

The following table shows the number of Native village schools classified according to grade for the years 1918 and 1919 :—

Grade				1918.	1919.
I	(average attendance 9–20)	..	..	18	17
„	II i (average attendance 21–25)	..	..	13	14
„	II ii (average attendance 26–35)	..	..	27	27
„	IIIA i (average attendance 36–50)	..	..	37	38
„	IIIA ii (average attendance 51–80)	..	..	16	15
„	IIIB (average attendance 81–120)	..	..	8	8
„	IVA (average attendance 121–160)	..	..	..	..
				119	119

Roll Number and Attendance.

The number of pupils on the rolls of Native village schools at the end of 1919 was—Boys, 2,763 ; girls, 2,435 ; total, 5,198—134 more than in the previous year. Included in these numbers are 354 boys and 294 girls who are Europeans, leaving a total of 4,550 Maori children. There was a slight decrease in the numbers in 1918 owing, probably, to the withdrawal of a number of Maori children from a Native school for enrolment in a private school ; this loss in numbers has now been recovered.

The following are some figures for the years 1918 and 1919 in connection with attendance at Native village schools :—

				1918.	1919.
Number on rolls at end of year	..	..	..	5,064	5,198
Average weekly roll number	..	..	..	5,044	5,190
Average yearly attendance	..	..	..	4,338	4,485
Percentage of regularity of attendance	..	..	..	86.0	86.4

Small increases in all of the figures will be observed, the regularity of attendance being also better than in the previous year. When the special conditions pertaining to the Native schools are taken into account the attendance compared with the record for public schools may be regarded as reasonably good. Of 119 schools, forty schools attained a percentage regularity of 90 and upwards and ninety-seven schools reached the figure of 80 per cent. or over.

The number of pupils on the rolls of the Native mission schools at the end of 1919 was 167, and on the rolls of the Native boarding-schools 434. 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 5,799. The following are the figures for the years 1918 and 1919 in respect of the three classes of Native schools mentioned :—

				1918.	1919.
Combined rolls of Native schools	..	..	..	5,710	5,799
Combined average weekly roll number	..	..	..	5,694	5,803
Combined average yearly attendance	..	..	..	4,927	5,036
Percentage of regularity of attendance	..	..	..	86.5	86.6

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 Year.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance : Whole Year.	Average Attendance as Percentage of Weekly Roll.	Number of Teachers.			
					Teachers in Charge.		Assistant Teachers.	
					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
1896	74	2,874	2,220	77.3	64	11	..	61
1902	98	3,650	3,005	82.3	77	20	..	83
1907	99	4,321	3,561	82.4	82	18	2	105
1912	108	4,644	4,042	87.0	86	22	4	122
1917	118	5,191	4,507	86.8	71	45	9	122
1918	119	5,044	4,338	86.0	73	43	8	119
1919	119	5,190	4,485	86.4	73	44	7	115