

## ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1903 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1903.			Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1903.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coromandel County ... ..	6,424	2	9	5,484	11	6
Thames County ... ..	4,047	19	6	2,960	10	8
Thames Borough... ..	50	0	0	...		
Ohinemuri County ... ..	3,190	4	5	4,494	6	0
Piako County ... ..	105	0	0	...		
Tauranga County ... ..	100	0	0	187	0	0
Pelorus Road Board ... ..	96	0	0	261	0	0
Wairau Road Board ... ..	...			600	0	0
Collingwood County ... ..	1,721	19	0	2,929	16	6
Waimea County ... ..	689	0	0	734	5	8
Buller County ... ..	4,750	0	0	8,550	0	0
Inangahua County ... ..	2,462	12	10	2,390	8	0
Grey County ... ..	4,245	0	0	2,416	0	0
Brunner Borough ... ..	231	12	0	...		
Westland County ... ..	3,424	6	5	1,761	14	6
Hokitika Borough ... ..	...			100	0	0
Taiari County ... ..	...			400	0	0
Bruce County ... ..	127	15	0	22	5	0
Tuapeka County ... ..	1,925	0	0	2,000	0	0
Vincent County ... ..	...			2,725	0	0
Lake County ... ..	797	10	0	1,810	0	0
Southland County ... ..	850	0	0	950	0	0
Knapdale Road Board ... ..	150	0	0	150	0	0
Wallace County ... ..	...			100	0	0
Roads Department ... ..	5,050	9	3	3,165	6	8
Public Works Department... ..	9,758	2	0	3,871	3	0
Totals ... ..	50,196	13	2	48,063	7	6

## PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued in subsidies to prospecting associations and parties of miners recommended by the local bodies in the different counties for the year ending the 31st March last :—

Name of County.	Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1903.			Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1903.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coromandel ... ..	123	10	0	26	0	0
Thames ... ..	39	9	10	886	9	4
Ohinemuri ... ..	16	0	0	...		
Marlborough ... ..	39	0	0	...		
Collingwood ... ..	...			19	10	0
Buller ... ..	133	9	3	340	11	9
Inangahua ... ..	17	13	6	121	1	6
Grey ... ..	250	0	0	91	10	0
Westland ... ..	511	17	9	311	15	0
Tuapeka ... ..	...			25	0	0
Totals ... ..	1,131	0	4	1,821	17	7

## THE GOLD-MINING INDUSTRY.

Notwithstanding the fact that several mines have closed down during the last two years, the yield of gold throughout the colony has increased. For the year ending the 31st December, 1901, the value of gold entered for exportation was very largely in excess of that of the previous year; and it is satisfactory to note that an increase, amounting in value to £197,650, is reported for the year ending the 31st December, 1902, the total value for the year being £1,951,433. This is the highest yield since 1873, and makes a total value of £61,111,316 for gold exported from the year 1857 to the end of 1902.

The various branches of the industry are referred to under their several headings.