

even higher than the figures already quoted for the first quarter of 1904. This must be explained partly by the fact of the closing of the school at Palmerston North, with 159 pupils, as a district high school, and its conversion into a high school under section 6 of the Secondary Schools Act, and partly by the number of children who generally leave school at the conclusion of the calendar year. The total amount paid to Education Boards by Government for capitation on attendance at district high schools and for grants in aid thereof amounted to £8,545 17s. 4d., and, in addition, the claims for the last quarter had to be met. The amount expended by the Boards was £10,399 10s. 8d.

TABLE L1.—NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING SECONDARY EDUCATION AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

Education District.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.							Total Number of Pupils, 1902.	Amount paid by Government to Education Boards during the Year.		
		Passed Standard VI.			Others.			Total.		Capitation.	Grants in Aid.	Total.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.					
Auckland ..	8	146	155	301	2	..	2	303	170	£ s. d. 912 5 0	£ s. d. 225 0 0	£ s. d. 1,137 5 0
Taranaki ..	1	34	19	53	2	..	2	55	34	233 0 0	30 0 0	263 0 0
Wanganui ..	7	211	175	386	54	10	64	450	378	1,582 0 0	210 0 0	1,792 0 0
Wellington ..	2	49	66	115	..	..	..	115	80	356 10 0	30 0 0	386 10 0
Hawke's Bay ..	3	60	55	115	..	2	-2	117	49	236 12 11	43 15 3	280 8 2
Marlborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	3	68	67	135	1	..	1	136	124	587 0 0	90 0 0	677 0 0
Grey ..	1	17	25	42	..	..	..	42	42	240 0 0	30 0 0	270 0 0
Westland ..	1	8	20	28	..	..	..	28	34	205 15 0	37 10 0	243 5 0
North Canterbury ..	9	125	147	272	1	..	1	273	30	370 6 8	92 10 0	462 16 8
South Canterbury ..	3	77	64	141	..	..	..	141	124	685 10 0	90 0 0	775 10 0
Otago ..	9	166	143	309	..	..	..	309	315	1,444 10 0	270 0 0	1,714 10 0
Southland ..	3	61	66	127	..	..	..	127	99	453 12 6	90 0 0	543 12 6
Totals for 1903 ..	50	1,022	1,002	2,024	60	12	72	2,096	..	7,307 2 1	1238 15 3	8,545 17 4
Totals for 1902 ..	38	745	681	1,426	39	14	53	1,479	1,479	4,382 3 8	817 10 0	5,199 13 8

The following table shows the number of Education Board scholarships held in December, 1903, with their tenure and annual value. The total expenditure of the Boards under this head amounted to £8,550 4s.; the total paid to the Boards for scholarship purposes by the Department was £8,914 5s. 11d.

TABLE L2.—NUMBER AND VALUE OF EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS.

Education Districts.	Number held in Dec., 1903.	Boys.	Girls.	Period of Tenure.	Boards' Expenditure on Scholarships in 1903.	Annual Value, &c.
Auckland ..	90	66	24	Years. 3	£ s. d. 1,905 18 9	7 at £30; 24 at £25; 23 at £20; 36 at £15.
Taranaki ..	11	7	4	2	244 3 4	5 at £35; 1 at £14; 4 at £10; 1 at £4 13s. 4d.
Wanganui ..	23	12	11	Varies	732 14 11	15 at £40; 1 at £32 10s.; 7 at £15.
Wellington ..	41	20	21	2	969 19 11	9 at £35; 32 at £15.
Hawke's Bay ..	30	13	17	2	598 4 6	9 at £30 4s.; 1 at £22 10s.; 1 at £16 4s. 19 at £10 4s.
Marlborough ..	8	1	7	2	169 0 0	3 at £35; 5 at £10.
Nelson ..	9	5	4	2	359 10 0	7 at £50 10s.; 1 at £25; 1 at £10.
Grey ..	4	1	3	2	108 5 0	£25.
Westland ..	5	1	4	Varies	76 17 6	2 at £24; 3 at £4.
North Canterbury ..	36	16	20	2	1,246 3 0	20 at £40; 1 at £30; 15 at £20.
South Canterbury ..	22	11	11	2	369 0 8	12 at £22 10s.; 1 at £17; 5 at £7 10s.; 4 at £2 10s.
Otago ..	53	35	18	2	1,278 17 8	10 at £40; 3 at £35; 23 at £20; 17 at £15.
Southland ..	18	15	3	2	551 8 9	12 at £35; 1 at £18; 5 at £15.
Totals, 1903..	350	203	147	..	8,550 4 0	
Totals, 1902..	355	206	149	..	8,395 11 5	

The reports of the secondary schools (subsidised or endowed) and further details in regard to district high schools and Education Board scholarships are given in a separate paper (E.—12).