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

NATIVE SCHOOLS.

At the end of 1912 there were 108 Native village schools. During the year six new schools were opened, and one was transferred to the Otago Board of Education. Two schools were closed permanently, and four were closed temporarily. The number of schools in operation at the 31st December, 1913, was thus 107.

In addition to these schools, there were three mission schools giving primary instruction to Maori children, and 565 public schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance, while there were ten 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	107
Native mission schools subject to inspection by the Education Department ..	3
Public schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance.	565
Total number of primary schools	675
Native boarding-schools affording secondary education to Maoris	10
Total	685

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.

	1912.	1913.
Grade I (9-15)	..	..
Grade IIA (16-20)	8	9
Grade IIB (21-25)	13	14
Grade III (26-35)	32	30
Grade IVA (36-50)	34	30
Grade IVB (51-80)	16	20
Grade V (81-120)	5	4
Totals	108	107

Attendance.

The number of pupils on the rolls of the Native village schools at the end of the year 1913 was—Boys, 2,459 ; girls, 2,188 : total, 4,647. Included in these numbers are 258 boys and 257 girls who are Europeans.

The average daily attendance, in actual numbers and as a percentage of the average weekly roll number, for each of the years 1912 and 1913 was as follows :—

	Average Attendance.		Per Cent. of Roll.	
	1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.
First quarter	3,943	4,201	85·7	87·4
Second quarter	4,063	4,297	89·0	87·1
Third quarter	4,068	4,068	86·6	83·1
Fourth quarter	4,092	4,000	86·8	85·0

The following are some of the figures in regard to the attendance at Native village schools for 1913, the corresponding figures for 1912 being inserted for purposes of comparison :—

	1912.	1913.
Number on rolls at end of year	4,694	4,647
Average weekly roll number	4,644*	4,835*
Average yearly attendance	4,042*	4,142*
Percentage of regularity of attendance	87	85·7

* The mean of the four quarters.