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NEW ZEALAND

EDUCATION: CHILD WELFARE, STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION

[In continuation of E-4, 1949]

Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

SIR,

13th June, 1950.

I have the honour to present my report on the work of the Child Welfare Division for the year ended 31st March, 1950. This report indicates only the main activities of the Division; readers interested in a fuller statement of the Division's responsibilities and methods of working are referred to E-4, 1946.

The development of our work since 1946 has been on the basis set out in the report for that year.

The principal new responsibilities undertaken during the year were in respect of "unaccompanied" children who have come to New Zealand under agreements between the Government of New Zealand and the appropriate authorities overseas. There are three categories, namely:—

(a) *British Immigrant Children.* Under the authority of the Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1948, the Superintendent of Child Welfare has assumed guardianship of 165 immigrant children who arrived in New Zealand in accordance with arrangements made between the Government of New Zealand and the parents or guardians of the children. The first party, numbering 18, arrived in June, 1949, and the remainder have arrived