

Wairarapa Counties	...	...	...	157
Borough of Masterton	...	...	...	70
„ Wellington	...	...	...	380
				607
Less decrease Greytown	...	...	...	22
				585 net.

The increase is not large. Table F and Appendix B show the financial provision made to meet it.

It is desirable to remember that the foregoing tables relate solely to children five years old and under.

The tables which follow open out a wider and a much more interesting and instructive view of the whole question. The number of children of five years and under being definitely ascertained, it was next desired to ascertain the total number of children of school-age (five to fifteen years old) in the colony, and to find how many of the total number of children of that age attended school. To avoid complication—that is, as between the provincial districts and the education districts—the figures contained in the following table are taken out for the provincial districts, so that, for purposes of comparison, the figures may be carried right through the table from 1877 to 1887. This is necessary, because additional education districts were created in 1882, and to have mixed the two sets of education districts—the new and the old—in one table would have tended to introduce confusion. A subsequent table (Appendix A) gives the corresponding figures for the education districts, dating from the year 1882, the year in which the new districts were created by Act, and Appendix F describes the boundaries of the “provincial” districts and the “education” districts. The following is

**Table D.**

SHOWING the NUMBER of CHILDREN of FIVE to FIFTEEN YEARS of AGE attending SUPERIOR SCHOOLS and PUBLIC SCHOOLS in each Provincial District, and the NUMBER of ALL AGES at PRIVATE SCHOOLS, for the Years 1877 to 1887, inclusive; also the ESTIMATED POPULATION at FIVE to FIFTEEN YEARS for the same Years.

—	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
<b>AUCKLAND.</b>											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	255	366	212	385	309	260	393	448	371	225	172
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	11,532	12,037	14,001	15,118	15,999	16,338	17,415	18,756	20,341	20,888	21,382
Private schools, all ages ..	3,191	2,391	2,464	2,412	2,022	2,392	2,458	2,817	2,645	2,618	3,354
Total at above schools..	14,978	14,794	16,677	17,915	18,330	18,990	20,266	22,021	23,357	23,731	24,908
Not accounted for ..	6,555	7,947	7,272	7,242	8,035	8,749	8,847	8,466	8,504	9,507	9,118
No. living at 5 to 15 years	21,533	22,741	23,945	25,157	26,365	27,739	29,113	30,487	31,861	33,238	34,206
<b>TARANAKI.</b>											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	47	41	17	35	29	26
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	1,014	1,387	1,707	2,108	2,365	2,737	2,903	3,051	3,289	3,492	3,504
Private schools, all ages ..	270	220	313	391	301	217	153	451	240	295	273
Total at above schools..	1,284	1,607	2,020	2,499	2,666	3,001	3,097	3,519	3,564	3,816	3,803
Not accounted for ..	847	919	901	817	1,046	998	1,189	1,054	1,296	1,332	1,467
No. living at 5 to 15 years	2,131	2,526	2,921	3,316	3,712	3,999	4,286	4,573	4,860	5,148	5,270
<b>WELLINGTON.</b>											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	63	83	95	75	87	146	253	294	277	245	260
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	4,277	6,604	8,158	9,135	9,763	10,287	11,188	11,816	12,624	13,555	14,860
Private schools, all ages ..	1,049	1,177	1,383	1,500	1,673	1,485	1,604	1,929	1,859	2,018	2,097
Total at above schools..	5,389	7,864	9,636	10,710	11,523	11,918	13,045	14,039	14,760	15,818	17,217
Not accounted for ..	6,752	5,209	4,369	4,227	4,347	4,887	4,695	4,636	4,850	4,727	3,815
No. living at 5 to 15 years	12,141	13,073	14,005	14,937	15,870	16,805	17,740	18,675	19,610	20,545	21,032
<b>HAWKE'S BAY.</b>											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	..	38	37	45	39	51	65	62	118	88
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	1,220	1,642	2,102	2,466	2,633	2,708	2,950	3,249	3,697	4,028	4,436
Private schools, all ages ..	565	637	436	365	478	430	532	254	538	589	530
Total at above schools..	1,785	2,279	2,576	2,868	3,156	3,177	3,533	3,568	4,297	4,735	5,054
Not accounted for ..	1,891	1,566	1,488	1,315	1,196	1,526	1,521	1,837	1,459	1,371	1,197
No. living at 5 to 15 years	3,676	3,845	4,014	4,183	4,352	4,703	5,054	5,405	5,756	6,106	6,251
<b>MARLBOROUGH.</b>											
Superior schools, 5 to 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public schools, 5 to 15 years	985	1,074	1,126	1,295	1,457	1,550	1,626	1,650	1,753	1,823	1,907
Private schools, all ages ..	209	190	244	168	224	156	198	232	287	274	308
Total at above schools..	1,194	1,264	1,370	1,463	1,681	1,706	1,824	1,882	2,040	2,097	2,215
Not accounted for ..	778	823	832	854	751	830	816	862	808	855	807
No. living at 5 to 15 years	1,972	2,087	2,202	2,317	2,432	2,536	2,640	2,744	2,848	2,952	3,022