

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

1. EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-FIFTH 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 at present 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.

There were thirty-five secondary schools in operation, including thirteen separate schools for boys, thirteen for girls, and nine for boys and girls. Two of the boys' schools, although endowed with public property, do not come directly under the control of the Government. The remaining secondary schools are managed by separate Boards in accordance with special Acts constituting them, and the provisions of the Education Act and regulations hereunder. There were fifty-seven secondary departments of district high schools, thirteen technical high schools, ten Maori secondary schools, and twenty registered private secondary schools, making a total of 135 schools providing secondary education. Four district high schools were disestablished during the year and technical high schools established in their place.

NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-five secondary schools mentioned above at the end of 1920 and 1921 respectively was:—

	1920.			1921.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments) ..	5,246	3,950	9,196	5,583	4,447	10,030

The roll number shows an increase of 834 over the figure for the previous year, more than half the increase being in the number of first-year pupils. In the last five years the number of pupils has increased by 42 per cent. The roll number on the 1st March, which is regarded as the highest roll number during the year, was 10,765, compared with 10,080 in the previous year.

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 (Christ's College and Wanganui Collegiate Schools included).

Roll number at end of 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	10,030
Roll number, 1st March, 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	10,765
Average attendance for the year 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	9,861
Number of new entrants, 1921 ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,495
Number of first-year pupils ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,008
Number of second-year pupils ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,866
Number of third-year pupils ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,743
Number of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year pupils ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,413
Number of pupils at end of year under thirteen years of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	121
Number of pupils at end of year between thirteen and fourteen years of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	753
Number of pupils at end of year between fourteen and fifteen years of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,359
Number of pupils at end of year between fifteen and sixteen years of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,091
Number of pupils at end of year over sixteen years of age ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,706