

In the same years these schools were staffed as follows :—

	1907.			1908.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Regular staff	118	86	204	125	91	216
Part-time teachers	38	22	60	43	25	68

The average number of pupils per teacher (excluding part-time teachers) is thus seen to have been 20·6 in 1907, and 20 in 1908.

The total number of pupils attending the secondary departments of the sixty-six district high schools in the two years, 1907, 1908, respectively, were—

	1907.			1908.		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Boys	1,243			1,017		
Girls		1,209			1,125	
Total	2,452			2,142		

Besides the head teachers, who generally take some part in the secondary instruction, there were employed in 1907 in the secondary departments of district high schools 101 special assistants—53 men and 48 women—and last year 102 special assistants—namely, 55 men and 47 women. The average number of pupils per teacher was 24·3 in 1907 and 21 in 1908.

In addition to those in secondary schools and in the secondary departments of district high schools there should properly be included in the number of pupils under secondary instruction in the Dominion (a) the pupils attending certain day classes in connection with technical schools who are receiving a special form of secondary instruction, and (b) the pupils in various institutions for the secondary education of Maori boys and girls.

Including these, but excluding the pupils in the lower departments of secondary schools, we find the total number of pupils receiving secondary instruction at the end of 1908 to be as follows :—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Secondary schools	2,502	1,678	4,180
District high schools	1,017	1,125	2,142
Technical day-schools	1,096	904	2,000
Maori secondary schools	136	167	303*
Total	4,751	3,874	8,625

* All these pupils are boarders.

Salaries of Secondary Teachers.

The total amount of the salaries paid to the regular staffs of secondary schools as at the rates paid at the end of the year was £47,788. As might be expected, the salaries paid in the different secondary schools varied considerably; the average for principals and assistants, and that for men and women respectively, are shown below to the nearest pound :—

Salaries in Secondary Schools.

	December, 1908.		
	M. £	F. £	All. £
Principals	464	341	422
Assistants	224	147	190
Whole staff	£261	£168	£222

NOTE.—The salaries of part-time teachers are excluded from the above comparison.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform, in accordance with the Schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid to the assistants, in addition to the sums paid by way of extra salary to the head teachers, were, in December, 1908,—

	£	s.	d.
Men	193	17	7
Women	145	4	3
All secondary assistants	171	9	1

(The scale of salaries is the same for men and women.)