

The tour was a triumphal one. At practically every school it was welcomed with traditional Maori custom, beginning with a lament for the fallen heroes and continuing with speeches and hakas of welcome. It was driven by Mr. Charles Bennett, who had driven it throughout the various campaigns in Egypt and Italy, and he also was welcomed by the Maori people as one dear to their hearts. He was able to give many interesting details about the history of the canteen, and absorbed the interest of parents and children alike. Returned Maori soldiers flocked to the schools to revive old memories, and they also were able to recount their many reminiscences to the children.

Approximately half a day was spent at each school, and on all sides gratitude was expressed for the opportunity to see the canteen. To the Maori people it was an ample reward for any sacrifices they had made to contribute towards its cost.

7. BUILDINGS

Last year the building situation was very difficult and the programme we had planned for the year was not completed.

The following works were, however, completed in 1946 : Lake Ohia, former Waikeri Native School building removed to Lake Ohia, remodelled, and re-erected ; Moawhango, additional class-room provided by the removal and remodelling of a disused school from elsewhere ; Nuhaka, new block of four open-air class-rooms ; Rotokakahi, residence from the former Waikeri Native School removed to Rotokakahi and re-erected ; Waipoua, new one-roomed school and teacher's residence.

8. THANKS

I have to express my thanks for the loyal support given to me by my three colleagues, Messrs. F. T. Woodley, W. A. B. Goodwin, and A. E. Golding, and also to the staff of the Native Schools Branch.

I have, &c.,

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The Director of Education.

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DETAILED TABLES

Table H 1

GRADE OF NATIVE SCHOOLS WITH NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER TEACHER

Grade of School.	Number of Schools.	Total Average Attendance, Year ended 31st December, 1946.	Number of Teachers (exclusive of Probationary Assistants and Junior Assistants).	Average Number of Children per Teacher.	Number of Probationary Assistants.	Number of Junior Assistants.
II	12	198	12	16	..	3
IIIA	14	386	18	21	..	12
IIIB	63	2,699	117	23	..	34
IVA	38	2,687	95	28	..	35
IVB	17	2,126	70	30	8	17
IVC	6	1,020	36	28	3	8
VA	8	1,335	44	30	5	9
V B	1	196	6	32	1	1
Totals ..	159	10,647	398	26	17	119