

TABLE A 7.—PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1931.

Education District.	Number of Form II Pupils presented.	Proficiency Certificates.			Competency Certificates.	
		Number gained.	Percentage of Number presented.	Average Age of Successful Pupils.	Number gained.	Percentage of Number presented.
		Public Schools.			Yrs. m.	
Auckland	5,484	3,576	65.2	13 7	1,080	19.7
Taranaki	1,062	774	72.9	13 7	165	15.5
Wanganui	1,640	1,041	63.5	13 7	360	22.0
Hawke's Bay	1,624	1,179	72.6	13 7	287	17.7
Wellington	2,570	1,746	67.9	13 7	489	19.0
Nelson	672	528	78.6	13 4	109	16.2
Canterbury	3,725	2,406	64.6	13 7	794	21.3
Otago	1,984	1,340	67.5	13 6	366	18.4
Southland	1,182	778	65.8	13 5	240	20.3
Totals	19,943	13,368	67.0	13 7	3,890	19.5
		Private Schools.				
Auckland	443	275	62.1	13 8	94	21.2
Taranaki	124	81	65.3	13 7	18	14.5
Wanganui	187	151	80.7	14 1	24	12.8
Hawke's Bay	211	142	67.3	13 8	26	12.3
Wellington	478	386	80.8	13 9	56	11.7
Nelson	104	86	82.7	13 8	11	10.6
Canterbury	566	336	59.4	13 8	129	22.8
Otago	278	196	70.5	13 10	32	11.5
Southland	124	87	70.2	13 9	26	21.0
Totals	2,515	1,740	69.2	13 9	416	16.5
		Native Schools.				
All schools	322	153	47.5	14 3	57	17.7
		Junior High Schools.				
All districts	1,182	760	64.3	13 6	246	20.8
		Secondary, Technical, and Combined Schools.				
All districts	567	178	31.4*	..	130	22.9
		Correspondence School.				
Correspondence School	36	33	91.7	13 6	1	2.8
		Special Examinations.				
All districts	563	260	46.2	..	136	24.2
Grand totals, 1931	25,128	16,492	65.6	..	4,876	19.4
Grand totals, 1930	26,053	20,210	77.6	..	3,317	12.7
Difference	—925	—3,718	—12.0	..	1,559	6.7

*It must be remembered that the great majority of pupils in secondary, technical, and combined schools secured proficiency certificates before entry. The 567 candidates represent only about 2 per cent. of the pupils in these schools and the weakest section of the schools (those who failed to secure proficiency before entry).

TABLE A 8.—AGE AND ATTAINMENT OF PUPILS WHO DEFINITELY LEFT PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING OR AT END OF YEAR 1931.

Age.	In Form II.						In Form I.	
	Gained Proficiency Certificate.		Gained Competency Certificate.		Had not passed Form II.		Boys.	Girls.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		
15 years and over	659	356	344	197	401	219	249	112
14 "	1,880	1,573	617	527	523	668	539	507
13 "	2,670	2,733	366	414	59	99	40	59
12 "	1,304	1,392	66	101	4	11	6	9
11 "	234	246	5	7	5	1	3	6
Under 11 years	10	7	..	1	..	..	3	..
Totals, 1931	6,757	6,307	1,398	1,247	992	998	840	693
" 1930	7,769	7,606	1,051	838	916	914	833	741
Difference	—1,012	—1,299	+347	+409	+76	+84	+7	—48

Age.	In Standard IV.		In Standard III.		In Standard II or lower.		Totals.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
15 years and over	54	33	20	15	11	5	1,738	937	2,675
14 "	241	214	68	59	26	21	3,894	3,569	7,463
13 "	28	18	5	10	16	8	3,184	3,341	6,525
12 "	..	14	7	2	3	5	1,390	1,534	2,924
11 "	4	7	5	4	8	2	264	273	537
Under 11 years	3	4	8	7	53	48	77	67	144
Totals, 1931	330	290	113	97	117	89	10,547	9,721	20,268
" 1930	327	889	108	108	116	99	11,120	10,595	21,715
Difference	+3	+1	+5	—11	+1	—10	—573	—874	—1,447