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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION : MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

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EDUCATION.

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Manual Instruction in Schools.

Instruction in various branches of elementary handwork, such as modelling, brush-drawing, free-arm and blackboard drawing, paper and cardboard work, treated sometimes as separate subjects, but more often correlated with other subjects of the syllabus, as well as in the more specialised forms of handwork, such as woodwork, cookery, and elementary agriculture, was given in about 60 per cent. of the public schools during the year. Some particulars are given below :—

TABLE I.—SUBJECTS OF AND NUMBER OF CLASSES FOR MANUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
1908.

Subjects of Instruction.							Number of Classes.
Elementary handwork .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,198
Drawing and design .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	682
Woodwork .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	270
Agriculture .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	460
Dairy-work .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Elementary science .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Physical measurements .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	94
Cookery .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	330
Dressmaking .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	72
Swimming and life-saving .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	103
Physiology and first aid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Totals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,355

The number of public schools in which handwork was taught was..	..	1,200
The number of pupils under instruction was .. ..	..	112,952
The percentage of total roll-number under instruction was ..	..	76.6
The payments by way of capitation, grants, and subsidies in aid of classes was	£20,191 14s. 5d.	
The average cost per pupil was	3s. 6.9d.	

The instruction in cookery and woodwork in most districts was given at specially equipped centres, of which there are now nearly fifty.