

I also give a statement showing the number of marriages of Natives solemnized during the same period under the Native Land Act, and the number of Maori registrations effected under the regulations relating to the registration of births and deaths of Maoris :—

Year.	Maori Births.	Maori Deaths.	Maori Marriages.
1916	1,020	761	197
1917	1,235	729	205
1918	1,171	1,937	193
1919	995	1,194	185
1920	1,001	859	198
			(approximate)

In addition to the business referred to above, the registration of medical practitioners, dentists, and officiating ministers is undertaken by this Department.

The following tables show the additions to and removals from the medical and dentists' registers during the last five years :—

Medical Register.

—	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Number on register on 1st January	948	962	969	985	1,015
Number added during year by registration	37	27	30	48	71*
Number added during year by restoration	5	1	3	3	5
Number removed during year on evidence of death ..	10	21	17	20	25
Number removed during year by direction of Medical Board—					
Letter not delivered and returned to Registrar-General	18	1	..
Number removed during year by direction of Supreme Court	2
Number on register on 31st December	962	969	985	1,015	1,064

* Includes 36 with New Zealand qualifications.

Dentists' Register.

—	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Number on register on 1st January	767	764	759	753	751
Number added during year by registration	3	1	..	5	1
Number removed during year on evidence of death ..	6	6	6	7	5
Number on register on 31st December	764	759	753	751	747

On the 31st December last there were 1,695 ministers on the list of officiating ministers under the Marriage Act having authority to solemnize marriages in New Zealand, as follows : Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Church of England, 453 ; Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, 381 ; Roman Catholic Church, 275 ; Methodist Church of New Zealand, 243 ; Congregational Independents, 31 ; Baptists, 64 ; Church of Christ, 31 ; Salvation Army, 117 ; other denominations, 100.

The number of searches made and certificates issued last year by the Head Office was as follows : For Pensions Department, 6,390 (including 2,994 for war-pension purposes) ; for National Provident Fund, 8,898 ; for Labour Department, 1,458 ; for Education Department, 912 ; other searches (for public, &c.), 2,323 ; certificates issued, 6,671 : total searches, &c., 26,652.

The revenue for the last five financial years was as follows : 1916–17, £13,684 ; 1917–18, £12,450 ; 1918–19, £12,811 ; 1919–20, £18,439 ; 1920–21, £19,569.

Searches for other Departments of the Service are made free of charge. If these were paid for, the revenue of this Department would be augmented by over £1,000 a year.

The expenditure for the last five years was—1916–17, £9,175 ; 1917–18, £9,176 ; 1918–19, £11,020 ; 1919–20, £14,348 ; 1920–21, £17,801.

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