

SESSION II.
1918.
NEW ZEALAND.

FIRE BRIGADES OF THE DOMINION

(REPORT ON THE) BY THE INSPECTOR OF FIRE BRIGADES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1918.

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.

SIR,— Office of Inspector of Fire Brigades, Wellington, 30th October, 1918.

Herewith I have the honour to lay before you my tenth annual report, for the year ended 30th June, 1918, relative to the working of the Fire Brigades Act and including matters in connection therewith.

During the year two new fire districts have been constituted—viz., Balclutha, 24th September, 1917, and Dargaville, 14th January, 1918. Also a poll was taken at Port Chalmers on the 22nd May last, and the proposal to proclaim the borough a fire district was carried. The fire districts as now constituted are—Auckland, Balclutha, Christchurch, Dannevirke, Dargaville, Dunedin, Feilding, Gisborne, Greymouth, Hamilton, Hastings, Hawera, Hokitika, Lawrence, Masterton, Milton, New Plymouth, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Petone, Rotorua, Tauranga, Timaru, Waihi, Whangarei, Woolston.

I have officially inspected the brigades, with their stations and equipment, at present working under the control of Fire Boards, as follows:—

Auckland—27th May, 1918.	Lawrence—18th April, 1918.
Balclutha—17th April, 1918.	Masterton—18th June, 1918.
Christchurch—13th February, 1918.	Milton—17th April, 1918.
Dannevirke—4th April, 1918.	New Plymouth—19th September, 1917.
Dargaville—23rd May, 1918.	Oamaru—23rd October, 1917.
Dunedin—22nd April, 1918.	Palmerston North—24th June, 1918.
Feilding—29th April, 1918.	Petone—13th June, 1918.
Gisborne—11th December, 1917.	Rotorua—9th November, 1917.
Greymouth—8th February, 1918.	Tauranga—7th November, 1917.
Hamilton—14th November, 1917.	Timaru—19th March, 1918.
Hastings—17th June, 1918.	Waihi—6th November, 1917.
Hawera—30th April, 1918.	Whangarei—5th October, 1917.
Hokitika—11th February, 1918.	Woolston—14th February, 1918.

In addition to the statutory inspections, in accordance with requests received from local governing and other bodies, visits were paid for special purposes as follows:—

Blenheim—21st July, 1917: Conference with local bodies in reference to formation of fire district.

Devonport—8th October, 1917: Inspection of brigade and equipment.

Invercargill—25th October, 1917: Conference with local bodies in reference to forming fire district.

Waihi—15th January, 1918: Valuation of brigade buildings and equipment.

Hamilton—18th January, 1918: Fire Board committee meeting.

Otaki—3rd April, 1918: Inspection for purpose of advising on formation of a brigade, purchase of equipment, &c.

Wanganui—1st May, 1918: Inspection for the purpose of reporting upon the efficiency of the brigade, equipment, water-supply, &c.

Timaru—5th June, 1918: Inspection and report upon the new orphanage buildings.