

During the year it was necessary to provide £2,792 for the replacement of school-buildings destroyed by fire. This amount was recovered from the Government Fire Insurance Fund together with £2,357 on account of expenditure of the previous year.

The increase in “credits-in-aid” represents a substantial portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Clyde Quay School site, Wellington, and also assistance given by the Unemployment Board for the erection of school-buildings.

The following table shows the capital expenditure on new buildings, additions, sites, and teachers’ residences for the years ended 31st March, 1933, 1934, 1935, and 1936 :—

	1932-33. £	1933-34. £	1934-35. £	1935-36. £
Public schools ..	36,290	57,664	35,105	87,908
Secondary schools ..	22,909	2,568	14,679	23,516
Technical schools ..	4,110	1,504	12,851	59,350
Training colleges ..	..	..	..	610
Native schools ..	869	2,698	5,419	8,399
Child - welfare institu- tions .. ..	..	..	..	221
Gross total..	64,178	64,434	68,054	180,004
Less credits- in-aid ..	7,050	7,778	10,894	48,547
	£57,128	£56,656	£57,160	£131,457

5. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The following table gives the number of public schools classified according to grade. The average attendance for the year ended 31st August is also shown :—

TABLE C 1.—NUMBER OF PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Grade of School and Range of Average Attendance.	Number of Schools.*		Total Average Attendance.†					
			Primary Department.‡		Secondary Department.§		Totals.	
	In each Subgrade.	In each Grade.	In each Subgrade.	In each Grade.	In each Subgrade.	In each Grade.	In each Subgrade.	In each Grade.
O (1-8) .. ..	171	171	1,145	1,145	..	..	1,145	1,145
I (9-20) .. ..	769	769	10,831	10,831	..	..	10,831	10,831
II (21-35) .. ..	523	523	13,568	13,568	..	..	13,568	13,568
IIIA (36-50) .. ..	285	675	11,812	39,671	..	269	11,812	39,940
IIIB (51-80) .. ..	256		15,332		101		15,433	
IIIC (81-120) .. ..	134	135	12,527	22,656	168	2,029	12,695	24,685
IVA (121-160) .. ..	60		8,068		716		8,784	
IVB (161-200) .. ..	39	80	6,768	23,412	640	1,862	7,408	25,274
IVC (201-240) .. ..	36		7,820		673		8,493	
VA (241-280) .. ..	27	64	6,845	25,808	775	415	7,620	26,223
VB (281-320) .. ..	21		5,985		417		6,402	
VC (321-360) .. ..	32	69	10,582	37,781	670	305	11,252	38,086
VIA (361-400) .. ..	30		11,192		291		11,483	
VIB (401-440) .. ..	21	1	8,627	..	124	..	8,751	..
VIC (441-480) .. ..	13		5,989		..		5,989	
VIIA (481-520) .. ..	22	..	10,711	..	95	..	10,806	..
VIIb (521-560) .. ..	20		10,538		172		10,710	
VIIc (561-600) .. ..	16	..	7,835	..	38	..	7,873	..
VIIId (601-640) .. ..	3		3,044		..		3,044	
VIIe (641-680) .. ..	3	..	1,980	..	..	..	1,980	..
VIIIf (681-720) .. ..	3		2,117		..		2,117	
VIIg (721-760) .. ..	1	..	730	..	..	..	730	..
VIIH (761-800) .. ..	..		..		..		..	
VIIi (801-840) .. ..	1	..	826	..	..	..	826	..
Totals, 1935 .. ..	2,486	2,486	174,872	174,872	4,880	4,880	179,752	179,752
Totals, 1934 .. ..	2,532	2,532	177,422	177,422	4,006	4,006	181,428	181,428
Difference .. ..	-46	-46	-2,550	-2,550	+874	+874	-1,676	-1,676

\* Ten half-time and forty-one schools with side schools attached are counted as separate schools.  
† The average attendance shown under this heading is the average attendance for the year ended 31st August, 1935, computed and adjusted in accordance with the regulations governing the staffing of schools. The unadjusted total average attendance for the year ended 31st December, 1935, was: Primary departments, 173,996; secondary departments, 4,862.  
‡ The average attendance shown under this heading includes any pupils in Standard VII or in special classes.  
§ This refers to secondary classes conducted mainly in rural areas in district high schools—that is, in primary schools to which are attached secondary departments.