

attendance for each year, the average attendance as a percentage of the roll, and the number of teachers employed in the public schools.

TABLE B.—SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, AND TEACHERS.

Year.	Number of Schools.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance, Whole Year.	Average Attendance as Percentage of Weekly Roll.	Number of Teachers.					
					Adults.			Pupil-teachers.		
					M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1878	748	..	48,773	..	707	454	1,161	118	332	450
1883	971	90,859	69,838	76.9	905	656	1,561	159	571	730
1888	1,158	113,636	190,108	79.3	1,039	887	1,926	219	694	913
1893	1,375	125,692	160,321	79.8	1,107	1,096	2,203	238	825	1,063
1898	1,655	133,782	111,636	83.4	1,234	1,370	2,604	229	831	1,060
1900	1,707	132,897	111,748	84.1	1,216	1,415	2,631	206	749	955
1901	1,715	132,868	111,797	84.1	1,222	1,446	2,668	184	771	955
1902	1,754	133,952	113,711	84.9	1,272	1,685	2,957	143	604	747
1903	1,786	134,748	113,047	83.9	1,270	1,726	2,996	147	552	699
1904	1,827	136,282	116,506	85.5	1,272	1,797	3,069	144	505	649
1905	1,851	138,471	120,265	86.9	1,302	1,835	3,137	151	528	679
1906	1,921	140,320	121,958	86.9	1,314	1,887	3,201	153	518	671
1907	1,963	141,946	120,026	84.6	1,332	1,955	3,287	172	478	650
1908	1,998	145,974	127,160	87.1	1,331	2,021	3,352	161	476	637
1909	2,057	151,142	132,773	87.6	1,406	2,208	3,614	166	530	696
1910	2,096	154,756	135,738	87.7	1,456	2,252	3,708	174	526	700

* Average of three quarters.

† Strict average.

‡ Working average.

§ Exclusive of 32 male and 151 female probationers.

Details of these facts relating to the several districts are given in Tables B1, B2, and B3, on pages 25 and 26.

The roll statistics cannot be considered as complete unless there are included all the children for whose primary education the State is responsible. To the above figures we must add the number of pupils in the Maori village schools (called Native schools) and in the schools of the Chatham Islands, which are under the direct control of the Department: the complete roll for all public primary schools for the year 1909 then appears as follows:—

	1909.	1910.
Public schools	151,142	154,756
Maori village schools (Native schools)	4,308	4,325
Chatham Islands schools	92	93
	155,542	159,174

Attendance.

The average attendance for the year 1910 rose from 132,773 to 135,738, an increase of 2.2 per cent., as compared with an increase of 2.6 per cent. in the roll number. The increased attendance is manifest in every district except two—Wellington, where the attendance has fallen by 147, and Hawke's Bay, where it has remained stationary.

The standard of regularity of attendance is still very satisfactory, although it has slightly fallen since last year. The following are the figures for the last five years:—

	Attendance per Cent. of Roll.
1906	86.9
1907	84.6
1908	87.1
1909	87.8
1910	87.7

Otago again leads with the excellent percentage of 90.5, with Marlborough second with 89.2, Wellington (88.9) being the highest for the North Island. Under section 9 of the Education Amendment Act, 1910, which came into force on the 1st January, 1911, all children are required to attend the school whenever it is open, so it may be confidently anticipated that the percentage of attendance in future years will show a still further increase.