

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

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The schools usually included in the list of secondary schools in this report which were open in 1912 were thirty-two in number, namely,—

(a.) "Endowed secondary schools" within the meaning of section 89 of the Education Act, 1908, and included in the Eighth Schedule to the Act	26
(b.) Secondary schools within the meaning of the same section (89), but established by the Minister under section 94	4
(c.) Other endowed secondary schools not coming within the definition of section 89	2
Total	32

Of the endowed secondary schools only twenty-two were in operation during the year. Of the other four — Akaroa, Greymouth, Hokitika, and Waimate—the last three have never been in operation, and the first existed as a small struggling high school for a few years only; but a permanent increase of population might lead to the establishment (or re-establishment) of one or more of them at any time. Meanwhile, secondary education is carried on in the secondary departments of the district high schools established in each of these four centres, and statutory provision exists whereby the income derived from the endowments of the secondary schools may be devoted, if the Minister thinks fit, wholly or in part to the maintenance of these district high schools.

In addition to the above thirty-two schools, there are nine schools providing suitable secondary education for Maori boys and girls, and a considerable number of private secondary schools.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-two secondary schools in the last terms of 1911 and 1912 respectively was—

	1911.			1912.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments)	3,058	2,151	5,209	3,202	2,340	5,542
Number in lower departments	164	92	256	167	122	289
Total	3,222	2,243	5,465	3,369	2,462	5,831
Number of boarders (included above)	680	152	832	701	152	853

The following are some of the figures in connexion 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 1912, lower departments excluded..	2,578	1,527
Number admitted during 1912, lower departments excluded ..	1,201	1,126
Number who left during 1912, lower departments excluded ..	577	313
Number on roll at end of 1912, lower departments excluded ..	3,202	2,340
Number on roll at end of 1912, lower departments included ..	3,369	2,462
Of whom the number under twelve years of age was ..	91	48
And the number over eighteen years of age was ..	164	132
Number of boarders was ..	701	152
Average attendance, lower departments excluded ..	5,591	
Average attendance, lower departments included ..	5,849	

(b.) SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number of district high schools open at end of 1912 ..	60
Mean of average weekly roll of secondary departments ..	2,048
Number on roll at end of 1912 ..	1,815
Average attendance of secondary departments ..	1,864