

TABLE B.—MAORIS AND CHILDREN OF MIXED RACE ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE END OF 1882.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	Pure Maoris.			Of Mixed Race.			Total.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Auckland	28	23	51	118	109	227	146	132	278
Taranaki	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2
Wanganui	10	...	10	16	10	26	26	10	36
Wellington	7	2	9	4	4	8	11	6	17
Hawke's Bay	47	8	55	6	18	24	53	26	79
Marlborough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson	3	5	8	1	1	2	4	6	10
North Canterbury	2	...	2	9	9	18	11	9	20
South Canterbury	3	3	6	1	2	3	4	5	9
Westland	...	...	...	3	2	5	3	2	5
Otago	5	1	6	33	25	58	38	26	64
Southland	...	...	...	16	17	33	16	17	33
Totals for 1882	107	42	149	207	197	404	314	239	553
Totals for 1881	135	72	207	214	211	425	349	283	632

AGES OF THE SCHOLARS.

Table No. 5 of the Appendix shows the ages of the scholars of both sexes who belonged to the schools of the different education districts at the close of the year. The following is a summary :—

TABLE C.—AGES OF SCHOLARS AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

Ages.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percentage for Three Years.		
				1882.	1881.	1880.
Five and under seven years	10,537	9,199	19,736	22.64	22.73	22.33
Seven and under ten years	16,115	14,887	31,002	35.56	35.41	35.99
Ten and under thirteen years	13,544	12,685	26,229	30.09	30.39	30.25
Thirteen and under fifteen years	4,210	4,355	8,565	9.82	9.60	9.66
Over fifteen years	676	971	1,647	1.89	1.87	1.77
Totals for 1882	45,082	42,097	87,179	100.00	...	100.00
Totals for 1881	43,468	40,092	83,560	...	100.00	...
Increase	1,614	2,005	3,619	...	...	...

The last three columns show that the proportion of scholars at the different ages stated has been almost the same in each of the last three years.

SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION.

Section 84 of the Education Act prescribes the subjects of instruction to be taught in the public schools. The following table gives the number of scholars returned by the several Boards as receiving instruction in each of the subjects :—

TABLE D.—SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION.

EDUCATION DISTRICTS.	Numbers belonging at End of Year.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	English Grammar and Composition.	Geography.	History.	Elementary Science.	Drawing.	Object Lessons.	Vocal Music.	Needlework (Girls).	Domestic Economy.
Auckland	16,101	16,101	16,101	16,101	8,866	10,856	5,886	4,560	12,496	13,978	12,102	6,451	2,732
Taranaki	1,985	1,985	1,967	1,923	832	1,197	698	415	1,708	1,623	1,479	585	129
Wanganui	5,004	5,004	4,995	4,932	2,178	2,901	2,121	922	2,219	3,837	2,783	1,544	267
Wellington	6,271	6,271	6,240	5,961	2,856	2,423	2,805	1,380	4,317	4,895	3,478	2,002	149
Hawke's Bay	3,363	3,363	3,363	3,363	1,283	1,809	1,063	402	1,723	2,634	2,210	1,020	39
Marlborough	1,414	1,414	1,414	1,146	670	849	593	390	545	723	647	435	60
Nelson	4,213	4,213	3,867	3,882	2,001	2,415	1,843	946	777	1,350	641	1,171	121
North Canterbury	16,907	*16,906	16,608	16,463	6,470	8,688	5,698	2,441	11,120	14,186	12,606	6,821	1,079
South Canterbury	3,853	3,853	3,758	3,685	1,477	1,934	1,445	761	2,388	2,850	2,756	1,336	181
Westland	2,923	2,923	2,923	2,923	1,163	1,569	1,062	366	535	1,949	1,375	948	...
Otago	19,665	19,665	19,665	19,665	8,328	10,911	8,055	4,846	10,083	14,513	15,675	6,572	450
Southland	5,480	5,480	5,281	5,136	2,519	3,268	2,167	1,192	2,812	3,352	3,588	1,362	424
Totals for 1882	87,179	87,178	86,182	85,180	38,643	48,820	33,436	18,621	50,723	65,890	59,340	30,247	5,631
Totals for 1881	83,587	83,586	80,522	78,549	37,260	47,620	31,944	18,545	47,205	62,232	55,769	28,915	5,580
Increase	3,592	3,592	5,660	6,631	1,383	1,200	1,492	76	3,518	3,658	3,571	1,332	51

* One boy unable to speak.