

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c., at 31st March, 1905, and 31st March, 1906.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1906.	31st March, 1905.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	7	7	...	...
Auckland	17	11	6	...	47	54	...	7	64	65	...	1
Coromandel and Thames	1	...	1	...	11	15	...	4	12	15	...	3
Waikato	...	3	...	3	7	5	2	...	7	8	...	1
Bay of Plenty	...	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	4	4	...	...	2	...	2	...	6	4	2	...
Hawke's Bay	5	5	...	...	2	2	...	...	7	7	...	...
Taranaki	17	14	3	...	...	...	...	...	17	14	3	...
Hawera	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Patea and Wanganui	6	6	...	...	9	9	...	...	15	15	1	...
Palmerston North	4	5	...	1	6	6	...	...	10	11	...	1
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	154	115	39	...	166	137	29	...
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	12	18	...	6	...	...	...	...				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	6	5	1	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	5	4	1	...	3	3	...	...
Picton	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	32	31	1	...
Nelson	16	12	4	...	16	19	...	3	8	8	...	...
Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	7	9	...	2
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	7	9	...	2	33	46	...	13
Grey	...	15	...	15	33	31	2	...	12	16	...	4
Westland	8	12	...	4	4	4	...	...	137	121	16	...
Ashburton and North Canterbury	54	54	...	...	83	67	16	...	36	43	...	7
South Canterbury	36	42	...	6	...	1	...	1	18	14	4	...
North Otago	...	...	...	...	18	14	4	...	180	173	7	...
Otago United	...	...	...	...	180	173	7	...	2	4	...	2
Otago Benevolent Institution	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...
Southland	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	183	209	15	41	605	549	75	19	788	758	64	34

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	Thames and Coromandel Charitable Aid Board.	Cook Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hawera Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trustees.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.	Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	North Canterbury and Ashburton Charitable Aid Board.	South Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.	North Otago Benevolent Society.
Lack of employment—												
(1.) Able-bodied	...	2	...	16	75	9	28	...	...	17	...	2
(2.) Inefficient	1	...	1	...	10	25	35	...	12	9	2	1
Sickness	5	7	...	13	25	45	10	4	2	114	16	16
Accident	1	...	1	2	4	...	1	2	...	5	1	...
Insanity of bread-winner	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	11	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	...	3	...	4	1	2	...	...	2	8	...	2
Desertion of bread-winner	3	2	1	3	3	20	3	...	1	31	7	5
No male support—												
(1.) Widows	10	4	2	27	10	23	3	5	8	80	33	26
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	2	...	...	...	1	3	1	1	...	22	...	2
Intemperance	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	...	1
Shiftlessness	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	1	...	5	1	...
Physical defects	...	...	...	4	10	4	1	2	3	20	1	...
Old age	32	3	2	15	60	9	8	7	8	74	2	5
Causes undetermined	...	1	...	...	10	6	4	...	...	14	...	1
Total number of cases	55	27	8	85	218	146	95	22	36	421	63	61