Office of the Department of Education,

My LORD,-

Wellington, 2nd December, 1918.

I have the honour, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1914, to submit to Your Excellency the following report upon the progress and condition of public education in New Zealand during the year ending the I have, &c., 31st December, 1917.

J. A. HANAN.

His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Liverpool, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand.

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This report, with its appendices, gives the information which is of general public interest with regard to the administration of the Education Act, 1914, and its subsequent amendments, also the Education Reserves Act, 1908, as subsequently amended, the expenditure of public funds appropriated by Parliament for educational purposes, and the principal statistics relating to matters which are more fully dealt with in separate papers, as follows:---

E.—2. Primary Education;

with appendices, namely,—

Appendix A, Reports of Education Boards;

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In this report summaries are made of the more important tables appearing in the separate papers above mentioned. Where information in any section of the report has been prepared from tables appearing in the other reports above named, a reference will be found under the heading of the section to the table concerned and the report in which it is printed.