

7. REGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.

In the majority of the reports submitted by Education Boards reference is made to the continued high standard of regularity of attendance of pupils in primary schools and in intermediate schools and departments. For the year 1933 the average attendance of pupils in these schools for all districts was commendably high, it being 92·9 per cent. of the average weekly roll, as against 92·2 per cent. in 1932. In these circumstances it is only to be expected that good attendance certificates are more frequently won than was the case some years ago. The highest degree of regularity of attendance in any district was in the Nelson Education District, this being the second year in succession that such a result has been recorded. It is worthy of note that in this district the figures show a slight improvement in the already creditable percentage of the previous year—viz., 94·46 per cent., as against 94·17 per cent.

8. STAFFS OF SCHOOLS.

The following table shows the number of adult teachers in the public primary schools of the different grades and in Forms I and II of intermediate schools and departments.

TABLE H 1.—NUMBER OF ADULT TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND IN FORMS I AND II OF INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS, DECEMBER, 1933.

Grade of School.*			Sole Teachers.		Head Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Total Adult Teachers.		
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Grade O (1-8)	..	..	43	149	..	..	..	..	43	149	192
I (9-20)	..	..	412	317	..	..	..	2	412	319	731
II (21-35)	..	..	234	199	21	17	..	39	255	255	510
IIIA (36-50)	..	..	10	5	176	100	4	276	190	381	571
IIIB (51-80)	..	..	..	..	218	44	1	280	219	324	543
IIIC (81-120)	..	..	..	..	113	12	6	243	119	255	374
IV (121-240)	..	..	..	..	133	1	108	387	241	388	629
V (241-360)	..	..	..	..	80	..	139	380	219	380	599
VI (361-480)	..	..	..	..	63	..	169	405	232	405	637
VII (over 480)	..	..	..	..	91	..	342	853	433	853	1,286
Intermediate schools and departments	..	..	..	..	5†	..	66	59	71	59	130
All grades—											
1933	..	..	699	670	900	174	835	2,924	2,434	3,768	6,202
1932	..	..	647	713	916	178	849	3,081	2,412	3,972	6,384
Difference	..	..	+52	-43	-16	-4	-14	-157	+22	-204	-182

* The grade of school given above is the grade in which the school is placed when all attached side schools are included, while part-time schools taught by the same teacher are counted as one school.

† These are the Principals of the Kowhai, Napier, and Wanganui Intermediate Schools, and Waihi and West Christchurch District High Schools (to which intermediate departments are attached).