

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

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

(Table K 1.)

Secondary education was carried on at secondary schools, district high schools, technical high schools, Maori secondary schools, and private secondary schools. The secondary schools may be classified as follows :—

(a.) Endowed secondary schools included in the Ninth Schedule to the Education Act, 1914	..	..	..	..	..	31*
(b.) Secondary schools established in the manner provided by section 88 of the Education Act, 1914	..	..	..	..	..	4
(c.) Endowed secondary schools within the meaning of the Act, but not included above	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	37

* Separate departments for girls counted as separate schools.

Four of the schools under (a) are not in operation—namely, Akaroa, Greymouth, Hokitika, and Waimate. At these places secondary education is carried on in the secondary departments of the district high schools, 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 schools.

The number of district high schools was sixty-one, technical high schools eight, and Maori secondary continuation schools ten. In addition there were a number of private secondary schools registered and unregistered which were inspected by the Department's Inspectors.

ROLL AND ATTENDANCE.

(Tables K1, K2, L1, and L1A.)

The total number of pupils attending the twenty-nine secondary schools in the last terms of 1914 and 1915 respectively was—

	1914.			1915.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll (exclusive of lower departments)	3,606	2,450	6,056	3,748	2,740	6,488
Number in lower departments	236	126	362	273	144	417
Totals	3,842	2,576	6,418	4,021	2,884	6,905
Number of boarders (included above)	804	161	965	909	147	1,056

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of schools in which secondary education is given :—

(a.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS. (Lower Departments excluded.)

Number on roll at beginning of 1915	...	...	...	...	4,451
Number admitted during 1915	...	...	...	...	2,928
Number who left during 1915	...	...	...	...	891
Number on roll at end of 1915	...	...	...	...	6,488
Of whom the number under twelve years of age was	...	...	...	...	63
The number between twelve and fifteen years of age was	...	...	...	...	2,301
The number between fifteen and eighteen years of age was	...	...	...	...	3,802
And the number over eighteen years of age was	...	...	...	...	322
Average attendance	...	...	...	...	6,578

(b.) SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number of district high schools open at end of 1915	...	...	...	61
Mean of average weekly roll of secondary departments	...	...	...	2,402
Number on roll at end of 1915	...	...	...	2,102
Average attendance of secondary departments	...	...	...	2,197

(c.) TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on the rolls during 1915	..	..	..	..	1,955
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