

teachers (not determinable from the reports), and the consequent lowering of the figures in some cases should be taken into account.

AVERAGE SALARIES PAID TO PRIMARY TEACHERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

	London.*		Ireland.		Ontario.		State of New York, U.S.A.		New South Wales.		New Zealand.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	
Head teachers	314	227	116	83½	} 199½	130½	203		167½	{ 312	{ 247½		
Assistants	165	121	92¾	70								{ 257¼	{ 148¾
Sole teachers	..	..	..	..									

* An average of 900 children in each school.

The necessity of offering greater inducements to probationers and pupil-teachers imperatively demands attention. Increases, amounting to a maximum of £20 per annum in certain cases and to lesser sums in others, have been approved by the Governor-General during the current year. This cannot fail to have a good influence, but it is by no means certain that it will be sufficient to meet the case. Further proposals in this connection are now under the consideration of the Government.

STATUS OF TEACHERS IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATES.

(E.-2, Tables E2 and E3.)

The table below gives a summary of the position with regard to the number of primary-school teachers who hold certificates. Figures relating to the last five years are given for purposes of comparison.

PRIMARY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

	1913.		1914.		1915.		1916.		1917.	
	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.	Number.	Per-centage.
I. Certificated teachers ..	3,082	72	3,282	74	3,298	71	3,322	71	3,323	71
II. Uncertificated teachers—										
(1.) Holding licenses ..	84	2	90	2	83	2	82	1	99	2
(2.) Unlicensed ..	1,096	26	1,076	24	1,287	27	1,306	28	1,285	27
Total uncertificated ..	1,180	28	1,166	26	1,370	29	1,388	29	1,384	29
Totals of I and II ..	4,262	100	4,448	100	4,668	100	4,710	100	4,707	100

For the last three years the percentage (71) of certificated teachers has remained unaltered, any tendency towards improvement being apparently checked by the withdrawal of teachers and training-college students for military service. If teachers of schools with an average attendance of 20 and under are excluded, the proportion of certificated teachers is 80. Of the 3,323 certificated teachers 1,273 hold the C certificate and 1,454 the D certificate.

The following figures show the number of teachers holding the various certificates in 1916 and 1917 :—

CLASSES OF CERTIFICATES HELD BY PRIMARY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Class of Certificate.				1916.			1917.		
				M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
A				27	6	33	24	6	30
B				188	77	265	176	76	252
C				521	700	1,221	505	768	1,273
D				416	1,062	1,478	361	1,093	1,454
E				49	276	325	51	263	314
Total				1,201	2,121	3,322	1,117	2,206	3,323