

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

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Number of Schools.

The schools usually included in the list of secondary schools in this report which were open in 1909 were thirty-one in number, namely,—

(a.) "Endowed secondary schools" within the meaning of section 89 of the Education Act and included in the Eighth Schedule to the Act	...	26
(b.) Secondary schools within the meaning of the same section (89), but established by the Minister under section 94	...	3
(c.) Other endowed secondary schools not coming within the definition of section 89	...	2
Total	...	31

Four of the endowed secondary schools named in the schedule to the Act had not been established at the end of the year, although there were district high schools in the same places which were to some extent assisted by funds derived from the endowments of the secondary schools. A list of the schools is given in Table J3. The number of district high schools in operation during the year was sixty-two.

Roll and Staff.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-one secondary schools in the last terms of 1908 and 1909 respectively were as follows :—

	1908.			1909.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments)	2,502	1,678	4,180	2,797	1,870	4,667
Number in lower departments	88	59	147	114	75	189
Total	2,590	1,737	4,327	2,911	1,945	4,856
Number of boarders (included above)	557	136	693	566	140	706

In the same years these schools were staffed as follows :—

	1908.			1909.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Regular staff	125	91	216	131	93	224
Part-time teachers	43	25	68	44	33	77

The average number of pupils per teacher (excluding part-time teachers) is thus seen to have been 20 in 1908, and 21·7 in 1909.

The average number of pupils on the roll of the secondary departments of district high schools in the two years, 1908, 1909, respectively, were—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	1,167	1,100
Girls	1,191	1,063
Total	2,358	2,163

If, instead of taking the average roll throughout the year, we take, as for the secondary schools, the roll at the end of the year, we find the numbers in the secondary departments of district high schools to have been as follows :—

	1908.	1909.
Boys	1,017	944
Girls	1,125	947
Total	2,142	1,891