

During the year 1908, 60 schools were closed in the districts named below :—

Schools closed—

Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Grey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60

As in previous years, several of these schools, although reckoned as closed in their original form, were reopened in another; some were amalgamated, some half-time schools became full-time schools; and so on. Including such reopened schools, the total number of schools opened during the year was 95, made up as follows :—

Auckland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Taranaki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Wellington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Hawke's Bay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Marlborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Grey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Westland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
North Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Otago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Southland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95

The net increase in the number of schools open at the end of the year is thus 35.

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE, 1907 AND 1908.

Grade.					Number of Schools.	
					1907.	1908.
0 (1-15)	..	..	..	..	477	504
1 (16-20)	..	..	..	..	238	250
2 (21-25)	..	..	..	..	218	216
3 (26-32)	..	..	..	..	195	190
4 (33-40)	..	..	..	..	141	139
5 (41-50)	..	..	..	..	163	169
6 (51-60)	..	..	..	..	102	82
7 (61-75)	..	..	..	..	72	82
8 (76-90)	..	..	..	..	54	61
9 (91-120)	..	..	..	..	82	75
10 (121-150)	..	..	..	..	39	43
11 (151-200)	..	..	..	..	43	40
12 (201-250)	..	..	..	..	30	33
13 (251-280)	..	..	..	..	16	15
14 (281-330)	..	..	..	..	11	20
15 (331-390)	..	..	..	..	21	17
16 (391-420)	..	..	..	..	8	12
17 (421-480)	..	..	..	..	12	9
18 (481-510)	..	..	..	..	5	7
19 (511-570)	..	..	..	..	11	8
20 (571-600)	..	..	..	..	2	2
21 (601-660)	..	..	..	..	8	10
22 (661-690)	..	..	..	..	3	2
23 (691-750)	..	..	..	..	4	4
24 (751-780)	..	..	..	..	1	4
25 (781-840)	..	..	..	..	2	2
26 (841-870)	..	..	..	..	2	1
27 (871-930)	..	..	..	..	2	..
28 (931-960)	..	..	..	..	..	..
29 (961-1,020)	..	..	..	..	..	1
30 (over 1,020)	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,963	1,998