

TABLE III.—INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

Number of State schools inspected during 1909	..	..	..	..	195
Number of denominational schools inspected	..	..	..	..	10
Total number of schools inspected	..	..	..	..	205
Number of schools inspected during 1908	..	..	..	..	199

TABLE IV.—STANDARD VI PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION.

Year.	Proficiency Certificates.	Percentage of Passes.	Competency Certificates.	Percentage of Passes.	Total Percent- age of Passes.
1909	578	63.2	194	21.2	84.4
1908	517	59	240	27.4	86.4

The approximate percentages for 1908 throughout the Dominion were—Proficiency, 61.96 per cent.; competency, 25.29 per cent.; total passes, 87.25 per cent.; total failures, 12.75 per cent.

In our district the percentage of failures in 1908 was 13.6, and in 1909 15.6. It is satisfactory, however, to note that notwithstanding the slight increase in the number of pupils who failed a greater number of candidates gained the higher certificate. In the Dominion there was an increase of nearly 3 per cent. in the number of proficiency certificates gained; in our district 4.2 per cent. This result, without doubt, indicates both a greater efficiency in the teaching of Standard VI, and the exercise of greater care on the part of the teachers in promoting their pupils.

Table V is an attempt to show what becomes of the pupils who leave after passing Standard VI.

TABLE V.

School.	High School.	Technical School.	Teacher.	Home.	Farm.	Trade.	Office.	Shop.	Unskilled Labour.
Campbell Street ..	9	2	..	7	3	9	5	2	1
Feilding District High ..	17	..	..	5	2	1	1	..	..
Taihape ..	6	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..
Awahuri ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Rongotea ..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kimbolton ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Queen's Park ..	11	10	..	5	1	3	..	4	..
Eltham ..	9	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..
Hawera District High ..	17	..	4	5	3	1	2	3	..

It is gratifying to note that at least in the above school districts 43 per cent. of the number passing through Standard VI take advantage of the facilities provided for higher education. Seemingly comparatively few go at once to farm-work, a fact which probably shows that the farmers themselves are alive to the advantages of secondary education for their boys. (See also Table VII.)

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS (SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS).

TABLE VI.

School.	Roll at End of 1909.	Average Roll during 1909.	Admitted at Begin- ning of Year from		Number of Pupils who during 1909 were spending their—			
			Town Schools.	Country Schools.	First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.	Fourth Year.
Eltham ..	12	20.5	19	7	23	9	2	..
Hawera ..	36	34	18	8	27	16	4	..
Patea ..	22	27.8	10	8	18	12	5	..
Wanganui ..	41	50.1	34	4	24	12	6	2
Marton ..	17	21.2	15	5	18	5	3	..
Bull's ..	14	13	2	1	15	11	..	..
Feilding ..	42	45	25	8	30	14	5	..
Taihape ..	20	25.3	20	10	29	1	..	..
Totals ..	204	236.9	143	51	184	80	25	2

The numbers on the roll at the end of the year show a steady increase year by year, but the average roll still indicates that nearly 23 per cent. of the pupils who enter the secondary classes remain for less