

## EDUCATION DISTRICT ESTIMATES

By that method the primary-school enrolments that may be expected in each education district in 1951 and 1953 have been estimated. The following table shows those estimates with, for comparison, the total enrolments in 1929, 1939, and 1949:—

TABLE VI—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS (DECEMBER)

Education District.	1929.	1939.	1949.	1951.	1953.
Auckland .. ..	74,046	75,846	97,416	106,000	120,750
Taranaki .. ..	13,023	12,245	13,744	14,600	16,000
Wanganui .. ..	18,913	16,895	19,561	22,300	25,750
Hawke's Bay .. ..	18,524	16,939	19,437	22,200	25,000
Wellington .. ..	34,186	33,727	41,218	44,500	49,000
Nelson .. ..	7,603	7,080	8,220	8,700	9,250
Canterbury .. ..	42,772	38,937	43,846	46,400	52,250
Otago .. ..	22,973	20,238	21,467	23,800	25,000
Southland .. ..	13,161	12,431	12,694	13,200	14,250
Maori schools .. ..	7,511	11,047	13,845	13,900	14,250
Dominion .. ..	252,712	245,385	291,448	315,600	351,500

The difference in the rate of growth in different districts may be seen more clearly if these figures are converted to index numbers (again on the basis that the 1929 figure in each district = 100).

TABLE VII—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT INDEX NUMBERS

District.	1929.	1939.	1949.	1951.	1953.
Auckland .. ..	100	103·8	129	141	160
Taranaki .. ..	100	94·9	105·6	112	122
Wanganui .. ..	100	90·2	102·6	117	135
Hawke's Bay .. ..	100	91·8	103·4	118	133
Wellington .. ..	100	99·1	119·5	129	142
Nelson .. ..	100	94·1	105·1	112	120
Canterbury .. ..	100	91·1	100·6	107	118
Otago .. ..	100	88·7	99	102	107
Southland .. ..	100	94·5	95·5	100	108
Maori schools .. ..	100	147·1	184·3	185	190
Dominion .. ..	100	97·3	114·2	123	137

The rate of increase in enrolments for the Auckland Education Board district is in excess of the Dominion rate, that for the Wanganui district is close to the Dominion rate, and that in the Otago and Southland districts, though there is some increase, is proportionately much smaller than is the Dominion rate.

The change in the relative position of the districts is shown even more clearly in the following Table VIII, which gives for 1929 (actual) and for 1953 (estimated) the percentage of the total primary-school population enrolled in the schools of each district.

TABLE VIII—PERCENTAGE OF PRIMARY-SCHOOL ENROLMENTS, BY DISTRICTS

District	1929.	1953.
	%	%
Auckland .. ..	29·4	34·4
Taranaki .. ..	5·1	4·6
Wanganui .. ..	7·4	7·3
Hawke's Bay .. ..	7·3	7·1
Wellington .. ..	13·4	13·9
Nelson .. ..	3·4	2·6
Canterbury .. ..	16·9	14·8
Otago .. ..	9·1	7·1
Southland .. ..	5·1	4·1
Maori schools .. ..	2·9	4·1
Dominion .. ..	100·0	100·0

Even though the school population in every South Island district is increasing, the South Island proportion of the Dominion total is declining because the rate of increase in the Auckland district is so much above the Dominion average rate.