

GRADING OF TEACHERS

The Education (Grading of Public-school Teachers) Regulations were gazetted on 29th April, 1948. The aim of the new grading scheme, to put all teachers in their correct relative position on the grading register, can be achieved only if the scheme operates without essential changes for a relatively long period.

THE INSPECTORATE

In January, 1948, Mr. C. Robertson was appointed Senior Inspector, Head Office, a position which he had capably held in a relieving capacity. Mr. T. Wilson, Staff Inspector, Christchurch, was appointed in March to the important post of Principal of the newly-established training college at Ardmore. In April Mr. W. Parsonage, who held the position of Officer for Islands Education, was promoted to Senior Inspector of Maori Schools. New appointees to the inspectorate during the year were Messrs. J. L. Ewing, A. H. Forbes, and D. G. McIvor.

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D. G. BALL,

Chief Inspector of Primary Schools.

The Acting Director of Education, Wellington C. 1.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS
(MR. G. V. WILD) FOR THE YEAR 1948

SIR,—

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1948.

The year may be briefly described as a period of consolidation following the great changes in curriculum and in school population referred to in recent reports, a period of development and reconstruction in the constitution and location of the inspectorate, and a period of preparation for the expansion of the post-primary population which is shortly expected.

The establishment of a branch of the Department in Auckland early in 1948 was preceded by the transfer of several post-primary Inspectors to Auckland. This team was subsequently built up to full strength, though some of its members continue to have inspection duties outside the Auckland district.

Refresher courses have been continued to the great profit of the service. The courses for post-primary teachers have been well attended. A development of great interest and importance was the holding of refresher courses for part-time teachers of motor engineering, one in each Island. These part-time teachers are tradesmen who undertake the training of motor apprentices in technical evening classes. They have had no training as teachers, so the refresher courses were of great value. The response to the establishment of the courses was most gratifying, and the helpful co-operation of the men and their employers is much appreciated.

Legislation passed during 1948 resulted in the establishment of a New Zealand Trades Certification Board, of which the first Chairman is Mr. E. Caradus, formerly Chief Inspector of Post-primary Schools.

The rolls of post-primary schools have shown little change since 1945, and considerable increases are not anticipated before 1952, though local variations are to be expected. The following table shows the total post-primary population in recent years, and the anticipated enrolments in future years. Figures for past years are as at 1st March.