

SECTION 2.—CONTROL OF HOTELS BY BREWERS AND WHOLESALE MERCHANTS

344. We have prepared a table showing in detail the control by the breweries and the wholesale wine and spirit merchants over hotels which is set out in Appendix A. The compilation of this return has been made possible by the answers to a questionnaire which we circulated to all breweries and wholesale merchants in New Zealand. It appears from this return that, out of a total of 1,098 hotels and accommodation houses in New Zealand, a total of 631 are under the control of the breweries and the wholesale trade. In general, most of the hotels in the cities and in the towns are under this control. In Auckland City, particularly, nearly all the hotels are under the control of one or other of the brewery or hotel companies.

345. We refer in more detail to the control over hotels exercised by the principal brewery and hotel companies according to the figures obtained by us in 1945.

346. New Zealand Breweries, Ltd., owns 59 (6 jointly) has a lease of 51 (9 jointly), and is financially interested in 92 hotels, a total of 202. These hotels are located in the various provinces as follows :—

Province.	Own.	Lease.	Financially interested.	Total.
Auckland	15	35	9	59
Hawke's Bay	4	2	5	11
Taranaki	..	..	2	2
Wellington	24	6	11	41
Nelson	..	..	3	3
Marlborough	..	..	1	1
Westland	1	..	..	1
Canterbury	13	8	50	71
Otago	2	..	10	12
Southland	..	..	1	1

347. Dominion Breweries, Ltd., owns 17 (1 jointly), leases 27, and is financially interested in 6 hotels. These hotels are distributed among the provinces as follows :—

Province.	Own.	Lease.	Financially interested.	Total.
Auckland	13	21	1	35
Hawke's Bay	2	5	..	7
Taranaki	1	..	1	2
Wellington	1	1	..	2

348. Ballins Breweries (N.Z.), Ltd., owned 11 hotels, leased 15 hotels, and was financially interested in 35 hotels. These hotels are distributed among the provinces as follows :—

Province.	Own.	Lease.	Financially interested.	Total.
Auckland	..	..	1	1
Hawke's Bay	..	1	..	1
Taranaki	..	1	2	3
Wellington	..	3	2	5
Nelson	..	..	2	2
Marlborough	..	1	1	2
Westland	..	..	1	1
Canterbury	11	7	23	41
Otago	..	1	1	2
Southland	..	1	2	3