

Maintenance work has proceeded steadily throughout the year. In some cases there is still a large amount of repair work and renovations to be carried out, and it is hoped that with the ready co-operation of Education Boards this work will be undertaken and completed during the coming twelve months. An agreement was entered into with the Hawke's Bay Education Board in May, 1949, in terms of which the Board's authority in carrying out maintenance work at Maori schools in its district was considerably extended. The arrangements approved enable the Board to carry out maintenance work without a great deal of reference to the Department, and at the same time permit the Board to draw up a co-ordinated programme of work for both Board and Maori schools.

6. INSPECTORATE

During the year Mr. F. T. Woodley was transferred to the inspectorate at Wanganui, and his place was filled by the appointment of Mr. H. W. Black. I wish to express my thanks for the loyal support given to me by my colleagues, and also to the staff of the Auckland Branch of the Education Department.

I have, &c.,

W. PARSONAGE,

Senior Inspector of Maori Schools.

The Director of Education.

Table H 1
GRADE OF MAORI SCHOOLS WITH NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER TEACHER

Grade of School.	Number of Schools.	Total Average Attendance, Year Ended 31st December, 1949.	Number of Teachers (Exclusive of Probationary Assistants and Junior Assistants).	Average Number of Children Per Teacher.	Number of Probationary Assistants.	Number of Junior Assistants.
II	15	211	15	14
III A	2	52	2	26	..	1
III B	69	2,881	135	21	..	21
IV A	36	2,937	100	29	..	30
IV B	19	2,114	57	37	13	20
IV C	8	1,127	30	38	8	9
VA	6	1,154	32	36	6	5
VB	5	1,012	25	40	5	6
Totals	160	11,488	396	29	32	92