

The following are some of the figures in connection with the roll and attendance of schools in which secondary education is given :—

(a.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Lower Departments excluded).

Roll number at end of 1920	9,196
Roll number, 1st March, 1920	10,080
Average attendance for the year 1920	9,130
Number of new entrants, 1920	4,183
Number of first-year pupils	3,500
Number of second-year pupils	2,780
Number of third-year pupils	1,609
Number of fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-year pupils	1,307
Number of pupils at end of year under thirteen years of age	70
Number of pupils at end of year between thirteen and fourteen years of age	596
Number of pupils at end of year between fourteen and fifteen years of age	2,250
Number of pupils at end of year between fifteen and sixteen years of age	2,814
Number of pupils at end of year over sixteen years of age	3,466

(b.) SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS OF DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920	2,157
Mean of average weekly roll—Boys, 1,218 ; girls, 1,325 : total	2,543
Average attendance	2,286
Number of new entrants from public primary schools	1,528
Number of first-year pupils	1,143
Number of second-year pupils	601
Number of third-year pupils	413

(c.) TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920—Boys, 1,485 ; girls, 1,281 : total	2,766
Number under thirteen years of age	95
Number between thirteen and fourteen years of age	548
Number between fourteen and fifteen years of age	963
Number over fifteen years of age	1,160

(d.) REGISTERED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Number on roll at end of 1920—Boys, 664 ; girls, 775 : total	1,439
Average attendance, 1920	1,374
Number under thirteen years of age	36
Number between thirteen and fourteen years of age	102
Number between fourteen and fifteen years of age	300
Number over fifteen years of age	1,001
Number of teachers—Male, 37 ; female, 31 : total	68

(e.) SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR MAORIS.

Number on roll at end of 1920	474
Average attendance, 1920	415

The total number of children, therefore, receiving secondary education in 1920 was 16,418. Of 10,026 children who left the primary schools having passed S6 in 1919, 1,528 entered the secondary departments of district high schools, 4,183 secondary schools, and 1,503 technical high schools : hence a total of 7,214 children, or 71 per cent. of the children mentioned, entered upon a course of secondary education. The number represents 47 per cent. of the total number of pupils leaving the public schools in 1919, of whom a third had not passed S6. In addition to the children enumerated 2,189 proceeded from the primary schools to evening technical classes ; of these, 1,614 had passed S6, and 575 had not done so.

The average length of stay of boys at secondary schools (group (a) above) is two years and nine months, and of girls two years and seven months. The following figures show the percentage of children leaving the secondary schools at the stages indicated :—

	Boys.	Girls.
(a.) Percentage leaving at end of first year or during second year	22	28
(b.) " " second " " third "	28	26
(c.) " " third " " fourth "	18	18
(d.) " " fourth " " fifth "	19	20
(e.) " " fifth " " sixth "	9	6
(f.) Percentage remaining at end of sixth year	4	2