

1929.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION OF NATIVE CHILDREN.

[In continuation of E.-3, 1928.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

CONTENTS.

	Page		Page
No. 1.—Report of the Senior Inspector of Native Schools :—		No. 2.—Detailed Tables :—	
New Schools opened ; Schools closed ..	1	Table H 1. Native Schools and Teachers ..	9
New Buildings, Additions, &c. ..	2	H 2. Attendance at Schools ..	13
Applications for Schools ..	2	H 3. Higher Education ..	15
Attendance, &c. ..	2	H 4. Maori Children at Public Schools ..	15
Condition of School Buildings and Grounds	3	H 5. Classification of Maori Children at Public Schools ..	16
Organization, Inspection, &c. ..	3	H 6. Race of Children ..	17
General Remarks ..	4	H 7. Ages and Standards ..	19
Secondary Education ..	6		
Scholarships ..	7		
Concluding Remarks ..	8		

No. 1.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF NATIVE SCHOOLS.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my annual report for the year 1928 upon the work of those schools 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 boarding-schools are under the control of various religious denominations, and are registered private schools. Reference is made in this report to matters that are considered relevant to the activities of the village schools and to their administration.

NEW SCHOOLS OPENED ; SCHOOLS CLOSED.

New schools were opened during the year at *Parinui*, Wanganui River ; *Oruawharo*, Kaipara Harbour ; and *Mangawhariki*, Waiapu District. Two schools—*Taemaro* and *Otangaroa*—in the Mangonui district were closed owing to the withdrawal of the pupils in order that they should attend a Roman Catholic convent which had been established at *Waitaruke*, near Whangaroa Harbour. Fortunately the Government had not erected buildings at Otangaroa. The buildings erected at Taemaro, however, are now unoccupied, and it is hoped that an opportunity to remove them to some other district may present itself. *Karioi* School, which had become predominantly European in character, was transferred to the Wanganui Education Board. The number of schools in operation at the end of the year 1928 was the same as the number in operation at the end of the previous year—viz., 134. During the early part of the current year two additional schools have been opened—*Otoko Pa* and *Kauangaroa*—both in the Wanganui Education District.