

The proportion of pupil-teachers to adults employed at the end of 1900 was 1 to 2·76, or, roughly, four apprentices to eleven adult teachers. The proportion, as in other years, varies considerably in the various education districts. The weakest in adults in proportion to pupil-teachers are Hawke's Bay and Wanganui, where the pupil-teachers are to the adults as 1 to 1·5, Wellington being slightly better with 1 to 1·9. Omitting the districts where small schools not having pupil-teachers are numerous, the strongest in adult teachers are—South Canterbury, 1 pupil-teacher to 5 adults; Otago, 1 to 4·95; and Southland, 1 to 4·4.

The last column but one of Table K shows the number of pupils per teacher for all schools, but a fairer comparison of the numerical strength of the staffing in the various education districts may be made by excluding from the calculation the schools that are staffed without pupil-teachers. In some districts the assistance of a pupil-teacher is given when the average attendance reaches 35; but, inasmuch as in a few instances pupil-teachers are found with an average slightly less than 35, we may take for this purpose all schools with more than 30 pupils. Table K1 affords such a comparison, two pupil-teachers being counted as one adult in the calculation of the last column.

TABLE K1.—SHOWING NUMBER OF PUPILS per ADULT TEACHER, reckoning Two Pupil-teachers as One Adult, in Schools with average Attendance of over 30.

Education District.	Number of Adults.*	Number of Pupil-teachers.*	Total Average Attendance.	Average Number of Pupils per Adult Teacher.
Auckland	383	237	20,469	40·8
Taranaki	52	28	2,700	40·9
Wanganui	138	101	7,749	41·1
Wellington	175	165	11,105	43·1
Hawke's Bay	104	87	6,387	43·3
Marlborough	27	16	1,363	38·9
Nelson	77	49	3,556	35·0
Grey	29	14	1,232	34·2
Westland	21	9	849	33·3
North Canterbury	295	108	14,067	42·9
South Canterbury	89	23	3,920	39·0
Otago	310	81	16,172	46·1
Southland	130	44	6,669	43·9
Whole colony	1,830	962	97,138	42·4

* Includes vacancies noted in Table K.

† Includes one part-time teacher.

The total of all salaries at the rates paid at the end of the year was £356,875 5s. 7d. This includes the salaries of pupil-teachers and sewing-mistresses, as well as all salaries, house-rent, and other allowances paid to adult teachers: the average salary per teacher (including those named) was therefore £94 19s. 7d., which is £1 4s. 2d. more than the corresponding amount in December, 1899.

TABLE L.—SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1900.

Education Districts.	Under £100.			£100 and under £200.	£200 and under £300.	£300 and under £400.	£400 and upwards (Maximum, £504).	Number of Teachers.	Total of Rates of Salary and Allowances, December, 1900.		
	Sewing-mistresses.	Pupil-teachers.	Other Teachers.						£	s.	d.
Auckland	70	237	220	285	42	13	..	867	76,102	0	0
Taranaki	24	28	42	39	3	..	..	136	10,314	4	6
Wanganui .. .. .	..	101	62	110	18	1	..	292	29,234	12	0
Wellington	14	159	109	78	49	9	..	418	39,161	0	0
Hawke's Bay .. .. .	..	87	42	71	13	2	1	216	21,024	0	0
Marlborough	6	16	57	17	3	..	..	99	5,953	14	0
Nelson	4	48	96	53	5	2	..	208	15,923	0	0
Grey .. .. .	..	14	29	14	3	..	..	60	4,972	10	0
Westland .. .. .	..	9	35	11	2	..	..	57	4,164	9	1
North Canterbury	44	108	154	199	22	10	1	*538	51,564	18	8
South Canterbury	7	23	40	69	4	2	1	146	14,889	13	4
Otago	12	81	144	187	57	12	1	494	57,203	0	0
Southland .. .. .	..	44	30	151	11	1	..	237	26,868	4	0
Totals for 1900	181	955	1,060	1,284	232	52	4	3,768	356,875	5	7
Totals for 1899		2,196	2,243	1,270	237	58	4	3,812	357,833	19	4
Difference		-47		14	-5	-6	..	-44	-958	13	9

* This includes a headmaster at Balcairn (£140 salary) shown as vacant in annual return.