

My usual short estimate of the state of every school when it was examined is subjoined. [Not reprinted.]

The Chairman, Nelson Education Board.

I have, &c.,

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

Standard Classes.	Presented.	Absent.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Average Age of those that passed.
						Yrs. mos.
Above Standard VI. ...	120	...	...	...	...	...
Standard VI. ...	313	8	9	43	253	13 4
" V. ...	544	33	30	119	362	12 8
" IV. ...	627	31	24	93	479	11 11
" III. ...	815	29	42	107	637	10 6
" II. ...	783	25	30	101	627	10 0
" I. ...	645	22	24	51	548	9 0
Preparatory ...	1,894
Totals ...	5,741	148	159	514	2,906	*

* Mean of average age, 11 years 3 months.

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SIR,—

Education Office, Greymouth, 20th March, 1890.

I have the honour to submit my fourth annual report upon the schools of this district.

The number of schools examined was twenty. The following table gives particulars of passes, &c., from the year 1885, and of percentages on class subjects, &c., from 1886:—

TABLE A.

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
Roll number on day of examination ...	1,383	1,484	1,513	1,724	1,746
Number of above who have already passed the standard course ...	14	28	27	9	18
Within standard classification ...	872	994	1,058	1,158	1,177
Number enrolled in standard classes present at examination ...	828	830	972	1,050	1,100
Number promoted to a higher standard ...	579	594	676	808	731
Percentage of promotions—					
On roll number of school ...	41·87	40	44·6	46·8	41·9
On roll number of standard classes ...	66·4	59·7	64	69·7	62·1
On number present in standard classes ...	69·93	71·5	70	72	66·5
Mean of average age in standards ...	...	11y. 1m.	11y. 4m.	11y. 6m.	11y. 3m.
Mean of average age of those who passed ...	...	11y. 6m.	11y. 5m.	11y. 7m.	11y. 6m.
Percentage of passes in standard pass subjects ...	...	85	78	78	77
Percentage on class subjects—					
Drawing ...	...	48·9	64	68·9	78·2
History ...	...	49·9	35	37·2	53·6
Geography ...	...	54	42	50·8	49
Elementary science and object-lessons ...	...	55·6	53	62	72
Mean percentage on class subjects ...	...	52·1	48·5	54·7	63·2
Average marks for additional subjects (possible total, 20 for 1886, 25 for 1887, 40 for 1888, 20 for 1889)—					
Repetition and recitation ...	...	13·5	15	16	14·6
Drill and exercises ...	...	15	16	12·5	15
Singing ...	...	17·5	18	22	17·5
Needlework ...	...	16·5	17·8	22·5	12·6
Subject-matter ...	...	15·0	12	...	...
Mean average ...	...	14·8	15·8	18·25	15

The increases upon the previous year are: Roll number, 22; above Standard VI., 9; number presented in standards, 19; number of standard scholars present at examination, 50.

The last particular is the only one worthy of notice, the percentage of absentees being less than in 1888 by 2·8 per cent.

The percentage of absentees for the Greymouth School is 11, or nearly double the percentage for the whole district, the total number absent being forty-seven, exclusive of the whole of the Seventh Standard. Taylorville and Dobson had one and three absentees respectively; Teremakau,