

(2.) The yearly average attendance for the Native schools grouped for the Dominion shall be the mean of the quarterly average attendances for the four quarters ending 31st December.

3. In the case of a new school the mean of the quarterly average attendances for the year in which the school has been open continuously for not less than one quarter immediately preceding the end of such year shall be deemed to be the yearly average attendance for such year; but the average attendance for any period before the quarter during the whole of which the school is open shall not be taken into account in calculating the quarterly or yearly average attendance. A school that is reopened shall be deemed to be a new school if it has been closed for more than six months immediately preceding such reopening.

4. In the case of the opening of a new school, or in the case of the closing of a school, if such school is open for less than half the number of school days in the first or last quarter (as the case may be) in which the school is open, then in computing the quarterly average attendance for the Native schools grouped for the Dominion for such quarter the average attendance at the said school shall not be taken into account.

XI. GOOD-ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES.

Certificates of good attendance may be issued to children attending Native schools in accordance with regulations under the Education Act, 1914.

XII. COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

1. All provisions of the Education Act, 1914, that relate to the attendance of children at school shall apply to Maori children.

2. All the powers and functions possessed by an Education Board, or by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Truant Officer thereof, under sections 59 to 67 of the said Act may, with the necessary modifications, be exercised in the case of Native schools by the Director of Education.

XIII. GRADING OF SCHOOLS, STAFFS, SALARIES, AND ALLOWANCES IN NATIVE SCHOOLS.

1. The salaries and allowances of head teachers of Native schools shall be the same as are prescribed in the case of public schools by the Education Act, 1914, as set forth in the First and Second Schedules hereto.

2. The salaries of assistant teachers shall be in accordance with the First Schedule hereto.

3. In regard to the salaries and allowances of head teachers and assistants, the provisions of section 79 of the Education Act, 1914, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be applied.

4. (1.) On the 1st January in each year the schools shall be classified in the grades and subgrades named in the First Schedule hereto, according to the yearly average attendance for each school for the year immediately preceding.

(2.) The grade of a school, however, shall not be reduced unless such attendance, or the mean of the attendance for the two years or for the three years immediately preceding the said 1st January, is as low as is indicated in Table A hereto.

TABLE A.

Showing Decreased Yearly Average Attendance necessary for Reductions in the Grades of Schools.

(1) Grade to which School is to be reduced.	If Yearly Average Attendance has fallen		
	(2) For Three Years to	(3) Or for Two Years to	(4) Or for One Year to
0	8	7	6
I	20	17	14
II	35	30	25
III	120	110	100

5. (1.) On the 1st January of each year the number of teachers in any school shall be determined by the yearly average attendance for the year immediately preceding: Provided that if at the beginning of any subsequent quarter it appears that the attendance in any such school has in-