

Capitation amounting to £39,257 was earned in respect of 2,766 pupils (of whom 2,576 were free pupils), as compared with £41,113 in 1919 in respect of 2,926 pupils. Payments totalling £4,102 were also made in respect of increases in salaries of full-time instructors and directors, making a grand total of £43,359.

NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS UNDER REGULATIONS FOR FREE PLACES.

		1919.			1920.		
		Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Junior free pupils	First year ..	821	710	1,531	759	588	1,347
	Second year ..	411	462	873	467	412	879
Senior free pupils	First year ..	106	182	288	124	153	277
	Second year ..	9	44	53	24	38	62
	Third year ..	4	5	9	3	8	11
Totals .. ..		1,351	1,403	2,754	1,377	1,199	2,576

FINANCIAL.

The total expenditure by the Department for the year 1920–21 on technical education was £170,200, including approximately £43,000 expended on the maintenance of technical high schools. The expenditure is £38,000 greater than it was in the previous year, owing to the large sum of £67,000 having been expended upon new buildings and sites. Large and expensive building operations in connection with schools and hostels were carried on at a number of centres, notably at Pukekohe, Hawera, Stratford, Wellington, Westport, and Greymouth.

The total capitation earnings of all classes, together with salary increases and allowances, including technical high schools, amounted approximately to £85,838, as compared with £83,915 for the previous year.

The following table shows the receipts and payments for 1920 in respect of classes conducted by Education Boards or by High School Boards and by Technical School Boards or Managers (including in each case technical high schools) :—

		Classes conducted by		Totals.
		Education or High School Boards.	Technical School Boards or Managers.	
<i>Receipts.</i>		£	£	£
Capitation .. ..	.. ..	23,558	60,670	84,228
Class fees .. ..	.. ..	2,867	6,434	9,301
Voluntary contributions and subsidies ..	.. ..	4,869	6,484	11,353
Grants for buildings, &c. .. ..	.. ..	33,326	10,865	44,191
Other receipts .. ..	.. ..	6,704	15,294	21,998
Totals for 1920 .. ..	.. ..	71,324	99,747	171,071
Totals for 1919 .. ..	.. ..	42,530	81,062	123,592
<i>Payments.</i>				
Staff salaries .. ..	.. ..	25,627	57,638	83,265
Working-expenses .. ..	.. ..	9,367	23,142	32,509
Buildings, &c. .. ..	.. ..	42,288	16,351	58,639
Other payments .. ..	.. ..	134	3,757	3,891
Totals for 1920 .. ..	.. ..	77,416	100,888	178,304
Totals for 1919 .. ..	.. ..	39,552	77,406	116,958

The following is a statement of monetary assets and liabilities as at the 31st December, 1920, shown in the Technical Instruction Accounts of Education Boards as controlling authorities of technical schools, and in the statements of Technical School Boards and Managers :—