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

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

THE annual examinations were conducted by the Education Department as usual for the various purposes of Junior and Senior National Scholarships, junior and senior free places in secondary schools, district high schools, and technical schools, and teachers' certificates. Also, by arrangement with the Public Service Commissioner, examinations were held for admission to and promotion in the Public Service.

The examinations were held from the 22nd November to the 1st December, 1920, and from the 5th to the 18th January, 1921, at fifty-nine centres.

As in 1919, at the request of the Public Service Commissioner, the Department conducted an additional special Public Service Entrance Examination in June, 1920.

The Public Service Senior Examination of January, 1921, was confined to returned soldier candidates who had previously obtained partial success in the examination and were desirous of completing their pass.

The following table shows collectively, in comparison with the preceding year, the number who entered for the various examinations above enumerated, the number present, and the number of absentees:—

Number who entered	1919-20.	1920-21.
Number who actually sat for examination	7,739	8,020
Number of absentees	1,332	1,739

The numbers of candidates who actually presented themselves in the examination-room are given below. For the sake of comparison the figures for the previous three years are also given.

	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.
Junior National Scholarships and junior free places ..	3,122	1,917	2,170	2,298
Public Service Entrance, Senior National Scholarships, and Intermediate	3,315	2,422	3,063	2,999
Teachers D and C	2,102	1,912	2,234	2,365
Public Service Senior	226	78	50	78
Typists' Examination	60	46	..	..
Kindergarten Certificate Examination	4	5	9	1
Special Public Service Entrance Examination in June ..	..	133	189	204
Special Public Service Entrance Examination for returned soldiers .. .. .	..	..	..	73
London University Examinations	1	2	4	2
	8,830	6,515	7,719	8,020