

REPORT ON THE GREYMOUTH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL—*continued.*

Subject taught.	Class.	Number of Pupils in each Class.	Work done.
English— <i>continued.</i>	III.	6	Smith's Grammar, to end of Part III.; Longmans' Composition, exercises 76 to 107.
	IV.	6	Smith's Grammar, to end of Part I.; Longmans' Composition, exercises 76 to 107, but easier work than Division III.
History ...	I.	4	Gardiner's, Vol. III. (1689-1837).
	II.	1	Morris's, (1689-1837).
Arithmetic ...	I.	10	The subject generally (Matriculation and Junior Civil Service standard).
	II.	14	Commercial Rules.
Algebra... ..	I.	5	To end of progressions.
	II.	4	To end of simple equations (Matriculation standard).
	III.	13	Four rules; brackets; easy equations and simple factors
Euclid	I.	2	Books I. to IV., with easy exercises.
	II.	3	Books I. and II., with easy exercises.
	III.	8	Book I., to proposition 34.
Geography ...	I.	23	Political: Europe, Africa, America, Australia, and New Zealand. Physical and astronomical: Solar system, the air, winds, rainfall, climate, the ocean, motions of the earth, rivers, lakes, mountains, peoples and races of the world.

Latin.—One paper was excellent, four were very good, three good, two satisfactory, one was weak, and three were very weak. General result, satisfactory.

French.—Four papers were excellent, three very good, three good, and two satisfactory. General result, very good.

English.—Two papers were excellent, three very good, five good, three satisfactory, one was fair, three were weak, and three very weak. General result, satisfactory.

History.—Two papers were excellent, one was satisfactory, one fair, and one weak. General result, good.

Euclid.—One paper was excellent, three were good, one was satisfactory, one weak, and five were very weak. General result, weak.

Algebra.—Five papers were excellent, four very good, five good, one was satisfactory, one fair, and three were very weak. General result, good.

Arithmetic.—Eight papers were excellent, two very good, two good, one was satisfactory, one fair, four were weak, and two very weak. General result, good.

Geography.—Two papers were excellent, one was very good, one good, four were satisfactory, five fair, three weak, and four very weak. General result, fair.

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WESTLAND.

SIR,—

Hokitika, 8th January, 1901.

I have the honour to submit the report of the Westland Education Board for the year ending the 31st December, 1900.

THE BOARD.—At the end of March Messrs. Grimmond, Staines, and Cumming retired and were re-elected. At the succeeding meeting the following appointments were made: Mr. McWhirter, Chairman; Mr. Chesney, Treasurer; Mr. Grimmond, School Commissioner; Mr. Michel, representative on the Hokitika High School Board. During the year one special and twelve ordinary meetings were held.

SCHOOLS.—During the year thirty-six schools have been in operation, the increase being due to the establishment of a school at Awatuna and the reopening of household schools at Taipo and Karangarua. In addition to the ordinary primary work, the secondary class of the Hokitika District High School (with twenty-seven pupils) and the class for manual instruction connected with the Kumara School (with twenty-four pupils) have been maintained, each with success. Separate reports on these classes are presented.

ATTENDANCE.—The total roll for the district at the end of the year was 1,279, a decrease of thirteen. The average attendance was 86.4 per cent. of the average roll numbers. Although this proportion for the whole district is very satisfactory, it was found necessary in the Kumara, Jackson's, Arahura Road, and Kokatahi School Districts to take special action, with the aid of the police, to induce the parents to reduce the irregularity of the attendance. In Kumara informations were laid against several parents, and fines were inflicted by the Magistrates. The action of the Board has produced a considerable improvement in each of the districts mentioned.