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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 upon the work of those schools which are particularly concerned with the education of Maori children—viz., Native village schools, Maori mission schools, and Maori secondary or boarding schools. The mission schools and the secondary schools are registered private schools under the control of various religious denominations. Matters regarded as more or less relevant to the activities of the village schools and their administration are referred to in this report.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS IN OPERATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

During the year new schools were opened at *Tokata*, East Coast District; *Maraemui*, Bay of Plenty; and at *Oturu*, near Kaitaia, North Auckland. The *Waikeri* School, North Auckland, which had been closed temporarily at the end of 1926, was reopened. The number of schools in operation at the end of the year under review was 134, an increase of four upon the number operating at the end of the previous year.

NEW BUILDINGS (COMPLETED OR PROJECTED).

During the year the following works were completed :—New school and residence at each of the following places: *Tokata*, East Coast; *Maraemui*, Bay of Plenty; *Otukou*, Tongariro district; new school at *Waikeri*, North Auckland; new school at *Te Pupuke*, Whangaroa Harbour; new residence at *Mangamuka*, Hokianga. On account of increased attendances, additional class-rooms were provided at *Manutahi*, Ruatoria, East Coast; *Tangoio*, Hawke's Bay; *Te Paroa-Totara*, Bay of Plenty.