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EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

At the end of 1911 there were 104 Native village schools in operation. During the year 1912 five new schools were opened, and one was transferred to the Auckland Board of Education. The number of village schools in operation at the 31st December, 1912, was thus 108, which is the highest number yet reached since the inception of the system.

In addition to these schools, there were four mission schools giving primary instruction to Maori children, and 569 public schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance, while there were nine boarding-schools specially concerned with the secondary education for Maori boys and girls. Thus, the total number of schools giving instruction to Maori children was—

Native village schools	108
Native mission schools subject to inspection by the Education Department ..	4
Public schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance.. ..	569
Total number of primary schools	681
Native boarding-schools affording secondary education to Maoris	9
	690

The following table shows the number of Native village schools in each grade, as compared with the number for the previous year :—

TABLE H.—NUMBER OF NATIVE VILLAGE SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE.

	1911.	1912.
Grade I (9-15)	1	..
Grade IIA (16-20)	5	8
Grade IIB (21-25)	10	13
Grade III (26-35)	35	32
Grade IVA (36-50)	33	34
Grade IVB (51-80)	17	16
Grade V (81-120)	3	5
Totals	104	108

ATTENDANCE.

The number of pupils on the rolls of the Native village schools at the end of the year 1912 was—Boys, 2,536; girls, 2,158: total, 4,694. Included in these numbers are 265 boys and 255 girls who are Europeans. (See Table H 4 in the Appendix).

The average daily attendance, in actual numbers and as a percentage of the average weekly roll number, for each of the years 1911 and 1912 was as follows :—

	Actual Attendance.		Per Cent. of Roll.	
	1911.	1912.	1911.	1912.
First quarter	3,932	3,943	87.0	85.7
Second quarter	3,893	4,063	86.2	89.0
Third quarter	3,849	4,068	86.9	86.6
Fourth quarter	3,836	4,092	84.2	86.8

The following are some of the figures in regard to the attendance at Native village schools for 1912, the corresponding figures for 1911 being inserted for purposes of comparison :—

	1911.	1912.
Number on rolls at end of year	4,557	4,694
Average weekly roll number	4,621	4,644
Average yearly attendance	3,990	4,042
Percentage of regularity of attendance	86.3	87.0

If the Native village schools are added to the Native secondary schools, we have the following figures for 1911 and 1912 respectively :—

	1911.	1912.
Number on rolls of Native village schools	4,557	4,694
„ mission schools	230	174
„ boarding-schools	387	369