

*Private Schools.*

Under section 170 of the Education Act, 1908, the teachers or managers of any private school may apply to have the school inspected, and the school becomes thereupon "subject to inspection." In general, if the school gives secondary instruction, it is, in accordance with the Act, inspected by an Inspector of the Education Department; in all other cases—that is, generally, in the case of primary schools—inspection is made by an Inspector of the Education Board. In 1911, the number of private primary schools so inspected was 131; the total number of pupils present on the day of inspection was 11,398.

TABLE Cc.—INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS DURING 1910.

Education District.	Number of Schools inspected.	Number of Children present at Inspection.
Auckland .. .. .	33	3,207
Taranaki .. .. .	4	389
Wanganui .. .. .	11	863
Wellington .. .. .	11	1,384
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	9	788
Marlborough .. .. .	1	189
Nelson .. .. .	8	552
Grey .. .. .	3	403
Westland .. .. .	5	293
North Canterbury .. .. .	20	1,570
South Canterbury .. .. .	5	462
Otago .. .. .	10	830*
Southland .. .. .	8	468
Totals .. .. .	131	11,398

\* For 1909; figures for 1910 not available.

From the 1st January, 1911, the fact of a school being subject to inspection has an important significance which it did not have before, inasmuch as by section 150, subsection (5), of the Education Act, no instruction given to a child between seven and fourteen is considered to be efficient, so as to be legal ground of exemption from attendance at a public school, unless it is "given to children in their own homes or in a school subject to inspection."

*Classification and Examination.*

Table D is a summary for the whole Dominion of Table D1, which shows the numbers in the several classes for the various districts. The proportion of pupils in the preparatory classes has still further increased—37·15 per cent. as against 36·66 per cent. for the year 1909.

TABLE D.—CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1910.

Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percentages for Five Years.				
				1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Class P .. .. .	30,825	27,256	58,081	29·36	31·11	34·27	36·66	37·15
" S1 .. .. .	9,830	9,203	19,033	12·08	12·05	11·96	12·25	12·17
" S2 .. .. .	9,722	8,942	18,664	12·18	12·10	11·61	11·82	11·94
" S3 .. .. .	9,334	8,552	17,886	12·17	12·04	11·98	11·34	11·44
" S4 .. .. .	8,401	7,836	16,237	11·79	11·46	11·20	10·78	10·39
" S5 .. .. .	7,433	6,787	14,220	10·59	10·24	9·65	9·08	9·10
" S6 .. .. .	5,032	4,595	9,627	8·24	7·79	6·87	6·56	6·16
" S7 .. .. .	1,245	1,331	2,576	3·59	3·21	2·46	1·51	1·65
Totals .. .. .	81,822	74,502	156,324	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

The following is a summary of the examination statistics for 1910 :—

Total roll at time of annual examination	...	157,333
Present at examination	...	150,552
Present in preparatory classes	...	55,506
Present in classes S6	...	9,454
Present in classes S7	...	1,901
Standard VI certificates gained, viz.,—		
Certificates of proficiency	6,499	
" competency	1,941	8,440

Details of these figures for each district are given in Table D2.