

(A.)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE.

District.	Grade 0.	Grade 1.	Grade 2.	Grade 3.	Grade 4.	Grade 5.	Grade 6 and upwards.	Total .
Auckland	39	115	145	79	118	18	60	574
Middle District of North Island ..	22	66	90	47	109	39	50	423
Wellington	68	75	76	36	68	18	50	391
Canterbury	19	63	78	53	77	30	46	366
Otago	14	74	91	68	90	22	53	412
Total schools	162	393	480	283	462	127	259	2,166

(B.)

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN THE SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN RETURN A.

District.	Grade 0.	Grade 1.	Grade 2.	Grade 3.	Grade 4.	Grade 5.	Grade 6 and upwards.	Totals.
Auckland	259	1,496	2,730	2,437	6,185	1,878	21,701	36,686
Middle District of North Island ..	110	790	1,824	1,470	5,547	3,854	14,396	27,991
Wellington	342	861	1,567	981	3,444	1,827	14,553	23,575
Canterbury	117	737	1,557	1,552	3,695	2,938	16,384	26,980
Otago	101	824	2,007	2,008	4,485	2,233	16,741	28,399
Totals	929	4,708	9,685	8,448	23,356	12,730	83,775	143,631

SCHOOL BOARDS.

School Boards, to consist of seven members, should be established in every city or borough with a population of over 8,000, such city or borough to include adjacent boroughs and road districts in its school district, the Board to have control of primary, secondary, and technical education, subject to such control by the Education Board as may be prescribed.

A School Board may be established in a borough having a population of not less than 4,000, or in a county with a population of not less than 4,000, inclusive of boroughs but not School Board districts, within its boundaries, provided a majority of the electors who vote declare in favour of the establishment of such Board at a poll taken by direction of the Education Board at the request of at least one hundred electors.

The funds of the School Boards to consist of a capitation of 5s. for every pupil on the total average weekly roll in all schools (primary, secondary, and technical) within the school district, as well as such grants for maintenance of buildings, and special grants, as may be made by the Education Board; a subsidy paid by the Government of £1 for every £1 raised by voluntary contribution for purposes approved by the Education Board; a Government subsidy of £2 for every £1 raised by local rates or contributed by local bodies for purposes approved by the Education Board; and a Government subsidy of £1 for every £1 donated by bequest for school purposes.

The School Boards should be elected annually before the last day in February by the vote of those enrolled on the municipal or electoral roll, as the case may be.

The right should be conferred upon School Boards to set up Committees for the management of secondary schools or technical schools under their jurisdiction, and to "co-opt" any persons specially qualified to act thereon.

A meeting of the electors of the School Board district to be held annually in February before the election of the Board, at which the reports and balance-sheets of the various schools, and a statement of the administration of the Board shall be read, and motions in connection with Education dealt with.