

(3.) SUBSIDIZED ROADS ON GOLDFIELDS.

The following schedule shows the amounts expended by subsidies and direct grants out of the Public Works Fund, vote "Roads on Goldfields," in the different counties, &c., during the year ended 31st March, 1918:

	Direct Grants.			Subsidies.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Coromandel County	14	0	0	..	..	..
Thames County	758	18	9	..	..	..
Ohinemuri County	213	3	6	..	..	..
Pelorus Road District	133	0	0	..	..	..
Collingwood County	90	0	0	105	0	0
Buller County	1,688	10	9	116	13	4
Inangahua County	1,499	16	11	..	..	..
Murchison County	326	5	6	..	..	..
Westland County	204	17	5	..	..	..
Grey County	694	16	1	..	..	..
Geraldine County .. .. .	..	..	..	300	0	0
Vincent County .. .. .	..	..	..	30	5	4
Maniototo County	242	0	0	..	..	..
Lake County	217	13	7	..	..	..
Wallace County .. .. .	..	..	..	194	10	3
Southland County	250	0	0	50	0	0
Totals	£6,115	4	6	£796	8	11

(4.) GOVERNMENT WATER-RACES.

The Waimea-Kumara and Mount Ida water-races, which render possible hydraulic mining in the Kumara district, Westland, and the Naseby district, Central Otago, have during 1917 supplied sixty-three miners with water for sluicing, by which gold to the approximate value of £15,075 was obtained. The cash received for water sold amounted to £2,430, and the expenditure on the upkeep of the races was £3,221. These races are therefore not self-supporting, and no allowance for interest on capital expenditure or depreciation has been made.

VIII. SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The following table shows the expenditure by the Government on schools of mines during 1917-18:—

	£	s.	d.
Subsidies towards erection and maintenance	1,806	3	0
Chemicals and apparatus	28	12	3
Salaries of teachers, travelling-expenses, &c.	2,718	11	11
Total	£4,553	7	2

The following is a summary of the result of the Government Schools of Mines annual examinations, 1917:—

Name of School.	Number of Students presenting themselves at the Annual Government Examination, 1917.		Number of Papers submitted at the Examination.		Average Number of Marks awarded per Paper.
	On any of the Six exclusively Mining Subjects.*	On any Subject.	Senior.	Junior.	
Karangahake	2	16	20	4	64·83
Waihi	2	30	39	4	57·14
Thames	2	42	65	1	54·09
Westport	5	21	32	2	52·17
Reefton	6	17	30	..	45·60
Huntly	2	9	7	5	43·83
Coromandel .. .. .	..	12	23	1	39·50
Totals	19	147	216	17	52·36

* The six exclusively mining subjects are mineralogy, metallurgy, mining, ventilation, pumping and winding, and geology.

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