## 1913. NEW ZEALAND.

## FIRE BRIGADES OF THE DOMINION

(REPORT ON THE), BY THE INSPECTOR OF FIRE BRIGADES, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1913.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The Inspector of Fire Brigades to the Hon, the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Department of Internal Affairs (Office of Inspector of Fire Brigades),

Srr,— Wellington, 1st July, 1913.

Herewith I have the honour to lay before you my fifth annual report for the year ended 30th June, 1913, relative to the working of the Fire Brigades Act, and including matters in connection therewith.

During the course of the year two more boroughs have been constituted fire districts under the Act—Timaru on the 15th April and Hamilton on the 31st May—thus making a total number of twenty-two proclaimed fire districts—viz., Auckland, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Dunedin, Feilding, Gisborne, Greymouth, Hamilton, Hastings, Hawera, Hokitika, Lawrence, Maori Hill, Masterton, Milton, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Petone, Rotorua, Timaru, and Whangarei.

There are twenty-seven fire brigades and two fire-police corps working under the control of Fire Boards, and I have officially inspected the brigades, their stations and equipments, &c., as

follows :---

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Auckland—December 14 and 16, 1912; May 26 and 27, 1913.

Parnell—May 28, 1913.

Arch Hill—May 28, 1913.

Christchurch—December 20 and 21, 1912; April 11, 1913.

Dunedin—September 18, 19, and 26, 1912; February 8 and 10, 1913.

South Dunedin—September 25, 1912; February 11, 1913.

Caversham—September 25, 1912; February 11, 1913.

Roslyn—February 10, 1913.

Feilding—November 21, 1912; May 7, 1913.

Gisborne—October 10 and 11, 1912; April 23 and 24, 1913.

Greymouth—October 24, 1912; March 5, 1913.

Hastings—November 6, 1912; April 21, 1913.

Hawera—August 26 to 28, 1912; January 21, 1913.

Hokitika—October 23, 1912; March 6, 1913.

Lawrence—September 24, 1912; February 6, 1913.

Maori Hill—September 20, 1912; February 17, 1913.

Masterton—November 7, 1912; March 27, 1913.

Milton—September 23, 1912; February 5, 1913.

New Plymouth—November 19, 1912; May 6, 1913.

Fitzroy—November 20, 1912.

Oamaru—September 17 and 18, 1912; February 4, 1913.

Palmerston North—November 28, 1912; April 10, 1913.

Palmerston North—November 28, 1912; April 10, 1913.

Palmerston—December 6, 1912; May 19, 1913.

Timaru—June 10 to 12, 1913.

Whangarei—December 10 and 11, 1912; May 22 and 23, 1913.