E.—3.

The number of pupils on the rolls of the Native mission schools at the end of 1918 was 175, and on the rolls of the Native boarding-schools 471. The total number of children on the roll, at the end of the year, of Native village, mission, and boarding schools visited and inspected by the Inspectors of this Department was therefore 5,710. The following are the figures for the years 1917 and 1918 in respect of the three classes of Native schools mentioned:—

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		1917.	1918.
Combined rolls of Native schools	 	 5,784	5,710
Combined average weekly roll number	 • • •	 5,806	5,694
Combined average yearly attendance	 	 5,073	4,927
Percentage of regularity of attendance	 	 87.4	86.5

The increase in the development of the Native village schools since the year 1881, when they were transferred to the control of this Department, is shown in the following table:—

NATIVE VILLAGE SCHOOLS.—NUMBER, ATTENDANCE, AND TEACHERS.

Year.		Number of Schools at End of	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance: Whole Year.	Average Attend- ance as Percentage of Weekly	Number of Teachers.				
						Teachers in Charge.		Assistant Teachers.		
		Year.			Roll.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
1881		60		1,406		54	6		4	
1886		69	2,343	2,020	86.2	60	9		26	
1891		66	2,395	1,837	76.7	59	8	1	26	
896		74	2,874	2,220	77.3	64	11		61	
902		98	3,650	3,005	82.3	77	$^{\perp}$ 20		83	
1907		99	4,321	3,561	82.4	82	: 18	2	105	
912		108	4.644	4.042	87.0	86	22	4	122	
915		. 117	5,232	4,604	88.0	81	33	7	123	
916		118	5,190	4,504	86.8	79	37	8	123	
917		118	5,191	4,507	86.8	71	45	9	122	
918		119	5,044	4,338	86.0	73	43	8	119	

No account is taken in the above table of a number of schools that have from time to time been transferred to the various Education Boards. Table H2 in this report supplies the information for each school in regard to the roll number and average attendance.

In addition to the Maori children in attendance at the schools specially instituted for Natives there were 4,854 Natives attending 509 public schools at the end of 1918, the number of pupils being 107 more than in 1917. The great proportion of these pupils are in the North Island, half of them being in the Auckland Education District. Details as to their age and classification are given in Table H5 of this report, from which it appears that the great majority of them are in the lower classes, the proportion reaching the higher standards being much smaller than in the case of Maoris attending Native schools.

The total number of children of Maori or of mixed race on the rolls of the primary Native schools, public schools, Native mission schools, and secondary Native schools, together with such pupils as were receiving special technical training, at the end of the year 1918 was as follows:—

1.	Primary schools-					
	(a.) Ğovernment Nati	ve scl	$\mathbf{hools}$	 	 4,472	
	(b.) Mission schools			 	 175	
	(c.) Public schools			 	 4,854	
						9,501
II.	Secondary schools			 	 	471
	Special technical training	g		 	 	4
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	${f Total}$			 • •	 	9,976