

NUMBER OF CLASSES IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION HELD IN 1920 AND 1921.

	1920.	1921.
Art and arcrafts	238	211
Mechanical and electrical engineering, theoretical and practical	239	230
Building-construction, carpentry, plumbing, and other trades	252	218
Experimental and natural science, practical mathematics, &c.	143	110
Agriculture, wool-sorting, dairy-work, &c... ..	103	22
Domestic subjects	405	389
Commercial subjects	346	375
Subjects of general education	353	397
Totals	2,079	1,952

The total number of classes shows a decrease compared with that for 1920, due mainly to the exclusion of teachers' classes and a falling-off in the number of wool-classing classes.

"College" classes were conducted in connection with the Auckland University School of Engineering, Canterbury College School of Engineering and School of Commerce, Otago University School of Domestic Science and School of Commerce, the total capitation earnings for these classes for the year being £2,945.

The School of Domestic Science in Otago University was attended by seventy-five students taking either the course for the degree or that for the diploma. Eleven Government bursaries were awarded in 1921, making a total of forty-four tenable during the year. Four degree and eighteen diploma students completed their course. Payments totalling £3,069 were made in respect of the forty-four bursars, an average of nearly £70 each. Graduates from this school are now filling important positions throughout the Dominion as instructors in home-science, and their influence in this important phase of the training of our girls is already very marked.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

			1920.			1921.		
			Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Junior free pupils	First year ..		757	518	1,275	773	572	1,345
	Second year ..		558	426	984	497	342	839
Senior free pupils	First year ..		449	410	859	429	360	789
	Second year ..		252	284	536	302	256	558
	Third year ..		118	194	312	126	178	304
Totals			2,134	1,832	3,966	2,127	1,708	3,835

Nearly 23 per cent. of the total number of students in attendance at classes held free places under the Government regulations. The total number of junior free pupils shows a decrease of 75 as compared with the number for 1920, and the total number of senior free pupils shows a decrease of 56. 495 students held scholarships or free places provided locally. Included in the return of junior free pupils there is a number of young persons not otherwise qualified for a free place who have been recommended by an Inspector of Schools for free places in industrial classes.

In certain districts the regulations for compulsory attendance at continuation classes were in operation during the year, the number of students in attendance being as follows:—

Auckland Education District	638 students in 14 school districts.
Taranaki Education District	229 " 5 "
Wanganui Education District	478 " 3 "
Hawke's Bay Education District	115 " 1 "
Nelson Education District	1 " 1 "
Canterbury Education District	124 " 1 "
Totals	1,585 25

During the year 644 returned soldiers attended as free students at technical classes in twenty-one centres. The Repatriation Board, as in 1920, provided the funds for additional instructors and equipment wherever necessary.