

3. COST OF EDUCATION.

The appendix to this report shows in detail under various headings the expenditure on education during the financial year ended 31st March, 1935. The total expenditure, including endowment revenue, amounted to £2,920,606, as against £2,795,170 in the previous year, an increase of £125,436.

An analysis of expenditure is shown in the following table :—

TABLE B.—ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.
(For more details see appendix to this Paper.)

Branch of Education.	Total Expenditure (Net).*	Expenditure expressed as Percentage of Total Expenditure.	Expenditure per Head of Population.†
	£		£ s. d.
Departmental administration	32,358	1·11	0 0 5
Boards' administration	48,542	1·66	0 0 7
Cost of inspection—			
Primary	31,909	1·09	0 0 5
Native	2,059	0·07	
Post-primary	4,849	0·17	0 0 1
Primary education—			
Public schools	1,789,538	61·50	1 3 2
Departmental Correspondence School	6,674		
Native Education—			
Native schools	80,147	2·89	0 1 1
Scholarships and bursaries	4,167		
Post-primary education—			
Secondary, technical, and combined schools	501,783	19·93	0 7 6
Secondary departments of district high schools	73,476		
Correspondence School	6,004		
Scholarships and bursaries	834		
Higher education§	82,709	2·83	0 1 1
Training of teachers	12,669	0·43	0 0 2
Special schools	18,623	0·64	0 0 3
Child welfare	107,094	3·67	0 1 4
Superannuation	47,712	1·63	0 0 7
Miscellaneous	12,299	0·42	0 0 2
Capital expenditure on school buildings	57,160	1·96	0 0 9
Total*	2,920,606	100·00	1 17 7

* This includes revenue from endowments administered by the various Boards, &c., as well as direct expenditure from public funds—

From public funds as shown in appendix	£ 2,871,167
Endowments—	
Post-primary schools	30,469
University colleges	18,970
	<u>£2,920,606</u>

† Mean population for twelve months ended 31st March, 1935, was 1,553,005.

§ Grant to Massey Agricultural College is now provided under vote "Agriculture."

|| No significant amount.

From the statement of expenditure and recoveries the cost per pupil in the primary schools based on average attendance was £10 8s. 8d. excluding buildings, and £10 11s. 8d. including buildings.