

## 7. REGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.

The regularity of attendance in public schools and junior high schools and departments has continued at a highly satisfactory figure, the average attendance for the year 1932 being 92.20 per cent. of the average weekly roll number, a slight decrease when compared with the figure for 1931. In the Nelson Education District the very creditable figure of 94.17 per cent. was reached, and again in the Otago Education District a high degree of regularity was maintained. In none of the States of Australia, England, Wales, or Scotland is attendance at primary schools so regular as in New Zealand.

## 8. STAFFS OF SCHOOLS.

The following table shows the number of adult teachers in the public primary schools of the different grades and in Forms I and II of junior high schools and departments.

TABLE H 1.—NUMBER OF ADULT TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND IN FORMS I AND II OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS, DECEMBER, 1932.

Grade of School *	Sole Teachers.		Head Teachers.		Assistant Teachers.		Total Adult Teachers.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Grade O (1-8) ..	30	155	..	..	..	..	30	155	185
„ I (9-20) ..	390	350	..	..	..	..	390	350	740
„ II (21-35) ..	218	201	24	21	..	45	242	267	509
„ IIIA (36-50) ..	8	7	182	105	2	285	192	397	589
„ IIIB (51-80) ..	1	..	214	43	2	274	217	317	534
„ IIIC (81-120) ..	..	..	120	7	6	249	126	256	382
„ IV (121-240) ..	..	..	138	2	106	434	244	436	680
„ V (241-360) ..	..	..	76	..	131	373	207	373	580
„ VI (361-480) ..	..	..	57	..	146	387	203	387	590
„ VII (over 480) ..	..	..	103	..	402	998	505	998	1,503
Junior high schools and departments†	..	..	2†	..	54	36	56	36	92
All grades—									
1932 ..	647	713	916	178	849	3,081	2,412	3,972	6,384
1931 ..	617	798	882	172	807	3,000	2,306	3,970	6,276
Difference ..	+30	-85	+34	+6	+42	+81	+106	+2	+108

\* The grade of school given above is the grade in which the school is placed when all attached side schools are included, while part-time schools taught by the same teacher are counted as one school.

† There was one principal of a junior high school. The other head teacher accounted for here and not elsewhere is the head teacher of Waihi District High School (to which is attached a junior-high-school department).

The increase in the number of adult teachers in public schools and junior high schools and departments at the end of 1932, when compared with the previous year, may be attributed to the policy of appointing additional assistants where, in the opinion of the Department, such a course is deemed desirable. There were nearly one hundred more additional assistants in the schools at the end of this year when compared with the number at the same time last year.

No probationers were appointed in 1932 and no probationary assistants were attached to schools for further training. The positions held by the latter were filled by relieving assistants for a period of service lasting for one term. The relieving assistants employed during the last term of the year are included in the foregoing table.