

CLASSES OTHER THAN CLASSES AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Classes were held at 121 centres. In the previous year the number of centres was 110, and the increase was probably due to an increase in the number of wool-sorting classes in country centres.

The number of classes and the number of individual students were as follows :—

Description of Class.	Number of Classes.		Number of Students.	
	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.
Conducted by Education or High School Boards ..	959	913	8,232	8,221
Conducted by Technical School Boards or by Managers ..	879	968	8,664	9,163
Conducted by University Colleges	176	198	1,054	1,244
Totals	2,014	2,079	17,950	18,628

It is to be noted in comparing the numbers for 1920 with those for 1919 that the Nelson Technical School was conducted by a Board of Managers in 1920 for the first time. This caused a transfer in numbers of 69 classes and 483 pupils from the first to the second line in the above table.

The following are some particulars of the age, sex, and occupations of students :—

	Seventeen Years of Age and under.		Over Seventeen Years of Age.		Totals.	
	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.
Males	4,984	4,851	4,305	4,700	9,289	9,551
Females	4,074	4,156	4,587	4,921	8,661	9,077
Totals	9,058	9,007	8,892	9,621	17,950	18,628

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS OF STUDENTS.

	Number of Students.	Percentage of Totals.
Clerical pursuits	2,146	11·52
Professional pursuits	2,997	16·09
Students	3,722	19·99
Domestic pursuits	2,851	15·30
Agricultural pursuits	768	4·12
Various trades and industries	5,583	29·97
Other occupations not stated	561	3·01
Totals	18,628	100·00

NUMBER OF CLASSES IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION HELD IN 1919 AND 1920.

	1919.	1920.
Art and artercrafts	232	238
Mechanical and electrical engineering, theoretical and practical	238	239
Building-construction, carpentry, plumbing, and other trades	201	252
Experimental and natural science, practical mathematics, &c.	120	143
Agriculture, wool-sorting, dairy-work, &c... .. .	95	103
Domestic subjects	371	405
Commercial subjects	380	346
Subjects of general education	377	353
Totals	2,014	2,079

The total number of classes shows an increase over that for 1919, though there is a slight reduction in classes for subjects of general and commercial education, the increases being mainly in trade classes, other than engineering, and classes for domestic science, agriculture, sciences, and mathematics.

The School of Domestic Science in Otago University was attended by seventy-two students taking either the course for the degree or that for the diploma.