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EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE number of Maori village schools in operation at the end of the year 1909 was ninety-four. During the year three new schools were opened—viz., Whangape, Pawarenga, and Waitapu—all in the Hokianga district; and two schools—Hauaroa or Taumarunui, in the King-country, and Ruapuke Island, Foveaux Strait—were transferred to the control of the Education Boards in their respective districts. The school at Ngongotaha, Rotorua, and the side school at Lower Waihou, Hokianga, were closed during the year; while the schools at Pamoana, Wanganui River, and Te Kopua, King-country, were closed temporarily for want of teachers.

On the rolls of the ninety-four schools at the 31st December, 1909, there were 4,121 children, as against 4,217 at the end of 1908. The average attendance for the year was 3,680, the percentage of regularity being 85·4, an increase of 1 per cent. on that of the previous year. The average weekly roll number shows a slight falling-off, being 4,308, as against 4,479, a result due largely to the transfer of the schools above referred to. The number of pupils on the rolls of the six Native mission schools was 231, and on those of the secondary Native schools 360. At the end of the year, therefore, the total roll number of all the Native schools inspected by officers of the Department was 4,712, the average weekly roll being 4,898, and the gross average attendance being 4,213.

The number of institutions that offer secondary education to Maori boys or girls has been increased this year, and now amounts to nine, at eight of which the Government provides a number of free places tenable for two years by children who have qualified under the regulations. The number of free places