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No. 1.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF NATIVE SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my annual report for the year 1926 upon the work of Native village schools and other schools which are particularly concerned with the education of Maori children. The latter schools—Maori mission schools and Maori boarding-schools—are registered private schools under the control of various religious denominations, and are inspected and examined by officers of the Department. The report includes also matters which may be regarded as more or less relevant to the activities of the village schools and to their administration.

NEW VILLAGE SCHOOLS OPENED.—SCHOOLS CLOSED.

At the close of the previous year there were 128 Native village schools in operation, and at the close of the year under review that number had increased to 130. The *Mohaka* Public School, in response to the request of the Maori people, was transferred by the Hawke's Bay Education Board to the control of the Department, and it commenced work as a Native school in the early part of the year. A school was established at *Manukau*, North Auckland, in a building provided by the Maoris for the purposes of a schoolroom. The *Ranana* School, Te Ngae, Rotorua, was closed, and two new schools were established in its stead—one at *Rotokawa*, six miles from Rotorua, and the other at *Whangamarino*, Okere, about twelve miles from Rotorua. The school building at *Waikeri*, North Auckland, which had been provided by the Maoris, was destroyed by fire towards the end of the year, and the school was closed temporarily.

NEW BUILDINGS (COMPLETED OR PROPOSED).

During the year the following works were completed: Two-roomed school and residences at *Huiarau*, near Ruatahuna, Urewera County; two-roomed school and residence at *Rotokawa*; also similar buildings at *Whangamarino*, Okere Falls, in the Rotorua district. A new school building at *Waikeri*, North Auckland, and a school and residence at *Tokata*, East Coast, were put in hand towards the end of the year, and should be completed early in the current year.