

In addition to the above the following numbers of teachers were also employed :—

	1930.		1931.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Manual instructors	91	68	93	69
Student teachers in technical schools ..	10	8	11	6
Junior assistant teachers in Native schools ..	6	99	6	95

9. NUMBER OF PUPILS AND ADULT TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND FORMS I AND II OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE DIFFERENT EDUCATION DISTRICTS.

The following table gives the number of children attending public primary schools and Forms I and II of junior high schools and departments in the different education districts and the number of adult teachers in these schools. The figures are exclusive of the secondary departments of district high schools.

TABLE J.

Education District.	Enrolment, 31st December.			Schools, 1931.	Adult Teachers, 1931.
	1926.	1931.	Percentage Increase, Five Years.		
Auckland	67,268	67,678	+0.61	755	1,916
Taranaki	11,630	12,129	+4.29	174	372
Wanganui	17,218	16,753	—2.70	217	503
Hawke's Bay	16,492	16,191	—1.83	197	470
Wellington	27,452	28,869	+5.15	251	777
Nelson	7,118	6,956	—2.28	132	238
Canterbury	37,384	36,944	—1.18	381	1,021
Otago	21,515	20,837	—3.15	243	613
Southland	12,402	12,085	—2.56	184	366
Totals	218,479	218,442	—0.02	2,534	6,276

The children enumerated in the above table are not all under the care of the nine Education Boards, as two junior-high-school departments in each of the districts Auckland, Wellington, and Otago are controlled by High School Boards.

It will be observed that in the last five years the number of children of primary school age attending State schools has increased in Taranaki and Wellington, remained practically stationary in Auckland, and decreased in Wanganui, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland, the greatest percentage decrease being in Otago. The total number has remained almost constant.