

TABLE B1.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR 1906.

Education Districts.	Roll-numbers.					Average Attendance for Whole Year (Mean of Average Attendance of Four Quarters).			Percentage of the Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters.	
	Pupils at Beginning of Year.	Admitted during the Year.	Left during the Year.	Pupils belonging at End of Year.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quarters.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	1906.	1905.
Auckland	29,134	14,717	11,396	32,455	32,717	15,129	13,390	28,519	87.2	86.8
Taranaki	4,717	2,132	1,809	5,040	5,142	2,335	2,032	4,367	84.9	85.4
Wanganui	11,652	6,063	4,884	12,831	12,871	5,927	5,177	11,104	86.3	85.6
Wellington	14,974	8,012	6,774	16,212	16,416	7,625	6,731	14,356	87.5	86.7
Hawke's Bay .. .	8,260	3,923	3,034	9,149	9,148	4,149	3,654	7,803	85.3	84.9
Marlborough .. .	1,765	857	607	2,015	2,029	911	819	1,730	85.3	84.9
Nelson	5,257	2,181	1,796	5,592	5,612	2,552	2,286	4,838	86.2	85.7
Grey	1,399	664	420	1,643	1,613	683	702	1,385	85.9	84.6
Westland	956	341	262	1,035	1,033	466	451	917	88.8	89.3
North Canterbury ..	18,318	7,225	6,140	19,403	19,560	8,815	8,007	16,822	86.0	86.2
South Canterbury ..	4,884	1,700	1,389	5,195	5,176	2,396	2,169	4,565	88.2	88.2
Otago	18,034	6,259	5,298	18,995	19,281	8,863	8,225	17,088	88.6	89.7
Southland	8,978	3,230	2,471	9,737	9,722	4,439	4,025	8,464	87.1	87.3
Totals for 1906 ..	128,328	57,254	46,280	139,302	140,320	64,290	57,668	121,958	86.9	..
Totals for 1905 ..	126,653	55,285	44,315	137,623	138,471	63,233	57,032	120,265	86.9	..
Difference	1,675	1,969	1,965	1,679	1,849	1,057	636	1,693

In the average of the weekly roll-numbers there is an increase of 1,849 for the year. The figures for 1905 were 138,471, and 140,320 for 1906. At the end of the year the number on the roll was 139,302, as against 137,623 for the previous year, an increase of 1,679.

The high standard of regularity of attendance of last year, 86.9, was maintained in 1906. In the first quarter the average daily attendance was 86.9 per cent. of the average weekly roll-number, in the second quarter 87.1 per cent., in the third quarter 87.4 per cent., and in the fourth 86.4 per cent. Otago, which ever since 1901 has stood at the head of the list, took second place, having to give way to Westland, which district shows a percentage of 88.8. South Canterbury, with a percentage of 88.2, and Wellington with 87.5, hold third and fourth places. As a whole the South Island shows a greater degree of regularity of attendance than the North, the respective rates being 87.1 per cent. and 86.7 per cent. of the average weekly roll. In 1905 the figures were 87.5 per cent. and 86.4 per cent. respectively.

The increase in total average attendance for the year 1906 was 1,693. In the North Island the increase was 1,916; but there was a decrease in the South Island of 223. The figures are given in the following table:—

* TABLE B2.—COMPARISON OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1905 AND 1906, NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND.

Districts.	Average Attendance.		
	1906.	1905.	Difference.
Auckland	28,519	27,507	1,012
Taranaki	4,367	4,252	115
Wanganui	11,104	10,774	330
Wellington	14,356	14,071	285
Hawke's Bay .. .	7,803	7,629	174
Totals, North Island ..	66,149	64,233	1,916
Marlborough	1,730	1,633	97
Nelson	4,838	4,831	7
Grey	1,385	1,381	4
Westland	917	901	16
North Canterbury .. .	16,822	16,871	- 49
South Canterbury .. .	4,565	4,501	64
Otago	17,088	17,438	- 350
Southland	8,464	8,476	- 12
Totals, South Island ..	55,809	56,032	- 223
Totals for colony .. .	121,958	120,265	1,693

In Table B3 the average attendance in each education district, as estimated for the computation of teachers' salaries, is shown in detail by a statement of the aggregate attendance at each group of schools under the classification in Table A.