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No. 1.

EXTRACT FROM THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

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Number of Schools.

FOR the education of Native children the Department has established special schools in districts principally settled by Maoris, Native children living in European settlements attending for the most part the ordinary public schools. There were 119 Native village schools in operation in 1919, all excepting two being situated in the North Island. Two schools were temporarily closed during the year and one permanently so; two schools were reopened and one new school was opened, so that the number of schools open at the end of the year was the same as in the preceding year.

In addition to the Native village schools, five primary mission schools for Maori children and ten boarding-schools affording more advanced education to Maoris were inspected by the Department's Inspectors. Throughout the Dominion there were also 531 public schools at which Maori children were in attendance, this number being twenty-two more than the corresponding number for the previous year. Thus the total number of schools under inspection where Maori children were receiving instruction was—

Native village schools	119
Native mission schools subject to inspection by the Education Department	5
Public schools at which Maori scholars were in attendance	531
Total number of primary schools	655
Native boarding-schools affording secondary education to Maoris	10
Total	665