

## APPENDIX G.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

## 1. EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year in the system of physical education inaugurated at the beginning of 1913. Training classes for teachers have now been held in all the education districts, affording the opportunity to public-school teachers generally of receiving a training in the theory and in the practical application of the exercises. The total number of teachers who up to the 31st March last had attended these classes was 3,728 (including some of the Native-school teachers and some teachers of private schools whose schools are subject to inspection by the departmental Inspectors), representing 1,606 schools and over 135,000 children.

Particular attention is given to the instruction of students at the training colleges.

At almost all the teachers' training classes the majority of the men were camped in tents, the Department possessing a complete equipment for this purpose, while the women found suitable lodgings in all cases where they came from a distance. In addition to providing transit expenses teachers were maintained free in camp, or were paid a maintenance allowance up to £1 per week.

The inspection of the instruction in physical exercises as it is being carried out in the schools has been proceeded with as far as possible and as opportunity offered in the intervals between the dates fixed for the training classes. Now, however, that the classes have been completed the services of the instructors, of whom there are seven men and four women, are available for the systematic inspection of all schools; and, where required to do so, the instructors will also assist the teachers by giving object-lessons and advice for the proper conduct of physical training.

It is regretted that the death of the first Director of Physical Education, the late Mr. Royd Garlick, who died on the 20th February, 1915, has to be recorded. A man with high ideals of physical training, he was animated with an earnest desire to place physical education on a sound and scientific footing. At a later date steps will be taken to fill the vacancy by the appointment of an officer under whom the work of the medical inspection of schools and of physical education will be carried out under a common direction. In the meantime satisfactory arrangements have been made for the carrying-on of the system.

The expenditure on physical education for the year ended the 31st March, 1915, was as follows: Salaries of Director and staff, £2,771; training classes, including camps for teachers, £3,706; equipment for training classes, £224; travelling allowances and expenses, £1,800; sundries, including advertising, books, office-cleaning, freight, &c., £330: total, £8,831.

The receipts from sales of Junior Cadet equipment from schools where the cadet corps have been disbanded amounted to £590.