

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
1902-1903 ...	1,379	15 6	134	18 8	158	111	0 0	1,783	14 2
1903-1904 ...	1,575	15 3	88	18 8	92	109	15 10	1,866	9 9
1904-1905 ...	1,401	2 11	17	3 0	100	362	19 6	1,881	5 5
1905-1906 ...	1,806	19 5	87	2 1	49	440	9 4	2,383	10 10
Totals ...	14,173	16 8	1,581	13 11	896	15,541	0 8	32,192	11 3

The above statement shows the amount expended on the different schools of mines throughout the colony; but, in addition to this, the sum of £11,553 6s. 2d. has to be added, as that has been paid to the school of mines attached to the University of Otago, £500 being paid last year towards maintaining the school, which makes the total expenditure up to the 31st March last to be £43,745 17s. 5d. This expenditure has extended over a period of twenty-one years.

The appendices which follow contain (a) the reports of Inspectors of Mines, Wardens, and Managers of Water-races; (b) the questions used at the last examinations of candidates for certificates enabling them to act as managers of mines and superintendents of batteries; (c) a list of persons to whom certificates as mine-managers, battery-superintendents, and dredgemasters have been issued; and (d) the usual statistical returns.

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