

DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Department now obtains from public schools, through the Education Boards, returns as to the destination of pupils leaving school each year. A summary of the returns in respect of the pupils who left last year is given in the following table. From this table it will be seen that 51 per cent. of the boys and girls who left last year proceeded to post-primary schools, 20 per cent. of the boys engaged in farming pursuits, and 7 per cent. of the boys entered various trades.

PROBABLE DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING, OR AT END OF, YEAR 1928.

Destination.	Had passed Standard VI.		Had not passed Standard VI.		Totals.			
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.		Girls.	
					Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Post primary	6,046	5,587	255	212	6,301	51	5,799	51
Commercial occupations—								
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	72	71	14	12	86	1	83	1
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	348	208	139	102	487	4	310	3
Trades—								
(a) Engineering	141	1	49	..	190	2	1	*
(b) Building	104	..	64	..	168	1	..	..
(c) Other	282	57	177	44	459	4	101	1
Agricultural and pastoral	1,357	98	1,108	87	2,465	20	185	1
Other occupations	447	314	356	330	803	6	644	6
Home	571	2,516	362	1,475	933	8	3,991	34
Not known	185	103	236	212	421	3	315	3
Totals	9,553	8,955	2,760	2,474	12,313	100	11,429	100

* No significant percentage.

REGISTERED PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The following table summarizes the returns furnished by registered private primary schools with respect to the year 1928 :—

					Undenominational Schools.	Catholic Church Schools.	Other Church Schools.	Total.
Number of schools					39	200	63	302
Roll—Boys					827	10,071	1,330	12,228
Girls					795	11,326	2,247	14,368
Total					1,622	21,397	3,577	26,596
Average attendance					1,408·7	19,111·6	3,190·5	23,710·8
Teachers—Men					32	51	58	141
Women					107	652	191	950
Total					139	703	249	1,091

The number of schools at the end of the previous year was 305, and the total enrolment 27,358.