

TABLE A1.—SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND YEARLY INCREASE FROM 1877 TO 1905.

[Up to 1893 the average attendance is the "strict" average, after that year it is the "working" average.]

Year.	School Attendance.					Yearly Increase on			
	Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.		Average Attend- ance expressed as percentage of Roll-number.	Number belonging at Beginning of Year.	Number belonging at End of Year.	Average Attendance.	
			Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.				Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.
1877	..	55,688	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1878	50,849	65,040	49,435	45,521	..	..	9,352	..	..
1879	59,707	75,566	57,301	53,067	73·8	8,858	10,526	7,866	7,546
1880	68,124	82,401	62,946	60,625	74·6	8,417	6,835	5,645	7,558
1881	74,359	83,560	63,009	61,822	74·2	6,235	1,159	63	1,197
1882	76,309	87,179	66,426	63,709	73·6	1,950	3,619	3,417	1,887
1883	79,416	92,476	70,077	67,373	74·0	3,107	5,297	3,651	3,664
1884	84,883	97,238	74,650	72,657	75·1	5,467	4,762	4,573	5,284
1885	90,670	102,407	80,183	78,327	76·6	5,787	5,169	5,533	5,670
1886	95,377	106,328	83,361	80,737	76·1	4,707	3,921	3,178	2,410
1887	99,206	110,919	87,386	85,637	77·0	3,829	4,591	4,025	4,900
1888	103,534	112,685	90,849	90,108	79·3	4,328	1,766	3,463	4,471
1889	104,919	115,456	94,308	93,374	80·3	1,385	2,771	3,459	3,266
1890	108,158	117,912	96,670	94,632	79·9	3,239	2,456	2,362	1,258
1891	110,665	119,523	96,264	97,058	80·3	2,507	1,611	[-406]	2,426
1892	112,279	122,620	100,917	99,070	80·6	1,614	3,097	4,653	2,012
1893	114,305	124,686	99,872	98,615	78·5	2,026	2,066	[-1,045]	[-455]
1894	116,819	127,300	107,032	104,996	81·8	2,514	2,614	6,279	4,875
1895	119,900	129,856	108,708	108,394	82·8	3,081	2,556	1,676	3,398
1896	122,425	131,037	110,274	110,517	83·3	2,525	1,181	1,566	2,123
1897	123,533	132,197	111,952	112,323	83·9	1,108	1,160	1,678	1,811
1898	123,892	131,621	109,561	111,636	83·4	359	[-576]	[-2,391]	[-692]
1899	123,207	131,315	109,050	110,316	82·6	[-685]	[-306]	[-511]	[-1,320]
1900	123,416	130,724	111,498	111,747	84·1	209	[-591]	2,448	1,431
1901	122,725	131,351	112,354	111,797	84·1	[-691]	627	856	50
1902	123,456	132,262	111,556	113,711	84·9	731	911	[-798]	1,914
1903	124,095	133,568	114,232	113,047	83·9	633	1,306	2,676	[-664]
1904	125,150	135,475	117,965	116,506	85·5	1,055	1,907	3,733	3,459
1905	126,653	137,623	120,725	120,265	86·9	1,503	2,138	2,760	3,759

In the average of the weekly roll-numbers there is an increase of 2,189 for the year. The figures for 1904 were 136,282 and 138,471 for 1905. At the end of the year the number on the roll was 137,623, as against 135,475 for the previous year, an increase of 2,148.

Although the standard of regularity of attendance last year compared very favourably with that of any other country in the world, it was even higher for 1905—86·9 per cent., as compared with 85·5 per cent. for 1904, an increase of 1·4 per cent. In the first quarter the average daily attendance was 86·8 per cent. of the average weekly roll-number, in the second quarter 86·6 per cent., in the third quarter, 86·9 per cent., and in the fourth 87·1 per cent.

The increase in total average attendance was as usual much greater last year in the North Island than in the South. In 1899 the average attendance for the South Island was 56,486; in 1900 this fell to 56,111, in 1901 to 55,358; a recovery in 1902 brought it up to 56,110, and a further fall in 1903 reduced it to 54,422. In spite of the increase of 1,061 for 1904, and an additional 549 for 1905, the South Island has still 454 less than it had in 1899.

TABLE A2.—COMPARISON OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1904 AND 1905, NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND.

Districts.	Average Attendance.		
	1905.	1904.	Difference.
Auckland	27,507	25,722	1,785
Taranaki	4,252	4,092	160
Wanganui	10,774	10,391	383
Wellington	14,071	13,461	610
Hawke's Bay	7,629	7,357	272
Totals, North Island ..	64,233	61,023	3,210