1908. NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: NATIVE SCHOOLS

(PARTICULARS RELATING TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 7th August, 1908.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the number and names of Native schools opened in the Urewera district; (2) the number of children on the roll at each of such schools for each year since 1900; (3) the average attendance at each school for the same period; and (4) the number of schools closed, and reasons for closing same."—(Mr. NGATA.)

RETURN.

School.	1900. Attendance.		1901. Attendance.		1902. Attendance.		1903. Attendance.		1904. Attendance.		1905. Attendance.		1906. Attendance.		1907. Attendance.	
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Waioweka	30	23	37	27	51	45	56	45	60	48	56	45	57	48	48	35
a) Waimana Ruatoki	65	57 31	71 66	67 55	$\begin{array}{c} 69 \\ 105 \end{array}$	$\frac{65}{91}$	$\begin{array}{c} 70 \\ 101 \end{array}$	$\frac{61}{77}$	103	58 76	65 97	$\frac{47}{76}$	57 95	40 81	$\begin{array}{c c} 52 \\ 62 \end{array}$	$\frac{30}{32}$
b) Te Houhi	22	11	21	14	27	$2\overline{2}$	24	20	28	25	26	24				
c) Galatea .	25	12	23	12	18	11	22	14	17	10						
Te Whaiti d) Kokako	$\begin{vmatrix} 16 \\ 32 \end{vmatrix}$	10 13	18	12 	25	21	30	22 	27 	13	23	$\frac{21}{\cdots}$	33	29 	27	19

(a) The Waimana Native School was closed in 1907 owing to removal of the Waimana Natives to Rua's settlement at Maungapohatu.

(b) The school at Te Houhi was closed in 1905, the school being held in private buildings standing on a block of land known as the Waiohau No. 1 Block. The ownership of the block was the subject of litigation between the Natives and a European named Beale, resulting in the Natives being dispossessed of the land and buildings.

(c) The Awangararanui (Galatea) Native School was closed in 1904 on account of the poor

and irregular attendance.

(d) The Kokako Native School was closed in 1900 owing to the small attendance and to the apathy of the Natives.

Note.—For the half-year ending 30th June, 1908, the schools with their rolls and average attendances are as follows :-

School.				Roll.	Average.
Waioweka	 	•••		34	24
Ruatoki	 		,	48	32
Te Whaiti	 			18	14

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