

Salaries of Secondary Teachers.

The total amount of the salaries paid to the regular staffs of secondary schools as at the rates paid at the end of the year was £51,681. As might be expected, the salaries paid in the different secondary schools varied considerably; the average for principals and assistants, and that for men and women, respectively, are shown below to the nearest pound:—

Salaries in Secondary Schools.

	December, 1908.			December, 1909.		
	M.	F.	All.	M.	F.	All.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Principals ...	464	341	422	474	361	437
Assistants ...	224	147	190	230	153	196
Whole staff ...	261	166	222	269	175	230

NOTE.—The salaries of part-time teachers are excluded from the above comparison.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform in accordance with the Schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid to the assistants, in addition to the sums paid by way of extra salary to the head teachers, were, in December, 1908 and 1909,—

	1908.			1909.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Men ...	193	17	7	198	2	1
Women ...	145	4	3	154	10	0
All secondary assistants ...	171	9	1	174	13	2

(The scale of salaries is the same for men and women.)

The total amount paid in salaries from receipts from Government for the secondary departments of district high schools, including the special payments to head teachers, was £18,618; in 1908 it was £20,097.

The professional qualifications of the secondary teachers of the Dominion are shown below:—

Status of Secondary Teachers (Regular Staff only), December, 1909.

	Secondary Schools.	District High Schools (Secondary Departments).
Principals,—		
Graduates ...	29	21
Holding certificates or other qualifications (excluding graduates) ...	2	41
Assistants,—		
Graduates ...	151	61
Certificated (excluding graduates) ...	12	24
Uncertificated ...	30	3
Total ...	224	150

Further information in regard to the roll, and staff, and salaries of secondary schools is given in Tables J1, J2, and J3; and further information of the same kind for district high schools is contained in Tables K1 and K2.

Free Secondary Education.

At the end of 1909 the secondary schools giving free tuition to duly qualified pupils, and receiving grants therefor under the Act, were twenty-eight, as against twenty-seven for the preceding year. The total number of pupils on the roll of these twenty-eight schools, exclusive of pupils in the lower departments of the schools, was 4,088, and out of this total, 3,295, or 81 per cent., were given free places under the regulations. The total annual payment at the rate paid for the last term of the year would be approximately £34,629; the approximate average cost to the Treasury was therefore £10 10s. 2d. per free pupil.