

PERMITS GRANTED (14 to 16 Years of Age), under Sections 57 to 60. Factories Act, during the Year 1st January to 31st December, 1898.

Town.	Number of Boys.	Number of Girls.	Boys: Standard passed.				Girls: Standard passed.			
			IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.
Auckland	218	138	121	43	54	..	75	28	34	1
Amberley	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..
Ashburton	10	7	3	4	3	..	1	1	5	..
Christchurch	142	136	55	27	60	..	50	32	54	..
Dunedin	164	179	54	30	80	..	51	51	77	..
Green Island	13	2	10	2	1	..	1	..	1	..
Gore	1	4	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Hawera	6	1	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Invercargill	39	29	16	9	14	..	9	9	11	..
Inglewood	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kihikibi	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Levin	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Masterton	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Malvern (Annat)	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Milton	4	14	2	1	1	..	9	5	..	..
Mosgiel	3	3	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	1
New Plymouth	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Napier	8	12	2	4	2	..	4	3	5	..
Nelson	9	19	4	1	4	..	7	8	4	..
Oamaru	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Palmerston North	9	16	6	2	1	..	5	5	5	1
Rangiora	5	4	1	2	2	..	2	1	1	..
Timaru	28	13	14	4	9	1	5	2	6	..
Thames	4	4	2	2	..	..	1	3	..	..
Takaka	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wanganui	17	11	10	..	6	1	3	4	4	..
Wellington	167	114	81	36	35	15	46	38	23	7
Whangaroa	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	863	710	392	175	279	17	274	194	232	10

REPORTS ON ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED FOR SHEARERS.

District.	Number of Stations.	Remarks.
Ashburton ..	8	Accommodation very good.
Amberley ..	15	The accommodation on most of the stations is very fair.
Akaroa ..	33	The accommodation in this district is very satisfactory. Improvements suggested by Inspector have been carried out.
Arrowtown ..	2	Accommodation good.
Alexandra South ..	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ashurst ..	2	Accommodation fairly good.
Awanui (Port) ..	13	Accommodation in most cases very fair. Two of the largest station-holders employ Maoris, who prefer to sleep in tents, although in one case good accommodation is provided; in one or two other cases the owners have promised to erect increased accommodation.
Blenheim ..	38	Accommodation good. One place was very dirty, but at request of Inspector was immediately cleaned.
Cromwell ..	5	The accommodation for shearers in this district is very unsatisfactory, some sheds being very much overcrowded, and others dirty. The Inspector has served notices on owners for better accommodation.
Clinton ..	9	Accommodation good.
Culverden ..	26	Accommodation satisfactory.
Coromandel ..	..	Accommodation very fair. The stations in this district being small, most of the work is done by the neighbouring settlers, who return home every night.
Carterton ..	6	All have good accommodation.
Clive ..	7	Accommodation fair.
Christchurch ..	1	Accommodation very satisfactory.
Cambridge ..	5	Accommodation fair. Maoris are mostly employed in this district, who prefer to sleep in tents, and do their own cooking.
Dannevirke ..	6	All have good accommodation excepting one, who has been served with a notice by Inspector to provide better accommodation.
Eketahuna ..	11	Accommodation, with the exception of two, very good. In these two cases the owners are endeavouring to comply with the request of the Inspector, but have been delayed considerably on account of the wet weather, being unable to get timber from mills.
Eltham ..	..	Accommodation satisfactory.
Fairlie ..	29	Accommodation good. In two cases it was necessary for the Inspector to serve notices on owners to provide proper accommodation.
Featherston ..	5	Accommodation very good.
Foxton ..	9	Accommodation very good.
Gore ..	2	Both have good accommodation.
Greytown ..	5	The Inspector has served notice on one station-owner for improved accommodation; the others have fair accommodation. In one case local men are employed, who return home every night.