

## SECONDARY EDUCATION.

## 1. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF 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 1918 was sixty-two, technical high schools eight, Maori secondary schools ten, and private secondary schools registered under the Education Act, 1914, eighteen, making a total of one hundred and thirty-two schools affording secondary education.

## ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

(Tables K1, K2, 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 1917 and 1918 respectively was—

	1917.			1918.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments) ..	4,203	3,387	7,590	4,621	3,763	8,384
Number in lower departments ..	365	215	580	397	268	665
Totals .. .. .	4,568	3,602	8,170	5,018	4,031	9,049

The roll number, excluding the lower departments, shows the substantial increase in 1918 of 10·4 per cent. over the roll for the previous year, the number of boys being 418 more and the number of girls 376 more. The number of first-year pupils alone was 383 more than in 1917.