

in the estimates was 104,500 The fluctuation of the average attendance quarter by quarter is shown by the following statement of working average March quarter, 104,480, June quarter, 105,214, September quarter, 103,256, December quarter, 107,032.

TABLE A.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND YEARLY INCREASE FROM 1877 TO 1894.

Year.	School Attendance.					Yearly Increase on			
	Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.		Average Attendance expressed as Percentage of Roll-Number.	Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.	
			Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.				Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.
1877		55,688							
1878	50,849	65,040	49,435	45 521			9 352		
1879	59 707	75 566	57,301	53,067	73·8	8 858	10,526	7 866	7,546
1880	68,124	82,401	62 946	60,625	74·6	8,417	6,835	5 645	7 558
1881	74 359	83,560	63,009	61,822	74·2	6,235	1 159	63	1 197
1882	76,309	87 179	66,426	63,709	73·6	1 950	3 619	3 417	1 887
1883	79,416	92,476	70,077	67,373	74·0	3,107	5,297	3,651	3,664
1884	84,883	97,238	74,650	72,657	75·1	5,467	4,762	4,573	5 284
1885	90,670	102 407	80,183	78,327	76·6	5 787	5 169	5,533	5 670
1886	95,377	106 328	83,361	80,737	76·1	4,707	3,921	3 178	2,410
1887	99 206	110,919	87 386	85,637	77·0	3 829	4,531	4,025	4,900
1888	103,534	112,685	90,849	90 108	79·3	4,323	1 766	3,463	4,471
1889	104,919	115,456	94,308	93 374	80·3	1 385	2,771	3,459	3,266
1890	108,158	117 912	96,670	94,632	79·9	3 239	2,456	2,362	1,258
1891	110,665	119 523	96 264	97,058	80·3	2,507	1,611	[−406]	2,426
1892	112,279	122,620	100,917	99 070	80·6	1,614	3,097	4,653	2 012
1893	114,305	124,686	99,872	98,615	78·5	2,026	2,066	[−1,045]	[−455]
1894	116,819	127 300	106,151	103,490	80·6	2,514	2,614	6,279	4,875

The proportion between the roll-number and the daily attendance was affected by epidemics in 1893. In 1892 the attendance had reached a higher proportion than in any previous year, and stood at 80·6 per cent. of the roll. In 1893 the percentage declined to 78·5, in 1894 it rose to the former highest level of 80·6. A comparative view of the attendance in the several districts is exhibited in Table B The increase in the number of pupils is most marked in the North Island, an actual decline appears only in the small districts of Grey and Westland.

TABLE B.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR 1894.

Education Districts.	Roll-Numbers.				Average Daily Attendance.				Average for the Year as Percent- age of the Mean of Average Weekly Roll of Four Quar- ters 128,427 for 1894; 125,692 for 1893.	
	Pupils at Be- ginning of Year.	Ad- mitted during the Year.	Left during the Year.	Pupils belonging at End of Year.	Fourth Quarter.			Whole Year.		
					Boys.	Girls.	Total.			
									1894.	1893.
Auckland	22,733	10,709	8,423	25,019	10,824	10,103	20,927	20,384	80·4	77·2
Taranaki	3 129	1,622	1 114	3,637	1,499	1,320	2,819	2,653	73·7	71·5
Wanganui	8,038	4,496	3,290	9,244	3 849	3 517	7,366	7 136	77·0	73·2
Wellington	11 065	6,098	4,591	12,572	5,317	4 908	10 225	10,166	79·9	77·0
Hawke's Bay	6,499	3 446	2,883	7,062	3,075	2,810	5 885	5,655	80·0	79·2
Marlborough	1,817	834	509	2 142	914	850	1 764	1,679	79·4	75·7
Nelson	5 126	2,343	1 494	5,975	2,415	2,300	4 715	4 662	77·5	76·6
Grey	1,604	428	359	1 673	720	723	1 443	1 310	77·2	81·3
Westland	1 558	390	374	1,574	693	679	1,372	1 322	81·2	82·4
North Canterbury	20,285	7,589	6,560	21 314	9 280	8,590	17,870	17,485	81·3	80·7
South Canterbury	4 954	1,565	1,378	5 141	2 203	2,143	4,346	4,319	82·6	79·6
Otago	21 188	7 232	5,867	22 553	10,272	9,413	19,685	19,254	84·9	81·8
Southland	8,823	3,353	2 782	9,394	4,064	3,670	7 734	7,465	77·9	76·7
Totals for 1894	116,819	50,105	39,624	127,300	55 125	51 026	106,151	103,490	80·6	78·5
Totals for 1893	114,305	48,800	38,419	124,686	51 938	47 934	99,872	98,615	78·5	
Increase in year	2,514	1 305	1 205	2,614	3 187	3,092	6,279	4,875	2·1	
Decrease in year										

Among the pupils enumerated in Table A and Table B there were in December 1,536 Maori and half-caste children attending public schools. The attendance at Native schools, in which there were 2,418 pupils, is independent