

1. EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The schools usually included in the list of secondary schools in this report which were open in 1911 were thirty-two in number, namely,—

(a.) "Endowed secondary schools" within the meaning of section 89 of the Education Act, 1908, and included in the Eighth Schedule to the Act	26
(b.) Secondary schools within the meaning of the same section (89), but established by the Minister under section 94	4
(c.) Other endowed secondary schools not coming within the definition of section 89	2
Total	32

Of the endowed secondary schools only twenty-two were in operation during the year. Of the other four—Akaroa, Greymouth, Hokitika, and Waimate—the last three have never been in operation, and the first existed as a small struggling high school for a few years only; but a permanent increase of population might lead to the establishment (or re-establishment) of one or more of them at any time. Meanwhile, secondary education is carried on in the secondary departments of the district high schools established in each of these four centres, and statutory provision exists whereby the income derived from the endowments of the secondary schools may be devoted, if the Minister thinks fit, wholly or in part to the maintenance of these district high schools.

It must also be borne in mind that, in addition to the above thirty-two schools, there are seven endowed schools providing suitable secondary education for Maori boys and girls, and a considerable number of private secondary schools.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-two secondary schools in the last terms of 1910 and 1911 respectively was—

	1910.			1911.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments)	2,844	2,062	4,906	3,058	2,151	5,209
Number in lower departments	178	92	270	164	92	256
Total	3,022	2,154	5,176	3,222	2,243	5,465
Number of boarders (included above)	614	141	755	680	152	832

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of secondary schools and secondary departments of district high schools:—

(a.) Secondary Schools.

	Boys.	Girls.
Number on roll at beginning of 1911, lower departments excluded..	3,261	2,166
Number admitted during 1911, lower departments excluded ..	307	269
Number who left during 1911, lower departments excluded ..	510	284
Number on roll at end of 1911, lower departments excluded ..	3,058	2,151
Number on roll at end of 1911, lower departments included ..	3,222	2,243
Of whom the number under twelve years of age was ..	84	44
And the number over eighteen years of age was ..	140	108
Number of boarders ..	680	152
Average attendance, lower departments excluded ..	5,238	
Average attendance, lower departments included ..	5,682	

(b.) Secondary Departments of District High Schools.

Number of district high schools open at end of 1911 ..	59
Mean of average weekly roll of secondary departments ..	2,090
Total roll at end of 1911 ..	1,777
Average attendance of secondary departments ..	1,889