

The head teacher of a district high school controls the secondary department and takes some part in the instruction, receiving on that account an addition to his ordinary salary of from £30 to £50 according to the number of pupils in the secondary department. Special assistants are also employed for the secondary departments; in 1921 there were 103 such assistants—33 men and 70 women.

SALARIES OF SECONDARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The Dominion scale of salaries of secondary-school teachers which came into force in the year 1920, briefly, is as follows: Principals—Men, £600 to £900; women, £440 to £680. Assistants—Men, £200 to £540; women, £175 to £410. In addition, a married Principal receives house allowance of £60 if a residence is not provided, a head of a department may receive £30, and a married assistant receives £40 per annum. The salaries of Principals are graded according to the size of the school, and the salaries of assistants according to the classification of the position held. The total rate of salaries, including those of part-time teachers, as payable in December, 1921, was £152,135, or £14 18s. per head of the highest roll number.

The following figures indicate the average rates of salary prevailing at three-yearly intervals since the year 1915:—

AVERAGE SALARIES OF FULL-TIME TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

	1915.			1918.			1921		
	M. £	F. £	All. £	M. £	F. £	All. £	M. £	F. £	All. £
Principals	585	436	535	615	434	568	734	542	658
Assistants	266	187	232	300	201	246	383	284	335

The value of residences, and board and residence, and of house allowance when payable, is excluded from the above figures. Of 191 male assistants the salaries of twenty-eight were over £500, of forty-seven between £400 and £500, of sixty-seven between £300 and £400, and of forty-nine below £300. Of 181 female assistants the salaries of twenty-one were over £350, of forty-two between £300 and £350, of sixty-two between £250 and £300, and of fifty-six under £250. In considering these figures it should be borne in mind that nearly one-third of the teachers are classified in the lowest grade, and that many have no teaching experience whatever. In other countries the salary scales of which are sometimes compared with the New Zealand scale teachers either do not enter the service until they have received a training or else they serve for a term of years as junior teachers before the salary scale applies to them.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are paid in accordance with a general scale. The average salaries paid to secondary assistants in 1921 were as follows: Male assistants, £345; female assistants, £307; all assistants, £319. The total annual rate of salaries paid to teachers of district high schools, including the special payments to head teachers, was £35,566, which is equivalent to £13 10s. per head of the average weekly roll number.

LOWER DEPARTMENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

(Table KII.)

Lower departments for pupils who have not passed S6 may be held in connection with secondary schools, provided that no part of the cost of instruction or of the maintenance of the department is met out of income from the endowments of the school or from Government grants. Fourteen secondary schools (including Christ's College, Christchurch) have lower departments attached to them, the total number of pupils in 1921 being 774, as compared with 815 in 1920. The roll number included 433 boys and 341 girls, and the total number of teachers was twenty-nine (seven males and twenty-two females). A large number of the pupils board at the school hostels, indicating that these departments are used by the children of country residents able to afford to send their children away from home to attend school. The tuition fees charged range in the various schools from £9 9s. to £13 10s. per annum, the boarding-fees ranging from £48 to £60 per annum.