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These are a few items of expenditure that occur to me at present, hence it is difficult, you will see, to arrive at a fair figure to charge students with the cost of work in which they are not concerned. I am quite certain of this: that, apart entirely from the educational work being conducted, the College has proved a benefit to the farming community here, so much so that they fully appreciate it.

In conclusion, let me point out that the summer-school teachers have their course here free; no charge is made for board and lodging. The winter school for farmers is only a charge of 10s. per week. Well, there is a dead loss on that, and no return. The six hundred rural-campschool boys add no revenue to the College funds.

We are not agitating to have any fees increased, but feel that the expenditure is fully justified by the material benefit it is to the country; the absolute value is an unknown quantity.

With very kind regards, &c. E. Newman, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

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