

PERMITS GRANTED (14 to 16 Years of Age), under Sections 25 to 27, Factories Act, during the Year 1902-3.

Town.	Number of Boys.	Number of Girls.	Boys: Standard passed.				Girls: Standard passed.			
			IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.
Ashburton	1	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
Auckland	240	224	92	58	90	..	86	71	67	..
Christchurch	155	218	43	42	70	..	77	63	78	..
Dunedin	218	217	66	62	90	..	66	72	79	..
Invercargill	27	20	5	11	10	1	3	4	12	1
Masterton	19	4	3	7	8	1	3	1	..	..
Mosgiel	9	26	1	5	3	..	5	12	9	..
Napier	9	12	1	6	2	..	5	4	3	..
Nelson	10	7	2	4	4	..	3	4	..	..
New Plymouth	6	2	3	1	2	..	1	1	..	..
Timaru	17	19	8	6	3	..	8	5	5	1
Wanganui	19	5	4	8	7	..	..	3	2	..
Wellington	142	159	42	53	28	19	57	42	39	21
Sundry small places	79	35	30	18	26	5	8	12	12	3
Totals	951	951	301	281	343	26	323	295	307	26

REPORTS ON ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED for SHEARERS under "The Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1898."

(Section 12: "This Act shall not apply to shearing-sheds in which the total number of shearers employed is less than six.")

District.	Number of Sheds inspected.	Condition.
Akaroa	21	Accommodation satisfactory at all places.
Arrowtown	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ashburton	5	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ashhurst	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Awanui (Port)	9	Accommodation satisfactory.
Balolutha	1	Accommodation satisfactory.
Blenheim	4	Accommodation satisfactory. Several small improvements carried out.
Bull's	1	Notice served on occupier to provide sufficient accommodation before next shearing season.
Cambridge	2	One notice served for improvements to be made.
Carterton	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Clinton	8	Accommodation satisfactory.
Clive	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Coalgate	10	Accommodation satisfactory.
Cromwell	4	Accommodation satisfactory.
Culverden	8	Notices served in four cases for improvements to be made. Others satisfactory.
Dannevirke	1	Accommodation satisfactory.
Eltham	1	Accommodation satisfactory.
Fairlie	15	Accommodation satisfactory except in one case, where notice sent to improve.
Featherston	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Feilding	7	Accommodation satisfactory.
Foxton	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Gisborne	38	Accommodation satisfactory except two. Owners notified to provide better sleeping accommodation; and three owners notified to make improvements to cookhouses.
Gore	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Greytown	5	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hamilton	1	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hampden	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hastings	1	Notice served to improve.
Hawksbury	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Herbertville	8	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hunterville	18	Ample accommodation. In several cases not used, as the work is done by settlers who reside in district.
Huntly	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Kaikoura	10	One notice to improve. Nine others satisfactory; improvements ordered last year carried out.
Kimbolton	4	Accommodation satisfactory. Many of the shearers return home every night.