

Island shows a greater degree of regularity of attendance than the North, the respective rates being 87·5 per cent. and 86·4 per cent. of the average weekly roll. In 1904 the figures were 86·5 per cent. and 84·6 per cent. respectively.

TABLE A4.—CHILDREN OF MAORI AND MIXED RACES ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1905.

Education Districts.	Of Maori Race.			Of Mixed Race living as Maoris.			Of Mixed Race living as Europeans.			Total.			Number of Schools attended.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Auckland	682	532	1,214	53	45	98	404	368	772	1,139	945	2,084	203
Taranaki	26	22	48	2	..	2	26	16	42	54	38	92	17
Wanganui	177	113	290	3	4	7	20	43	63	200	160	360	44
Wellington	110	86	196	24	14	38	38	33	71	172	133	305	38
Hawke's Bay	249	155	404	15	22	37	81	68	149	345	245	590	44
Marlborough	4	2	6	3	4	7	15	4	19	22	10	32	4
Nelson	16	8	24	2	..	2	2	2	4	20	10	30	6
Grey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland	8	6	14	2	2	4	1	..	1	11	8	19	4
North Canterbury	11	10	21	..	..	..	17	11	28	28	21	49	14
South Canterbury	4	10	14	..	..	..	6	4	10	10	14	24	3
Otago	11	16	27	3	4	7	26	19	45	40	39	79	13
Southland	..	1	1	12	11	23	51	47	98	63	59	122	17
Totals for 1905	1,298	961	2,259	119	106	225	687	615	1,302	2,104	1,682	3,786	406
Totals for 1904	1,187	854	2,041	146	111	257	594	554	1,148	1,927	1,519	3,446	390
Difference	111	107	218	-27	-5	-32	93	61	154	177	163	340	16

As will be seen from the above table the number of children of Maori and mixed race attending public schools has increased in 1905 by 340—namely, from 3,446 to 3,786; the number of such children in the Maori village schools is also greater by 109, rising from 3,754 in 1904 to 3,863 in 1905; while the number of scholars attending the Native boarding-schools has increased by 22, from 263 to 285. The total increase of pupils of Maori and mixed race in the colony thus amounts to 471, an advance of 6·3 per cent. on the number previously recorded.

TABLE B.—AGE AND SEX OF PUPILS, DECEMBER, 1905.

Ages.			Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percentages for Five Years.				
						1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.
5 and under 6 years	..	..	5,864	5,323	11,187	8·1	7·8	7·8	7·6	7·9
6 " " 7 " "	..	..	7,397	6,728	14,125	10·3	10·3	10·4	10·3	10·4
7 " " 8 " "	..	..	8,060	7,561	15,621	11·4	11·5	11·3	11·2	11·3
8 " " 9 " "	..	..	8,170	7,628	15,798	11·5	11·5	11·5	11·5	11·4
9 " " 10 " "	..	..	8,195	7,652	15,847	11·5	11·4	11·5	11·3	11·4
10 " " 11 " "	..	..	8,080	7,510	15,590	11·3	11·5	11·5	11·3	11·5
11 " " 12 " "	..	..	8,094	7,359	15,453	11·2	11·1	11·1	11·1	11·2
12 " " 13 " "	..	..	7,649	6,930	14,579	10·6	10·7	10·6	10·8	10·5
13 " " 14 " "	..	..	6,081	5,342	11,423	8·3	8·3	8·2	8·4	8·2
14 " " 15 " "	..	..	3,002	2,412	5,414	3·9	4·0	4·0	4·4	4·3
5 " " 15 " "	..	..	70,592	64,445	135,037	98·1	98·1	97·9	97·9	98·1
15 and over	..	..	1,358	1,228	2,586	1·9	1·9	2·1	2·1	1·9
Totals	..	..	71,950	65,673	137,623	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

Table B shows the age and sex of the pupils on the rolls of the public schools of the colony at the end of 1905 and the percentage of the roll at each age. It will be seen that whereas the percentage has remained fairly constant in the case of children from six to fourteen years, it is slowly increasing in the case of pupils from five to six years of age, and diminishing in that of pupils of fourteen years and over. This latter is probably due to the facilities for obtaining free education at secondary schools.

In Table No. 2 of the Appendix will be found particulars of the age and sex of the pupils arranged for each of the education districts.

The proportion of boys to girls is almost the same as for the previous five years, 52·28 per cent. as compared with 47·72 per cent. Taking the average for the last five years, it is found that for every 100 boys on the roll there were 92 girls.

INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.

Table C1 is a summary for the whole colony of Table No. 3 in the Appendix, which shows the numbers in the several classes for the various districts. The pro-