

339. Since war commenced in 1939 the brewery of Simich and Co., of Auckland, and the brewery of Duncan and Co., of Dunedin, have not been brewing. In 1930 Southland Breweries, Ltd., acquired the Southland Brewery from Roope and Co. and stopped production. In 1943, after restoration was carried in Invercargill, this brewery resumed production, but the Awarua Brewery, which is also owned by Southland Breweries, Ltd., is not yet operating.

340. Of the total gallonage of 25,305,615 gallons of beer produced during 1944, the breweries of New Zealand Breweries, Ltd., produced 14,982,728 gallons, while all the other breweries combined produced during that year only 10,322,887 gallons. We were informed by the secretary of New Zealand Breweries, that one-third of the company's business to-day consists of bottled-beer trade, and that, from present indications, in a few years' time, this may equal a half of the company's total business (R. 6881/2). Of the other breweries, the largest is Dominion Breweries, of Otahuhu, which produced in 1944, 4,657,403 gallons. The next is Ballin's Breweries, of Christchurch, which produced 1,453,605 gallons.

341. There are only six other companies which produced more than 200,000 gallons during 1944, viz. :—

- (1) The Tui Brewery, Ltd., of Mangatainoka, 517,744 gallons ;
- (2) Westland Breweries, Ltd., with two breweries, one at Hokitika and one at Reefton, 463,801 gallons ;
- (3) McCarthy's Brewery, Ltd., of Wellington, 423,776 gallons ;
- (4) Cascade Brewery, of Taihape, 419,502 gallons ;
- (5) Innes's Waikato Brewery of Hamilton, 384,623 gallons ; and
- (6) The Dunedin Brewery and Wilson Malt Extract Co., Ltd., 228,827 gallons.

342. The following is a table showing how the beer produced has been disposed of as between hotels and private individuals (Exhibit A, 103, set out in Record 6155 and 6155A) :—

Brewery Company and Location.	Quantity of Liquor sold by Brewery, Year ended 31st March, 1945.		Total Quantity sold.
	To Hotels.	To Individuals and Agencies.	
	Gallons.	Gallons.	Gallons.
<i>Whangarei Police District</i>	..	..	..
<i>Auckland Police District—</i>			
New Zealand Breweries Ltd. (Auckland Branch)	5,477,790	206,676	5,684,466
Dominion Breweries Ltd., Auckland	4,258,593	377,257	4,635,850
<i>Hamilton Police District—</i>			
C. L. Innes and Co., Ltd., Hamilton	39,846	349,752	389,598
The Simons Proprietary, Ltd., Paeroa	7,204	61,788	68,992
<i>Gisborne Police District—</i>			
New Zealand Breweries, Ltd., Gisborne	356,994	104,022	461,016
<i>Napier Police District—</i>			
D. H. Newbigin, Hastings	18,302	8,018	26,320
<i>New Plymouth Police District—</i>			
The Taranaki Brewery and Cordials Ltd., New Plymouth ..	189,000	21,000	210,000
The Hawera Brewery Co., Ltd., Hawera	24,921	13,116	38,037
<i>Wanganui Police District—</i>			
The Wanganui Brewery Co., Ltd., Wanganui	46,857	37,448	84,305
The Cascade Brewery Co., Ltd., Taihape	259,583	205,942	465,525