Every education district showed an increase in the roll number at the end of the year. The increase in the North Island amounted to 4·5 per cent., and in the South Island to 2·6 per cent. The figures for the Dominion were as follows :—

	Including Secondary Departments of District High Schools.	Excluding Secondary Departments of District High Schools.
Number on roll at end of 1914	178,509	176,613
" 1913	172,168	170,331
Increase in 1914	6,341	6,282
Increase per cent.	3·8	3·7

Table B below shows the mean average roll number for every fifth year from 1878 to 1903, and for each of the last twelve years ; the table gives also the total average attendance for each year, the average attendance as a percentage of the roll (including secondary departments of district high schools), and the number of teachers employed in the public schools.

TABLE B.—SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, AND TEACHERS.

Year.	Number of Schools.	Mean of Average Weekly Roll.	Average Attendance, Whole Year.	Average Attendance as Percentage of Weekly Roll.	Number of Teachers.					
					Adults.			Pupil-teachers.		
					M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1878	748	..	*48,773	..	707	454	1,161	118	332	450
1883	971	90,859	69,838	76·9	905	656	1,561	159	571	730
1888	1,158	113,636	†90,108	79·3	1,039	887	1,926	219	694	913
1893	1,375	125,692	‡100,321	79·8	1,107	1,096	2,203	238	825	1,063
1898	1,655	133,782	111,636	83·4	1,234	1,370	2,604	229	831	1,060
1903	1,786	134,748	113,047	83·9	1,270	1,726	2,996	147	552	699
1904	1,827	136,282	116,506	85·5	1,272	1,797	3,069	144	505	649
1905	1,851	138,471	120,265	86·9	1,302	1,835	3,137	151	528	679
1906	1,921	140,320	121,958	86·9	1,314	1,887	3,201	153	518	671
1907	1,963	141,946	120,026	84·6	1,332	1,955	3,287	172	478	650
1908	1,998	145,974	127,160	87·1	1,331	2,021	3,352	161	476	637
1909	2,057	151,142	132,773	87·8	1,406	2,208	3,614	166	530	696
1910	2,096	154,756	135,738	87·7	1,456	2,252	3,708	174	526	§700
1911	2,166	159,299	142,186	89·3	1,493	2,351	3,844	179	528	§707
1912	2,214	164,492	146,282	88·9	1,555	2,550	4,105	162	476	§638
1913	2,255	169,530	151,242	89·2	1,603	2,659	4,262	142	474	§616
1914	2,301	175,570	158,134	90·1	1,628	2,820	4,448	139	470	§609

* Average of three quarters. † Strict average. ‡ Working average. § 1910—Exclusive of 32 male and 151 female probationers ; 1911—exclusive of 41 male and 178 female probationers ; 1912—exclusive of 36 male and 186 female probationers ; 1913—exclusive of 41 male and 224 female probationers ; 1914—exclusive of 45 male and 278 female probationers.

An estimate of the actual roll number of all children receiving primary education can be obtained by taking into account children in attendance at public schools (exclusive of secondary departments of district high schools), Native-village schools, schools at the Chatham Islands, private primary schools subject to inspection, and the lower departments of secondary schools. The figures will then be—

AVERAGE WEEKLY ROLL NUMBER.

	1913.	1914.
Public schools (less secondary departments of district high schools)	167,457	173,470
Native-village schools	4,835	5,053
Chatham Island schools	98	98
Private primary schools	15,350	16,309
Lower departments of secondary schools	351*	362*
Special schools	809	732
Total average weekly roll of primary scholars ..	188,900	196,024

* Number on roll at end of year.

ATTENDANCE.

(E.-2, Tables B 1, B 2, B 3, and E 1.)

The following figures show the average attendance at public schools during the years 1913 and 1914 :—

Average attendance for all districts in 1914	158,134
" " 1913	151,242
Increase in 1914	6,892
Increase per cent.	4·7