

4. SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SITES.

During the year the net capital expenditure on the erection of school-buildings, additions, sites, and teachers' residences was £57,160, as against £56,656 for the previous year. Owing to the limited funds available, it was not possible, therefore, to consider favourably all of the proposals that were submitted. Preference was given to those cases where no school accommodation existed, or the existing buildings were inadequate for the numbers attending.

In order to reduce further the expenditure of capital funds, an item was provided on the Consolidated Fund estimates to meet the cost of works costing under £200. These works included small additions and alterations, the total expenditure for the year being £5,871, which figure is included in the table given below.

During the year it was necessary to provide £10,443 for the replacement of school-buildings destroyed by fire. Of this amount the sum of £8,567 was recovered from the Government Fire Insurance Fund.

The following table shows the capital expenditure on new buildings, additions, sites, and teachers' residences for the years ended 31st March, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935 :—

	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.
	£	£	£	£
Public schools ..	126,778	36,290	57,664	35,105
Secondary schools ..	65,030	22,909	2,568	14,679
Technical schools ..	44,507	4,110	1,504	12,851
Training colleges ..	1,228	..	..	..
Native schools ..	14,433	869	2,698	5,419
Schools for mentally backward ..	199	..	..	..
Child - welfare institutions ..	714	..	..	..
Kindergartens ..	54	..	..	..
Massey Agricultural College ..	9,622	..	..	..
Gross total..	262,565	64,178	64,434	68,054
Less credits-in-aid ..	3,417	7,050	7,778	10,894
	<u>£259,148</u>	<u>£57,128</u>	<u>£56,656</u>	<u>£57,160</u>