

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of secondary schools and secondary departments of district high schools :—

(a.) *Secondary Schools.*

|                                                                    | Boys. | Girls. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Number on roll at beginning of 1911, lower departments excluded .. | 3,261 | 2,166  |
| Number admitted during 1911, lower departments excluded ..         | 307   | 269    |
| Number who left during 1911, lower departments excluded ..         | 510   | 284    |
| Number on roll at end of 1911, lower departments excluded ..       | 3,058 | 2,151  |
| Number on roll at end of 1911, lower departments included ..       | 3,222 | 2,243  |
| Of whom the number under twelve years of age was ..                | 84    | 44     |
| And the number over eighteen years of age was ..                   | 140   | 108    |
| Number of boarders ..                                              | 680   | 152    |
| Average attendance, lower departments excluded ..                  | 5,238 |        |
| Average attendance, lower departments included ..                  | 5,682 |        |

(b.) *Secondary Departments of District High Schools.*

|                                                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of district high schools open at end of 1911 ..  | 59    |
| Mean of average weekly roll of secondary departments .. | 2,090 |
| Total roll at end of 1911 ..                            | 1,777 |
| Average attendance of secondary departments ..          | 1,889 |

It will be noticed from the above figures that there is a very considerable falling-off in the roll numbers of district high schools at the end of the year. The same tendency, but in a much less degree, is evidenced in the secondary-school figure. This falling-off is more noticeable in the case of boys than of girls, and is due to the large number who leave school early to enter upon some vocation.

In addition to those in secondary schools and in the secondary departments of district high schools there should properly be included in the number of pupils under secondary instruction in the Dominion (a) the pupils attending certain day classes in connection with technical schools, which in this regard may be called technical high schools; and (b) the pupils in various institutions for the secondary education of Maori boys and girls.

The numbers on the rolls of the day technical schools were :—

|          | 1910. | 1911. |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Boys ..  | 545   | 598   |
| Girls .. | 708   | 743   |
| Total .. | 1,253 | 1,341 |

The numbers on the rolls of the secondary schools for Maoris (all of whom were boarders) were—

|          | 1910. | 1911. |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Boys ..  | 182   | 177   |
| Girls .. | 196   | 210   |
| Total .. | 378   | 387   |

To obtain as close an estimate as possible of the total number receiving secondary education in schools, it will be necessary to include pupils attending all the above classes—i.e. secondary schools proper, secondary departments of district high schools, Maori secondary schools, and day technical schools. Also private secondary schools subject to inspection must be taken into consideration. Of private secondary schools not so subject the Department has no information. We then arrive at the following total of all secondary-school pupils in New Zealand known to the Department :—

*Average Weekly Roll.*

|                              | 1910. | 1911.  |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Secondary schools ..         | 5,168 | 5,209* |
| District high schools ..     | 2,189 | 2,090  |
| Day technical schools ..     | 1,253 | 1,341  |
| Maori secondary schools ..   | 378   | 387    |
| Private secondary schools .. | †     | 831†   |
| Total ..                     | 8,988 | 9,858  |

\* Roll at end of year. † No information for 1910 available.

† This figure represents only private secondary schools inspected by the Department.