

nine for the year. Of the five schools not examined, Foxton was closed so frequently and for so long (at one time for just a whole quarter), owing to diphtheria being very prevalent, that nothing would have been gained by the examination of the pupils; while Hurleyville and Long Acre Valley were opened only in August, and Ohingaiti only in September. Of the ninety schools, seven were examined in May, and the remaining eighty-three between the 25th July and the 15th December.

On the days appointed for the examination there were 7,827 pupils (4,101 boys and 3,726 girls) on the school-rolls, of whom 5,043, or 64·4 per cent., were presented in the six standards; 2,752 were in the preparatory classes; and 32 had already passed Standard VI. Of the 5,043 presented in standards, 4,655, or 92·3 per cent., attended and were examined, 388 were absent, 358 were excepted (that is, failed, but, not having made half the possible attendances during the three quarters preceding the quarter in which the examinations were held, the failures were not counted against the schools), 972 failed, and 3,325 passed the requirements and were promoted. Of the 388 absentees, Wanganui Boys' and Girls' Schools, and Palmerston, Campbell Street, and Terrace End Schools were responsible for no fewer than 88.

In the following tables, Table A gives a condensed summary of the examination results for the past two years, while Table B gives the particulars of results in each standard, and the average ages of children that passed in each standard. Table C, which gives every information with regard to individual schools, has not been printed, but it may be seen at the Board's office.

TABLE A.

	1891.	1892.
1. Presented in Standards I. to VI. inclusive	4,734	5,043
2. Preparatory class	2,929	2,752
3. Above Standard VI.	32	32
4. Number on rolls on days of examination	7,695	7,827
5. Percentage of roll-number presented in Standards I. to VI. inclusive	61·5	64·4
6. Absent	300	388
7. Excepted	239	358
8. Failed	931	972
9. Passed	3,264	3,325
10. Percentage of passes, calculated on roll-number (4)	42·6	42·48
11. Percentage of failures	22·2	62·92

TABLE B.

Number of Schools examined in each Standard.	Standards.	Presented.	Absent.	Ex-cepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Percentage of Failures.	Average Age of those that passed.
								Yrs. mos.
18	Above Standard VI.	32	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	Standard VI.	226	17	9	44	156	22·0	14 1
72	" V.	493	35	30	149	279	34·8	13 7
81	" IV.	833	77	70	240	446	34·9	12 9
86	" III.	1,117	85	91	282	659	29·9	11 9
84	" II.	1,117	80	76	114	847	11·8	10 7
90	" I.	1,257	94	82	143	938	13·2	9 5
90	Preparatory	2,752	...	...	...	...	...	...
*	...	7,827	388	358	972	3,325	22·6	12 0†

* Number of schools examined in one standard or more, 90. † Mean.

The following figures for the past two years will prove interesting :—

Year.	Presented in Standards.	Per cent. of Roll. No. Presented.	Absent.	Examined.	Excepted.	Failed.	Passed.	Per Cent. of Failures.
1892	5,043	64·4	388	4,655	358	972	3,325	22·6
1891	4,734	61·5	300	4,434	239	931	3,264	22·2
Increase for 1892	309	2·9	88	221	119	41	61	0·4

The most noticeable feature brought to light by the foregoing figures is the very large increase in the number of exceptions, and the by no means inconsiderable increase in the number of absentees. There can, however, be no doubt that such increases were brought about by the diphtheria epidemic