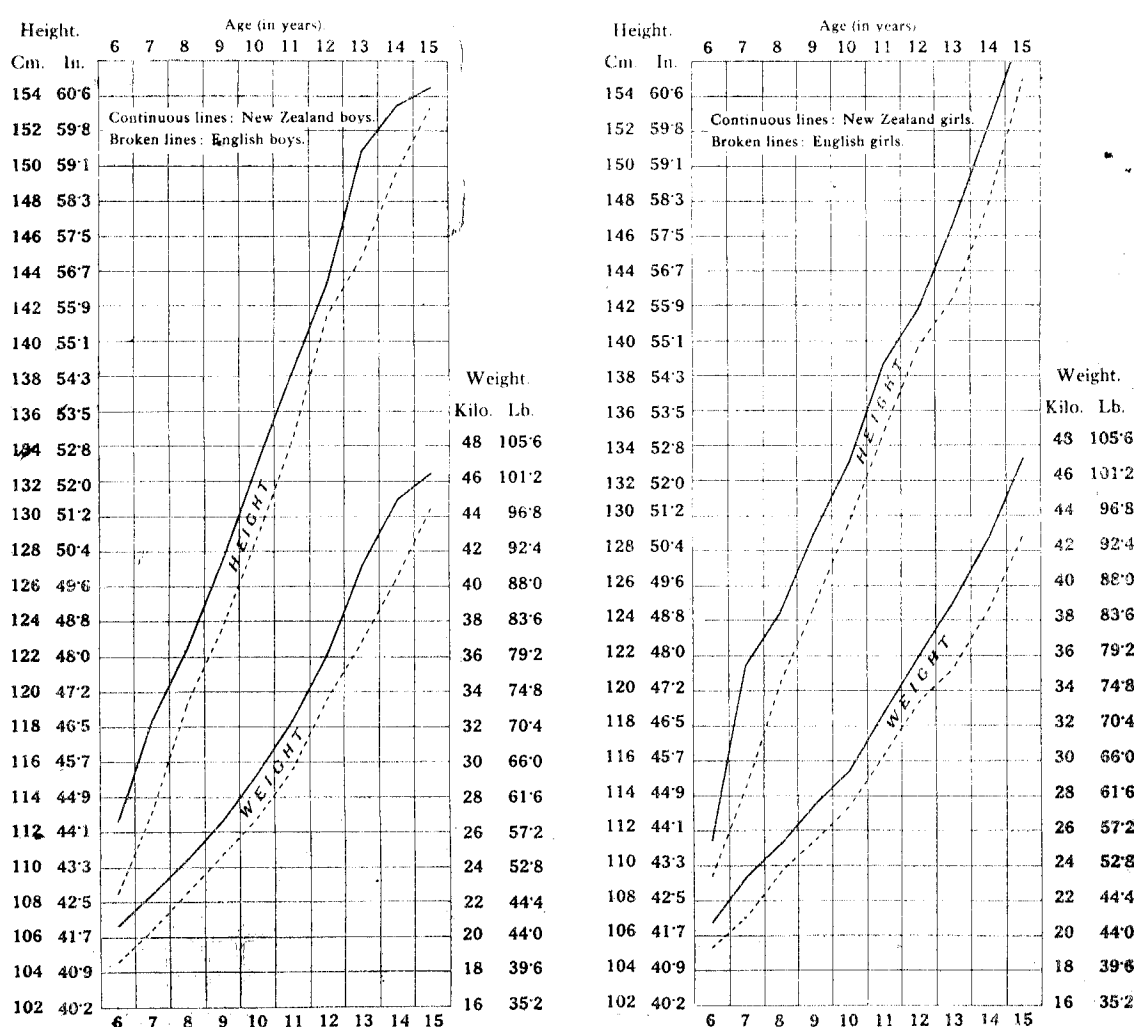


The Medical Inspectors report on the school buildings in respect of lighting, heating, ventilation, cleanliness, &c., and have been able to suggest many improvements where little or no expense is involved. Emphasis is placed on the value of fresh air, open-air teaching being strongly recommended. One open-air class-room has been built in Wellington, and the experiment of teaching children in it throughout the year is at present being made.

TABLE Q8 (IN APPENDIX F OF E.-2).—COMPARISON OF THE AVERAGE WEIGHTS AND HEIGHTS OF 17,000 NEW ZEALAND CHILDREN WITH 800,000 ENGLISH CHILDREN.



The expenditure on medical inspection for the financial year ended 31st March, 1915, was—Salaries, £1,744; travelling-expenses, £433; material, apparatus, forwarding-charges, &c., £125: total, £2,302.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year in the system of physical education inaugurated at the beginning of 1913. Training classes for teachers have now been held in all the education districts, affording the opportunity to public-school teachers generally of receiving a training in the theory and in the practical application of the exercises. The total number of teachers who up to the 31st March last had attended these classes was 3,728 (including some of the Native-school teachers and some teachers of private schools whose schools are subject to inspection by the departmental Inspectors), representing 1,606 schools and over 135,000 children.