

Superintendent of Education at Auckland

In order to lessen the quantity of supervisory work to be performed by the senior professional officers in Wellington, and to co-ordinate more effectively the Department's work in Auckland, the position of Superintendent of Education at Auckland has been created. Mr. F. C. Lopdell, formerly Principal of the Wellington Teachers' Training College, has been appointed, and he will be the directing authority for all of the Department's professional and administrative work in the Auckland area.

Retirements

During the year Mr. G. E. Overton and Mr. E. Caradus retired from the positions of Chief Inspector of Primary Schools and Chief Inspector of Post-primary Schools respectively. Both of these officers had given many years of devoted and efficient service to the Department, and I am glad to take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the good work which each did. Mr. D. G. Ball has replaced Mr. Overton, and Mr. G. V. Wild now occupies the position vacated by Mr. Caradus.

Teachers' Refresher Courses

These courses have been held in late January for the past three years, and have had very substantial effects on the training of teachers. Unfortunately, in January of this year all the North Island courses had to be abandoned on account of the poliomyelitis epidemic. These courses will probably be conducted next year. The meeting together of teachers has more than justified the initiation of these courses, which have enabled instruction to be given in specialized subjects of the curriculum and have also enabled teachers to exchange ideas on topics connected with the organization of schools.

TABLES

TABLE C 1.—PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS BY GRADE, DECEMBER, 1947

Grade.			Number of Schools.	Grade.			Number of Schools.
I	(1-8)		91	VA	(191-230)		35
II	(9-24)		562	VB	(231-270)		29
IIIA	(25-30)		140	VC	(271-310)		37
IIIB	(31-70)		561	VD	(311-350)		24
IVA	(71-110)		179	VI	(351-510)		107
IVB	(111-150)		161	VII	(511-910)		77
IVC	(151-190)		52				
				Total			1,935