

The number of small schools with an average attendance not exceeding twenty shows a further increase of 22 for 1906; the number, which was 562 for 1905, was 584 for 1906. The number of pupils attending these schools has increased by 282—namely, from 7,062 to 7,344.

During the year 1906, 70 schools were closed—viz., in Auckland, 13; Taranaki, 1; Wanganui, 8; Wellington, 5; Hawke's Bay, 4; Marlborough, 9; Nelson, 11; Grey, 3; Westland, 1; North Canterbury, 5; South Canterbury, 1; Otago, 2; Southland, 7. As was the case in previous years, several of these schools, although reckoned as closed in their original form, were reopened in another; thus some were amalgamated, whilst others which had been joined as half-time schools became full-time schools. Including such reopened schools, the total number opened during the year was 111, distributed as follows: Auckland, 31; Taranaki, 5; Wanganui, 9; Wellington, 2; Hawke's Bay, 12; Marlborough, 16; Nelson, 7; Grey, 1; Westland, 1; North Canterbury, 3; South Canterbury, 3; Otago, 10; Southland, 11. The net increase in the number of schools opened at the end of the year is thus 41, as shown in Table A1.

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1906.

Grade (with attendance constituting Grade).	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Total Number of Schools.	Total Number in 1905.
0 (1-15) ..	60	9	38	26	26	44	37	13	17	32	9	39	26	376	203
1 (16-20) ..	48	6	22	18	6	6	12	3	3	25	9	25	25	208	359
2 (21-25) ..	64	13	16	16	12	2	15	..	4	22	13	29	17	223	219
3 (26-32) ..	61	11	15	13	4	3	5	4	3	21	15	24	29	208	357
4 (33-40) ..	47	12	14	9	5	3	10	1	..	18	3	18	16	156	168
5 (41-50) ..	42	7	26	13	7	1	9	2	..	21	8	13	11	160	144
6 (51-60) ..	18	6	12	12	6	2	3	2	3	6	5	16	10	101	79
7 (61-75) ..	13	3	8	5	7	2	4	..	..	12	2	11	4	71	66
8 (76-90) ..	13	..	6	3	8	..	5	1	..	4	4	8	3	55	39
9 (91-120) ..	12	5	8	11	7	2	2	1	..	14	1	9	8	80	38
10 (121-150) ..	6	..	3	3	3	2	1	1	..	4	..	6	5	34	25
11 (151-200) ..	9	1	5	4	3	..	1	1	1	4	2	5	3	39	26
12 (201-250) ..	5	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	3	2	21	9
13 (251-280) ..	3	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	3	2	18	11
14 (281-330) ..	5	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	17	8
15 (331-390) ..	3	..	3	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	16	12
16 (391-420) ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	4	..	10	4
17 (421-480) ..	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	1	1	1	13	14
18 (481-510) ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	5
19 (511-570) ..	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	11	9
20 (571-600) ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	2
21 (601-660) ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	6
22 (661-690) ..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	1
23 (691-750) ..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
24 (751-780) ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
25 (781-840) ..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
26 (841-870) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27 (871-930) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
28 (931-960) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
30 (Over 1,020) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Totals, 1906 ..	424*	77†	185‡	151	102	68	108	30	32	203†	76	227	164‡	1,847	1,806
Totals, 1905 ..	406	73	184	154	94	61	112	32	32	205	74	219	160	1,806	..
Difference ..	18	4	1	-3	8	7	-4	-2	..	-2	2	8	4	41	..

* Includes 78 part-time schools, counted as 39.
schools, counted as 1.

† Includes 6 part-time schools, counted as 3.

‡ Includes 2 part-time

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total average attendance for the year was 121,958. In 1903 the attendance fell below the number for the preceding year, but it has since shown a yearly increase. In 1904 the increase was 3,459, in 1905 it was 3,759, and last year it was 1,693.

Table B1 shows the average attendance for the year in each of the education districts, and also the regularity of attendance of the pupils.