

children that do not receive instruction in drawing is only 8,639 Officers of the Permanent Artillery are now giving instruction in military drill to the pupils of the schools at, and within a reasonable distance of, each of the four principal centres of population, and arrangements are being made for instructing the country teachers at these centres on Saturdays.

TABLE H.—NUMBER OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED IN EACH SUBJECT.

Education Districts.	Numbers belonging at End of Year.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	English Grammar and Composition.	Geography.	History.	Elementary Science.	Drawing.	Object-lessons.	Vocal Music.	Needlework (Girls).	Domestic Economy.
Auckland	22,749	22,749	22,749	22,749	11,813	14,719	9,764	8,007	22,050	15,796	19,360	9,813	4,057
Taranaki	2,997	2,997	2,997	2,997	1,254	1,645	1,220	820	2,836	2,094	1,778	1,263	63
Wanganui	8,015	8,015	8,015	8,007	3,554	4,838	3,138	2,318	6,707	5,532	3,602	1,881	271
Wellington	11,158	11,158	11,158	11,158	5,947	7,155	5,656	4,051	10,924	7,527	9,320	4,403	204
Hawke's Bay	6,228	6,228	6,228	6,228	2,769	3,690	2,595	1,542	5,732	4,588	5,760	2,611	93
Marlborough	2,040	2,040	2,040	2,040	880	1,115	782	532	1,849	1,442	1,030	682	87
Nelson	5,829	5,829	5,779	5,580	3,047	3,709	2,867	2,364	4,804	3,587	2,710	2,491	179
Grey	1,720	1,697	1,697	1,692	881	993	671	508	1,389	1,099	1,252	616	
Westland	1,625	1,625	1,625	1,625	835	1,018	746	472	1,369	1,005	1,010	568	43
North Canterbury	21,058	21,058	21,058	21,058	10,008	13,030	10,035	5,252	20,389	14,663	19,342	9,438	1,797
South Canterbury	5,044	5,044	5,044	5,044	2,196	2,888	2,124	1,317	4,638	3,556	4,422	1,874	141
Otago	22,473	22,473	22,473	22,473	10,588	13,343	10,277	7,430	20,518	15,245	21,384	8,136	914
Southland	8,587	8,587	8,528	8,433	3,815	4,864	3,690	2,397	7,679	6,016	7,131	2,893	163
Totals for 1891	119,523	119,500	119,414	119,084	57,587	73,007	53,565	37,010	110,884	82,150	98,101	46,671	8,012
Totals for 1890	115,456	115,456	115,310	114,730	54,062	69,176	49,543	32,611	104,345	83,717	94,690	45,307	8,356
Difference	4,067	4,024	4,104	4,354	3,525	3,831	4,022	4,399	6,539	-1,567	3,411	1,364	-344

During the year nine failing schools have been closed, and sixty-four new schools opened, bringing up the number to 1,255. In this enumeration two schools worked as half-time schools under one teacher are reckoned as one school, if in such cases the two schools were counted as two the number of schools would be 1,272. The schools described as "subsidised" are not as numerous as they were at the end of 1890. The increase in the number of schools has been greater in proportion than the increase in the number of pupils, so that the mean average attendance of a school has declined from 80.6 to 76.7 Table J shows that the chief increase in the number of schools is to be found among the very small schools.

TABLE J.—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1891.

(In this enumeration every couple of half-time schools is reckoned as one school, except in the column for number of such schools.)

Education Districts.	Schools open.	Average Attendance in Fourth Quarter.	Mean Average for One School.	Number of Schools in which the Average Attendance for the Quarter was—										Number of Half-time Schools.	Number of Subsidised Schools.	Schools abolished in 1891.	
				Under 15 Pupils.	15 and under 20 Pupils.	20 and under 25 Pupils.	25 and under 50 Pupils.	50 and under 75 Pupils.	75 and under 100 Pupils.	100 and under 150 Pupils.	150 and under 300 Pupils.	300 and under 500 Pupils.	500 Pupils and upwards.				
Auckland.	266	18,680	70.2	20	41	32	93	25	11	22	8	8	6	20	as 10	6	3
Taranaki	45	2,233	49.6	5	4	9	11	8	5	2	1	1				2	
Wanganui	91	5,894	64.8	8	6	14	32	9	2	2	11	1				14	
Wellington	83	8,773	105.7	6	9	7	24	9	7	6	5	8	2			11	3
Hawke's Bay	48	4,864	101.3	2	2	7	12	6	6	4	5	2	2			4	1
Marlborough	43	1,660	38.6	19	4	3	8	5	2	1	1	1				26	1
Nelson	93	4,572	49.2	11	19	10	22	18	3	2	8					24	1
Grey	22	1,356	61.2	6	1	1	7	4	1	1	1	1					
Westland	28	1,365	48.7	11	3	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	6	as 3		9	
North Canterbury	170	17,075	100.0	11	11	15	53	26	19	10	15	6	5			4	
South Canterbury	59	4,045	68.6	3	3	11	26	6	3	1	4	1	1			16	
Otago	196	18,706	95.4	11	18	18	69	28	13	10	11	9	9				
Southland	111	7,041	63.4	4	6	12	52	10	11	8	6	2	8	as 4		10	
Totals for 1891	1255	96,264	76.7	117	127	143	411	156	84	76	75	38	28	34	as 17	126	9
Totals for 1890	1200	96,670	80.6	94	98	152	397	151	85	84	74	35	30	54	as 27	148	11
Difference	55	-406	-3.9	23	29	-9	14	5	-1	-8	1	3	-2	-20	as -10	-22	-2