

The ages at which pupils commenced their post-primary course are given in the following table:—

TABLE N.—AGES AT WHICH PUPILS COMMENCE POST-PRIMARY COURSE.

	Age at which Post-primary Course commenced.										Total Numbers commencing Post-primary Education.	
	Under 12 Years.		12 Years.		13 Years.		14 Years.		15 Years and over.			
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Secondary ..	82	72	561	564	1,014	1,054	485	463	127	77	2,269	2,230
Combined ..	14	9	84	89	163	113	118	77	41	22	420	310
Technical ..	25	32	262	301	861	772	799	522	302	123	2,249	1,750
District high ..	49	36	248	236	459	417	324	216	105	65	1,185	970
Junior high ..	1	4	16	16	39	33	36	21	8	22	100	96
Totals—1932 ..	171	153	1,171	1,206	2,536	2,389	1,762	1,299	583	309	6,223	5,356
1931 ..	106	106	1,178	1,321	2,806	2,707	1,907	1,480	639	335	6,636	5,949
Difference ..	+65	+47	-7	-115	-270	-318	-145	-181	-56	-26	-413	-593

In 1931 22 per cent. and in 1932 23 per cent. of those commencing a post-primary course did so under the age of thirteen years.

### 15. DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL.

A summary of the destination returns obtained from the schools, through the various Boards, is given in the following tables:—

TABLE O I.—PROBABLE DESTINATION OF PUPILS LEAVING PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS DURING OR AT END OF YEAR 1932.

Destination.	Had passed Form II.		Had not passed Form II.		Totals.			
					Boys.		Girls.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Number.	Per Cent.	Number.	Per Cent.
Post-primary ..	5,753	5,118	194	130	5,947	53	5,248	51
Commercial occupations—								
(a) Clerical (including typing) ..	17	13	5	2	22	*	15	*
(b) Shop and warehouse assistants	177	82	106	61	283	3	143	1
Trades—								
(a) Engineering ..	37	..	22	..	59	1	..	..
(b) Building ..	23	..	15	..	38	*	..	..
(c) Other ..	96	28	55	16	151	1	44	1
Agricultural and pastoral ..	1,573	123	1,138	92	2,711	24	215	2
Other occupations ..	350	191	289	185	639	6	376	4
Home ..	651	2,497	456	1,549	1,107	10	4,046	39
Not known ..	98	103	142	79	240	2	182	2
Totals, 1932 ..	8,775	8,155	2,422	2,114	11,197	100	10,269	100
Totals, 1931 ..	8,155	7,554	2,392	2,167	10,547	..	9,721	..
Difference ..	+620	+601	+30	-53	+650	..	+548	..

\* Insignificant percentage.