

*South Canterbury.*—“The classes, having been conducted most successfully for a fortnight, came to a conclusion on Friday last. It cannot be doubted that the course has been a great benefit to the teachers, and a word of praise is due to the Department’s instructors for their excellent methods in conducting the whole course.” The Board added that its members twice visited all the classes, and were thus in a position to judge the work done.

*Otago.*—“The members and officials of the Board frequently visited the teachers’ classes in Dunedin while these were in progress, and formed a very high opinion both of the ability of the instructors (male and female) and of their courtesy and tact in dealing with the teachers. The management of the classes was excellent, everything that was requisite being provided. The goodwill and hearty co-operation of the teachers were secured from the outset, and the work was carried out with much enthusiasm. In the Board’s opinion the general level of proficiency attained was, considering the short period of the class, quite satisfactory.”

Resolutions of appreciation were also received from several of the District Educational Institutes.

The Department’s thanks are due to the officers of those Education Boards whose teachers have attended the training classes for the generous services rendered to the instructors, and also to the Wanganui Jockey Club, the Taranaki Jockey Club, the Taranaki Metropolitan Agricultural Society, the Christchurch Metropolitan Trotting Club, the South Canterbury Caledonian Society, and the Dunedin City Council for kindly placing their buildings and grounds at its disposal for use in connection with the classes.

#### JUNIOR CADET ORGANIZATION.

Of the twenty-eight Junior Cadet Corps referred to in last year’s report as still existing, two have since disbanded. Further efforts have been made to secure the return of the principal articles of equipment, such as swords, haversacks, model rifles with bolt action, &c., from the disbanded corps, these articles being required by the military authorities and for the use of the National Reserve Corps.

The shooting competitions were again held during the year, but as there are now so few corps these competitions will probably have to be abandoned in the future and steps taken to secure that the prizes—including presentation cups, belts, &c.—are made available for other suitable purposes. The result of the competitions was as follows:—

<i>Champion Belt.</i>		Score.
Alfred Stevenson, Public School, Timaru South	...	93
<i>Government Challenge Shields.</i>		
No. 1 Shield—Kurov School	...	54.57
No. 2 Shield—Timaru South	...	72.61
<i>“Weekly Press” Challenge Shields.</i>		
No. 1 Shield—Hutt District High School	...	54.47
No. 2 Shield—No competitor.		
<i>Winchester Repeating Arms Company’s Shield.</i>		
Queen’s Park School, Wanganui	...	41.02
<i>Wanganui National Defence League’s Shield</i>		
Helensville School	...	60.82
<i>“Star” and “Graphic” Challenge Shield.</i> (Not awarded.)		
<i>Colonial Ammunition Company’s Cups.</i>		
No. 1 Cup—No competitor.		
No. 2 Cup—John Fake, Hutt District High School	...	86
No. 3 Cup—No competitor.		
No. 4 Cup—Bert Collins, Kurov	...	70

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