

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

1. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL 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 secondary 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 1919 was sixty, technical high schools nine, Maori secondary schools ten, and private secondary schools registered under the Education Act, 1914, twenty-one, making a total of one hundred and thirty-four schools affording secondary education. One secondary department of a district high school was converted into a technical high school, and one secondary department of a district high school was disestablished during the year.

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 1918 and 1919 respectively was—

	1918.			1919.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments) ..	4,621	3,763	8,384	5,054	4,014	9,068
Number in lower departments ..	397	268	665	392	294	686
Totals	5,018	4,031	9,049	5,446	4,308	9,754

The roll number, excluding the lower departments, shows an increase in 1919 of 8.1 per cent. over the roll for the previous year, the number of boys being 433 more and the number of girls 251 more. The number of first-year pupils was 359 more than in 1918.

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 1919	9,068
Average attendance for the year 1919	9,082
Number of new entrants, 1919	4,342
Number of these who left the public primary schools in 1918	3,728
Number of first-year pupils	3,695
Number of second-year pupils	2,522
Number of third-year pupils	1,527
Number of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year pupils	1,324

(b.) SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1919	2,159
Mean of average weekly roll Boys, 1,195; girls, 1,307: total	2,502
Average attendance	2,275
Number of new entrants from public primary schools	1,458
Number of first-year pupils	1,123
Number of second-year pupils	622
Number of third-year pupils	402