

IV. RACIAL AND ALLEGIANCE STRUCTURE

A. RACE STRUCTURE

For census purposes statistics of the racial structure of the population are classified into European, including all of every European race, Maoris, and race aliens, which last includes all those not classified as Europeans or Maoris, and hence includes all the so-called coloured races. The following table shows that the population is predominantly European :—

Table No. 36.—Table showing Racial Structure of the Population of New Zealand at various Censuses from 1916 to 1936

Census.				Europeans.	Maoris.	Race Aliens.	Total Population.
<i>Numbers</i>							
1916	..	..	..	1,093,024	52,997	3,204	1,149,225
1921	..	..	..	1,209,239	56,987	5,438	1,271,664
1926	..	..	..	1,338,167	63,670	6,302	1,408,139
1936	..	..	..	1,484,508	82,326	6,976	1,573,810
<i>Percentage</i>							
1916	..	..	..	95·11	4·61	0·28	100·00
1921	..	..	..	95·09	4·48	0·43	100·00
1926	..	..	..	95·03	4·52	0·45	100·00
1936	..	..	..	94·33	5·23	0·44	100·00

In another section of this report details of immigration restriction regulations are given. Here it is necessary to consider only numbers involved.

(1) *Chinese*.—Considerable numbers of Chinese entered the country during the gold rushes of the “sixties.” Later, restrictions were imposed. More recently very few Chinese have entered the country for permanent residence. The following table shows the number of Chinese at successive censuses :—

Table No. 37.—Table showing Number of Chinese in New Zealand at various Censuses from 1874 to 1936

Census.				Males.	Females.	Total.
1874	..	..	..	4,814	2	4,816
1878	..	..	..	4,424	9	4,433
1881	..	..	..	4,995	9	5,004
1886	..	..	..	4,527	15	4,542
1891	..	..	..	4,426	18	4,444
1896	..	..	..	3,773	86	3,859
1901	..	..	..	2,885	78	2,963
1906*	..	..	..	2,515	55	2,570
1911*	..	..	..	2,542	88	2,630
1916	..	..	..	2,017	130	2,147
1921	..	..	..	2,993	273	3,266
1926	..	..	..	2,927	447	3,374
1936	..	..	..	2,432	511	2,943

* Apparently omits Chinese of mixed blood.

Chinese represented only 0·19 per cent. of the total population in 1936.