

2. ABRIDGED REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION AND THE INSPECTORS OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND MANUAL-TRAINING CLASSES.

Education Department,
Wellington, 26th June, 1930.

SIR,—

We have the honour to submit, in accordance with the regulations, the following report on manual and technical instruction for the year 1929 :—

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I. TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

ATTENDANCE.

The total number of students in part-time day and evening classes was 11,187, of whom 5,627 held junior or senior free places and 5,560 paid fees. Of the total number, 1,444 had been attending primary schools in the previous year. From Table J 8 appended to this report it will be seen that 6,186 students, being 55.3 per cent. of the total, were seventeen years of age or over, while 1,305, or 11.6 per cent., were under fifteen years of age. Of this 11.6 per cent., however, a considerable number, probably at least one-third, were part-time day pupils included among the 1,225 persons of "no occupation" as given in Table J 7 appended to this report.

Tables A and B below give some indication of the way in which attendance at technical schools has changed in recent years. These tables are included in order to give more reliable information as to changes in the relative attendance at day and evening classes, and as to the development of the various courses, than can be obtained by comparing the tables published in the respective years without making due allowance for changes in the form of the tables and the limits of the field which they cover.

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF STUDENTS, ACCORDING TO AGES, ADMITTED TO CLASSES AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL HIGH-SCHOOL CLASSES; ALSO PRIMARY SCHOOL "LEAVERS" JOINING TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT YEAR.

| Year. | (1) Under 13 Years of Age. | | (2) 13-15 Years of Age. | | (3) 15-17 Years of Age. | | (4) Over 17 Years of Age. | | (5) Totals. | | (6) Students ad- mitted who left a Primary School in the Previous Year. | | (7) Junior Free Place First-year Pupils in Technical High Schools. | | (8) Totals of Columns Six and Seven. | | (9) Totals of Col- umns Six and Seven |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|---|-----|--|-------|---|-------|---|
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | Both Sexes. |
| 1917 .. | 423 | 377 | 1,601 | 1,399 | 2,649 | 2,330 | 3,996 | 5,625 | 8,669 | 9,731 | 1,347 | 929 | 595 | 627 | 2,273 | 1,556 | 3,829 |
| 1918 .. | 386 | 423 | 1,812 | 1,526 | 2,459 | 2,060 | 3,573 | 4,671 | 8,230 | 8,680 | 1,302 | 910 | 700 | 711 | 2,002 | 1,621 | 3,623 |
| 1919 .. | 413 | 487 | 1,931 | 1,488 | 2,640 | 2,099 | 4,305 | 4,587 | 9,289 | 8,661 | 1,581 | 936 | 821 | 710 | 2,402 | 1,646 | 4,048 |
| 1920 .. | 454 | 543 | 1,773 | 1,475 | 2,624 | 2,138 | 4,700 | 4,921 | 9,551 | 9,077 | 1,353 | 856 | 759 | 588 | 2,112 | 1,444 | 3,556 |
| 1921 .. | 561 | 664 | 1,529 | 1,526 | 2,864 | 2,061 | 3,980 | 3,647 | 8,934 | 7,898 | 1,350 | 790 | 945 | 758 | 2,295 | 1,548 | 3,843 |
| 1922 .. | 214 | 205 | 1,039 | 869 | 2,269 | 1,586 | 3,537 | 2,543 | 7,059 | 5,203 | 1,016 | 720 | 1,213 | 929 | 2,229 | 1,649 | 3,878 |
| 1923 .. | 185 | 189 | 1,249 | 1,050 | 2,217 | 1,486 | 3,706 | 2,981 | 7,357 | 5,706 | 1,048 | 824 | 1,512 | 1,117 | 2,560 | 1,941 | 4,501 |
| 1924 .. | 218 | 204 | 1,036 | 929 | 2,559 | 1,739 | 4,328 | 3,231 | 8,141 | 6,102 | 1,024 | 850 | 1,476 | 1,202 | 2,500 | 2,052 | 4,552 |
| 1925* .. | 140 | 181 | 974 | 940 | 2,532 | 1,517 | 4,021 | 2,661 | 7,667 | 5,299 | 940 | 724 | 1,378 | 1,226 | 2,318 | 1,950 | 4,268 |
| 1926† .. | 170 | 205 | 937 | 728 | 2,685 | 1,375 | 3,979 | 2,602 | 7,771 | 4,910 | 1,037 | 616 | 1,960 | 1,631 | 2,997 | 2,247 | 5,244 |
| 1927† .. | 85 | 68 | 783 | 569 | 2,701 | 1,462 | 4,346 | 2,394 | 7,915 | 4,493 | 857 | 637 | 1,846 | 1,576 | 2,703 | 2,213 | 4,916 |
| 1928† .. | 59 | 70 | 604 | 516 | 2,205 | 1,302 | 4,138 | 2,069 | 7,006 | 3,957 | 700 | 472 | 2,023 | 1,663 | 2,723 | 2,135 | 4,858 |
| 1929† .. | 51 | 56 | 621 | 577 | 2,342 | 1,354 | 4,093 | 2,093 | 7,107 | 4,080 | 853 | 591 | 2,127 | 1,749 | 2,980 | 2,340 | 5,320 |

* Epidemic year.

† Technical day schools counted with technical high schools.

NOTE.—The 1928 and 1929 figures show roll at the 30th June in each year; not total enrolments as for previous years.