The following was the average roll of pupils in secondary schools for Maoris (all of whom were boarders) for the respective years :—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	136	169
Girls	167	191
Totals	303	360

Summarizing all these figures, substituting in the case of the secondary schools the average roll for the roll at the end of the year, and excluding pupils in the lower departments of such schools, we obtain the following statement of the numbers receiving some form or other of secondary instruction during the year 1909 (as nearly as can be estimated) :—

Secondary schools	4,834
District high schools	2,163
Technical day schools	846
Maori secondary schools...	360
Total	8,203

The corresponding estimated total for 1908 would be 7,742, so that the decrease in the number of secondary pupils at district high schools has been more than balanced by the increases in the three other groups of schools giving secondary instruction, the total net increase being about 460. The population of the Dominion (exclusive of the Cook Islands) was estimated as 1,008,373 at the 31st December, 1908, so that the proportion of persons receiving some form of secondary instruction in publicly recognized institutions during 1909 was thus 81·4 per 10,000 of the population, In 1906 the corresponding proportion was 72·7 per 10,000, so that there has been a considerable development of secondary education in the Dominion during the three years 1906–9. It may be interesting to note that in Württemberg (a typical German State), New York, and Chicago the latest available figures (1905–6) show the corresponding proportions to have been respectively 71·6, 51·8, 66·8 per 10,000 of the population; while in Switzerland the proportion reaches the astonishingly high standard of 203·1 per 10,000.

Salaries of Secondary Teachers.

The total amount of the salaries paid to the regular staffs of secondary schools as at the rates paid at the end of the year was £51,681. As might be expected, the salaries paid in the different secondary schools varied considerably; the average for principals and assistants, and that for men and women, respectively, are shown below to the nearest pound :—

Salaries in Secondary Schools.

	December, 1908.			December, 1909.		
	M.	F.	All.	M.	F.	All.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Principals ...	464	341	422	474	361	437
Assistants ...	224	147	190	230	153	196
Whole staff ...	261	168	222	269	175	230

NOTE.—The salaries of part-time teachers are excluded from the above comparison.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform, in accordance with the Schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid to the assistants, in addition to the sums paid by way of extra salary to the head teachers, were, in December, 1908 and 1909,—

	1908.			1909.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Men	193	17	7	198	2	1
Women	145	4	3	154	10	0
All secondary assistants	171	9	1	174	13	2

(The scale of salaries is the same for men and women.)