

The proportion of boys to girls remains about the same as for the previous five years, 52·32 per cent. as compared with 47·67 per cent. For every 100 boys on the roll there were 91 girls.

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

Inspection and Examination.

Table D1 is a summary for the whole Dominion 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, which has for years past been showing a gradual increase, shows a still further increase for the year from 29·36 to 31·11.

TABLE D1.—CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS, DECEMBER, 1907.

Classes.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Percentages for Five Years.				
				1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.
Preparatory	23,318	20,574	43,892	31·11	29·36	28·28	27·97	27·56
Standard I	8,952	8,044	16,996	12·05	12·08	12·06	11·55	11·82
Standard II	8,908	8,164	17,072	12·10	12·18	11·95	12·49	12·30
Standard III	8,826	8,151	16,977	12·04	12·17	12·67	12·73	12·75
Standard IV	8,542	7,618	16,160	11·46	11·79	12·03	12·38	12·28
Standard V	7,489	6,959	14,448	10·24	10·59	10·69	10·68	10·98
Standard VI	5,537	5,457	10,994	7·79	8·24	8·37	8·17	8·08
Standard VII	2,249	2,283	4,532	3·21	3·59	3·95	4·03	4·23
Totals.. .. .	73,821	67,250	141,071	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

Table D2 gives the number of children on the rolls of the schools in each district and the number present at the time of the Inspector's annual visit, and also shows the number of certificates of proficiency and competency issued. From this it will be seen that 9,897 pupils were present at the annual examination of Standard VI, of which number 5,840, or 59 per cent., gained a certificate of proficiency, and 2,373, or 23·98 per cent., gained a certificate of competency; a total of 8,213, or 82·98 per cent., gaining either the proficiency or competency certificate. For 1906 the respective percentages were 55·46, 26·99, and 82·45.

TABLE D2.—EXAMINATION STATISTICS FOR 1907.

Education Districts.	Number of Pupils.					Standard VI Certificates granted.		
	Total Rolls on Day of Annual Visit.	Present on Day of Annual Visit.	Present in Preparatory Classes.	Present in Standard VI Classes.	Present in Standard VII Classes.	Pro-ficiency.	Compe-tenency.	Total.
Auckland	33,285	29,399	10,263	2,027	108	1,395	938	1,733
Taranaki	5,155	4,547	1,401	304	98	156	88	244
Wanganui	13,014	11,679	3,561	862	233	430	282	712
Wellington	16,936	15,466	4,491	1,326	463	762	353	1,115
Hawke's Bay	9,465	8,683	2,965	555	98	298	179	477
Marlborough	2,065	1,948	556	175	26	89	39	128
Nelson	5,564	5,211	1,651	443	108	225	138	363
Grey	1,725	1,558	564	131	16	72	48	120
Westland	1,022	978	373	75	42	48	10	58
North Canterbury	19,454	17,319	5,096	1,389	299	849	346	1,195
South Canterbury	5,195	4,780	1,408	403	126	182	119	301
Otago	19,249	18,272	5,876	1,439	321	945	269	1,214
Southland	9,905	9,329	2,969	768	178	389	164	553
Totals	142,034	129,169	41,174	9,897	2,116	5,840	2,373	8,213

Table D3 shows the average ages of the children in the several standards at the time of the Inspector's annual visit, also the mean of the average ages in each case for the Dominion as a whole. The average age of those in Standard V, the "standard of exemption," was in Westland 12 years and 7 months, and in Taranaki 13 years and 3 months, these being the lowest and highest respectively. For the Dominion the average age of the children in this standard in 1907 was 13 years; in 1906 it was 12 years 11 months.