

7. REGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.

For the year 1934 the average attendance of pupils in public primary schools and intermediate schools and departments was 91.3 per cent. of the average weekly roll, as against 92.9 per cent. in 1933. This decrease in attendance when compared with the previous year does not point to an increase in truancy, but is accounted for by the fact that for varying periods in different districts epidemics of illnesses were more frequent than in 1933. Epidemics of some form of illness were common in the second term and to a lesser degree in the final term of the year. Again in the Nelson Education District a particularly high degree of regularity of attendance was achieved.

8. STAFFS OF SCHOOLS.

The following table shows the number of adult teachers in the public primary schools of the different grades.

TABLE H 1.—NUMBER OF ADULT TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DECEMBER, 1934.

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) ..	61	140	..	..	..	..	61	140	201
" I (9-20) ..	438	303	1	..	1	2	440	305	745
" II (21-35) ..	214	187	42	36	2	77	258	300	558
" IIIA (36-50) ..	6	4	190	93	4	284	200	381	581
" IIIB (51-80) ..	1	..	215	40	7	299	223	339	562
" IIIC (81-120) ..	..	..	116	6	15	258	131	264	395
" IV (121-240) ..	..	..	130	..	135	421	265	421	686
" V (241-360) ..	..	..	81	1	156	453	237	454	691
" VI (361-480) ..	..	..	63	..	201	485	264	485	749
" VII (over 480) ..	..	..	82	..	355	837	437	837	1,274
All grades—									
1934	720	634	920	176	876	3,116	2,516	3,926	6,442
1933	699	670	895	174	769	2,865	2,363	3,709	6,072
Difference	+21	-36	+25	+2	+107	+251	+153	+217	+370

* 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.

The following table indicates the number of women teachers for each 100 men teachers :—

TABLE H 2.—RATIO OF WOMEN TO MEN TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

—	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Adult teachers—								
All schools	187	183	184	178	174	167	157	156
Schools with roll 1-20 ..	202	185	162	157	156	120	103	89
Schools with roll over 20 ..	185	182	188	182	178	177	170	173
Probationers	236	303	265	224	177	*	*	*
Training-college students ..	213	227	242	282	226	201	163	†

* There were no probationers in 1932, 1933, or 1934.

† All Training Colleges were closed during 1934.