

The numbers on the rolls in the various classes, the numbers present at the annual examination, and the average ages of the pupils in attendance were as follows :—

Classes.					Number on Roll.	Present at the Annual Examination.	Average Age of Pupils in each Class.	
170 Public Schools—							Yrs. mos.	
Standard VII					301	290	15	1
" VI					1,464	1,445	13	10
" V					1,746	1,699	12	11
" IV					1,932	1,879	12	0
" III					2,293	2,252	11	0
" II					2,081	2,089	9	10
" I					2,202	2,135	8	10
Preparatory					6,360	5,985	6	11
Totals					18,379	17,714	9	9
Fourteen Catholic Schools—								
Standard VII					40	40	14	5
" VI					81	78	14	1
" V					115	112	13	4
" IV					191	183	12	5
" III					174	168	11	7
" II					156	154	10	5
" I					189	181	9	3
Preparatory					529	492	6	4
Totals					1,475	1,408	9	9

Making a grand total of 184 schools in operation during the year, with 19,854 pupils on the roll, and 19,122 present at the annual examination.

The following tables give particulars of the increase or decrease in each standard of the public schools taken as a whole and compared with 1911 ; also a comparison of the average ages of the pupils of the Wellington District and of the Dominion :—

Year.	Schools.	Prepara- tory.	Standard I.	Standard II.	Standard III.	Standard IV.	Standard V.	Standard VI.	Standard VII.	Total.
1912 ..	170	6,360	2,202	2,081	2,293	1,932	1,746	1,464	301	18,379
1911 ..	169	6,262	2,082	2,199	2,034	1,979	1,749	1,478	306	18,089
	+1	+98	+120	—118	+259	—47	—3	—14	—5	+290

Average Ages.	Prepara- tory.	Standard I.	Standard II.	Standard III.	Standard IV.	Standard V.	Standard VI.	Standard VII.
	Yrs. [mos.	Yrs.] mos.	Yrs. mos.	Yrs. mos.	Yrs. mos.	Yrs. mos.	Yrs. mos.	Yrs. mos.
Dominion, 1911	7 1	9 1	10 2	11 3	12 2	13 2	13 11	15 0
Wellington, 1912	6 11	8 10	9 10	11 0	12 0	12 11	13 10	15 1

Percentage of children in preparatory classes—Dominion, 37·3 ; Wellington, 34·6.

The increase in the roll number of the district, though very gradual, is consistent, as the figures for the last five years will show,—

Year.	Roll.	Increase.
1907 ..	16,936	..
1908 ..	17,416	480
1909 ..	17,761	345
1910 ..	17,893	132
1911 ..	18,089	196
1912 ..	18,379	290
Total for five years ..		1,443