

WANGANUI.

Sir,—

Education Office, Wanganui, 25th March, 1911.

We have the honour to present our report for the year ended 31st December, 1910.

We deal first with those phases of the subject that lend themselves to statistical treatment, not forgetting that, however illuminating statistics may appear to be, they point rather to presumptive than to unmistakable inferences.

The following table has been compiled from the returns furnished by the teachers in connection with their annual examinations:—

TABLE IA.

Classes.						Number on Roll at Annual Examination.	Present at the Annual Examination.	Average Ages of Pupils in each Class.
								Yrs. mos.
Standard VII (including secondary pupils in D.H.S.)...						266	237	15 0
" VI						947	911	14 0
" V						1,269	1,233	13 0
" IV						1,488	1,457	12 3
" III						1,592	1,544	11 3
" II						1,727	1,693	10 1
" I						1,749	1,690	9 3
Preparatory						5,863	4,959	7 2
Totals						14,401	13,724	11 6*

* Mean of average age.

TABLE IB.

The following are the numbers from the Roman Catholic schools:—

Classes.						Number on Roll at Annual Examination.	Present at the Annual Examination.	Average Ages of Pupils in each Class.
								Yrs. mos.
Standard VII						5	4	15 2
" VI						68	65	14 3
" V						61	57	13 3
" IV						123	115	12 5
" III						94	82	11 1
" II						111	107	10 1
" I						128	120	9 0
Preparatory						339	313	7 2
Totals						929	863	11 7*

* Mean of average age.

The total number of pupils on the rolls of the inspected schools in the district at the time of the annual examination was therefore 15,330.

The proportion of the pupils in the various classes, and the average age of each class, are in the following table compared with those for the Dominion.

TABLE II.

Classes.						Dominion (1909).		Wanganui (1910).	
						Per Cent.	Average Age.	Per Cent.	Average Age.
							Yrs. mos.		Yrs. mos.
Preparatory						36.66	6 11	37.24	7 2
Standard I						12.25	9 2	12.15	9 3
" II						11.82	10 3	11.99	10 1
" III						11.34	11 4	11.06	11 3
" IV						10.78	12 3	10.33	12 3
" V						9.08	13 0	8.81	13 0
" VI						6.56	13 11	6.58	14 0
" VII						1.51	15 0	1.84	15 0