

apparently largely affected by the epidemic of measles, and for purposes of comparison it would be fairer to take the average daily attendance for the first three quarters of the year. This was, for 1898, 111,040; for 1897, 111,150. On this basis the average number in attendance per school was, in 1898, 68·4; in 1897, 70·1.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1898.

(In this enumeration every couple of half-time schools is reckoned as one school, except in the column for number of such schools.)

Education Districts.	Schools open.	Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Mean Average for One School.	Number of Schools in which the Average Attendance for the Quarter was—												Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1898.
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 75 Pupils.	75 and under 100 Pupils.	100 and under 150 Pupils.	150 and under 300 Pupils.	300 and under 500 Pupils.	500 Pupils and upwards.					
Auckland	346	21,985	63·5	51	41	60	101	33	11	17	16	9	7	46 as 23	12	2		
Taranaki	63	3,192	50·7	8	3	14	24	4	5	2	1	2	..	..	2	..		
Wanganui	131	8,110	61·9	12	11	11	51	19	5	9	11	2	..	2 as 1	..	..		
Wellington	139	11,579	83·3	23	12	20	35	11	8	13	6	7	4	..	18	2		
Hawke's Bay	70	6,291	89·9	10	4	7	20	8	5	5	5	4	2	..	8	..		
Marlborough	62	1,719	27·7	38	2	4	8	4	2	3	..	1	..	..	34	6		
Nelson	120	4,695	39·1	33	20	14	25	15	4	4	5	..	..	..	36	1		
Grey	30	1,448	48·8	10	3	2	8	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..		
Westland	34	1,158	34·1	19	8	2	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	23	2		
North Canterbury	200	16,950	84·8	18	18	23	71	17	17	10	12	10	4	3 as 1	16	..		
South Canterbury	67	4,486	70·0	5	4	10	28	8	4	1	3	3	1	..	19	..		
Otago	219	18,459	84·3	24	28	18	67	27	20	8	9	11	7	..	4	5		
Southland	143	7,832	54·8	15	14	18	57	15	8	7	7	..	2	12 as 6	4	2		
Totals for 1898 ..	1,624	107,904	66·4	266	163	203	499	168	91	79	78	50	27	63 as 31	176	20		
Totals for 1897 ..	1,585	110,523	69·7	241	160	213	456	184	88	78	86	46	33	59 as 29	225	19		
Difference ..	39	-2,619	-3·3	25	3	-10	43	-16	3	1	-8	4	-6	4 as 2	-49	1		

The number of schools with an average attendance during the fourth quarter of less than 25 increased by 18—viz., from 614 to 632. The number of half-time schools was nearly the same as before; while the number of subsidised schools shows the large decrease of 49.

The number of schools open at the end of 1897, but closed at the end of 1898, was 20. The net increase in the number of schools being 39, it would appear that the number of schools opened during 1898 was 59.

The number of adult teachers increased by 52, and the number of pupil-teachers decreased by 16; the number of female pupil-teachers being 19 less, and the number of adult female teachers being 48 more, than for 1897. Taking the first three quarters of the year instead of the fourth quarter, for the reason given above, the number of children in attendance to one teacher was, in 1897, 30·6; in 1898, 30·3. The number of adult male teachers in December last was 1,234; female, 1,370; number of pupil-teachers—male, 229; female, 831.

TABLE K.—SCHOOL STAFF, DECEMBER, 1898.

Education Districts.	Principal.		Head of School.		Head of Department.		Sole Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Pupil-teachers.		Total.			Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Average Number of Pupils to One Teacher.	Sewing-mistresses.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	All.			
Auckland	..	..	129	9	..	..	109	99	37	157	46	204	321	469	790	21,985	27·8	77
Taranaki	1	..	20	4	..	1	13	25	4	12	9	24	47	66	113	3,192	28·2	24
Wanganui	..	..	56	8	..	..	45	22	14	28	34	82	149	140	289	8,110	28·1	..
Wellington	..	..	55	11	..	..	18	55	32	66	19	157	124	289	413	11,579	28·0	9
Hawke's Bay	2	..	29	9	1	2	7	23	14	34	15	72	68	140	208	6,291	30·2	..
Marlborough	..	..	9	2	..	..	9	42	1	12	1	13	20	69	89	1,719	19·3	3
Nelson	..	..	32	11	..	..	16	61	6	26	11	42	65	140	205	4,695	22·9	1
Grey	1	..	8	3	..	1	2	16	3	12	3	12	17	44	61	1,448	23·7	..
Westland	..	..	8	3	..	..	3	20	3	12	3	9	17	44	61	1,158	19·0	1
North Canterbury	26	..	78	6	1	31	44	46	36	139	37	92	222	314	536	16,950	31·6	32
South Canterbury	4	..	29	2	..	4	8	24	11	29	14	19	66	78	144	4,486	31·2	12
Otago	..	..	90	..	..	..	53	76	52	151	28	61	223	288	511	18,459	36·1	32
Southland	16	..	30	1	..	16	57	39	12	20	9	44	124	120	244	7,832	32·1	..
Totals for 1898 ..	50	..	573	69	2	55	384	548	225	698	229	831	1,463	2,201	3,664	107,904	29·4	191
Totals for 1897 ..	52	..	576	63	2	57	371	523	229	679	226	850	1,456	2,172	3,628	110,523	30·5	183
Difference ..	-2	..	-3	6	..	-2	13	25	-4	19	3	-19	7	29	36	2,619	-1·1	8

* Includes one vacancy.

† Includes two vacancies.

‡ Includes one kindergarten instructor.