

## WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, February, 1915.

We have the honour to submit our report for 1914 on the work and condition of the primary schools in the Wellington District.

*Statistics.*—The total number of schools in active operation at the end of the year was 166, as compared with 169 in 1913; six schools having been closed—viz., Akitio, Korokoro South, Maungapakeha, Mitchelltown, Pencarrow, Weraiti, and three, Kelburn, Mangapari, and Mangaroa, having been opened. Visits of examination and inspection were paid to eighteen private schools.

Particulars as to standard numbers and average ages are set out in the following tables :—

Classes.					Number on Roll.	Present at the Annual Examination.	Average Age of Pupils in each Class.
166 Public schools—							Yrs. mos.
Standard VII	...	...	...	...	265	255	14 10
" VI	...	...	...	...	1,463	1,441	13 10
" V	...	...	...	...	2,029	2,006	12 8
" IV	...	...	...	...	2,149	2,127	12 0
" III	...	...	...	...	2,328	2,304	10 11
" II	...	...	...	...	2,472	2,428	9 8
" I	...	...	...	...	2,334	2,287	8 10
Preparatory	...	...	...	...	6,651	6,329	6 11
Totals					19,691	19,177	9 9*
Eighteen private schools—							
Standard VI	...	...	...	...	141	136	14 3
" V	...	...	...	...	184	175	13 2
" IV	...	...	...	...	191	182	12 1
" III	...	...	...	...	227	215	11 2
" II	...	...	...	...	246	234	9 11
" I	...	...	...	...	252	240	9 0
Preparatory	...	...	...	...	637	582	6 2
Totals					1,878	1,764	10 10*

\* Mean of average age.

giving a total of 184 schools in all, with 21,569 pupils in attendance.

The following table shows variations in roll number of each standard as compared with 1913 :—

Year.	Schools.	Preparatory.	Standard I.	Standard II.	Standard III.	Standard IV.	Standard V.	Standard VI.	Standard VII.	Totals.
1913 ..	169	6,402	2,321	2,235	2,203	2,213	1,771	1,416	304	18,865
1914 ..	166	6,651	2,334	2,472	2,328	2,149	2,029	1,463	265	19,691
	-3	+249	+13	+237	+125	-64	+258	+47	-39	+826

Table showing average ages of pupils in preparatory and standard classes compared with Dominion averages :—

Average Age for	Preparatory.	Standard I.	Standard II.	Standard III.	Standard IV.	Standard V.	Standard VI.	Standard VII.
Dominion, 1913	Yrs. mos. 7 1	Yrs. mos. 9 1	Yrs. mos. 10 2	Yrs. mos. 11 3	Yrs. mos. 12 2	Yrs. mos. 13 2	Yrs. mos. 14 0	Yrs. mos. 15 0
Wellington, 1914	6 11	8 10	9 8	10 11	12 0	12 8	13 10	14 10

Percentage of children in preparatory classes—Dominion, 36·2; Wellington, 33·2.