

NUMBERS COMMENCING SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND AGES AT WHICH COMMENCED.

In 1930 13,012 children (6,860 boys and 6,152 girls) commenced post-primary education, as against 12,697 in the previous year. The ages of children commencing post-primary education in 1930 and the type of post-primary school at which they enrolled are shown below :—

Class of School.		Age at which Post-primary Course commenced.								Total Numbers commencing Post-primary Education in 1930.	
		Under 13 Years.		13 Years.		14 Years.		15 Years and over.			
		Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Secondary ..		763	731	1,448	1,364	777	675	199	177	3,187	2,947
Technical ..		240	253	918	839	810	673	397	217	2,365	1,982
District high ..		253	257	531	532	340	256	81	67	1,205	1,112
Junior high ..		14	18	47	54	33	28	9	11	103	111
Totals ..		1,270	1,259	2,944	2,789	1,960	1,632	686	472	6,860	6,152

During 1929 23,022 children left public primary schools. In 1930 506 commenced post-primary education who had attended private schools, the remainder, 12,506, coming from public primary schools, or 54 per cent. of the total of the pupils leaving in 1929. Last year this percentage was 51.

STAFFS AND SALARIES.

The number of full-time teachers on the staffs of the forty-four secondary schools at the end of 1930 was 681, compared with 657 in 1929. There were 29 male and 15 female Principals and 343 male and 294 female assistants.

The average rates of salary at the end of the year were as follows, the figures for 1924 being also shown :—

	1924.	1930.
Principals—	£	£
Men	720	769
Women	553	576
Both sexes	658	703
Assistants—		
Men	374	402
Women	287	290
Both sexes	335	350
All teachers—		
Men	402	431
Women	303	304
Both sexes	358	373

In addition, male Principals for whom a residence was not provided received house allowance of £60 per annum.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The Superintendent of Technical Education reports that the quality and character of instruction in technical schools and technical high schools is improving with the improvement in the strength of staffing. There was an increase of over 6 per cent. in the total rolls of technical high and technical day schools.

STAFFS AND SALARIES.

The number of full-time assistant teachers on the staffs of technical schools in 1930 was 345. There were eighteen full-time student teachers. The average rates of salary at 1st July, 1930, were as follows: Principals £667 (exclusive of house allowance). Assistants—Men, £407; women, £260; both, £350. All teachers (Principals and assistants)—Men, £432; women, £260; both, £369. With the