenditure in recent years has taken place: to give the expenditure per head of the population and per head of the roll of schools; and to present a comparative statement of the increase in the number of persons under instruction.

TABLE A.—ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND FOR THE YEAR 1917-18.
(Figures given in every case to the nearest £1,000.)

Branch of Education.	Out of Public Funds.			Secondary and University Reserves Revenue.	Total for all Items from all Public Sources.
	Maintenance.	New Buildings and Additions.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£
A. (1) Primary (including Native schools and training colleges)	1,366,000	50,000	1,416,000	..	1,416,000
(2.) Secondary (including secondary schools, technical high schools, and secondary departments of district high schools)	180,000	..	180,000	55,000	235,000
(3.) Continuation and technical	63,000	7,000	70,000	..	70,000
(4.) Higher	55,000	1,000	56,000	26,000	82,000*
Totals A (1-4)	1,664,000	58,000	1,722,000	81,000	1,803,000
B. Industrial schools and probation system and infant-life protection	46,000	3,000	49,000	..	49,000
C. Special schools (Deaf, Blind, and Backward Children) ..	12,000	3,000	15,000	..	15,000
D. Teachers' Superannuation and miscellaneous ..	28,000	..	28,000	..	28,000
Totals A, B, C, D	1,750,000	64,000	1,814,000	81,000	1,895,000

* Includes £4,553 paid by the Mines Department.

TABLE B.—EXPENDITURE PER HEAD OF POPULATION (1,147,443, INCLUDING MAORIS) ON EDUCATION, 1917-18.

(Figures given in every case to the nearest penny.)

Branch of Education.	Out of Public Funds.			Secondary and University Reserves Revenue.	Total for all Items from all Public Sources.
	Maintenance.	New Buildings and Additions.	Total.		
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
A. (1.) Primary (including Native schools and training colleges)	23 9	0 10	24 7	..	24 7
(2.) Secondary (including secondary schools, technical high schools, and secondary departments of district high schools)	3 2	..	3 2	0 11	4 1
(3.) Continuation and technical	1 1	0 2	1 3	..	1 3
(4.) Higher	1 0	..	1 0	0 5	1 5
Totals A (1-4)	29 0	1 0	30 0	1 4	31 4
B. Industrial schools	0 10	0 0½	0 10½	..	0 10½
C. Special schools (Deaf, Blind, and Backward Children) ..	0 3	0 0½	0 3½	..	0 3½
D. Teachers' Superannuation and miscellaneous ..	0 6	..	0 6	..	0 6
Totals A, B, C, D	30 7	1 1	31 8	1 4	33 0