

of the Maori. The regular increase in the numbers of Maori children attending the Native-village schools and the present high physical and intellectual standard of the Maori race prove completely, however, that such a view was entirely unfounded.

The average yearly attendance at Native-village schools was maintained at a creditably high percentage (89.9) of the average weekly enrolment.

Boarding-schools for the secondary education of Maoris have been established by religious bodies, and the Government provides a number of scholarships tenable at these schools, which are inspected by the Department's officers. There were twelve schools at the end of last year, with an enrolment of 533 pupils, of whom 167 held Government scholarships. In addition, three Maoris held scholarships at Auckland University College and Otago University, taking courses in arts, theology, and medicine, and five Maoris held agricultural scholarships at Te Aute College.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

The number of post-primary schools of the type sometimes called junior high schools in operation during the year was the same as in the previous year—namely, eight. No new junior high schools were opened during the year. A new secondary school—Rongotai Boys' College—was opened at Wellington in 1928, and, as the available accommodation at the school was in excess of that required for the time being for secondary pupils, it was decided to admit meantime boys of Standard VI from neighbouring schools. Owing to this unusual constitution the junior department of the school, which is designated Form II, is for statistical purposes being treated as a junior high school, and details regarding it are therefore included in the following tables regarding junior high schools.

The total number of children enrolled at junior high schools (including Rongotai Boys' College) at the end of 1929 was 2,204, as against 2,280 in the previous year. Information regarding the attendance and classification of pupils in attendance at junior high schools in 1929 is shown in the following tables:—

ROLL NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS IN ATTENDANCE AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Junior High School.	Number of 1928 Pupils on Roll at beginning of 1929.	Number admitted during 1929.	Number on Roll at 31st December, 1929.	Average Attendance, 1929.	Classification of Pupils on Roll as at 30th June, 1929.									
					Form I.		Form II.		Form III.		All Forms.		Total.	
					Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		
(a) Whangarei ..	122	198	295	278	79	75	74	72	*	*	153	147	300	
(c) Kowhai ..	474	405	764	753	186	161	168	160	76	67	430	388	818	
(c) Northcote ..	163	129	250	258	55	69	58	56	20	23	133	148	281	
(b) Matamata ..	66	118	155	145	48	38	44	27	†	†	92	65	157	
(a) Rotorua ..	69	80	134	128	52	39	27	21	*	*	79	60	139	
(d) Rongotai ..	2	82	79	76	80	80	..	80	
(a) Marlborough	117	135	224	221	72	56	55	56	*	*	127	112	239	
(a) Waitaki Boys'	101	79	160	155	68	..	92	..	*	..	160	..	160	
(a) Waitaki Girls'	74	78	143	135	..	69	..	78	..	*	..	147	147	
Totals, 1929	1,188	1,304	2,204	2,149	560	507	598	470	96	90	1,254	1,067	2,321	
Totals, 1928	1,271	1,312	2,280	2,221	574	462	659	493	92	115	1,325	1,070	2,395	
Difference ..	—83	—8	—76	—72	—14	+45	—61	—23	+4	—25	—71	—3	—74	

(a) These schools are senior high schools to which junior departments consisting of Standard V and Standard VI pupils have been attached. They are sometimes called junior-senior high schools.

(b) A district high school including a primary-school department up to Standard IV, a junior high school or junior secondary department consisting of the former Standard V and Standard VI pupils, and a senior high school or senior secondary department.

(c) These schools are separate junior high schools including the former Standard V and Standard VI pupils and also a small Form III or the lowest form of the senior high school.

(d) A senior secondary school to which boys of Standard VI are admitted.

* Number of Form III pupils included in the statistics for secondary schools.

† Number of Form III pupils included in the statistics for district high schools.