

TABLE B2.—COMPARISON OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR 1908 AND 1909, NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND.

Districts.	Average Attendance.		
	1908.	1909.	Difference.
Auckland	30,359	32,604	2,245
Taranaki	4,550	4,959	409
Wanganui	11,587	12,062	475
Wellington	15,011	15,767	756
Hawke's Bay	8,438	8,894	456
Totals, North Island ..	69,945	74,286	4,341
Marlborough	1,867	1,964	97
Nelson	4,868	4,992	124
Grey	1,509	1,657	88
Westland	919	986	67
North Canterbury	17,339	17,575	236
South Canterbury	4,656	4,767	111
Otago	17,338	17,768	430
Southland	8,659	8,778	119
Totals, South Island ..	57,215	58,487	1,272
Totals for Dominion ..	127,160	132,773	5,613

TABLE B3.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 1909 AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS GROUPED IN TABLE A1, AS ESTIMATED FOR DETERMINING THE GRADES OF SCHOOLS. (PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT, 1908.)

(Including Secondary Departments of District High Schools.)

Grade.		Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals for 1909.
0	1-8	231	78	78	47	102	178	143	42	54	22	5	75	58	1,113
I	9-15	1,472	161	408	398	168	213	292	75	165	357	248	598	369	4,924
II	16-25	2,761	294	832	578	424	217	529	64	95	902	405	1,070	713	8,884
III	26-35	1,996	616	628	713	344	130	305	72	...	897	416	697	1,124	7,938
IV	36-80	5,253	1,192	2,699	1,722	1,445	291	1,003	315	252	2,676	809	2,738	1,498	21,893
V	81-120	1,966	952	1,437	1,025	1,206	398	623	94	98	1,645	351	1,228	1,086	12,109
VI	VIA. 121-160	1,615	..	870	1,335	916	164	562	335	..	843	..	1,112	764	8,516
	VIB. 161-200	1,607	..	337	565	775	..	545	183	..	733	357	179	541	5,822
VII	VIIA. 201-250	2,064	255	980	858	..	..	..	..	..	506	..	1,376	480	6,519
	VIIb. 251-300	590	..	758	501	1,157	..	..	..	323	1,574	..	1,130	573	6,606
VIII	VIIIA. 301-350	1,372	341	347	875	322	..	..	..	..	1,100	689	1,572	..	6,618
	VIIIB. 351-400	1,180	..	776	720	..	392	..	..	..	371	388	1,189	..	5,016
	VIIIC. 401-450	1,899	..	831	955	..	..	..	..	..	354	445	444	..	4,928
IX	IXA. 451-500	..	547	..	466	..	..	783	..	..	978	..	969	397	4,140
	IXB. 501-550	597	533	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	503	..	1,551	524	3,698
	IXC. 551-600	1,247	..	601	..	..	..	215	493	..	571	..	576	..	3,703
X	XA. 601-650	1,873	..	538	1,484	..	..	..	..	..	1,212	..	1,348	..	6,455
	XB. 651-700	668	..	..	642	1,379	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	679	3,368
	XC. 701-750	1,445	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	680	674	..	..	2,799
	XD. 751-800	..	..	..	1,409	..	..	..	..	..	810	..	..	..	2,219
	XE. 801-850	1,617	..	..	837	772	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,226
	XF. 851-900	1,313	..	..	842	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,155
	XG. 901-950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	XH. 951-1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	976	..	..	..	976
Totals, 1909		.. 32,756	4,969	12,120	15,972	9,010	1,983	5,000	1,673	987	17,710	4,787	17,852	8,806	133,625
Totals, 1908		.. 30,517	4,626	11,678	15,034	8,449	1,852	4,890	1,574	926	17,533	4,666	17,473	8,675	127,893
Difference		 2,239	343	442	938	561	131	110	99	61	177	121	379	131	5,732

It should be remarked that the average attendance as given in Table B3 differs from that in Table B for the following reason: Under certain contingencies due to an exceptional fall in the attendance at an individual school, the regulations provide that for each of one or more unfavourable quarters there may be substituted the average of a favourable quarter of the preceding year. This substitution is made for the sole purpose of determining the grade of the school, and consequently the amended average attendance is used in the compilation of Table B3, which gives the schools according to their grades. For statistical purposes the average attendance as given in Table B should be taken.