

Classification of Pupils.

Tables H6, H6A, and H6B give full information as to the races and classification of pupils on the rolls of the Native schools. As will be seen, 87 per cent. were Maoris speaking Maori in their homes, 1·9 per cent. were Maoris speaking English in their homes, and 11·1 per cent. were Europeans.

A reference to Table H8 will show the classification of pupils, grouped according to ages, standards, and races. The following is a summary :—

	Maoris.	Europeans.	Totals.	Per Cent. of Roll.
Class P	1,980	173	2,153	46·3
Standard I	576	66	642	13·8
Standard II	482	63	545	11·9
Standard III	452	52	504	10·8
Standard IV	307	62	369	7·7
Standard V	197	54	251	5·6
Standard VI	117	33	150	3·2
Standard VII	21	12	33	0·7

Secondary Education.

From the tables it will be seen that there were 419 children receiving secondary education. Of this number, 108 were holders of free places provided by the Government.

Information at the Department's disposal goes to show that there is on the part of the Maoris an increasing appreciation of vocational training, and the secondary schools are making fuller provision for it.

Detailed information in respect to Maori children receiving higher education will be found in Tables H2 and H3 of the appendix.

Results of Inspection.

The report of the Inspectors of Native Schools indicates that the classification of village schools, according to the degree of efficiency recorded at the annual visit, is as follows :—

	Number of Schools.
Very good to excellent	30
Satisfactory to good	64
Inferior to weak	11

Three schools were not inspected, one of them having begun operations after the visit to the district had taken place, and two having been closed temporarily, owing to the outbreak of smallpox.

Staffs and Salaries.

The staffs of the village schools as in December, 1913, included 86 masters, 21 mistresses in charge, 122 assistants, and 4 sewing-teachers. The average salaries of head teachers was £171 17s. 7d.—males £178 7s. and females £145 1s. 5d. The average salary of assistants was £52 14s. 7d. Lodging-allowances at the rate of £30 per annum were paid to 39 assistants.

Expenditure.

A reference to Table H9 will show that the total net expenditure on Native schools during the year ended the 31st March, 1914, was £44,722 10s. 9d., included in which amount is a sum of £2,534, paid out of revenue from endowment reserves.

The increase in the expenditure as compared with that of the previous year was £3,652.