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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

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*Number of Schools.*

THE primary education of Maori children living in districts principally settled by Natives is provided by means of Native village schools specially instituted by the Government and under the direct control of the Education Department. All of these schools (numbering 123 at the end of 1921) excepting two are situated in the North Island. The schools were graded as follows :—

|       |                                    |    |    |    |    |     |
|-------|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Grade | I (average attendance 9–20)        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17  |
| „     | II i (average attendance 21–25)    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16  |
| „     | II ii (average attendance 26–35)   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22  |
| „     | IIIA i (average attendance 36–50)  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33  |
| „     | IIIA ii (average attendance 51–80) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27  |
| „     | IIIB (average attendance 81–120)   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7   |
| „     | IVA (average attendance 121–160)   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| Total | ..                                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 123 |

In addition to the Government schools there are in operation for the benefit of Maori children six primary mission schools and ten boarding-schools, the latter affording a rather more advanced educational programme. These schools have been established by private enterprise, but they are inspected by the Department's officers, and the Government provides a number of free places for Maori children at the boarding-schools. Maori children living in districts more or less settled by Europeans attend the ordinary public schools, 620 of these schools having some