

1908.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION:
NATIVE SCHOOLS
(PARTICULARS RELATING TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 7th August, 1908.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) the number and names of Native schools opened in the Urewera district; (2) the number of children on the roll at each of such schools for each year since 1900; (3) the average attendance at each school for the same period; and (4) the number of schools closed, and reasons for closing same."—(Mr. NGATA.)

RETURN.

School.	1900. Attendance.		1901. Attendance.		1902. Attendance.		1903. Attendance.		1904. Attendance.		1905. Attendance.		1906. Attendance.		1907. Attendance.	
	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.	Roll.	Ave- rage.
Waioweka	30	23	37	27	51	45	56	45	60	48	56	45	57	48	48	35
(a) Waimana	65	57	71	67	69	65	70	61	71	58	65	47	57	40	52	30
Ruatoki...	44	31	66	55	105	91	101	77	103	76	97	76	95	81	62	32
(b) Te Houhi	22	11	21	14	27	22	24	20	28	25	26	24	...	...	...	...
(c) Galatea	25	12	23	12	18	11	22	14	17	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Whaiti	16	10	18	12	25	21	30	22	27	13	23	21	33	29	27	19
(d) Kokako ...	32	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) The Waimana Native School was closed in 1907 owing to removal of the Waimana Natives to Rua's settlement at Maungapohatu.

(b) The school at Te Houhi was closed in 1905, the school being held in private buildings standing on a block of land known as the Waiohau No. 1 Block. The ownership of the block was the subject of litigation between the Natives and a European named Beale, resulting in the Natives being dispossessed of the land and buildings.

(c) The Awangararanui (Galatea) Native School was closed in 1904 on account of the poor and irregular attendance.

(d) The Kokako Native School was closed in 1900 owing to the small attendance and to the apathy of the Natives.

NOTE.—For the half-year ending 30th June, 1908, the schools with their rolls and average attendances are as follows :—

School.	Roll.	Average.
Waioweka	...	...
Ruatoki	...	...
Te Whaiti	...	...

Education Department,
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