Table B2.—Comparison of School Attendance at Public Schools for 1911 and 1912, NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND.

D:	-4			Average Attendance.							
Districts.				1911.	1912.	Difference.					
Auckland		••		36,351	38,714	2,363					
Taranaki			!	5,429	5,362	-67					
Wanganui			}	13,048	13,370	322					
Wellington				15,981	16,198	217					
Hawke's Bay	••	••	}	9,222	9,724	502					
Totals, Nor	th Islan	nd	-	80,031	83,368	3,337					
Marlborough			[2,070	2,117	47					
Nelson				5,345	5,562	217					
Grey				1,684	1,744	60					
Westland				1,025	1,042	17					
North Canterbury				18,847	19,127	280					
South Canterbury				5,102	5,113	11					
Otago				18,636	18,654	18					
Southland	••			9,446	9,555	109					
Totals, Sou	th Islan	nd		62,155	62,914	759					
Totals for I	Domini	on		142,186	146,282	4,096					

TABLE B3.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 1912 AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS GROUPED IN Table A1, as estimated for determining the Grades of Schools. (Part I of the FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT, 1908.)

(Including Secondary Departments of District High Schools.)

Grade.	Auckland.	Taranaki.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Hawke's Bay.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Grey.	Westland.	North Canterbury.	South Canterbury.	Otago.	Southland.	Totals for 1912.	Totals for 1911.
0 1-8 I 9-15 II 16-25 III 26-35 IV 36-80 V 81-120 VI {VIA 121-160 VIB 161-200 VII {VIIA 201-250 VIII 251-300 VIII 401-450 VIII 401-450 (XA 451-500 IX {IXB 501-550 (IXC 551-600 (XA 601-650 (XB 651-700 (XC 701-750 (XD 751-800 (XF 851-900 (XG 901-950 (XH 951-1,000 (XI 1,001-1,050)	277 1,477 2,983 2,615 6,209 1,922 1,898 1,552 1,767 1,974 1,694 406 1,881 544 1,173 2,553 627 2,240 798 849 1,785	161 371 548 1,645 480 144 517 558 629 	47 339 725 775 2,983 1,477 1,003 147 1,241 836 639 777 402 989 343 	37 264 593 661 1,839 936 868 722 1,593 553 1,261 713 1,300 555 1,259 669 1,612 811	60 257 437 429 1,446 1,157 783 1,208 1,125 364 1,482 718 	301 183 161 414 163 136	363 530 419 1,161 620 556 526 240 252 211		97 157 53 184 184	2,132 957 410 992 1,116 1,400	151 444 455 772 344 124 176 200 1,264 507 	72 401 1,045 2,802 1,281 1,012 366 868 1,141 1,326 729 892 1,461 2,619 623 	402 651 1,049 1,841 987 675 688 627 289 632 405	868 4,651 9,045 9,144 24,007 11,778 5,688 9,174 7,803 7,860 6,756 6,756 4,728 3,853 8,187 1,985 5,745 1,985 5,799 3,911 2,481 1,785	929 4,708 9,685 8,448 23,356 12,730 7,856 6,241 7,560 7,177 5,043 7,562 3,435 6,674 2,445 7,562 3,561 4,380 2,363 1,560 1,731
Totals, 1912 5 Totals, 1911 5	38,917 36,686	5,410 5,459	13,412 13,118	16,246 16,086	9,801 9,414	$2,148 \\ 2,084$	5,583 5,405	1,743 1,689	1,046 1,033	19,250 19,147	5,152 5,111	19,017 18,879	9,608 9,520	147,333 143,631	143,631
Difference	2,231	-49	294	160	387	64	178	54	13	103	41	138	88	3,702	•••

The following notes are appended in explanation of this table :-

A.—The average attendance as given in Table B3 differs from that in Table B for the following reasons:-

(1.) Under certain contingencies due to an exceptional fall in the attendance at an individual school, the regulations provide that for each of one or more unfavourable quarters there may be substituted the average of a favourable quarter of a preceding year. This substitution is made for the sole purpose of determining the grade of the school, and consequently the amended average attendance is used in the compilation of Table B3, which gives the schools according to their grades. For statistical purposes the average attendance as given in Table B should be taken.

 $(\tilde{2}.)$ The totals of this table are for the mean of the four quarters of each school taken separately,

not the mean of the gross quarterly totals of all schools.

(3.) New schools, many of which were open for only part of the year, are included as having an average attendance for the whole year; whereas in Table B the average attendance is included only for those quarters during which the schools were open.

B.—This table shows the average attendance for determining the grades of schools. For determining the staffs of schools, however, the figures require to be reduced by the attendance in secondary departments of district high schools, viz.: Grade V, 61; VIA, 109; VIB, 133; VIIA, 217; VIIB, 132; VIIIA, 215; VIIIB, 79; VIIIc, 137; IXA, 81; IXB, 117; IXc, 116; XA, 113; XB, 49; Xc, 46; XE, 239: total, 1844.