

From the table it will be seen that the teachers employed in primary-school work in the Dominion at the end of 1908 numbered 53 more than in December, 1907. Of the total, 2,453 were fully certificated, while 901, or 26·9 per cent. of the whole, either possessed no recognised examination status or had not yet completed the necessary qualification. The corresponding percentage for 1907 was 26·2.

A fairer idea of the proportion of certificated and uncertificated teachers could probably be obtained by omitting teachers in schools of Grade 0, only about a quarter of whom are certificated. If we do this for the years 1905 and 1908 we get the following numbers :—

Primary Teachers in Schools of Grade 1 and upwards.

—							1905.	1908.
I. Certificated	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,460	2,411
II. Uncertificated,—								
(a.) Partially qualified	..	..	..	..	..	..	329	213
(b.) Without status	..	..	..	..	..	..	163	294
							492	507
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,952	2,918
Percentages,—								
I. Certificated	..	..	..	..	..	..	83·3	82·6
II. (a.) Partially qualified	..	..	..	..	..	..	11·1	7·2
(b.) Without status	..	..	..	..	..	..	5·6	10·2
							16·7	17·4
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	100

It will be understood that the above figures do not include any of the teachers in secondary schools, secondary departments of district high schools, and technical schools, of whom it is safe to say that the number holding certificates is very much larger than at any previous time.

The following summary of Table E3 includes, however, all certificated teachers in the employment of Education Boards, whether engaged in primary work or in the secondary departments of district high schools, arranged according to sex and the class of certificate held.

Holders of Teachers' Certificates in the Service of Education Boards at 31st December, 1908.

Class of Certificate.							M.	F.	Total.
A	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	7	34
B	..	..	..	..	..	..	114	42	156
C	..	..	..	..	..	..	289	105	394
D	..	..	..	..	..	..	631	773	1,404
E	..	..	..	..	..	..	129	417	546
Total certificate-holders (December, 1908)							1,190	1,344	2,534

The following table gives a comparative view of the number of persons holding certificates who were employed in all forms of public instruction on the 30th June of the years named.

Comparative Table of Certificates held by Persons employed in Public Instruction, as at the 30th June.

Class.					Number of Certificate-holders in each Year.					
					1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
A	...	...	...	...	99	94	87	86	83	75
B	...	...	...	...	266	232	208	201	198	190
C	...	...	...	...	544	415	294	197	172	151
D	...	...	...	...	1,442	1,479	1,593	1,650	1,499	1,251
E	...	...	...	...	555	595	642	721	794	907
Totals, Classes A, B, C, and D					2,351	2,220	2,182	2,134	1,952	1,667
" " A, B, C, D, and E					2,906	2,815	2,824	2,855	2,746	2,574