

TABLE A4.—CHILDREN OF MAORI AND MIXED RACES ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 190 .

Education Districts.	Of Maori Race.			Of Mixed Race living as Maoris.			Of Mixed Race living as Europeans.			Total.			Number of Schools attended.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Auckland .. ..	515	373	888	48	41	89	367	319	686	930	733	1,663	179
Taranaki .. ..	28	23	51	7	5	12	10	14	24	45	42	87	12
Wanganui .. ..	138	97	235	9	7	16	16	29	45	163	133	296	39
Wellington .. ..	91	76	167	10	9	19	40	34	74	141	119	260	39
Hawke's Bay ..	249	151	400	16	16	32	72	69	141	337	236	573	39
Marlborough ..	2	..	2	..	1	1	13	7	20	15	8	23	6
Nelson .. ..	7	6	13	..	..	..	2	6	8	9	12	21	6
Grey .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westland .. ..	8	3	11	1	..	1	3	1	4	12	4	16	2
North Canterbury ..	7	4	11	1	1	2	13	8	21	21	13	34	10
South Canterbury ..	13	5	18	..	..	..	4	3	7	17	8	25	3
Otago .. ..	10	22	32	1	5	6	29	25	54	40	52	92	17
Southland .. ..	..	..	..	22	22	44	39	36	75	61	58	119	15
Totals for 1903 ..	1,068	760	1,828	115	107	222	608	551	1,159	1,791	1,418	3,209	367
Totals for 1902 ..	951	716	1,667	75	92	167	637	557	1,194	1,663	1,365	3,028	374
Difference .. ..	117	44	161	40	15	55	-29	-6	-35	128	53	181	-7

The number of children of Maori and mixed race (Table A4) attending the public schools has increased during the year by 181—namely, from 3,028 to 3,209; the number of such children in the Maori village schools was less by 81 in 1903 than it was in 1902; in the Maori boarding-schools there was an increase of 28. In the aggregate there were 6,754 children of Maori and mixed race receiving instruction last year, as against 6,626 the previous year—that is, there was a total increase of 128.

TABLE B.—NUMBER ON PUBLIC-SCHOOL ROLL COMPARED WITH POPULATION, ACCORDING TO AGE AND SEX.

(1.) Age (Years).	(2.) School Roll at End of 1903.				(3.) Population (as at 31st March, 1901).			(4.) Percentage of Popu- lation on Roll of Public Schools.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percent- age of Roll at each Age.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
5 and under 6 .. ..	5,357	5,080	10,437	7.8	8,709	8,567	17,276	61.5	59.3	60.4
6 " " 7 .. ..	7,259	6,630	13,889	10.4	8,627	8,503	17,130	84.1	78.0	81.1
7 " " 8 .. ..	7,797	7,281	15,078	11.3	8,675	8,479	17,154	89.9	85.9	87.9
8 " " 9 .. ..	7,902	7,445	15,347	11.5	8,593	8,390	16,983	92.0	88.7	90.4
9 " " 10 .. ..	8,029	7,450	15,479	11.5	8,704	8,480	17,184	92.2	87.9	90.0
10 " " 11 .. ..	7,973	7,373	15,346	11.5	8,512	8,376	16,888	93.7	88.0	90.9
11 " " 12 .. ..	7,716	7,099	14,815	11.1	8,464	8,196	16,660	91.2	86.6	88.9
12 " " 13 .. ..	7,416	6,717	14,133	10.6	8,822	8,612	17,434	84.1	78.0	81.0
13 " " 14 .. ..	5,835	5,128	10,963	8.2	8,552	8,579	17,131	68.2	59.8	64.0
14 " " 15 .. ..	2,891	2,435	5,326	4.0	8,747	8,358	17,105	33.1	29.1	31.1
(5 " " 15) .. ..	68,175	62,638	130,813	97.9	86,405	84,540	170,945	78.9	74.1	76.5
15 " over .. ..	1,356	1,399	2,755	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	69,531	64,037	133,568	100.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—The figures in column 3 are from the last Census returns (31st March, 1901). It is estimated that the proportions are practically unchanged.

Table B shows the age and sex of the pupils on the rolls of the public schools of the colony at the end of 1903, and the estimated number of the population, exclusive of Maoris and Chinese, at each specified year of age, and the percentage of the estimated number of children of each age that were receiving instruction in the public schools.

In Table No. 2 in the Appendix will be found particulars of the age and sex of the pupils arranged for each of the education districts.

The proportion of boys to girls is almost the same as for the previous three years—52 per cent. to 48 per cent. Taking the average for the last four years, it is found that for every 100 boys on the rolls of the schools there are 92.3 girls.

The ratio of the children under ten years of age to those over that age is slightly lower than it was last year. The actual percentages are respectively 52.6 and 47.4 of the roll-number.

#### INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.

Table C1 is a summary for the whole colony of Table No. 3 in the Appendix, which shows the numbers in the several classes for the various districts. The proportion of pupils in the preparatory classes shows a further increase for the year from 26.87 per cent. to 27.56 per cent. The proportions in classes S1, S2, and S3 have also increased. The other classes present a slight decrease.