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No. 1.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF NATIVE SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit for your information the annual report for the year 1925 upon the work of those schools which are particularly concerned with the education of Maori children—viz., the Native village schools, which are controlled directly by the Department, and the Maori mission schools and Maori secondary schools, which are registered private schools and are inspected and examined by officers of the Department. Other matters regarded as relevant to Native schools and their activities are also referred to in the report.

NEW SCHOOLS.

During the year under review a new school was opened at *Makomako*, Aotea Harbour; the school at *Karakanui*, Kaipara Harbour, which had been closed for some time, was reopened; and the mission school at *Maungapohatu*, Urewera country, which had been closed down, was reopened as a Native village school. There were thus 128 village schools in operation at the close of the year, an increase of three schools upon the number operating at the close of the previous year.

NEW BUILDINGS, ADDITIONS, ETC.

At *Makomako* a residence, school, and outbuildings were completed during the year; at *Karakanui* a residence was erected, and an unused public-school building was removed to the site thereof from another part of the district to serve the purposes of a schoolroom. At *Maraeroa* and *Omanaia*, Hokianga, where additional accommodation had become necessary, class-rooms were provided by the removal of a school building from a locality where it was no longer required. A new class-room was also provided at *Pamapurua*, near Kaitaia, by the removal of a small public school which was no longer required in the locality where it was situated. At *Huiarau*, Urewera country, the erection of a new residence and school to replace those erected by the Maoris several years ago was undertaken towards the latter end of the year. At *Waikeri*, North Auckland, the erection of a residence was completed. In the Rotorua district the erection of school buildings at *Okere* and *Rotokawa* was also commenced towards the end of the year. These two schools are intended to supersede the present *Ranana* Native School at Te Ngae, and the work should be completed early in the current year. From the information contained in this paragraph it will be observed that an extensive programme of work was undertaken during the year.