

1. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

(Table K1.)

SCHOOLS affording education of a secondary nature are established in every centre of any importance in the Dominion, and are of the following types: Secondary schools, technical high schools, district high schools, private secondary schools, and Maori secondary schools. The majority of the district high schools are in the country centres, the secondary schools and technical high schools being in the larger towns and cities. The secondary schools, which are under the control of twenty-seven separate controlling authorities, may be classed as follows:—

(a.) Endowed secondary schools included in the Ninth Schedule to the Education Act, 1914	32
(b.) Secondary schools without endowments established in the manner provided by section 88 of the Education Act, 1914	4
(c.) Endowed secondary schools within the meaning of the Act, but not included above	2
Total	38

Of the thirty-eight schools, twelve are for boys, twelve for girls, and ten are mixed schools. Four of the schools under (a) are not in operation—namely, Akaroa, Greymouth, Hokitika, and Waimate. At these places secondary education is carried on in the secondary departments of district high schools, to which the High School Boards supply some financial assistance.

The number of district high schools in 1917 was sixty, technical high schools eight, Maori secondary schools ten, and private secondary schools registered under the Education Act, 1914, twenty, making a total of 132 schools affording secondary education.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

(Tables K1, K2, K3, L1, and L2.)

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-four secondary schools included under (a), (b), and (c) above at the end of 1916 and 1917 respectively was—

	1916.			1917.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments) ..	4,025	3,027	7,052	4,203	3,387	7,590
Number in lower departments ..	296	170	466	365	215	580
Totals	4,321	3,197	7,518	4,568	3,602	8,170

The roll number, excluding the lower departments, shows an increase in 1917 of 7.6 per cent. over the roll for the previous year, the increase being greater in the case of the girls than of the boys. The number of girls increased by 360, or 11.9 per cent. of the 1916 roll, and the number of boys increased by 178, or 4.4 per cent. The number of first-year boys shows an actual decrease of 77, as compared with the previous year, while the number of first-year girls shows an increase of 59. There is no ready explanation of the disparity in these figures.

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of schools in which secondary education is given:—

(a.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Lower Departments excluded).

Number on the roll at the end of 1917	7,590
Average attendance for the year 1917	7,464
Number of new entrants, 1917	3,544
Number of these who left the public primary schools in 1916	2,871
Number who left secondary schools during 1917	943
(Number of first-year pupils	2,953
Number of second-year pupils	2,345
Number of third-year pupils	1,304
(Number of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year pupils	988