

EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The following table shows the expenditure by the Government on schools of mines since their inauguration, 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.
1885-86 ...	...	36 19 9	...	1,223 9 10	1,260 9 7
1886-87 ...	257 16 6	409 1 4	...	2,716 9 3	3,383 7 1
1887-88 ...	253 15 9	253 14 1	...	1,714 9 6	2,221 19 4
1888-89 ...	42 10 0	6 12 9	...	1,139 4 1	1,188 6 10
1889-90 ...	142 2 0	181 14 10	...	716 3 10	1,040 0 8
1890-91 ...	217 6 6	54 8 0	...	620 9 9	892 4 3
1891-92 ...	181 14 0	...	...	689 5 9	870 19 9
1892-93 ...	312 3 4	...	...	670 1 0	982 4 4
1893-94 ...	197 0 5	...	...	858 19 4	1,055 19 9
1894-95 ...	390 0 0	45 10 10	...	773 17 8	1,209 8 6
1895-96 ...	820 0 0	...	50	849 3 0	1,719 3 0
1896-97 ...	352 14 11	58 18 6	100	834 12 8	1,346 6 1
1897-98 ...	1,089 18 6	29 19 9	100	780 19 0	2,000 17 3
1898-99 ...	740 15 2	32 19 7	50	729 10 11	1,553 5 8
1899-1900 ...	990 3 4	24 3 8	50	52 16 3	1,117 3 3
1900-1901 ...	866 10 11	56 3 4	98	77 7 10	1,098 2 1
1901-1902 ...	1,155 12 3	63 5 1	49	69 16 4	1,337 13 8
Totals ...	8,010 3 7	1,253 11 6	497	14,516 16 0	24,277 11 1

The above statement shows the amount expended on the different schools of mines throughout the colony; but, in addition to this, the sum of £9,303 6s. 2d. has to be added, as that has been paid to the School of Mines attached to the University of Otago, £750 being paid last year towards maintaining the school, which makes the total expenditure up to the 31st March last to be £33,580 17s. 3d. This expenditure has extended over a period of seventeen years.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER.

The following comparative statements show the quantity and value of gold entered for exportation for the last two calendar and financial years:—

Name of District.	Year ended 31st December, 1901.		Year ended 31st December, 1900.		Increase for 1901.	Decrease for 1901.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Auckland ...	Oz. 191,968	£ 695,551	Oz. 166,342	£ 605,398	Oz. 25,626	Oz. ...
Marlborough ...	133	513	535	2,147	...	402
Nelson ...	7,212	28,138	3,718	14,605	3,494	...
West Coast ...	113,286	454,006	73,923	295,733	39,363	..
Otago ...	142,940	575,492	129,075	521,629	13,865	...
Canterbury ...	22	83	23	90	...	1
Totals ...	455,561	1,753,783	373,616	1,439,602	81,945*	...

Name of District.	Year ended 31st March, 1902.		Year ended 31st March, 1901.		Increase for 1902.	Decrease for 1902.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Auckland ...	Oz. 201,861	£ 728,498	Oz. 166,049	£ 604,018	Oz. 35,812	Oz. ...
Marlborough ...	277	1,108	247	970	30	...
Nelson ...	4,207	17,118	5,126	19,238	...	919
West Coast ...	104,441	418,322	85,779	343,728	18,662	...
Otago ...	128,200	515,265	135,753	548,444	...	7,553
Canterbury ...	19	71	22	84	...	3
Totals ...	439,005	1,680,382	392,976	1,516,482	46,029†	...

* Total net increase, value £314,181. † Total net increase, value £163,900.