

TABLE IX.

THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7·0 YEARS AND 15·99 YEARS IN THE TOTAL POPULATION, 1918 TO 1936, BY PROVINCES.

Year.	Cape.	Natal.	Transvaal.	O.F.S.	Union.
1918.....	21·8	19·4	22·1	23·4	21·9
1921.....	21·6	19·0	22·6	23·9	22·0
1926.....	20·0	17·2	21·3	21·9	20·5
1931.....	19·1	16·1	19·4	20·1	19·0
1936.....	18·9	15·0	17·9	19·7	18·3

TABLE X.

THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION TO BE FOUND IN STATE AND STATE-AIDED SCHOOLS, 1918 to 1936.

Year.	Cape.	Natal.	Transvaal.	O.F.S.	Union.
1918.....	19·7	18·5	19·9	21·8	19·9
1921.....	20·9	17·7	21·6	24·1	21·2
1926.....	19·5	15·6†	20·3	22·1	19·7
1931.....	19·7	16·4	19·5	22·0	19·6
1936.....	19·3	15·2	18·0	21·8	18·6

† Farm school pupils omitted.

It will be observed that the fall in the percentage of children at state and state-aided schools is somewhat lower than the fall in the percentage of children between 7 and 16 years of age. The decrease is slightly irregular in the Cape but otherwise the tendencies are precisely the same as the tendencies indicated by the figures of Table IX. For the sake of convenience the decline in percentage of the population in state and state-aided schools will be discussed together with the decline in the percentage of children between 7 to 16 years of age since the two are so obviously closely connected.

The figures given in the two tables above are for census years only since migration from one province to another in years when no census is held, makes the estimates very unreliable.

Two points are at once striking. Firstly, that in every province since 1921 there has been a steady decrease in the percentage of children between 7 and 16 years of age. Secondly, that the percentage of these children in any one year varies considerably from province to province.

Undoubtedly the decrease in the percentage of children aged 7 to 16 years is due to the longer average life of the population as a whole. We have more old people and as a consequence the youngsters form a smaller percentage. A falling birth-rate has also helped to produce this tendency. But whatever the causes, the implications for education are interesting—

- (1) the schools are holding a smaller percentage of the population off the labour market;
- (2) the percentage of the population being educated in any one year at the expense of the state is decreasing relative to the population;
- (3) the state is thus able to provide more generously for the education of her present charges.

The fact that the percentage of children between 7 to 16 years of age varies from province to province would seem to signify that, since the entire cost of the education of children in state and state-aided schools is not covered by the subsidies received from the Union Government, the impact of the taxation necessary to bring the per pupil expenditure on education in all provinces to the same figure would not be identical. Thus the two richest provinces, Natal and the Transvaal, have the lowest percentage of children (7 to 16) to care for while the poorer provinces have a higher percentage. To spend the same amount of money on every child irrespective of province must therefore entail a heavier provincial burden on the Cape and Free State than on the Transvaal and Natal, leaving aside such questions as density of population, degree of ruralness and numbers which have a bearing on the cost of education.

NON-EUROPEAN EDUCATION.

In non-European education there is no compulsion and the number of children at school is but a small proportion of the number of children who are of school-going age. Unlike the position in European education, the schools have not succeeded in catching up with the number of pupils who should receive some sort of education. In such a state of affairs it is useful and instructive to examine, however superficially, the task which lies before the schools. How rapidly is the non-European population growing? Is the number of pupils growing as fast as the population? Are the schools gaining ground or are they losing? Such are the questions for which brief answers will be sought.

The data at hand is somewhat inadequate both in quality and quantity. Consequently the graphs which have been drawn have to span long intervals of unknown territory, and we have no means of knowing what has happened in the years for which no data are available. It is therefore of peculiar importance that the descriptions of lines on the graphs should not be misunderstood. If, for example, it is said that a line shows an increased rate of growth up to 1921 and thereafter a decline this should be taken as a description of the *data*, not of the *actual situation* necessarily, for the turning point might have occurred before or after. Unless the data are complete there is no way of determining the exact year of the turning point. Frequent mention will be made of particular years as indicating turning points or the commencement of new tendencies, but they must be understood to mean only approximately those years.

Graph II shows the rate of growth of certain features of non-European education.

The rate of growth of the European Native, Coloured and Asiatic population of the Union is represented by the lines (4), (1), (2) and (9) respectively. It must be remembered that the height of these lines relative to one another has no significance. All that is of importance is their slope.

No census of the non-European population of the Union was held between 1921 and 1936. As a consequence the lines indicating the rate of increase of the non-European races have been drawn as straight lines between 1921 and 1936, suggesting a uniform rate of increase which is probably not strictly accurate, but which will give an approximation of the real situation adequate for our purpose. Possible inaccuracies in the earlier census returns, particularly for Natives and Coloureds, have to be borne in mind, and any conclusions which may be arrived at must necessarily be subject to a certain amount of suspicion.

One of the surprises of the 1936 Census was the number of Coloured persons in the Union, which was considerably higher than estimates of the previous years had led one to expect. Between 1921 and 1936 the rate of increase of the Coloured population was greater than any of the other three racial groups in the Union. (See table below.) Several possible explanations offer themselves, of which two may be mentioned here—

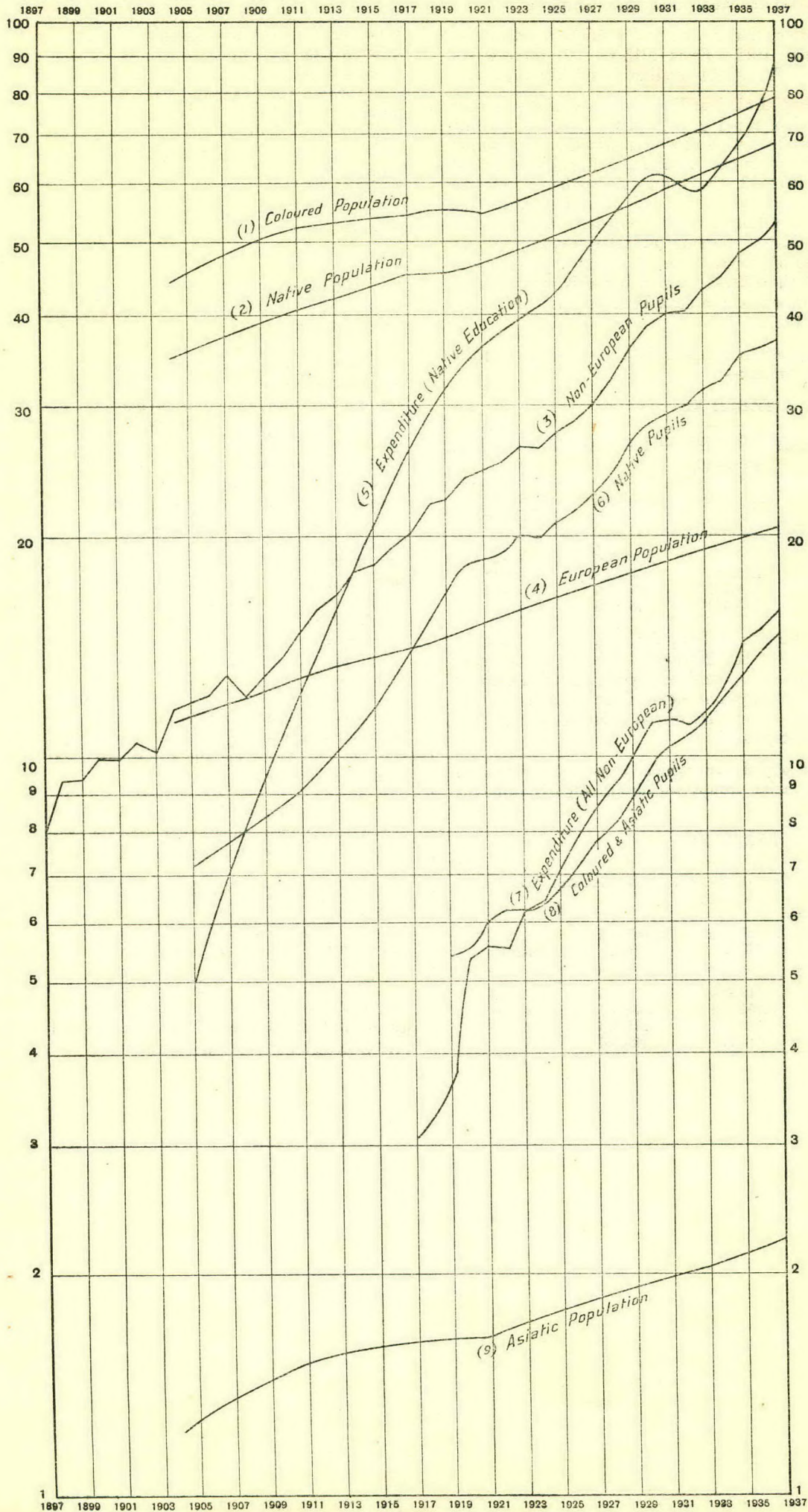
- (a) that the figures for 1921 were too low;
- (b) that, owing to changes in social circumstances, persons who might previously have been classified as Native have now been taken as Coloureds. It may be that to gain additional civic and social privileges persons are passing from the Native to the Coloured group.

An inspection of this line (1) shows that the Coloured population increased between 1904 and 1911, even more rapidly than between 1921 and 1936. From 1911 to 1918 the rate of increase was very slow. After 1918 there was an actual decrease followed by a rapid acceleration after 1921.

Line (2), showing the rate of growth of the Native population, falls into three periods. From 1904 to 1917 the population grew rapidly. From 1917 to 1919 growth is hardly discernible, probably due to the ravages of sickness. From 1919 to 1936 the population grew at approximately the *same* pace as that between 1904 and 1917. This suggests that, unless new and powerful factors come into play, the rate of growth of the Native population is a constant

RATE OF CHANGE—GRAPH II.

NON-EUROPEAN PUBLIC EDUCATION (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY) IN UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.



Line (4), representing the growth of the European population, has already been discussed in connection with Graph I.

The Asiatic population, line (9), showed a fairly rapid rate of increase between 1904 and 1912. From 1913 to 1921 there was a period of slower growth. From 1921 the line rises fairly quickly.

An interesting feature of all four lines discussed above is that they all showed a period of rapid growth in the years succeeding 1904. There then followed a period of slower growth. This period was marked by such events as the Immigrants Regulation Act of 1913, the Great War, 1914-18, the Influenza Epidemic and the post-war depression. From 1921 the usual rate of increase was resumed except in the case of Indians and Coloureds. The restriction on immigration still checked to a certain extent the rate of growth of the Indians. The rate of growth of the Coloured population has not reached the pace of the 1904-11 period but this may perhaps be due to the incompleteness of the data between 1921 and 1936, or to faulty data before 1911.

It will now be of interest to compare the rates of growth of the four racial groups in the Union :—

TABLE XI.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF THE FOUR RACIAL GROUPS,
1921-36.

Group.	Number in 1921.	Number in 1936.	Percentage Increase.
European.....	1,519,488	2,003,857	31·88
Native.....	4,697,813	6,596,689	40·42
Asiatic.....	165,731	219,691	32·56
Coloured and others.....	545,548	769,661	41·08

It will be seen that the Coloured population has increased most rapidly, closely followed by the Natives. Asiatics follow next though their rate of increase is considerably slower than that of Coloureds and Natives. Europeans come fourth, their rate of growth being very slightly below that of the Asiatics, immigration and other factors being disregarded.

If we take a longer period over which to survey the rate of growth of the different racial groups we obtain slightly different results :—

TABLE XII.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF THE FOUR RACIAL GROUPS,
1904-36.

Group.	Number in 1904.	Number in 1936.	Percentage Increase.
European.....	1,116,806	2,003,857	79·43
Native.....	3,491,056	6,596,689	88·96
Asiatic.....	122,734	219,691	79·00
Coloured and others.....	445,228	769,661	72·87

In this table, as in the previous one, Europeans and Asiatics are grouped closely together well behind the Natives as regards rate of growth. The Coloureds show the *lowest* percentage increase. However, it must be remembered that the Coloured population suffered a set-back in its growth over a longer period than the other racial groups, according to the data available. They are the only group who actually showed a decrease in numbers, and it is highly probable that they suffered under the impact of the Influenza Epidemic and the post-war depression, more acutely than did other racial groups. Consequently it does not seem unreasonable to suppose that their rate of increase in latter years has accelerated considerably. In that case the rate of increase indicated by the figures in Table XI will more nearly represent the present situation than those of Table XII. But a degree of certainty will not be reached before the next census of the Coloured population.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the four lines discussed above is the comparative closeness in the rate of growth of the four racial groups.

Turning now to line (3) which represents the rate of growth of all non-European scholars since 1897, it will be noted how, despite the very numerous oscillations, a definite line of growth has been maintained. Thus, despite numerous set-backs and upward spurts, the number of non-European scholars has advanced at a very consistent rate. If the slope of this line is compared with the slope of the line of rate of increase of European scholars it will be found that although European scholars grew with far greater rapidity up to about 1920, after that year the rate of increase of non-European scholars is considerably more rapid. This is due to the numbers of European scholars having already reached a saturation point and further increase is dependent very largely on the increase of population. In non-European education the number of scholars is but a small proportion of the population who could go to school, and so growth of population is not yet a factor in the rate of growth of the number of pupils at school.

Data for the number of pupils in Native schools before 1917 is somewhat unreliable but an inspection of line (6) shows that there has been a very steady general increase in numbers, i.e. the rate of increase has been sustained fairly constantly despite numerous small wriggles in the line.

A comparison of line (6) and line (8), the increase of Coloured and Asiatic pupils, shows that the rate of increase of Coloured and Asiatic pupils is slightly more rapid than for Natives.

Both Native pupils and Coloured and Asiatic pupils are increasing considerably faster than the racial groups from which they are drawn. This is, of course, more marked in the case of Coloureds and Asiatics than in the case of Natives.

The expenditure on Native education, line (5), increased at a very rapid rate until about 1920. The rate of increase then slowed up until 1931, when a decrease set in until 1934. Since then the rate of increase has increased uniformly.

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Chapter V.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—
(EUROPEAN).

DIVISION A.—PUPILS.

SECTION 1.—ENROLMENT OF PUPILS IN SCHOOLS OF VARIOUS TYPES.

PUBLIC schools, in the sense defined on page 8 of the descriptive account of the schools of the Union, include both state and state-aided schools of various types. They cater for practically the whole (94 per cent.) of the primary and secondary school population. Since however, it may be desirable to separate state-aided from state schools, and farm schools from other types of schools, the tables below have been prepared. The following points should be noted:—

NOTE 1.—Farm Schools.—In Natal farm school teachers' salaries are not paid by the state but a grant is made towards the upkeep of the school. Reference to the tables below will show that these schools have, on the average, only two to three pupils. This state grant is in most cases merely a subsidy to a farmer to enable him to keep a governess. Consequently, it is customary in dealing with Natal educational statistics to exclude these farm schools. In the Cape, Transvaal and Free State, the salaries of farm school teachers are paid by the state, and the schools are considerably larger. Hence for these three provinces it is customary to include farm schools in educational statistics.

NOTE 2.—Church primary schools in the Cape occupy a unique position in educational finance since, by the provisions of Act No. 46 of 1925, they are counted as government schools for the purpose of calculating the Union subsidy to the province although they are in reality state-aided schools.

TABLE XIII.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF STATE AND STATE-AIDED SCHOOLS.

(a) CAPE.

Year.	State-aided Schools.				State Schools.		Grand Total all Schools.
	Aided Special Schools.	Church Primary Schools.	Aided Church Schools.	Total.	Farm Schools.	Other.	
1921....	—	4,446	—	4,446	3,227	122,708	130,381
1922....	—	5,085	—	5,085	2,374	125,644	133,103
1923....	—	4,654	—	4,654	2,815	127,261	134,730
1924....	—	4,669	—	4,669	3,145	125,490	133,304
1925....	—	4,414	—	4,414	2,659	127,558	134,631
1926....	—	4,669	—	4,669	2,585	128,915	136,169
1927....	—	4,720	—	4,720	2,095	130,256	137,071
1928....	—	4,798	—	4,798	2,100	131,955	138,853
1929....	—	4,518	249	4,767	2,325	133,406	140,496
1930....	—	4,400	239	4,639	2,225	136,616	143,480
1931....	—	4,471	252	4,723	2,011	140,603	147,337
1932....	125	4,567	265	4,957	1,873	142,647	149,579
1933....	123	4,601	288	5,012	2,464	143,003	150,479
1934....	118	4,658	318	5,094	1,577	144,617	151,288
1935....	119	3,838	320	4,277	1,505	147,698	153,480
1936....	120	4,490	311	4,921	1,321	147,144	153,386
1937....	120	4,434	293	4,847	1,027	149,274	155,148
1938....	117	4,211	270	4,598	817	149,900	155,315

[C.E.D.]

TABLE XIII—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF STATE AND STATE-AIDED SCHOOLS.

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Farm Schools.		State-aided Schools.	State Schools.	Total in State-aided and State Schools.
	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.			
1918.....	—	682	—	—	21,159
1919.....	161	571	—	—	22,070
1920.....	—	473	—	—	22,206
1921.....	169	669	—	—	23,588
1922.....	—	—	—	—	24,389
1923.....	234	939	—	—	24,917
1924.....	259	939	—	—	25,266
1925.....	279	1,056	—	—	25,811
1926.....	300	913	—	—	24,781
1927.....	277	968	—	—	25,000
1928.....	255	910	—	—	25,630
1929.....	241	872	—	—	26,260
1930.....	263	897	—	—	26,984
1931.....	281	893	—	—	27,564
1932.....	382	970	1,971	25,041	27,012
1933.....	343	1,008	2,082	24,468	26,550
1934.....	334	999	2,152	25,128	27,280
1935.....	303	947	2,154	25,804	27,958
1936.....	319	905	2,053	25,854	27,907
1937.....	350	1,014	2,109	26,091	28,200
1938.....	321	825	2,696	26,820	29,516

[N.E.D.]

(c) TRANSVAAL.

Year.	State Primary and Secondary Schools.	State School Farms.		Aided Farm Schools.	Aided Private Schools.	Total.
		Primary.	Secondary.			
1917....	88,868	—	—	—	1,416	90,284
1918....	95,949	—	—	1,263	393	97,605
1919....	101,097	—	—	1,001	606	102,704
1920....	107,018	—	—	667	820	108,505
1921....	115,393	—	—	550	936	116,879
1922....	119,663	—	—	385	896	120,944
1923....	120,599	—	—	477	—	121,076
1924....	119,931	—	—	414	1,020	121,365
1925....	120,977	—	—	453	1,103	122,533
1926....	120,531	—	—	452	1,474	122,457
1927....	125,057	—	—	516	1,372	126,945
1928....	128,795	—	—	550	1,512	130,857
1929....	131,983	—	—	481	1,310	133,774
1930....	133,484	—	—	513	1,335	135,332
1931....	133,308	—	—	472	1,119	134,899
1932....	133,358	—	—	450	1,156	134,964
1933....	135,228	—	—	446	1,170	136,844
1934....	137,485	—	—	399	1,187	139,071
1935....	142,602	—	—	344	1,332	144,278
1936....	144,830	505	255	273	1,349	147,212
1937....	148,624	766	421	194	1,448	151,453
1938....	151,248	1,407	526	183	1,761	155,125

[T.E.D.]

TABLE XIII—(continue*d*).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF STATE AND STATE-AIDED SCHOOLS.

(d) ORANGE FREE STATE.

Year.	State Schools.	State-aided Schools.	Total.
1921.....	—	—	45,046
1922.....	—	—	46,696*
1923.....	—	—	46,643
1924.....	—	—	45,649
1925.....	—	—	44,604
1926.....	—	—	44,691
1927.....	—	—	44,356
1928.....	—	—	44,459
1929.....	—	—	44,792
1930.....	—	—	45,099
1931.....	43,932	1,152	45,084
1932.....	44,362	1,018	45,380
1933.....	43,555	1,031	44,586
1934.....	42,977	936	43,913
1935.....	42,693	1,031	43,724
1936.....	42,935	916	43,851
1937.....	42,695	911	43,606
1938.....	42,702	847	43,549

* Excluding 202 pupils in commercial classes. [O.E.D.]

SECTION 2.—ENROLMENT BY STANDARDS.

It should be noticed that unclassified pupils have, since 1935 in Natal and the Free State and since 1936 in the Cape, been classified under two categories—"A" and "B". The former category includes pupils in special classes for retarded or handicapped children, while the latter comprises all other types in special classes (e.g. commercial classes, etc.). In the Transvaal all unclassified pupils since 1935 have fallen under category "A".

TABLE XIV.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT BY STANDARDS.

(a) CAPE.*

Year.	Sub. A & B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.		Total.
												A.	B.	
1917.....	25,619	14,173	15,121	14,739	13,089	11,348	7,768	5,232	5,046			—	112,129	
1918.....	26,563	13,653	14,503	14,786	13,416	11,637	8,243	5,425	4,721			252	113,199	
1919.....	24,986	13,765	14,456	15,057	14,554	12,942	9,486	5,925	5,371			285	116,827†	
1920.....	26,688	14,663	14,920	15,424	15,088	13,575	10,467	5,735	3,255 1,394 1,208			116	122,503	
1921.....	28,758	15,330	15,862	16,193	15,541	14,040	11,358	6,291	4,024 1,523 1,289			172	130,381	
1922.....	28,194	15,573	15,919	16,809	15,667	14,075	12,079	6,565	8,198			24	133,103	
1923.....	27,532	15,445	16,638	16,893	15,988	14,354	12,293	6,627	4,989 2,173 1,767			31	134,730	
1924.....	27,196	15,183	16,475	17,198	15,898	14,446	12,247	5,868	4,638 2,151 1,992			12	133,304	
1925.....	27,750	14,984	16,429	17,459	16,139	14,866	12,332	6,123	4,141 2,269 2,077			62	134,631	
1926.....	28,225	15,190	16,197	17,101	16,559	14,842	13,038	6,419	4,346 2,036 2,197			19	136,169	
1927.....	28,547	15,265	16,224	16,988	16,085	15,001	13,182	6,824	4,558 2,252 2,092			53	137,071	
1928.....	28,777	15,800	16,398	17,267	16,114	15,027	13,457	6,672	4,767 2,390 2,138			46	138,853	
1929.....	28,240	16,111	16,841	17,620	16,254	15,305	13,610	6,708	4,697 2,514 2,210			139	140,249	
1930.....	28,667	16,302	17,351	17,868	16,667	15,471	13,964	7,038	4,861 2,565 2,358			129	143,241	
1931.....	28,675	16,483	17,675	18,231	17,175	15,868	14,735	7,534	5,270 2,743 2,496			200	147,085	
1932.....	28,140	16,605	17,696	18,573	17,462	16,340	14,864	7,932	5,494 3,155 2,665			261	149,187	
1933.....	27,235	16,420	17,602	18,434	17,601	16,623	15,754	8,044	5,772 3,300 2,960			323	150,068	
1934.....	27,906	16,455	17,377	18,224	17,478	16,722	15,340	8,525	5,856 3,378 2,935			656	150,852	
1935.....	29,824	16,651	17,033	17,981	17,331	16,523	15,134	9,123	6,206 3,532 2,994			709	153,041	
1936.....	27,856	16,256	16,793	17,575	17,153	16,933	15,678	9,705	6,873 4,072 3,203			646 212	152,955	
1937.....	27,672	16,729	17,064	17,635	16,971	16,682	15,755	10,298	7,229 4,215 3,554			690 241	154,735	
1938.....	26,516	16,863	17,433	17,645	16,935	16,485	15,511	10,411	7,745 4,328 3,670			1,112 274	154,928	

* All Cape schools except aided, special, and Church schools. (See Table XIII.)

† Excluding farm schools.

[C.E.D.]

TABLE XIV—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT BY STANDARDS.

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Sub. A & B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.		Total.
												(A)	(B)	
1917.....	4,828	2,594	2,832	2,576	2,550	2,271	1,592	811	657			—	—	20,711*
1918.....	4,898	2,347	2,679	2,639	2,443	2,431	1,862	925	547	237	151	—	—	21,159
1919.....	5,438	2,389	2,519	2,669	2,550	2,519	1,991	824	413	200	144	414	—	22,070
1920.....	5,421	2,516	2,440	2,524	2,636	2,535	1,955	879	521	223	185	371	—	22,206
1921.....	5,652	2,552	2,628	2,540	2,734	2,743	2,284	955	586	275	227	412	—	23,588
1922.....	5,826	2,787	2,693	2,665	2,701	2,615	2,776	1,006	791	304	215	—	—	24,379
1923.....	6,126	2,761	2,763	2,776	2,795	2,682	2,398	691	786	433	248	458	—	24,917
1924.....	6,174	2,805	2,880	2,933	2,838	2,912	2,611	520	623	332	286	352	—	25,266
1925.....	6,491	2,814	2,881	2,955	2,908	2,874	2,773	658	480	376	294	307	—	25,811
1926.....	5,438	2,807	2,779	2,896	2,930	2,868	2,845	942	643	263	370	—	—	24,781
1927.....	5,428	2,774	2,886	2,844	2,962	2,769	3,062	981	712	318	264	—	—	25,000
1928.....	6,026	2,747	2,772	2,924	2,855	2,806	2,960	1,130	773	358	279	—	—	25,630
1929.....	6,198	2,913	2,718	2,868	3,016	2,709	2,894	1,189	868	361	302	224	—	26,260
1930.....	5,984	3,129	2,964	2,913	2,988	2,942	2,905	1,175	1,070	411	321	176	—	26,984
1931.....	5,805	3,085	3,114	2,999	2,999	3,001	3,005	1,419	1,084	495	377	181	—	27,564
1932.....	4,963	2,948	3,066	3,175	3,031	2,884	3,107	1,435	1,159	504	473	267	—	27,012
1933.....	4,515	2,917	3,006	3,147	3,204	2,972	3,001	1,467	1,219	563	479	60	—	26,550
1934.....	5,679	2,502	2,913	3,142	3,131	3,076	3,163	1,371	1,201	576	463	63	—	27,280
1935.....	6,411	2,664	2,627	3,015	3,158	3,067	3,141	1,453	1,166	590	479	181	6	27,958
1936.....	5,695	3,155	2,749	2,697	3,062	3,148	3,307	1,563	1,259	633	530	79	30	27,907
1937.....	5,645	3,069	3,160	2,817	2,758	3,042	3,392	1,594	1,358	664	530	155	16	28,200
1938.....	5,887	3,267	3,205	3,283	2,969	2,888	3,351	1,768	1,367	745	589	163	34	29,516

[N.E.D.]

NOTE.—Under unclassified will be found included up to 1924 1st, 2nd and 3rd-year Training College entrance candidates as well as Domestic Science and Commercial Pupils.

For certain years no unclassified students appear because they were included in the usual school standards.

* Includes farm schools—Figures from *Official Year Book*.

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Year.	Sub. A & B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.		Total.
												(A)	(B)	
1917.....	24,095	14,512	13,874	12,057	10,369	7,010	4,039	862	2,510			—	—	89,328
1918.....	25,060	14,882	14,054	13,210	11,139	8,271	5,054	2,296	947	613	423	—	—	95,949
1919.....	26,648	14,593	14,357	13,550	11,852	9,191	6,161	2,368	1,329	633	415	—	—	101,097
1920.....	27,084	15,953	14,558	14,028	12,628	9,851	7,352	2,750	1,522	838	454	—	—	107,018
1921.....	27,885	16,502	16,039	14,580	13,774	10,959	8,450	3,605	1,840	1,210	549	—	—	115,393
1922.....	26,293	17,307	16,404	15,732	13,780	11,984	9,389	4,014	2,577	1,484	699	—	—	119,663
1923.....	24,629	16,537	16,451	16,170	14,685	11,832	10,235	4,182	2,914	1,900	1,064	—	—	120,599
1924.....	23,887	15,656	16,356	16,413	15,037	12,572	10,113	3,952	2,737	1,979	1,229	—	—	119,931
1925.....	24,595	15,321	15,796	16,226	15,329	13,524	10,666	3,862	2,545	1,901	1,212	—	—	120,977
1926.....	24,739	15,806	15,274	15,836	15,209	13,777	11,341	3,425	2,298	1,585	1,241	—	—	120,531
1927.....	28,314	16,209	15,766	15,557	15,268	13,927	11,010	4,063	2,343	1,584	1,016	—	—	125,057
1928.....	29,430	17,135	16,218	16,162	15,055	13,566	11,278	4,421	2,785	1,589	1,156	—	—	128,795
1929.....	28,682	18,168	17,102	16,815	15,218	13,736	11,396	4,904	2,969	1,826	1,167	—	—	131,983
1930.....	26,864	17,756	18,029	17,139	15,704	14,274	12,047	4,948	3,416	2,009	1,298	—	—	133,484
1931.....	23,796	17,412	17,545	18,209	16,599	14,706	12,547	5,312	3,528	2,153	1,501	—	—	133,308
1932.....	23,192	16,391	17,201	18,067	17,032	15,698	12,818	5,468	3,490	2,268	1,733	—	—	133,358
1933.....	24,418	15,724	16,458	17,693	17,276	16,276	13,410	6,212	3,618	2,195	1,948	—	—	135,228
1934.....	25,859	16,391	15,773	17,119	17,169	16,300	14,166	6,767	3,863	2,175	1,903	—	—	137,485
1935.....	29,291	17,459	16,321	16,341	16,565	16,410	14,590	7,159	4,202	2,180	1,845	239	—	142,602
1936.....	28,982	16,578	17,251	16,702	16,060	16,249	14,837	9,066	4,998	2,681	1,902	284	—	145,590
1937.....	29,926	17,531	17,386	17,995	16,223	15,943	14,433	9,099	5,729	2,845	2,222	479	—	149,811
1938.....	30,031	17,867	18,464	18,403	17,491	16,158	14,027	9,160	5,843	2,962	2,337	438	—	153,181

NOTE.—Aided farm and private schools have been omitted.

[T.E.D.]

TABLE XIV—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

ENROLMENT BY STANDARDS.

(d) ORANGE FREE STATE.

Year.	Sub. A & B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.		Total.
												(A)	(B)	
1917.....	9,039	4,979	5,304	5,661	4,686	3,459	1,875	1,905				—	—	36,908
1918.....	9,209	4,801	5,327	5,727	5,279	4,078	2,765	2,348				—	—	39,534*
1919.....	9,531	4,722	5,122	5,628	5,090	4,579	3,246	2,863				—	—	40,781
1920.....	10,149	5,068	5,101	5,749	5,247	4,576	3,581	3,408				—	—	42,879
1921.....	10,158	5,199	5,492	5,754	5,406	4,802	3,900	4,335				—	—	45,046
1922.....	9,979	5,452	5,512	5,930	5,462	4,861	4,249	2,461	1,532	770	478	10	—	46,696†
1923.....	9,156	5,198	5,796	5,833	5,607	4,870	4,359	2,448	1,655	991	720	10	—	46,643
1924.....	8,985	5,088	5,393	5,815	5,504	4,808	4,365	2,183	1,532	1,007	897	72	—	45,649
1925.....	9,034	4,891	5,251	5,532	5,463	4,973	4,194	1,979	1,326	957	840	164	—	44,604
1926.....	9,534	4,936	5,149	5,450	5,315	4,903	4,315	2,115	1,271	800	903	—	—	44,691
1927.....	9,640	5,079	5,057	5,288	5,195	4,658	4,262	2,333	1,348	742	710	44	—	44,356
1928.....	9,612	5,226	5,157	5,283	5,112	4,626	4,124	2,411	1,400	843	665	—	—	44,459
1929.....	9,254	5,396	5,333	5,277	5,026	4,643	4,173	2,452	1,522	891	705	120	—	44,792
1930.....	8,510	5,482	5,543	5,530	5,072	4,675	4,222	2,542	1,701	979	766	77	—	45,099
1931.....	8,064	5,062	5,498	5,793	5,299	4,750	4,373	2,528	1,709	1,081	837	90	—	45,084
1932.....	8,154	4,846	5,146	5,678	5,542	4,995	4,448	2,580	1,765	1,195	933	98	—	45,380
1933.....	7,922	4,895	4,804	5,260	5,354	5,171	4,589	2,571	1,669	1,300	982	69	—	44,586
1934.....	7,737	4,760	4,866	4,998	5,044	4,977	4,773	2,700	1,818	1,132	1,057	51	—	43,913
1935.....	7,850	4,805	4,720	4,946	4,877	4,800	4,615	3,065	1,795	1,211	958	18	64	43,724
1936.....	7,444	4,656	4,699	4,900	4,881	4,746	4,705	3,263	2,180	1,307	1,047	21	2	43,851
1937.....	7,375	4,642	4,792	4,787	4,846	4,761	4,340	3,325	2,195	1,460	1,043	32	8	43,606
1938.....	7,305	4,678	4,732	4,897	4,660	4,733	4,369	3,146	2,261	1,495	1,148	108	17	43,549

* Returns for 3rd quarter.

† Excludes 202 pupils in commercial classes.

[O.E.D.]

(e) UNION.

Year.	Sub. A & B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.		Total.
												(A)	(B)	
1917.....	63,581	36,258	37,131	35,033	30,694	24,802	15,274	—	—	17,023	—	—	—	259,076
1918.....	65,730	35,683	36,563	36,362	32,277	26,417	17,924	—	—	18,885	—	—	—	269,841
1919.....	66,603	35,469	36,454	36,904	34,046	29,231	20,884	—	—	21,184	—	—	—	280,775
1920.....	69,342	38,170	37,019	37,725	35,599	30,537	23,355	—	—	22,859	—	—	—	294,606
1921.....	72,453	39,583	40,021	39,067	37,455	32,544	25,992	—	—	27,293	—	—	—	314,408
1922.....	70,292	41,119	40,528	41,136	37,610	33,535	28,493	14,046	—	17,082	—	—	—	323,841
1923.....	67,443	39,941	41,648	41,672	39,075	33,738	29,285	13,948	10,344	5,497	3,799	499	—	326,889
1924.....	66,242	38,732	41,104	42,359	39,277	34,738	29,336	12,523	9,530	5,469	4,404	436	—	324,150
1925.....	67,870	38,010	40,357	42,172	39,839	36,237	29,965	12,622	8,492	5,503	4,423	533	—	326,023
1926.....	67,936	38,739	39,399	41,283	40,013	36,390	31,539	12,901	8,558	4,684	4,711	19	—	326,172
1927.....	71,929	39,327	39,933	40,677	39,510	36,355	31,516	14,201	8,961	4,896	4,082	97	—	331,484
1928.....	73,845	40,908	40,545	41,636	39,136	36,025	31,819	14,634	9,725	5,180	4,238	46	—	337,737
1929.....	72,374	42,588	41,994	42,580	39,514	36,393	32,073	15,253	10,056	5,592	4,384	483	—	343,284
1930.....	70,025	42,669	43,887	43,450	40,431	37,362	33,138	15,703	11,048	5,964	4,749	382	—	348,808
1931.....	66,340	42,042	43,832	45,232	42,072	38,325	34,660	16,793	11,591	6,472	5,211	471	—	353,041
1932.....	64,449	40,790	43,109	45,493	43,067	39,917	35,237	17,415	11,908	7,122	5,804	626	—	354,937
1933.....	64,090	39,956	41,870	44,534	43,435	41,042	36,754	18,294	12,278	7,358	6,369	452	—	356,432
1934.....	67,181	40,108	40,929	43,483	42,822	41,075	37,442	19,363	12,738	7,261	6,358	770	—	359,530
1935.....	73,376	41,579	40,701	42,283	41,931	40,800	37,480	20,800	13,669	7,513	6,276	—	1,217	367,325
1936.....	69,977	40,645	41,492	41,874	41,156	41,076	38,527	23,597	15,310	8,693	6,682	1,030	244	370,303
1937.....	70,618	41,971	42,402	43,234	40,798	40,428	37,920	24,316	16,511	9,184	7,349	1,356	265	376,352
1938.....	69,739	42,675	43,834	44,228	42,055	40,264	37,258	24,485	17,216	9,530	7,744	1,821	325	381,174

See footnotes to Tables XIV (a) to XIV (d)

[Based on P.E.D.]

SECTION 3.—AGES OF PUPILS.

Until 1935 the ages of pupils enrolled in state and state-aided schools were usually enumerated during the first week of November. In 1936 the date of this census was changed to the 1st Tuesday in June. This change, which has several advantages

over the old arrangement, has made the comparison of age distributions before and after 1936 somewhat difficult and accordingly tables have been prepared with all the ages adjusted to June. These figures will, therefore, be different from those of other published sources before 1936.

TABLE XV.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

AGES OF PUPILS (ADJUSTED TO JUNE OF EACH YEAR).

(a) CAPE.

Year.	Under 7.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17 and over.	Total.
1919.....	11,525	10,356	11,635	12,050	12,340	12,484	12,335	11,302	9,300	6,353	3,616	3,531	116,827
1920.....	10,887	11,242	12,405	12,686	12,599	12,624	12,835	12,193	10,173	7,180	4,075	3,604	122,503
1921.....	10,851	12,002	13,220	13,437	13,286	13,030	12,949	12,756	11,291	8,314	4,927	4,318	130,381
1922.....	10,184	11,580	13,354	13,710	13,649	13,425	13,219	12,656	11,576	8,971	5,475	5,304	133,103
1923.....	10,285	11,403	13,228	14,036	14,027	13,904	13,653	12,830	11,301	8,745	5,488	5,830	134,730
1924.....	10,579	11,505	12,985	13,718	14,110	14,028	13,897	12,949	11,091	8,141	4,999	5,302	133,304
1925.....	10,484	12,078	13,286	13,630	14,002	14,347	14,145	13,397	11,490	8,204	4,716	4,952	134,631
1926.....	10,188	12,048	13,861	13,917	13,893	14,159	14,444	13,638	11,877	8,597	4,873	4,674	136,169
1927.....	10,542	12,389	13,659	14,307	13,987	13,802	14,069	13,801	12,034	8,868	5,051	4,562	137,071
1928.....	10,490	13,111	14,122	14,117	14,486	13,994	13,750	13,572	12,326	8,940	5,241	4,704	138,853
1929.....	10,105	13,351	14,861	14,604	14,338	14,649	14,078	13,321	12,058	9,181	5,195	4,508	140,249
1930.....	10,504	13,404	15,204	15,406	14,823	14,475	14,717	13,657	11,927	9,038	5,438	4,648	143,241
1931.....	10,963	13,653	15,275	15,660	15,565	14,970	14,501	14,370	12,488	9,189	5,511	4,940	147,085
1932.....	11,065	13,972	15,407	15,611	15,742	15,523	14,934	14,118	12,930	9,336	5,473	5,076	149,187
1933.....	10,978	13,850	15,288	15,520	15,676	15,807	15,473	14,372	12,640	9,516	5,678	5,270	150,068
1934.....	11,025	13,990	15,290	15,519	15,481	15,543	15,672	15,009	12,939	9,362	5,851	5,171	150,852
1935.....	12,183	14,151	15,445	15,384	15,418	15,440	15,475	15,167	13,539	9,893	5,704	5,242	153,041
1936.....	9,754	14,472	15,311	15,520	15,544	15,397	15,326	15,531	14,090	10,948	6,108	4,954	152,955
1937.....	10,039	15,018	15,654	15,579	15,578	15,500	15,386	15,058	14,093	11,214	6,540	5,076	154,735
1938.....	9,373	15,016	16,032	15,894	15,633	15,403	15,430	15,155	13,816	11,162	6,828	5,236	154,928

See footnotes, Table XIV (a).

[Based on C.E.D.]

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Under 7.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17 and over.	Total.
1917.....	3,391	1,960	2,113	2,179	2,177	2,209	2,174	1,920	1,325	707	341	215	20,711
1918.....	3,573	1,974	2,074	2,134	2,112	2,122	2,171	1,995	1,503	856	420	223	21,157*
1919.....	3,338	1,987	2,117	2,220	2,290	2,250	2,213	2,104	1,701	1,062	504	284	22,070
1920.....	3,240	1,945	1,981	2,225	2,269	2,286	2,291	2,155	1,684	1,025	532	298	21,936†
1921.....	3,261	2,145	2,300	2,382	2,361	2,360	2,349	2,272	1,868	1,175	638	477	23,588‡
1922.....	3,346	2,210	2,394	2,459	2,462	2,426	2,401	2,305	1,924	1,291	679	482	24,379
1923.....	3,393	2,252	2,454	2,561	2,530	2,498	2,472	2,323	1,921	1,299	737	477	24,917
1924.....	3,450	2,226	2,502	2,590	2,640	2,610	2,598	2,415	1,933	1,219	633	450	25,266
1925.....	3,699	2,359	2,436	2,605	2,618	2,686	2,695	2,526	1,985	1,189	600	413	25,811
1926.....	2,588	2,335	2,526	2,510	2,633	2,654	2,707	2,556	2,019	1,231	596	426	24,781
1927.....	2,402	2,462	2,553	2,630	2,594	2,650	2,660	2,650	2,129	1,279	624	367	25,000
1928.....	2,617	2,582	2,695	2,650	2,659	2,647	2,683	2,534	2,154	1,352	659	398	25,630
1929.....	2,664	2,584	2,773	2,682	2,648	2,697	2,647	2,571	2,152	1,488	826	528	26,260
1930.....	2,691	2,590	2,817	2,896	2,840	2,767	2,742	2,563	2,188	1,482	859	549	26,984
1931.....	2,857	2,537	2,783	2,886	2,955	2,844	2,758	2,620	2,200	1,591	904	629	27,564
1932.....	2,160	2,583	2,673	2,799	2,883	2,883	2,814	2,643	2,262	1,627	998	687	27,012
1933.....	1,552	2,659	2,792	2,705	2,836	2,951	2,951	2,732	2,230	1,557	896	689	26,550
1934.....	2,441	2,523	2,831	2,805	2,732	2,835	2,901	2,732	2,239	1,529	939	773	27,280
1935.....	2,855	2,617	2,836	2,951	2,879	2,821	2,870	2,852	2,351	1,520	843	563	27,958
1936.....	2,351	2,729	2,769	2,899	2,935	2,891	2,868	2,818	2,469	1,724	900	554	27,907
1937.....	2,389	2,767	2,843	2,869	2,923	2,988	2,881	2,727	2,445	1,794	1,031	543	28,200
1938.....	2,472	2,888	3,126	3,039	3,020	3,030	3,074	2,874	2,500	1,812	1,046	635	29,516

[Based on N.E.D.]

* The difference of 2 in the total of this table and the total of Table XIV (b) is due to incorrect addition in the Annual Report.

† The difference of 270 in the total of this table and the total of Table XIV (b) is due to incorrect addition in the Annual Report.

‡ The Annual Report gives two sets of figures which, although compiled on the same day, do not agree. This is doubtless due to the inclusion of different schools. Unfortunately, no full description of the data is given. The age standard distribution gives a total of 23,485.

See also footnotes, Table XIV (b).

TABLE XV—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

AGES OF PUPILS (ADJUSTED TO JUNE OF EACH YEAR).

(c) TRANSVAAL.

Year.	Under 7.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17 and over.	Total.
1917.....	7,887	9,574	10,558	10,867	10,761	10,449	9,971	8,528	5,613	2,384	1,289	1,447	89,328
1918.....	8,053	9,770	10,944	11,212	11,360	10,968	10,251	9,013	6,938	4,060	1,631	1,749	95,949
1919.....	8,658	10,279	11,179	11,211	11,013	11,096	11,048	9,967	7,817	4,867	2,359	1,603	101,097
1920.....	8,863	10,676	11,873	11,778	11,563	11,350	11,333	10,355	8,473	5,637	2,884	2,033	107,018
1921.....	9,044	11,224	12,440	12,396	12,140	11,964	11,618	11,148	9,642	6,789	3,952	2,036	115,393
1922.....	7,727	11,732	12,874	13,032	12,919	12,536	12,143	11,360	9,983	7,328	4,167	3,862	119,663
1923.....	6,190	11,305	12,668	13,041	12,926	12,729	12,649	11,861	10,248	7,670	4,626	3,686	120,599
1924.....	5,331	11,424	12,873	13,060	13,357	13,178	13,002	12,176	10,304	7,179	4,025	4,022	119,931
1925.....	5,015	11,536	13,201	13,243	13,190	13,535	13,356	12,583	10,590	7,199	3,797	3,732	120,977
1926.....	5,217	11,220	13,332	13,283	13,133	13,157	13,595	12,870	10,830	7,206	3,584	3,104	120,531
1927.....	8,061	11,735	13,313	13,737	13,566	13,413	13,211	13,011	11,143	7,390	3,626	2,851	125,057
1928.....	8,958	12,511	13,573	13,690	13,856	13,645	13,495	12,767	11,291	7,742	4,029	3,238	128,795
1929.....	10,035	13,371	14,349	13,915	13,696	13,894	13,785	13,199	11,214	7,781	3,865	2,879	131,983
1930.....	9,750	12,903	14,527	14,516	13,997	13,810	14,041	13,335	11,444	7,744	4,269	3,148	133,484
1931.....	7,747	12,760	14,125	14,828	14,592	14,078	13,966	13,763	11,780	8,214	4,219	3,236	133,308
1932.....	6,863	12,892	14,006	14,275	14,892	14,777	14,205	13,642	12,168	8,157	4,233	3,248	133,358
1933.....	6,966	13,063	14,394	14,225	14,399	14,976	14,919	13,965	12,105	8,654	4,384	3,178	135,228
1934.....	7,341	13,525	14,893	14,666	14,329	14,625	15,121	14,539	12,319	8,410	4,550	3,167	137,485
1935.....	10,320	14,533	15,340	15,269	14,942	14,531	14,804	14,808	12,626	8,314	4,171	2,944	142,602
1936.....	8,351	15,336	16,068	15,368	15,522	14,886	14,720	14,391	13,867	9,745	4,532	2,804	145,590
1937.....	8,899	16,133	16,428	16,439	15,663	15,664	15,207	14,568	13,074	9,963	4,798	2,975	149,811
1938.....	8,945	16,683	17,208	16,476	16,481	15,676	15,692	14,946	13,275	9,659	4,889	2,981	153,181

See footnotes, Table XIV (c).

[Based on T.E.D.]

(d) ORANGE FREE STATE.

Year.	Under 7.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17 and over.	Total.
1919.....	3,873	3,335	3,941	4,214	4,293	4,396	4,370	4,035	3,528		4,796		40,781
1920.....	4,085	3,572	4,037	4,259	4,425	4,431	4,462	4,340	3,727		5,541		42,879
1921.....	3,661	3,683	4,355	4,514	4,560	4,575	4,559	4,426	4,040		6,673		45,046
1922.....	3,605	3,780	4,492	4,688	4,628	4,624	4,692	4,506	4,148	3,386	2,139	2,008	46,696
1923.....	3,001	3,710	4,322	4,682	4,773	4,698	4,658	4,537	4,212	3,401	2,214	2,435	46,643
1924.....	2,904	3,717	4,304	4,478	4,715	4,747	4,632	4,463	4,050	3,111	2,026	2,502	45,649
1925.....	2,692	3,697	4,321	4,458	4,506	4,700	4,716	4,464	4,003	3,060	1,830	2,157	44,604
1926.....	2,645	3,632	4,448	4,569	4,535	4,555	4,736	4,608	4,119	3,105	1,815	1,924	44,691
1927.....	2,848	3,633	4,256	4,639	4,569	4,491	4,502	4,545	4,150	3,082	1,846	1,795	44,356
1928.....	2,932	3,866	4,307	4,445	4,643	4,579	4,494	4,312	4,121	3,194	1,826	1,740	44,459
1929.....	3,058	3,818	4,452	4,426	4,386	4,575	4,549	4,369	3,969	3,243	2,068	1,879	44,792
1930.....	3,022	3,843	4,428	4,583	4,443	4,403	4,579	4,429	4,010	3,180	2,114	2,065	45,099
1931.....	2,965	3,676	4,299	4,534	4,602	4,413	4,429	4,529	4,138	3,279	2,098	2,122	45,084
1932.....	3,170	3,762	4,156	4,391	4,548	4,580	4,439	4,341	4,118	3,291	2,208	2,376	45,380
1933.....	3,098	3,943	4,159	4,183	4,322	4,447	4,499	4,285	3,954	3,307	2,138	2,251	44,586
1934.....	2,982	3,725	4,196	4,200	4,160	4,304	4,468	4,435	3,947	3,125	2,162	2,209	43,913
1935.....	3,190	3,885	4,249	4,256	4,184	4,160	4,241	4,310	4,051	3,124	2,004	2,070	43,724
1936.....	2,480	3,943	4,273	4,282	4,320	4,163	4,084	4,329	3,963	3,673	2,218	2,123	43,851
1937.....	2,387	3,928	4,373	4,298	4,242	4,285	4,171	3,974	4,036	3,444	2,378	2,090	43,606
1938.....	2,321	3,817	4,276	4,437	4,323	4,197	4,334	4,138	3,780	3,460	2,347	2,119	43,549

See footnotes, Table XIV (d).

[Based on O.E.D.]

(e) UNION.

Year.	Under 7.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17 and over.	Total.
1922.....	24,862	29,302	33,114	33,889	33,658	33,011	32,455	30,827	27,631	20,976	12,460	11,656	323,841
1923.....	22,869	28,670	32,672	34,320	34,256	33,829	33,432	31,551	27,682	21,115	13,065	13,428	326,889
1924.....	22,264	28,872	32,664	33,846	34,822	34,563	34,129	32,003	27,378	19,650	11,683	12,276	324,150
1925.....	21,890	29,670	33,244	33,936	34,316	35,268	34,912	32,970	28,068	19,652	10,943	11,154	326,023
1926.....	20,638	29,235	34,167	34,279	34,194	34,525	35,482	33,672	28,845	20,139	10,868	10,128	326,172
1927.....	23,853	30,219	33,781	35,313	34,716	34,356	34,442	34,007	29,456	20,619	11,147	9,575	331,484
1928.....	24,997	32,070	34,697	34,902	35,644	34,865	34,422	33,185	29,892	21,228	11,755	10,080	337,737
1929.....	25,862	33,124	36,435	35,627	35,068	35,815	35,059	33,460	29,393	21,693	11,954	9,794	343,284
1930.....	25,967	32,740	36,976	37,401	36,103	35,455	36,079	33,984	29,569	21,444	12,680	10,410	348,808
1931.....	24,532	32,626	36,482	37,908	37,714	36,305	35,654	35,282	30,606	22,273	12,732	10,927	353,041
1932.....	23,258	33,209	36,242	37,076	38,065	37,763	36,392	34,744	31,478	22,411	12,912	10,387	354,937
1933.....	22,594	33,615	36,633	36,633	37,233	38,181	37,842	35,354	30,929	23,034	13,096	11,388	356,432
1934.....	23,789	33,763	37,210	37,190	36,702	37,307	38,162	36,715	31,444	22,426	13,502	11,320	359,530
1935.....	28,548	35,186	37,870	37,860	37,423	36,952	37,390	37,137	32,567	22,851	12,722	10,819	367,325
1936.....	22,936	36,480	38,421	38,069	38,321	37,337	36,998	37,069	34,389	26,090	13,758	10,435	370,303
1937.....	23,714	37,846	39,298	39,185	38,406	38,437	37,645	36,327	33,648	26,415	14,747	10,684	376,352
1938.....	23,111	38,404	40,642	40,066	39,457	38,306	38,530	37,113	33,371	26,093	15,110	10,971	381,174

See footnotes, Table XIV.

[Based on P.E.D.]

SECTION 4.—MEDIAN AGES OF PUPILS.

Median ages, adjusted to June, are given in the following tables. The total number of cases dealt with for each year is indicated.

The median age of all pupils has not changed significantly since 1924.

There has been a very slight drop in the median age of Std X pupils—about .3 years. Most of the standards show a similar drop. The median age of pupils in the sub-standards has not dropped significantly so it may be assumed that the lessened incidence of retardation has been chiefly responsible for the slight lowering in the median age in succeeding classes.

The differences between the median ages of successive classes is of interest. Where the difference is more than a year it may be

assumed, neglecting the number of children who are held back, and one or two other factors, that promotion tends to take place from the older half of the class. If the difference is less than a year then promotion tends to take place from the younger half.

Stds. II, III, IV and V all show median ages more than a year greater than the preceding standards. It is noteworthy that Std. VII for all the years included in Table XV, has a median less than one year greater than Std. VI. The difference between Std. VIII and Std. VII and between Std. IX and Std. VIII is also less than one year. On the other hand the difference between the median age of Std. X and Std. IX is usually just over a year probably owing to the number who fail to pass Std. X. It will be fairly safe to say that promotions from Stds. VI, VII and VIII tend to be made more from the younger and brighter halves of the classes.

TABLE XVI.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

MEDIAN AGES OF PUPILS IN DIFFERENT STANDARDS.

(a) CAPE.

Year.	Sub-Std. A.	Sub-Std. B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclas-sified. A.	Unclas-sified. B.	Total.	No.
1930.....	6.98	7.92	8.87	9.92	11.09	12.20	13.22	14.17	15.02	15.96	16.68	17.75	13.11		11.16	143,241
1931.....	6.94	7.84	8.82	9.89	11.01	12.13	13.20	14.15	14.97	15.92	16.74	17.68	12.86		11.15	147,085
1932.....	6.94	7.79	8.76	9.84	10.97	12.06	13.12	14.15	14.89	15.84	16.69	17.71	12.44		11.18	149,187
1933.....	6.91	7.76	8.71	9.80	10.93	12.02	13.04	14.06	14.93	15.84	16.61	17.77	12.05		11.23	150,061
1934.....	6.93	7.75	8.73	9.84	10.96	12.05	13.09	14.06	14.85	15.83	16.65	17.63	12.30		11.27	150,852
1935.....	6.86	7.79	8.77	9.86	11.00	12.09	13.11	14.09	14.82	15.72	16.61	17.62	12.92		11.25	153,041
1936.....	6.96	7.89	8.76	9.79	10.90	11.98	13.09	14.07	14.76	15.63	16.52	17.56	12.76	13.23	11.39	152,955
1937.....	6.90	7.82	8.69	9.74	10.86	11.93	12.99	14.03	14.74	15.65	16.48	17.46	12.75	13.20	11.35	154,735
1938.....	6.91	7.80	8.66	9.70	10.82	11.91	12.97	13.98	14.74	15.65	16.47	17.47	12.94	13.00	11.36	154,928

See footnotes, Table XIV (a).

[Based on C.E.D.]

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Sub-Std. A.	Sub-Std. B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclas-sified. A.	Unclas-sified. B.	Total.	No.
1930.....	6.59	7.77	8.77	9.86	10.82	12.01	12.89	14.11	14.38	15.51	16.21	17.28	16.16		10.87	26,984
1931.....	7 (—)	7.65	8.69	9.80	10.79	11.77	12.86	13.90	14.58	15.44	16.18	17.19	15.86		10.92	27,564
1932.....	6.79	7.55	8.64	9.72	10.87	11.87	12.82	13.96	14.39	15.52	16.20	17.21	15.89		11.14	27,012
1933.....	7.07	7.88	8.56	9.72	10.81	11.84	12.81	13.87	14.39	15.37	16.26	17.24	15.68		11.25	26,550
1934.....	6.78	7.93	8.68	9.57	10.74	11.86	12.83	13.93	14.55	15.54	16.38	17.48	13.88		11.11	27,280
1935.....	6.61	7.81	8.87	9.68	10.65	11.70	12.82	13.85	14.34	15.32	16.08	17.12	11.82	17.58	10.92	27,958
1936.....	6.71	7.67	8.75	9.76	10.70	11.67	12.73	13.85	14.45	15.36	16.16	17.15	11.82	16.25	11.09	27,907
1937.....	6.69	7.67	8.64	9.75	10.74	11.73	12.65	13.87	14.49	15.34	16.18	17.14	12.52	16.75	11.01	28,200
1938.....	6.70	7.64	8.68	9.66	10.78	11.77	12.77	13.77	14.47	15.43	16.16	17.18	12.83	16.25	11.07	29,516

See footnotes, Table XIV (b).

[Based on N.E.D.]

(c) TRANSVAAL.

Year.	Sub-Std. A.	Sub-Std. B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified. A.	Total.	No.
1930.....	7.00	7.88	8.92	10.08	11.33	12.44	13.43	14.35	14.88	15.83	16.81	17.73	—	11.07	133,484
1931.....	7.13	7.81	8.91	9.93	11.01	12.35	13.42	14.36	14.83	15.74	16.72	17.71	—	11.18	133,308
1932.....	7.20	7.85	8.87	10.01	11.17	12.24	13.36	14.32	14.74	15.64	16.63	17.70	—	11.25	133,358
1933.....	7.21	7.89	8.89	9.98	11.14	12.21	13.27	14.26	14.83	15.57	16.47	17.62	—	11.30	135,228
1934.....	7.20	8.09	8.90	9.97	11.12	12.40	13.23	14.19	14.74	15.66	16.47	17.55	—	11.28	137,485
1935.....	7.02	7.86	8.46	9.95	11.05	12.12	13.16	14.09	14.60	15.49	16.43	17.41	12.32	11.05	142,602
1936.....	7.10	8.09	8.84	9.87	10.99	12.06	13.13	14.09	14.70	15.50	16.36	17.45	12.25	11.14	145,590
1937.....	7.04	7.97	8.84	9.85	10.96	12.03	13.08	14.03	14.67	15.53	16.37	17.36	12.31	11.09	149,811
1938.....	7.01	7.94	8.77	9.82	10.93	12.01	13.07	14.01	14.68	15.50	16.31	17.41	12.83	11.03	153,181

See footnotes, Table XIV (c).

[Based on T.E.D.]

TABLE XVI—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

MEDIAN AGES OF PUPILS IN DIFFERENT STANDARDS.

(d) ORANGE FREE STATE.

Year.	Sub-Std. A.	Sub-Std. B.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified. A.	Unclassified. B.	Total.	No.
1930.....	6.96	7.95	9.03	10.15	11.41	12.50	13.53	14.51	15.22	16.13	16.98	17.88	17.55		11.52	45,099
1931.....	6.93	7.89	8.97	10.09	11.22	12.51	13.50	14.49	15.21	16.07	16.90	17.94	18.08		11.54	45,084
1932.....	6.91	7.84	8.95	10.03	11.19	12.27	13.48	14.49	15.29	16.17	16.97	18.04	18.44		11.57	45,380
1933.....	6.92	7.80	8.86	10.01	11.14	12.24	13.31	14.45	15.21	16.13	17.02	17.86	18.58		11.61	44,586
1934.....	6.90	7.80	8.85	9.94	11.16	12.22	13.26	14.25	15.11	15.91	16.87	17.91	17.75		11.63	43,913
1935.....	6.87	7.75	8.78	9.86	11.00	12.19	13.18	14.17	14.98	15.96	16.86	17.80	17.58	17.11	11.50	43,724
1936.....	6.98	7.89	8.78	9.82	10.92	12.07	13.23	14.22	15.03	15.85	16.21	17.79	16.75	19.00	11.63	43,851
1937.....	6.94	7.88	8.77	9.83	10.92	11.99	13.01	14.25	14.95	15.89	16.66	17.70	17.13	18.00	11.62	43,803
1938.....	6.97	7.88	8.82	9.84	10.93	12.02	13.08	14.10	15.02	15.81	16.68	17.56	13.75	12.56	11.62	43,549

See footnotes, Table XIV (d).

[Based on O.E.D.]

(e) UNION.

Year.	Sub-Standards.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total.	No.
1924.....	7.51	9.08	10.21	11.34	12.43	13.41	14.37	15.22	16.41	17.15	17.84	17.16	11.27	324,114
1925.....	7.53	9.08	10.19	11.34	12.39	13.39	14.31	15.12	16.09	17.05	17.82	16.25	11.28	326,023
1926.....	7.62	9.09	10.20	11.36	12.43	13.38	14.32	15.05	15.98	16.93	17.73	18.03	11.31	326,121
1927.....	7.50	9.12	10.18	11.32	12.42	13.21	14.31	15.05	15.96	16.85	17.77	13.00	11.23	331,484
1928.....	7.43	8.92	10.08	11.18	12.27	13.29	14.22	14.92	15.82	16.64	17.72	12.91	11.19	337,737
1929.....	7.42	8.97	10.10	11.28	12.35	13.36	14.31	15.01	15.88	16.76	17.77	15.92	11.15	343,284
1930.....	7.40	8.91	10.01	11.17	12.31	13.31	14.27	14.97	15.90	16.73	17.73	15.98	11.15	348,808
1931.....	7.37	8.87	9.96	11.10	12.32	13.28	14.25	14.93	15.85	16.72	17.68	15.35	11.19	353,041
1932.....	7.38	8.82	9.92	11.06	12.14	13.24	14.24	14.86	15.80	16.68	17.69	15.31	11.25	354,937
1933.....	7.39	8.79	9.89	11.03	12.11	13.15	14.16	14.89	15.75	16.60	17.70	13.21	11.30	356,432
1934.....	7.39	8.81	9.88	11.03	12.11	13.14	14.12	14.82	15.79	16.60	17.62	12.64	11.30	359,530
1935.....	7.32	8.81	9.88	10.99	12.08	13.12	14.08	14.73	15.62	16.54	17.53	12.76	11.18	367,325
1936.....	7.42	8.80	9.83	10.93	11.99	13.09	14.07	14.74	15.59	16.48	17.53	12.88	11.29	370,303
1937.....	7.40	8.76	9.80	10.90	11.96	13.00	14.04	14.72	15.61	16.45	17.46	12.76	11.25	376,352
1938.....	7.40	8.73	9.76	10.87	11.95	13.00	13.98	14.72	15.59	16.44	17.44	12.96	11.23	381,174

See footnotes, Table XIV.

[Based on P.E.D.]

SECTION 5.—RELATIVE PROPORTION OF PUPILS IN DIFFERENT STANDARDS.

The usual method of depicting the relative proportion of pupils in different standards is to express the number of pupils in each standard as a percentage of the total of all pupils. Another method of showing the composition of the school population, is to express the number of pupils in each standard as a ratio, Std. I being taken as 100. The chief advantage of this latter method is that in each year the number of children in Std. I is reduced to the same figure and consequently the relative growth or decline of other standards is at once apparent. The results, too, are less

variable and not so easily disturbed by errors. Nevertheless, it must be pointed out that the number of children in Std. I is itself a variable factor and exercises an influence on all the other figures. In the tables which follow, comparisons are made *within* each year. It would therefore be misleading in this instance to compare figures in diagonal lines (i.e. the same group of children in successive years). For example, Table XVII (Cape) shows that for every 100 children in Std. I in 1920 there were 8.24 in Std. X. This ratio had changed by 1937 to 100 : 21.24. It would not be accurate to say that of 100 pupils in Std. I in 1920, 8.24 reached Std. X, nor would it be correct to say that of 100 pupils in Std. I in 1917, 14.46 reached Std. X. In 1926, nine years later,

TABLE XVII.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

RATIO OF ENROLMENT IN EACH STANDARD TO STD. I TAKEN AS 100.

(a) CAPE.

Year.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total No. of Cases.
1917.....	100	106.69	103.99	92.35	80.07	54.81	36.92	35.60			—	112,129
1918.....	100	106.23	108.30	98.26	85.23	60.38	39.73	34.58			1.85	113,199
1919.....	100	105.02	109.39	105.73	94.02	68.91	43.04	39.02			2.07	116,827
1920.....	100	101.75	105.19	102.90	92.58	71.38	39.11	22.20	9.51	8.24	0.79	122,503
1921.....	100	103.47	105.63	101.38	91.59	74.09	41.04	26.25	9.93	8.41	1.12	130,381
1922.....	100	102.22	107.94	100.60	90.38	77.56	42.16	52.64			0.15	133,103
1923.....	100	107.72	109.38	103.52	92.94	79.59	42.91	32.30	14.07	11.44	0.20	134,730
1924.....	100	108.51	113.27	104.71	95.15	80.66	38.65	30.55	14.17	13.12	0.08	133,304
1925.....	100	109.64	116.52	107.71	99.21	82.30	40.86	27.64	15.14	13.86	0.41	134,631
1926.....	100	106.63	112.58	109.01	97.71	85.83	42.26	28.61	13.40	14.46	0.13	136,169
1927.....	100	106.28	111.29	105.37	98.27	86.35	44.70	29.86	14.75	13.70	0.35	137,071
1928.....	100	103.78	109.28	105.15	95.11	85.17	42.23	30.17	15.13	13.53	0.29	138,853
1929.....	100	104.53	109.37	100.89	95.00	84.48	41.64	29.15	15.60	13.72	0.86	140,249
1930.....	100	106.43	109.61	102.24	94.90	85.66	43.17	29.82	15.73	14.46	0.79	143,241
1931.....	100	107.23	110.60	104.20	96.27	89.40	45.71	31.97	16.64	15.14	1.21	147,085
1932.....	100	106.57	111.85	105.16	98.40	89.52	47.77	33.09	19.00	16.05	1.57	149,187
1933.....	100	107.20	112.27	107.19	101.24	95.94	48.99	35.15	20.10	18.03	1.97	150,068
1934.....	100	105.60	110.75	106.22	101.62	93.22	51.81	35.59	20.53	17.84	3.99	150,852
1935.....	100	102.29	107.99	104.08	99.23	90.89	54.79	37.27	21.21	17.98	4.26	153,041
1936.....	100	103.30	108.11	105.52	104.16	96.44	59.70	42.28	25.05	19.70	5.28	152,955
1937.....	100	102.00	105.42	101.45	99.72	94.18	61.56	43.21	25.20	21.24	5.57	154,735
1938.....	100	103.38	104.64	100.43	97.72	91.98	61.74	45.93	25.67	21.76	8.22	154,928

See footnotes, Table XIV (a).

[Based on C.E.D.]

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total No. of Cases.
1917.....	100	109.18	99.31	98.30	87.55	61.37	31.26	25.33			—	20,711
1918.....	100	114.15	112.44	104.09	103.58	79.34	39.41	23.31	10.10	6.43	—	21,159
1919.....	100	105.44	111.72	106.74	105.44	83.34	34.49	17.29	8.37	6.03	17.33	22,070
1920.....	100	96.98	100.32	104.77	100.76	77.70	34.94	20.71	8.86	7.35	14.75	22,206
1921.....	100	102.98	99.53	107.13	107.48	89.50	37.42	22.96	10.78	8.89	16.14	23,588
1922.....	100	96.63	95.62	96.91	93.83	99.61	36.10	28.38	10.91	7.71	—	24,379
1923.....	100	100.07	100.54	101.23	97.14	86.85	25.03	28.47	15.68	8.98	16.59	24,917
1924.....	100	102.67	104.56	101.18	103.81	93.08	18.54	22.21	11.84	10.20	12.55	25,266
1925.....	100	102.38	105.01	103.34	102.13	98.54	23.38	17.06	13.36	10.45	10.91	25,811
1926.....	100	99.00	103.17	104.38	102.17	101.35	33.56	22.91	9.37	13.18	—	24,781
1927.....	100	104.04	102.52	106.78	99.82	110.38	35.36	25.67	11.46	9.52	—	25,000
1928.....	100	100.91	106.44	103.93	102.15	107.75	41.14	28.14	13.03	10.16	—	25,630
1929.....	100	93.31	98.46	103.54	93.00	99.35	40.82	29.80	12.39	10.37	7.69	26,260
1930.....	100	94.73	93.10	95.49	94.02	92.84	37.55	34.20	13.14	10.26	5.62	26,984
1931.....	100	100.94	97.21	97.21	97.28	97.41	46.00	35.14	16.05	12.22	5.87	27,564
1932.....	100	102.75	106.40	101.58	96.65	104.12	48.09	38.84	16.89	15.85	8.95	27,102
1933.....	100	103.05	107.88	109.84	101.89	102.88	50.29	41.79	19.30	16.42	2.06	26,550
1934.....	100	116.43	125.58	125.14	122.94	126.42	54.80	48.00	23.02	18.51	2.52	27,280
1935.....	100	98.61	113.18	118.54	115.13	117.91	54.54	43.81	22.15	17.98	7.02	27,958
1936.....	100	87.13	85.48	97.05	99.78	104.82	49.54	39.90	20.06	16.80	3.45	27,907
1937.....	100	102.97	91.79	89.87	99.12	110.52	51.94	44.25	21.64	17.27	5.57	28,200
1938.....	100	98.10	100.49	90.88	88.40	102.57	54.12	41.84	22.80	18.03	6.03	29,516

See footnotes, Table XIV (b).

[Based on N.E.D.]

TABLE XVII—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

RATIO OF ENROLMENT IN EACH STANDARD TO STD. I TAKEN AS 100.

(c) TRANSVAAL.

Year.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total No. of Cases.
1917.....	100	95·60	83·08	71·45	48·30	27·83	5·94	17·30				89,328
1918.....	100	94·44	88·76	74·85	55·58	33·96	15·43	6·36	4·12	2·84	—	95,949
1919.....	100	98·38	92·85	81·22	62·98	42·22	16·23	9·11	4·34	2·84	—	101,097
1920.....	100	91·26	87·93	79·16	61·75	46·09	17·24	9·54	5·25	2·85	—	107,018
1921.....	100	97·19	88·35	83·47	66·42	51·21	21·85	11·15	7·33	3·33	—	115,393
1922.....	100	94·78	90·90	79·62	69·24	54·25	23·19	14·89	8·57	4·04	—	119,663
1923.....	100	99·48	97·78	88·80	71·55	61·89	25·29	17·62	11·49	6·43	—	120,599
1924.....	100	104·47	104·84	96·03	80·30	64·60	25·24	17·48	12·64	7·85	—	119,931
1925.....	100	103·10	105·91	100·05	88·27	69·62	25·21	16·61	12·41	7·91	—	120,977
1926.....	100	96·63	100·19	96·22	87·16	71·75	21·67	14·54	10·03	7·85	—	120,531
1927.....	100	97·27	95·98	94·19	85·92	67·93	25·07	14·45	9·77	6·27	—	125,057
1928.....	100	94·65	94·32	87·86	79·17	65·82	25·80	16·25	9·27	6·75	—	128,795
1929.....	100	94·13	92·55	83·76	75·61	62·73	26·99	16·34	10·05	6·42	—	131,983
1930.....	100	101·53	96·52	88·43	80·38	67·84	27·86	19·24	11·31	7·31	—	133,484
1931.....	100	100·76	104·58	95·33	84·46	72·06	30·51	20·26	12·37	8·62	—	133,308
1932.....	100	104·94	110·23	103·91	95·77	78·20	33·36	21·29	13·84	10·57	—	133,358
1933.....	100	104·67	112·52	109·87	103·31	85·28	39·50	23·01	13·96	12·39	—	135,228
1934.....	100	96·23	104·44	104·75	99·44	86·43	41·28	23·57	13·27	11·61	—	137,485
1935.....	100	93·48	93·59	94·88	93·99	83·57	41·00	24·07	12·49	10·57	1·37	142,602
1936.....	100	104·06	100·74	96·88	98·02	89·50	54·69	30·15	16·17	11·47	1·71	145,590
1937.....	100	99·17	102·65	92·54	90·94	82·33	51·90	32·67	16·23	12·67	2·73	149,811
1938.....	100	103·34	103·00	97·90	90·43	78·51	51·27	32·70	16·58	13·08	2·40	153,181

See footnotes, Table XIV (c).

[Based on T.E.D.]

(d) ORANGE FREE STATE.

Year.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total No. of Cases.
1917.....	100	106·53	113·70	94·12	69·47	37·66	38·26				36,908	
1918.....	100	110·96	119·29	109·96	84·94	57·59	48·91				39,534	
1919.....	100	108·47	119·19	107·79	96·97	68·74	60·63				40,781	
1920.....	100	100·65	113·44	103·53	90·29	70·66	67·25				42,879	
1921.....	100	105·64	110·68	103·98	92·36	75·01	83·38				45,046	
1922.....	100	101·10	108·77	100·18	89·16	77·93	45·14	28·10	14·12	8·77	0·18	46,696
1923.....	100	111·50	112·22	107·87	93·69	83·86	47·10	31·84	19·07	13·85	0·19	46,643
1924.....	100	105·99	114·29	108·18	94·42	85·79	42·90	30·11	19·79	17·63	1·42	45,649
1925.....	100	107·36	113·11	111·69	101·68	85·75	40·46	27·11	19·57	17·17	3·35	44,604
1926.....	100	104·32	110·41	107·68	99·33	87·42	42·85	25·75	16·21	18·29	—	44,691
1927.....	100	99·22	103·75	101·92	91·39	83·62	45·77	26·45	14·56	13·93	0·86	44,356
1928.....	100	108·76	107·33	109·95	106·39	96·27	85·83	50·18	29·14	17·54	13·84	44,459
1929.....	100	98·83	97·79	93·14	86·05	77·34	45·44	28·21	16·51	13·07	2·22	44,792
1930.....	100	101·11	100·88	92·52	85·28	77·02	46·37	31·03	17·86	13·97	1·40	45,099
1931.....	100	108·61	114·44	104·68	93·84	86·39	49·94	33·76	21·36	16·53	1·78	45,084
1932.....	100	106·19	117·17	114·36	103·07	91·79	53·24	36·42	24·66	19·25	2·02	45,380
1933.....	100	98·14	107·46	109·38	105·64	93·75	52·52	34·10	26·56	20·06	1·41	44,586
1934.....	100	102·23	105·00	105·97	104·56	100·27	56·72	38·19	23·78	22·21	1·07	43,913
1935.....	100	98·23	102·93	101·50	99·90	96·05	63·79	37·36	25·20	19·94	1·71	43,724
1936.....	100	100·92	105·24	104·83	101·93	101·05	70·08	46·82	28·07	22·49	0·49	43,851
1937.....	100	103·23	103·12	104·39	102·56	93·49	71·63	47·29	31·45	22·47	0·86	43,606
1938.....	100	101·15	104·68	99·62	101·18	93·39	67·25	48·33	31·96	24·54	2·67	43,549

See footnotes, Table XIV (d).

[Based on O.E.D.]

TABLE XVII—(continued).

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS—(EUROPEAN).

RATIO OF ENROLMENT IN EACH STANDARD TO STANDARD I TAKEN AS 100.

(e) UNION.

Year.	Std. I.	Std. II.	Std. III.	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.	Unclassified.	Total No. of Cases.
1917.....	100	102.41	96.62	84.65	66.40	42.13	46.95				—	259,076
1918.....	100	102.47	101.90	90.45	74.03	50.23	52.92				—	269,841
1919.....	100	102.78	104.05	95.99	82.41	58.88	59.73				—	280,775
1920.....	100	96.98	98.83	93.26	80.00	61.19	59.89				—	294,606
1921.....	100	101.11	98.70	94.62	82.22	65.66	68.95				—	314,408
1922.....	100	98.56	100.04	91.47	81.56	69.29	34.16	41.54			—	323,841
1923.....	100	104.27	104.33	97.83	84.47	73.32	34.92	25.90	13.76	9.51	1.25	326,889
1924.....	100	106.12	109.36	101.41	89.69	75.74	32.33	24.60	14.12	11.37	1.13	324,150
1925.....	100	106.17	110.95	104.81	95.34	78.83	33.21	22.34	14.48	11.64	1.40	326,023
1926.....	100	101.70	106.57	103.29	93.94	81.41	33.30	22.09	12.09	12.16	0.05	326,172
1927.....	100	101.54	103.43	100.47	92.44	80.14	36.11	22.79	12.45	10.38	0.25	331,484
1928.....	100	100.31	102.53	97.09	90.18	79.83	40.38	26.52	14.17	10.91	1.76	337,737
1929.....	100	98.61	99.98	92.78	85.45	75.31	35.82	23.61	13.13	10.29	1.13	343,284
1930.....	100	102.85	101.83	94.76	87.56	77.66	36.80	25.89	13.98	11.13	0.90	348,808
1931.....	100	104.26	107.59	100.07	91.16	82.44	39.94	27.57	15.39	12.39	1.12	353,041
1932.....	100	105.69	111.53	105.58	97.86	86.39	42.69	29.19	17.46	14.23	1.53	354,937
1933.....	100	104.79	111.46	108.71	102.72	91.99	45.78	30.73	18.42	15.94	1.13	356,432
1934.....	100	102.05	108.41	106.77	102.41	93.35	48.28	31.76	18.10	15.85	1.92	359,530
1935.....	100	97.89	101.69	100.85	98.12	90.14	50.03	32.87	18.07	15.09	2.93	367,325
1936.....	100	102.08	103.02	101.26	101.06	94.79	58.06	37.67	21.39	16.44	3.13	370,303
1937.....	100	101.03	103.01	96.97	96.32	90.35	57.94	39.34	21.88	17.51	3.86	376,352
1938.....	100	102.72	103.64	98.55	94.35	87.31	57.38	40.34	22.33	18.15	5.03	381,174

See footnotes, Table XIV.

[Based on P.E.D.]

In the above tables, the following points may be noted:—

(a) Table XVII (Union). The proportion of children in the lower standards increases from Std. I to Std. III. This is due to the influx of new children to the schools. A decrease sets in after Std. IV and continues to Stds. V and VI. After Std. VI the decline is very sharp indeed. For every 100 children in Std. I in 1937 there were 57.94 in Std. VII, 39.34 in Std. VIII, 21.88 in Std. IX and only 17.51 in Std. X. 3.86 children were in special classes (i.e. unclassified).

A comparison of the ratios for the earliest year available, 1923, and those of 1937 show some interesting differences. The figures do not differ very greatly up to Std. IV but after that stage the ratios of 1923 were very much lower than those of 1937. For every 100 children in Std. I in 1923 there were 9.51 in Std. X while in 1937 there were 17.51.

It is obvious from this table that very considerable progress has been made in retaining pupils in the schools so that the proportion reaching a higher class is greater than before. The proportion noted as unclassified is also increasing as more special classes are being instituted in the schools.

(b) In the Free State [Table XVII (d)] the number of children in Std. I has been declining for seven successive years. The numbers in the higher classes have not shown this same tendency with the consequence that the ratios of, say, Std. VII or IX to Std. I have shown a remarkably sudden rise in recent years.

(c) A sudden rise in the number of pupils entering the schools will depress the ratios of the higher classes somewhat. This has occurred in the case of the Transvaal.

SECTION 6.—ELIMINATION.

How many pupils drop out of school at the different levels of education? This is the problem of elimination. A study of this problem reflects the holding power of the school.

In order to prepare elimination tables accurately (i.e. taking into due account all the relevant factors) considerably more data are required than are available at the present time. In the absence of such data recourse has been made to two somewhat cruder methods of depicting elimination—

- tables showing the approximate elimination in primary and post-primary classes;
- tables showing the approximate elimination above Std. VI.

The necessity for the two types of table arises from the fact that, owing to incomplete data, certain errors are introduced. These errors are cumulative and so to obtain a picture of the situation in post-primary classes as accurate as possible, a fresh point of departure is taken with Std. VI.

Unlike the tables of Section 5, the tables of this section *must* be read *diagonally* since they note the progress of (approximately) the same groups of children in successive years and standards.

It may be added that the purpose of taking the average of Stds. I, II and III in Tables XVIII as 100 is to secure maximum stability in the figures used as the bases of comparison.

(a) Elimination above Std. III.

TABLE XVIII.

THE RATIO, IN SUCCEEDING YEARS, BETWEEN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN STDS. I, II AND III, TAKEN AS 100, AND THE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN OTHER STANDARDS.

(a) CAPE.

Year.	Std. I+II+III	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.
	3							
1917.....	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1918.....	100	91·40	—	—	—	—	—	—
1919.....	100	101·67	88·17	—	—	—	—	—
1920.....	100	104·59	94·84	71·31	—	—	—	—
1921.....	100	103·59	97·32	79·35	42·86	—	—	—
1922.....	100	99·19	93·82	83·73	45·86	—	—	—
1923.....	100	99·30	90·88	81·94	45·94	34·85	14·80	—
1924.....	100	97·38	89·72	77·54	39·11	32·15	15·03	13·57
1925.....	100	99·10	91·06	76·59	38·77	27·60	15·73	14·51
1926.....	100	101·65	91·14	79·86	39·87	27·52	13·57	15·23
1927.....	100	98·26	92·08	80·94	41·80	28·31	14·27	13·94
1928.....	100	102·82	91·80	82·61	40·97	29·20	14·84	13·54
1929.....	100	98·58	94·72	83·14	41·18	28·84	15·40	13·73
1930.....	100	98·87	93·83	86·42	42·99	29·84	15·75	14·44
1931.....	100	101·01	94·13	89·37	46·62	32·19	16·84	15·33
1932.....	100	99·99	95·15	88·18	48·11	34·00	19·27	16·36
1933.....	100	99·87	95·19	91·73	47·72	35·01	20·42	18·08
1934.....	100	99·96	94·88	87·84	49·64	34·74	20·49	18·16
1935.....	100	99·88	94·50	85·87	52·24	36·14	20·95	18·16
1936.....	100	99·60	97·59	89·66	55·06	39·36	23·71	19·00
1937.....	100	100·57	96·87	90·79	58·90	41·02	24·14	20·69
1938.....	100	98·79	97·69	90·07	60·00	44·29	24·56	20·02

See footnotes, Table XIV (a).

[Based on C.E.D.]

TABLE XVIII—(continued).

THE RATIO, IN SUCCEEDING YEARS, BETWEEN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN STDS. I, II AND III, TAKEN AS 100, AND THE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN OTHER STANDARDS.

(b) NATAL.

Year.	Std. I+II+III	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.
	3							
1917.....	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1918.....	100	91.59	—	—	—	—	—	—
1919.....	100	99.80	94.44	—	—	—	—	—
1920.....	100	104.37	99.22	73.29	—	—	—	—
1921.....	100	109.65	108.60	89.39	35.80	—	—	—
1922.....	100	104.96	104.88	109.91	39.37	29.66	—	—
1923.....	100	102.95	104.22	96.18	27.36	30.76	16.23	—
1924.....	100	102.58	107.26	101.46	20.86	24.67	12.99	10.72
1925.....	100	101.23	103.88	102.14	25.57	19.25	14.89	11.51
1926.....	100	101.62	99.84	102.83	34.70	24.99	10.55	14.65
1927.....	100	104.42	96.03	106.59	35.46	26.22	12.36	10.59
1928.....	100	100.72	98.92	102.66	39.34	27.94	13.19	10.84
1929.....	100	107.17	95.57	102.02	41.24	30.22	13.05	11.12
1930.....	100	105.47	104.54	102.48	41.42	37.11	14.31	11.60
1931.....	100	99.90	105.93	106.77	50.06	38.21	17.17	13.12
1932.....	100	98.86	96.06	109.67	50.99	40.89	17.77	16.40
1933.....	100	104.60	96.93	99.97	51.78	43.31	19.86	16.89
1934.....	100	103.56	100.42	103.16	45.67	42.39	20.47	16.33
1935.....	100	110.72	101.44	102.55	47.39	38.84	20.83	17.02
1936.....	100	110.59	110.37	109.38	51.03	41.06	21.09	18.71
1937.....	100	96.20	109.87	118.92	52.72	44.34	21.66	17.65
1938.....	100	98.46	100.73	121.03	61.98	45.21	24.33	19.21

See footnotes, Table XIV (b).

[Based on N.E.D.]

TABLE XVIII—(continued).

THE RATIO, IN SUCCEEDING YEARS, BETWEEN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN STDS. I, II AND III, TAKEN AS 100, AND THE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN OTHER STANDARDS.

(c) TRANSVAAL.

Year.	Std. I+II+III	Std. IV.	Std. V.	Std. VI.	Std. VII.	Std. VIII.	Std. IX.	Std. X.
	3							
1917.....	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1918.....	100	82·63	—	—	—	—	—	—
1919.....	100	84·36	68·18	—	—	—	—	—
1920.....	100	89·14	70·12	54·54	—	—	—	—
1921.....	100	92·78	77·36	60·15	26·74	—	—	—
1922.....	100	87·73	80·72	66·28	28·57	19·12	—	—
1923.....	100	89·10	75·33	68·94	29·52	20·74	14·09	—
1924.....	100	91·77	76·28	64·39	26·62	19·32	14·09	9·12
1925.....	100	94·97	82·53	64·72	24·59	17·14	13·42	8·63
1926.....	100	96·38	85·35	69·21	20·78	14·63	10·68	8·76
1927.....	100	97·63	88·25	68·21	24·80	14·22	10·08	6·84
1928.....	100	95·02	86·75	71·47	27·39	17·00	9·64	7·36
1929.....	100	92·20	86·70	72·87	31·08	18·39	11·14	7·08
1930.....	100	90·45	86·48	76·04	31·64	21·65	12·45	7·92
1931.....	100	94·29	84·70	76·02	33·53	22·56	13·64	9·30
1932.....	100	96·11	89·17	73·83	33·13	22·03	14·50	10·98
1933.....	100	100·32	91·84	76·17	35·78	21·92	13·85	12·46
1934.....	100	103·27	94·66	79·93	38·44	22·25	13·18	12·29
1935.....	100	100·84	98·71	84·73	40·40	23·87	12·56	11·18
1936.....	100	96·13	98·91	89·25	52·65	28·20	15·23	10·96
1937.....	100	96·32	95·43	87·85	54·73	33·27	16·05	12·62
1938.....	100	99·34	95·93	83·96	55·76	35·15	17·20	13·19

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