

The following technical schools had a roll of more than 500, exclusive of the technical high schools carried on in connection with some of them :—

					Number on Roll.	
					1920.	1921.
Christchurch Technical School	..	..	..	..	1,598	1,633
Wellington Technical School	..	..	..	..	1,146	1,205
Dunedin Technical School..	..	..	..	..	1,302	1,138
Auckland Technical School	..	..	..	..	1,236	854
Palmerston North Technical School	..	..	..	..	695	760
Wanganui Technical School	..	..	..	..	677	700
Ashburton Technical School	..	..	..	..	493	527

Technological examinations were conducted by the Department on behalf of the City and Guilds of London Institute at fifteen centres in the Dominion. The total number of entries was 362, an increase of 70 over the number for the previous year, and the number of passes was 204, or 56·4 per cent. A gold medal was awarded to one candidate for plumbers' work, Grade II.

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

The number of students in attendance at technical high schools in 1920 and 1921 was as follows :—

Technical High Schools—					Number of Students.	
					1920.	1921.
Christchurch	..	..	..	..	581	549
Auckland	..	..	..	..	476	493
Dunedin	..	..	..	..	385	421
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	312	354
Invercargill	..	..	..	..	298	335
Wellington	..	..	..	..	299	317
Napier	..	..	..	..	249	259
Stratford	..	..	..	..	..	165
Hawera	..	..	..	..	142	164
Pukekohe	..	..	..	..	..	126
Hastings	..	..	..	..	..	101
Feilding	..	..	..	..	..	42
Westport	..	..	..	..	24	23
Totals	..	..	..	..	2,766	3,349

The numbers of pupils taking up the various courses provided were as follows :—

Course.					Number of Pupils.			Increase over 1920.
					Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Industrial	..	..	..	..	951	..	951	+112
Commercial and general	..	..	..	..	588	1,158	1,746	+388
Domestic	..	..	..	..	..	385	385	+ 55
Agriculture	..	..	..	..	243	20	263	+ 31
Art	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	— 3
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,782	1,567	3,349	+583

NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS UNDER REGULATIONS FOR FREE PLACES.

					1920.			1921.		
					Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Junior free pupils	First year	..	..	..	759	588	1,347	945	758	1,703
	Second year	..	..	..	467	412	879	500	444	944
Senior free pupils	First year	..	..	..	124	153	277	174	203	377
	Second year	..	..	..	24	38	62	49	51	100
	Third year	..	..	..	3	8	11	9	7	16
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,377	1,199	2,576	1,677	1,463	3,140