

number of the children examined from one or other of the standard classes, but who, from faulty classification, or from other satisfactory reasons, were not presented for a formal pass, and of children not sufficiently advanced to be presented in Standard I., was 284. The whole number examined was 735. These results are an increase over the previous year of 119 on the roll; 71 on those present; 27 on those presented; 103 on those raised; a decrease of 76 on those who failed to rise; an increase of 74 on those raised from a lower to a higher standard; 12.9 per cent. on standard passes; 515 on subject passes; 44 on those outside the standards; and 71 on the whole number examined.

WANGANUI COUNTY.—In this county there are 17 schools under inspection. These are officered by 10 certificated teachers (7 male and 3 female); 12 uncertificated teachers (7 male and 5 female); 12 pupil-teachers (3 male and 9 female); 3 unpaid cadets (2 male and 1 female): total, 37. The number of children on the roll on the days of the examination was 676 boys and 666 girls: total, 1,342. The strict working average for the year was 542 boys and 519 girls: total, 1,061. The number present was 589 boys and 574 girls: total, 1,163. Of these, 192 were presented for a formal pass in Standard I.; in II., 193; in III., 194; in IV., 117; in V., 39; in VI., 21: total, 756. Of these, 172 rose to a pass in Standard I.; 153 in II.; 159 in III.; 101 in IV.; 34 in V.; and 20 in VI.: total, 644. And there failed to rise in Standard I. 20; in II., 35; in III., 35; in IV., 16; in V., 5; and in VI., 1: total, 112. The number that rose from a lower to a higher standard, in the course of the year, was 227 boys and 222 girls: total, 449. Percentage raised, 76. There passed in reading 723; in spelling, 622; in writing, 730; in arithmetic, 575; in grammar, 317; in geography, 454; in history, 273; in sewing, 270. The total number of passes in these subjects was 3,964. The average age of the children presented for a formal pass in Standard I. was 8.4 years; in II., 9.4 years; in III., 11.5 years; in IV., 13 years; in V., 13.4 years; in VI., 14.1 years. The number of children examined from one or other of the standard classes, but who, from faulty classification or from other satisfactory reasons, were not presented for a formal pass, and of children not sufficiently advanced to be presented in Standard I., was 399. The whole number examined was (1,155 + 8) 1,163. These results exhibit an increase above the previous year of 14 on those presented for a formal pass; 90 on those raised; a decrease of 76 on those who failed to rise; an increase of 136 on those raised from a lower to a higher standard; 4.3 per cent. on standard passes; 362 on subject passes; and a decrease of 149 on those outside the standards; but they show a falling-off on the roll of 136 (owing principally to children under five years of age being struck out, and the tendency of parents at present to migrate northwards), 133 on those presented, and 135 on those examined.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY.—In this county there are 14 schools under inspection. These are officered by 11 certificated teachers (7 male and 4 female); 6 uncertificated teachers (2 male and 4 female); 4 pupil-teachers (1 male and 3 female); 2 unpaid cadets (1 male and 1 female): total, 23. The number of children on the roll on the days of examination was 419 boys and 367 girls: total, 786. The strict working average for the year was 318 boys and 283 girls: total, 601. The number present was 383 boys and 336 girls: total, 719. Of these, 109 were presented for a formal pass in Standard I.; 126 in II.; 127 in III.; 72 in IV.; 20 in V.; 6 in VI.: total, 460. Of these, 79 rose to a pass in Standard I.; 82 in II.; 77 in III.; 41 in IV.; 18 in V.; 6 in VI.: total, 303. And there failed to rise in Standard I. 30; in II., 44; in III., 50; in IV., 31; in V., 2; in VI., 0: total, 157. The number that rose from a lower to a higher standard in the course of the year was 118 boys and 103 girls: total, 221. Percentage raised, 76.2. There passed in reading 419; in spelling, 384; in writing, 425; in arithmetic, 290; in grammar, 152; in geography, 234; in history, 154; in sewing, 133. The total number of passes in these subjects was 2,191. The average age of the children presented for a formal pass in Standard I. was 8.1 years; in II., 9.9 years; in III., 11.7 years; in IV., 12.9 years; in V., 13.7 years; in VI., 14.8 years. The number of the children examined from one or other of the standard classes, but who, from faulty classification or from other satisfactory reasons, were not presented for a formal pass, and of children not sufficiently advanced to be presented in Standard I., was 259. The total number examined was 719. The results in this county, owing to changes in the teaching staff and other untoward circumstances, are less satisfactory than those of the previous year. There is a decrease of 62 on those raised; an increase of 80 on those who failed to rise; a decrease of 17 on those raised from a lower to a higher standard; and 5.6 per cent. on standard passes. However, there is an addition of 8 on the roll; 33 on those present; 20 on the subject passes; and 38 on the whole number examined.

MANAWATU COUNTY.—In this county there are 16 schools under inspection. These are officered by 11 certificated teachers (10 male and 1 female); 9 uncertificated teachers (6 male and 3 female); 11 pupil-teachers (1 male and 10 female); 3 unpaid cadets (2 male and 1 female): total, 34. The number of children on the roll on the days of examination was 770 boys and 695 girls: total, 1,465. The strict working average for the year was 566 boys and 510 girls: total, 1,076. The number present was 687 boys and 614 girls: total, 1,301. Of these, 216 were presented for a formal pass in Standard I.; 218 in II.; 157 in III.; 86 in IV.; 22 in V.; 10 in VI.: total, 709. Of these, 182 rose to a pass in Standard I.; 163 in II.; 123 in III.; 66 in IV.; 21 in V.; 10 in VI.: total, 567. And there failed to rise in Standard I. 34; in II., 53; in III., 34; in IV., 20; in V., 1; in VI., 0: total, 142. The number that rose from a lower to a higher standard in the course of the year was 178 boys and 208 girls: total, 386. Percentage raised, 80.4. There passed in reading 651; in spelling, 564; in writing, 660; in arithmetic, 532; in grammar, 218; in geography, 330; in history, 198; in sewing, 184. The whole number of passes in these subjects was 3,337. The average age of the children presented for a formal pass in Standard I. was 9.2 years; in II., 10.5 years; in III., 11.4 years; in IV., 12.7 years; in V., 13.7 years; in VI., 14.2 years. The number of the children examined from one or other of the standard classes, but who, from faulty classification or from other satisfactory reasons, were not presented for a formal pass, and of children not sufficiently advanced to be presented in Standard I., was 592. The total number examined was 1,301. There has been during the past year in this county an increase of 95 on the roll; 112 on the number present on the days of examination; 110 on the actual number of children presented for a pass; 90 in the actual number of children raised; 111 in the number of those raised from a lower to a higher standard; 4.4 per cent. on the percentage