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J. D. ORMOND, Superintendent.

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REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Napier, June 30th, 1876.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the Report of the Schools of the Province, both Common and Denominational, receiving Government aid, for the year ending June 30th, 1876.

Number of Schools and Teachers.

The total number of Schools at present in active operation is 26 : viz. 2 Boys', 2 Girls', and 22 Mixed. Of these, 6 are in the town of Napier, (viz. 2 Boys', 2 Girls', and 2 Mixed,) and 20 in the Country all Mixed.

Two new Common Schools have been opened during the year ; one at Hastings, and one at Patangata.

Within the year 4 Teachers resigned their situations ; one at Havelock, one at Kaikoura, one at Hampden, and one at Danneverk. Those several vacancies, however, were quickly filled, so that those Schools were only for a very short time closed.

Those 26 Schools are conducted by 26 paid Teachers, who are also, in several of the larger Schools, assisted by other Teachers both male and female.

A new School-house has also been begun by the Settlers (aided by the Government,) at Ashby-Clinton S.W. Ruataniwha ; and others are talked of, being wanted at Woodville, Wallingford, and other places.

The School-houses and Teachers' residences are generally in good condition ; but most of the School-houses both in Town and Country, (although some have been recently erected or enlarged,) are much too small for the number of Scholars.

School attendance and state of the Scholars.

Tables,—showing the total number of Scholars on the books, their attendance at the different Schools and an abstract of their ages ; together with a condensed tabular view of the branches of education taught, and the number of Scholars of both sexes learning such branches,—will be given with this Report. The total number of Scholars on the books, is, Boys 826, Girls 582, total 1408 ; the total average attendance is 1157, being 321 in excess of the average number of last year. In addition to the foregoing there are also several Private Schools for both sexes in Town and Country, which are well-attended.

Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.

These primary studies are diligently minded by the Scholars in nearly all the Schools, and fair progress has been generally made ; yet in a few where such is not the case, it is partly the fault of the Teacher and partly that of the parents who too often keep their children at home. There is still, however, room for improvement in Writing ;—at the same time it must not be forgotten that the Scholars are commonly too crowded to write well.

Other Studies.

Geography and Use of the Maps, Grammar, History, English Composition, Geometry, Book-keeping, Drawing and Mapping, and also Sewing and Needle-work Plain and Ornamental, are more or less taught; the first four in nearly all the Schools. A large number of the Scholars are now well acquainted with Geography and the Maps; and not a few have a very fair knowledge of Grammar. Geometry, Book-keeping, Drawing and Mapping, are taught in the Town Boys' Schools; and Algebra and Latin are also among the duties of the senior class in the Napier Boys' Trust School. English Composition, in short Essays on simple subjects and in Letters, is now generally attended to by the older Scholars in the larger Schools. The art of Sewing and Needlework both plain and ornamental, is also commonly taught in the afternoons to the girls.

Inspection.

During the year I have visited all the Government-aided Schools in the Province (save the small one at Petane),—many of them twice, or oftener; and should have seen still more of them but for illness (caught in visiting) in the spring,—which laid me up for six weeks. More days have been occupied this year in travelling and Inspecting Schools than in any former year.

Of School Prizes.

Under this head I would just observe, that I am sure both Scholars and Teachers are thankful to the Provincial Council for its liberal grant of a few pounds for this purpose,—which has been advantageously used. Not a small amount of diligence and improvement on the part of the Scholars is to be fairly ascribed to this. Several *Special Prizes* have also been awarded to Scholars for Essays, and for working long and complicated Sums, which will be found more particularly noted under their respective Schools.

Conclusion.

It will be seen from the Tables, that an increase to nearly all the Schools has been made during the year; notwithstanding several of the elder Scholars—both male and female,—who were at many, if not all, of the Schools at the commencement of the year, have left School to enter on active life.

In nearly all the Schools there is much greater activity and diligence exhibited among the Scholars in applying themselves to learning than there was formerly, and where such is not the case it is mainly the fault of the Parents, or Teachers, or both. Indeed, my conviction is, (as I stated 3 years ago in my Report,)—"that the Scholars are, on the whole, far in advance of a similar number of children in the Old Country (taken promiscuously) in capacity and in desire of learning."

During the Year a few poor children of both sexes have been admitted into some of the Town and Country Schools free, on an Inspector's Order,—but in no case without previous strict enquiry as to the ability of their parents, &c. Notwithstanding, I regret to say, there are still several children both in Town and Country who are growing up without Scholastic Education,—mainly owing to the thoughtlessness of their parents.

For my own part, now that the Provincial system of Government is abolished, I heartily wish that the Colonial Government will shortly establish a suitable liberal and comprehensive plan of general Education. One, by which Education shall be for all alike,—both guaranteed and civil, or, in other words, Compulsory and Secular; such a system once well begun,—in good and ample School-houses and with first-class trained Teachers,—would soon become established, grow more and more necessary and natural and be heartily welcomed, and yield in due season an abundant crop of fruit!

No doubt the time will arrive when every Public School in this Colony will not only have its *trained* Teacher, but when all the Teachers will act upon one improved system of teaching. But, while I say this, I must be clearly understood to mean, that a *trained* Teacher, as such, is only the more valuable to his School and to the Public, when he has also the especial *natural* qualifications of a Teacher in him,—which no *mere training* can possibly impart; otherwise the untrained though educated man, *possessing the aptness the mind and the heart* which enables him to *love* his work in its entirety, and which peculiarly fits him for the office of teaching, will prove the better qualified and most useful man; such-an-one will be sure to gain the hearts of his pupils, and the corresponding advantages will be great and solid, and though not so showy will be seen.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM COLENZO,
Inspector of Schools.

To His Honor the Superintendent of Hawke's Bay

DETAILED REPORTS OF SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE
OF HAWKE'S BAY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30TH, 1876.

I. TOWN SCHOOLS, NAPIER.

1. *Boys' Trust School.*

Head Master, Rev. John Campbell, who has also a zealous Assistant Master. On Roll, Boys 142 ; average attendance 115. *Visited*, December 13, 1875 ; June 13, 1876. This School under its able and assiduous Master keeps its high position, is flourishing and useful. Nine of the senior boys of this School gained each a *Special* prize at Christmas, for working successfully the complicated prize Sum I had given out ;—one of the lot being exceedingly well written and deserving particular notice. Much more room is sadly wanted ; it is hoped the trustees will early see to this.

2. *Girls' Trust School.*

Mistress, Miss Gascoigne, who has also 3 Assistants. On Roll, little Boys 49 ; Girls 113 ; total 162 ; average attendance 126. *Inspected*, Sept. 21, 22, and 23, 1875 ; June 15, 23, 1876.

This School is in a very pleasing and efficient state ; the Scholars are generally diligent and improving fast in all the various branches of learning taught therein. Very much more room, however, is needed,—as the children are packed together like herrings in a barrel ! *Special* prizes were given to four girls of this School at Christmas for writing each an Essay on *Kindness to Animals* ; one of which was one of the two head prizes awarded by me for that Essay

3. *St. Mary's R.C. Boys' School.*

Head Master, Mr. J. A. Rearden, who has now an able Assistant, and also useful zealous Monitors. On Roll, Boys 126 ; average attendance 108. *Visited*, Dec. 9, 1875 ; June 14, 1876.

This School continues in its general flourishing state ; but like the others above-mentioned sadly wants more School-room ! No less than twelve boys of this School gained *Special* prizes for Essay writing at Christmas ; and four for successfully working the long prize Sum I had given out. These four sums were also by far the best written and put out of hand (save one) of all that were sent in to me.

4. *St. Joseph's R.C. Girls' School.*

Mistress, Mad. Marie St. Pierre, who has several Assistants. On Roll, Girls 60 ; average attendance 53. *Visited*, Sept. 28, 1875 ; (I had also arranged for Visiting this School on June 15, 1876, but that day unfortunately proved to be a Church holiday (*Corpus Christi*) ; then I arranged for visiting it later, but when the time came the holidays had commenced.)

Owing to its assiduous and kind teachers this School is in a general flourishing state ; but, as in the others, more room is wanted.

5. *Port School, Mixed.*

Mistress, Miss Margaret Sproule. On Roll, Boys 22, Girls 22, total 44 ; average attendance 33. *Inspected*, Sept. 29, 1875 ; (on going to this School on 22nd June to inspect it, I found the holidays had begun some days before.)

This is a useful and steadily improving and increasing School ; the Scholars are mostly all very young.

6. *Emerson Street, Denominational (U.M.) Mixed School.*

Mistress, Miss M. A. Harvey, who has an Assistant. On Roll, Boys 28, Girls 36, total 64 ; average attendance 56. *Inspected*, Sept. 9, 10, 1875 ; June 5, 1876.

This School consists almost entirely of very young children, among whom are several foreigners (Scandinavians). It is therefore much behind the other Schools in general School learning ; there is room for improvement. I fear the total amount of teaching power is rather low ;—or a better system is wanted ; or, it may be, that the minds of the children are too much occupied with learning hymns and pieces for recitation.

II. COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

7. *Meanee township Mixed School.*

Mistress, Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, who has an Assistant. On Roll, Boys 14, Girls 16, total 30 ; average attendance 26. *Inspected*, Nov. 24, 1875 ; June 6, 1876.

This School is also mainly composed of very young children, who, however, seem a nice orderly lot,—all regular in attendance and advancing in learning ; their Mistress is both kind to them and attentive to her duties.

8. *Central Meanee, R.C. Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. R. H. Huntley, assisted by Mrs. Huntley and her Assistants. On Roll, Boys 56, Girls 35, total 91 ; average attendance 79. *Inspected*, Nov. 25, 1875 ; June 20, 1876.

This is a useful School, the Master being both able and long-experienced in teaching ; but much more room is sadly wanted ; also, a trained Assistant-teacher. However the Scholars manage to do so well as they do, seeing they are so cramped, is a marvel ! Among the boys are a few little Maori lads who are also getting on remarkably well. Eight boys and one girl of this Institution gained *Special* prizes for successfully working the long Prize Sum.

9. *Taradale Denominational (Church-of-England) Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. A. G. Oldfield, who has an Assistant female Teacher. On Roll, Boys 39, Girls 36, total 75; average attendance 68. *Inspected*, Nov. 26, 1875; June 21, 1876.

This new School, which has only been open little more than a year, during which it has had 3-4 Masters, has considerably increased of late, insomuch that the new School-house had to be enlarged. The Scholars (who were formerly in other of our Schools) seem to be a hard-working lot; and I have little doubt will, ere long, make good advances in the various branches of learning taught by the present active Master.

10. *Puketapu Mixed School.*

Mistress, Mrs. F. Oliver, who is also assisted in the School. On Roll, Boys 8, Girls 10, total 18; average attendance 16. *Inspected*, Nov. 30, 1875; June 7, 1876.

This orderly School, though (for the present) less in number than it was last year, is steadily advancing in general improvement; several of the Scholars, among whom are some girls, being able Arithmeticians in some of the higher rules. Were the attendance regular the improvement would be still more marked.

11. *West Clive Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. J. S. Ballantine, who has a female Assistant. On Roll, Boys 21, Girls 29, total 50; average attendance 36. *Inspected*, Sept. 30, 1875; May 26, 1876.

The progress of the children at this School is slow, and scarcely satisfactory; they are, however, mostly very young. The Master seems regular and attentive, but method and teaching power, I fear, are wanting.

12. *Clive Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. S. W. Hardy who has a female Assistant. On Roll, Boys 27, Girls 21, total 48; average attendance 38. *Inspected*, June 16, 1876,

This is an orderly and diligent School, improvement being apparent in the various branches of learning taught; and I have little doubt that the advance would be still greater were the Scholars more regular in their attendance. The Master is an assiduous and pains-taking teacher.

13. *Hastings Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. W. A. McLeod. On Roll, Boys 23, Girls 15, total 38; average attendance 36. *Inspected*, Dec. 3, 1875; May 22, 1876.

This is an entirely new School, having been opened within the year. The Scholars are all advancing in learning, and seem a diligent lot. I have no doubt of their getting on rapidly, if they continue to be regular in their attendance. Their Teacher is both active and pains-taking.

14. *Havelock Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. E. Bissell, who has a female Assistant Teacher. On Roll, Boys 37, Girls 20, total 57; average attendance 49. *Inspected*, Dec. 8, 1875; May 23, 1876.

This School under its present new Master has largely increased in number, and is again flourishing. The Scholars are making good improvement in all the branches of learning taught. Much more School-room is, however, required; I hope the Trustees will shortly supply this want. The Master is experienced, able and active.

15. *Kaikoura Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. W. G. Crawford, assisted by Mrs. Crawford. On Roll, Boys 29, Girls 19, total 48; average attendance 36. *Inspected*, Dec. 17, 1875; May 12, 1876.

This School, which was at a very low ebb last year, has, like the last greatly increased in number under its present new Master. The Scholars, most of whom are small, are all advancing rapidly in learning; mainly owing to the constant assiduity of their able and willing Teacher, who lays himself out for their good. More School-room is, also, very much wanted here.

16. *Waipawa (Abbotsford town) Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. W. Waite, assisted by Mrs. Waite. On Roll, Boys 46, Girls 10, total 56; average attendance 45. *Inspected*, Dec. 16, 1875; April 27, 1876.

This School is still steadily progressing, both in number and learning. Not a few, however, of its bigger Scholars have left but its junior ones are getting on to take their places. More room is wanted in the School-house. One of the bigger Scholars of this School gained a *Special* prize for successfully working the long prize Sum;—and two of the four lads at Mr. Rearden's School, Napier, who also gained *Special* prizes for the same, and, also, for Essays, were originally trained at this School. The Master is experienced, able and industrious.

17. *Te Waipukurau Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. J. Poole, who is assisted by Mrs. Poole and others in the female department. On Roll, Boys 25, Girls 23, total 48; average attendance 41. *Inspected*, Dec. 15, 1875; April 12, 13, 19, 1876.

This School has also lost several of its bigger and most advanced Scholars, who have left School to enter into active life. One of them (a very young lad) gained a *Special* prize for working the prize Sum. The School, however, is much the same; orderly, diligent, and advancing. The Master is a conscientious, experienced and industrious Teacher.

18. *Tamumu Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. J. Stewart. On Roll, Boys 9, Girls 3, total 12; average attendance 10. *Inspected*, May 15, 1876.

This very small and totally secluded School continues to hold a prominent and proud position among the Schools of the Province,—thanks to its devoted and pains-

taking Teacher. Great improvement is still being made in all the various branches of learning taught, particularly in Arithmetic, in Copy Writing, and in English Composition. No less than six of these Scholars, or half of the School, (two of whom were young girls under 10 years of age,) gained *Special* prizes for working the long prize Sum. In fact, one of the boys, a lad of only 9 years of age, worked that sum two different ways *in extenso*. And four of them also gained *Special* prizes for writing the prize Essay. Not a little of their steady advancement is to be placed to their having 6 hours of teaching (instead of 5) on five days of the week, with an extra half day on Saturdays.

19. *Patangata Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. A. P. Tennent, assisted by Mrs. Tennent. On Roll, Boys 8, Girls 5, total 13; average attendance 12. *Inspected*, May 17, 1876.

This School is entirely new, having been built and opened in October last. Its number on the Roll and attendance was much greater last quarter. Very fair improvement has already been made in the various branches taught; and I quite expect more under the present Teacher, who is experienced and able, and attentive to his duties.

20. *Porangahau Mixed School.*

Mistress, Mrs. Elizabeth Birnie. On Roll, Boys 13, Girls 10, total 23; average attendance 17. *Inspected*, April 14, 17, 1876.

I was much struck with the advance made by the Scholars generally of this School in the various branches of learning taught therein, since my last visit a year ago. The Teacher is both able and industrious, and strives hard to bring the children on,—in a place where there are more drawbacks than in most other Country places. Here, too, the School-room is now much too small.

21. *Norsewood (Scandinavian) Mixed School.*

Mistress, Miss Elizabeth Ross. On Roll, Boys 31, Girls 22, total 53; average attendance 33. *Inspected*, April 20, 1876.

This School has both increased in number and advanced in learning since the appointment of the present Teacher, a little more than a year ago. A great improvement is perceptible among the Scandinavian Scholars, who are both orderly and diligent. The Young Teacher, too, is painstaking attentive and kind, and carries her flock along with her. This School is now flourishing.

22. *Danneverk (Scandinavian) Mixed School.*

Mistress, Mrs. M. Rickard. On Roll, Boys 11, Girls 10; average attendance 17. *Inspected*, March 30, 1876.

This School made good improvement under its late Teacher (Miss Covney), who resigned in March,—although it had fallen off in number. The present Teacher only entered on her new duty in the middle of April; it is hoped, that it will not be behind its twin-sister at Norsewood.

23. *Hampden Mixed School.*

Master, Mr. A. McLeod. On Roll, Boys 15, Girls 20, total 35; average attendance 27. *Inspected*, April 9 and 11, 1876.

This School has, also, increased in number and advanced in learning under its present Master, who only entered on his duties in November last. Under its former Master the School made but slow progress, and fell off in number; he, however, resigned in Sept., 1875. I quite look for great improvement in this School under its new Master, who is experienced, able and industrious. The Scholars are at present cramped for room, but a larger building is very nearly ready.

24. *West Ruataniwha, or Te Ongaonga, School.*

Master, Mr. C. Mackey. On Roll, Boys 3, Girls 5, total 8; average attendance 8. *Inspected*, May 10, 1876.

This little isolated School-house, away in the "Bush!" by far the most primitive and peculiar of any in the Province, was erected last year by the neighbouring Settlers centrally among them for the benefit of their children. Their number at present is very small (less than it was last year), but they are regular in their attendance; notwithstanding all, including their attentive and painstaking Teacher, have some distance to walk without roads or pathways through the "Bush" to get to it! And although but a half-time (or Morning) School, the children have learnt to read write and cypher, and are getting-on. More small Schools on a similar principle (Half-time and Half-pay), might be beneficially opened in several parts of this Province, among its scattered and far-off Settlers.

25. *Petane Mixed School.*

Mistress, Miss R. A. McKain. On Roll, Boys 1, Girls 4, total 5; average attendance 5.

This, the smallest (yet oldest Country) School in the Province, still quietly and unpretendingly keeps on the very even tenor of its way. I have not been able to visit it this year, but from the Monthly Returns of work &c., which I duly receive from its Teacher, I find its few Scholars steadily advancing under her industrious and regular attention.

26. *Te Wairoa School.*

Mistress, Mrs. L. Gosnell, who is also assisted in the School. On Roll, Boys 43, Girls 38, total 81; average attendance 65. *Inspected*, March 22, 23, 1876.

This School is now a large one, having been for some time steadily increasing in number, while it has also advanced in learning in all the various branches taught therein; it is now a flourishing School. Two of its boys gained *Special* Prizes for working the complicated Prize Sum. Its Teacher is able, painstaking, and thoroughly devoted to the improvement of her Scholars—both in the School and out of it.

WILLIAM COLENSO,
Inspector of Schools.

TABLE A.

Total and average attendance at Schools, and ages and sexes of Scholars.																						
SCHOOLS.	Under 5 Years.		From 5 to 10.		From 10 to 12.		From 12 to 16.		16 and upwards.		Total on Books, June, 1876.			Average Attendance, June, 1876.			Total on Books, May, 1875.			Average Attendance, May, 1875.		
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	T. M.	B.	G.	T. M.	B.	G.	T. M.	B.	G.	T. M.
	<i>Town:</i> Napier Boys' Trust	79	..	37	..	26	142	..	142	115	..	115	133	..	133	111	..	111
Napier Girls' Trust ..	4	..	42	74	2	31	..	8	..	..	49	113	162	..	126	18	49	67	..	..	..	56
S. Mary's R.C. Boys' ..	..	..	60	..	49	..	17	..	..	..	126	..	126	108	..	108	110	..	110	101	..	101
S. Joseph's R.C. Girls' ..	..	1	..	30	..	20	..	8	..	1	..	60	60	..	55	55	..	80	80	..	53	53
Port School ..	2	1	20	20	1	4	..	..	..	..	22	22	44	..	33	11	18	29	..	..	24	24
Emerson Street, U.M. ..	1	3	26	27	1	4	..	2	..	..	28	36	64	..	56	22	28	50	..	..	32	32
<i>Country:</i> Meanee ..	1	1	11	14	1	..	1	..	..	..	14	16	30	..	26	12	20	32	..	..	23	23
Central Meanee, R.C. ..	..	1	32	13	15	11	9	10	..	..	56	35	91	..	79	50	26	76	..	..	46	46
Taradale, Ch.-of-Eng. ..	..	..	28	25	7	6	4	5	..	..	39	36	75	..	68	33	17	50	..	..	40	40
Puketapu ..	..	..	2	6	3	3	3	1	..	..	8	10	18	..	16	14	10	24	..	..	19	19
West Olive ..	..	..	10	24	5	3	1	2	..	..	21	29	50	..	36	12	25	37	..	..	25	25
Clive ..	..	..	20	16	4	3	3	2	..	..	27	20	48	..	38	22	18	40	..	..	29	29
Hastings ..	..	..	15	14	4	1	4	..	..	..	23	15	38	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Havelock ..	..	..	28	10	6	6	3	4	..	..	37	20	57	..	49	28	6	34	..	..	26	26
Kaikoura ..	..	..	15	16	6	1	8	2	..	..	29	19	48	..	36	7	5	12	..	..	10	10
Waipawa ..	..	..	32	9	10	1	4	..	..	..	46	10	56	..	45	40	11	51	..	..	39	39
Te Waipukurau ..	..	..	17	17	6	4	2	2	..	..	25	23	48	..	41	27	20	47	..	..	38	38
Tamumu ..	..	1	6	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	9	3	12	..	10	7	7	14	..	..	10	10
Patangata ..	..	..	5	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	8	5	13	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	18	18
Porangahau ..	..	2	5	6	5	3	1	1	..	..	13	10	23	..	17	11	13	24	..	..	..	..
Norsewood ..	..	..	17	13	7	5	7	4	..	..	31	22	53	..	33	22	23	45	..	..	29	29
Danneverk ..	..	..	3	2	4	3	4	5	..	..	11	10	21	..	17	13	13	26	..	..	20	20
Hampden ..	..	..	9	7	3	6	3	7	..	..	15	20	35	..	27	9	14	23	..	..	15	15
West Ruataniwha ..	..	..	3	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	5	8	..	8	5	7	12	..	..	11	11
Petane ..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	5	..	5	..	5	5	..	..	5	5
Te Wairoa	6	4	28	27	8	4	1	3	..	43	38	81	..	65	35	31	66	54	54
Total ..	21	12	515	379	189	120	101	70	..	1	826	582	1408	..	1157	641	446	1087	836	836

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* New, so no Return in 1875.

T. means Total.

M. means Sexes Mixed.

