

time schools ; and so on. Including such reopened schools, the total number of schools opened during the year was 133. The following list shows the number of schools opened and closed in each of the various education districts :—

INCREASES AND DECREASES IN NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

District.	Number of Schools closed.	Number of Schools opened.	Increase in Number of Schools.	Decrease in Number of Schools.
Auckland	38	60	22	..
Taranaki	4	3	..	1
Wanganui	3	8	5	..
Wellington	9	3	..	6
Hawke's Bay	8	14	6	..
Marlborough	7	11	4	..
Nelson	7	6	..	1
Grey	2	3	1	..
Westland	2	..	..	2
North Canterbury	..	6	6	..
South Canterbury	1	1	..	..
Otago	3	10	7	..
Southland	1	8	7	..
	85	133		
		85		
Increase (1912)	..	48		

The net increase in the number of schools open at the end of the year is thus 48.

The total number of public schools in each grade is shown in Table A, the corresponding figures for the previous year being shown for purposes of comparison.

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE, 1911 AND 1912.

Grade (as in Education Amendment Act, 1908).		Number of Schools.		Grade (as in Education Amendment Act, 1908).		Number of Schools.	
		1911.	1912.			1911.	1912.
0. (1-8)	..	162	164	9. {	9A (451-500)	7	12
1. (9-15)	..	393	395		9B (501-550)	12	9
2. (16-25)	..	480	472		9C (551-600)	4	7
3. (26-35)	..	283	312		10A (601-650)	12	13
4. (36-80)	..	462	484	10. {	10B (651-700)	5	3
5. (81-120)	..	127	122		10C (701-750)	6	8
6. {	6A (121-160)	58	54		10D (751-800)	3	5
6. {	6B (161-200)	33	31		10E (801-850)	2	3
7. {	7A (201-250)	34	40		10F (851-900)	2	2
7. {	7B (251-300)	27	28		10G (901-950)	..	..
8. {	8A (301-350)	24	24		10H (951-1,000)	..	..
8. {	8B (351-400)	13	17		10I (1,001-1,050)	1	1
8. {	8C (401-450)	16	8				
				Totals	..	2,166	2,214

For the number of schools in each education district, classified in grades, reference should be made to Table A1.

ROLL NUMBER.

The average weekly roll number for 1912 showed an increase for each quarter over that for the corresponding period of 1911. The mean of the average weekly roll for the four quarters was—

Mean of average weekly roll, 1911	159,299
„ „ 1912	164,492
Increase in 1912	5,193
Increase per cent. in roll number, 1912	3.3