

# 1. EXTRACTS FROM THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

## MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

*Staffing.*—On the 30th June, 1927, there was in the employ of the various Education Boards a total of 119 full-time specialist teachers engaged in giving instruction to senior pupils in woodwork, metalwork, and domestic subjects, besides twenty-two specialist instructors in elementary agriculture. These teachers were classified as under. Class VII is the highest, and in Division I are placed those teachers whose classification is based on academic or professional qualifications equivalent to at least a University diploma involving three years' preparation of University standard.

FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED TEACHERS IN MANUAL-TRAINING CLASSES AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1927.

Class.	Division I.		Division II.		Totals.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
VII .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
VI .. .. .	1	..	5	5	11
V .. .. .	3	..	16	8	27
IV .. .. .	8	1	15	6	30
III .. .. .	..	4	11	10	25
II .. .. .	4	6	2	8	20
I .. .. .	..	9	16	3	28
Totals .. ..	16	20	65	40	141

In this table are included nine teachers (four men and five women) on staffs of junior high schools and one supervisor of needlework in primary classes.

The average rates of salary on the 30th June, 1927, were as follows: Men, £352; women, £222; both, £297.

The following are some particulars of the number of schools and the number of pupils receiving instruction in manual training during 1927:—

Agriculture: The number of public primary schools at which instruction in elementary agriculture was given was 1,927, and the number of pupils receiving instruction was 40,578.

Woodwork: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 19,409.

Metalwork: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 799.

Domestic subjects: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 18,890.

Elementary Science: Total number of pupils who received instruction, 5,545.

Private schools: 3,148 pupils from 114 private schools received instruction in manual-training subjects.

## FINANCIAL.

The total amount due by the Department to the Education Boards for the salaries and incidental expenses for the year 1927 was approximately £66,662, made up as follows:—

Salaries—	£
Full-time assistants .. .. .	41,469
Full-time student teachers .. .. .	230
Overtime .. .. .	130
Capitation for part-time teachers .. .. .	579
	£
	42,408
Incidental allowances .. .. .	9,734
Capitation grants .. .. .	14,520
Total .. .. .	£66,662

In addition, the Department provided handwork materials costing some £9,060, and also refunded to Education Boards the actual receiving and distributing charges, amounting approximately to £1,320, involving a total expenditure of £10,380.