

a continuous increase in the number of aided schools, which has risen from 48 in 1883 to 119 in 1886. The local distribution of larger and smaller schools is shown in Table K.

TABLE K.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1886.

(In this enumeration every couple of half-time schools is reckoned as one school, except in the column for number of such schools.)

Education Districts.	Schools open.	Average Attendance.	Mean Average for one School.	Number of Schools in which the Attendance for the Quarter was—											Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1886.
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 75 Pupils.	75 and under 100 Pupils.	100 and under 150 Pupils.	150 and under 300 Pupils.	300 and under 500 Pupils.	500 Pupils and upwards.				
Auckland.. ..	215	16,431	76.4	13	21	23	86	21	15	15	9	8	4	50	20	3	
Taranaki	35	1,814	51.8	3	5	3	12	7	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	..
Wanganui	74	4,644	62.8	8	3	7	32	5	3	7	9	..	..	2	12	1
Wellington	65	6,929	106.5	1	8	6	17	9	5	5	6	7	1	..	4	..	
Hawke's Bay	39	3,941	101.0	4	2	3	9	6	3	5	5	1	1	..	6	..	
Marlborough	31	1,261	40.7	8	3	4	4	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	11	2
Nelson	85	3,971	46.7	11	14	9	22	16	5	4	4	..	..	..	21	3
Grey	18	1,136	63.1	2	3	3	5	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Westland.. ..	23	1,446	62.9	7	2	1	5	1	4	..	2	1	..	2	4	..	
North Canterbury.. ..	148	15,445	104.4	4	10	15	48	21	11	18	11	5	5	..	3	1	
South Canterbury.. ..	48	3,543	73.8	3	6	5	20	5	2	1	4	1	1	..	14	..	
Otago	181	18,983	104.9	4	9	18	72	21	15	11	11	10	10	6	10	..	
Southland	92	5,799	63.0	3	10	9	39	9	12	4	4	..	2	2	13	1	
Totals for 1886	1054	85,343	81.0	71	96	106	371	129	83	72	67	35	24	62 as 31	119	11	
Totals for 1885	1021	81,663	80.0	70	96	101	355	135	75	72	60	35	22	58 as 29	108	10	
Difference	33	3,680	1.0	1	..	5	16	-6	8	..	7	..	2	4 as 2	11	1	

The increase (102) in the number of teachers during the year was rather less than sufficient to keep pace with the increase in the number of pupils. More than half the increase appears in the numbers of pupil-teachers, and it is very remarkable that the increase (27) in the number of male pupil-teachers is almost equal to that (28) which has taken place in the number of female pupil-teachers, although there are between three and four times as many of the latter as there are of the former. The apparent increase in the number of sewing mistresses (who are not included in the foregoing statement) is probably due to an inaccurate statement of the number for 1885, which was most likely 164 and not 148 as reported. In Table L the positions of the teachers are more clearly distinguished than in tables of the same kind drawn up in former years.

TABLE L.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1886.

Education Districts.	Principal.		Head of School.		Head of Department.		Sole Teachers.		Assistant teachers.		Pupil-teachers.		Total.			Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Average Number of Pupils to one Teacher.	Sewing Mistresses not included in other Columns.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	All.			
Auckland .. ..	..	..	96	11	..	..	77	31	36	126	18	190	227	358	585	16,431	28.1	58
Taranaki	1	..	11	3	..	1	10	10	1	8	2	17	25	39	64	1,814	28.3	16
Wanganui .. ..	..	..	22	3	..	..	36	13	8	19	13	32	79	67	146	4,644	31.8	..
Wellington* .. ..	..	..	31	7	..	..	16	11	20	37	14	91	81	146	227	6,929	30.7	13
Hawke's Bay	13	1	5	2	..	14	11	7	10	11	13	42	52	77	129	3,941	30.6	1
Marlborough	2	..	6	..	1	3	13	6	..	6	1	8	23	23	46	1,261	27.4	..
Nelson .. ..	..	..	23	14	..	..	18	30	9	50	..	..	50	94	144	3,971	27.6	..
Grey .. ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	8	4	3	8	..	9	17	21	38	1,136	28.4	..
Westland† .. ..	..	..	8	..	..	..	9	6	3	8	6	12	26	26	52	1,446	27.8	..
North Canterbury†	15	..	79	5	2	20	42	6	20	111	64	155	222	297	519	15,445	29.8	42
South Canterbury	4	..	20	2	..	4	14	7	8	20	12	26	58	59	117	3,543	30.3	12
Otago .. ..	..	..	76	..	..	..	78	27	52	110	43	107	249	244	493	18,983	38.7	17
Southland	11	..	22	..	..	11	48	10	6	11	10	32	97	64	161	5,799	36.0	14
Totals for 1886	46	1	405	47	3	53	380	168	176	525	196	721	1206	1515	2721	85,343	31.4	173
Totals for 1885 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	693	1158	1461	2619	81,663	31.2	148
Difference .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	28	48	54	102	3,680	0.2	25

* Including one vacancy.

† Ten monitors not reckoned.

‡ Including eight vacancies.