

- (6.) Saving effected by means of probation system annually representing boys placed on probation in lieu of admission to industrial schools: Auckland, 113; Wellington, 74; Christchurch, 81; Dunedin, 39: total, 307, for period of twelve months, basing cost of maintenance at 15s. a week less average recovery of £7 per head: Annual saving, £20,696. (Taking the average number for five years, 653 boys are dealt with annually.)
- (7.) Increased revenue derived through a systematic and improved system of collecting parental contributions: Recoveries, 1914-15, £20,347; 1917-18, £27,835 (less natural increase in new cases for year, 300 at £7 per head): Annual increase, £5,388.
- Grand totals: Capital, £118,000; maintenance, £83,637.

*Expenditure on New Works and Annual Cost of Upkeep of Probation System.*

|                                                                                                                                                                 | Capital<br>Expenditure. | Annual Cost of Staff and Upkeep of<br>Homes.                                                      |                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                 |                         | Staff.                                                                                            | Maintenance.               |
| PRESENT EXPENDITURE.                                                                                                                                            |                         |                                                                                                   |                            |
| Auckland Probation Home (formerly Industrial School, Mount Albert)                                                                                              | £ 8,000                 | £ 1,110                                                                                           | £ 550                      |
| Auckland Receiving-home .. .. .                                                                                                                                 | 4,250                   | 1,250                                                                                             | 850                        |
| Wellington Probation Home .. .. .                                                                                                                               | 4,500                   | 1,240                                                                                             | 450                        |
| Christchurch Probation Home .. .. .                                                                                                                             | 2,000                   | 920                                                                                               | 340                        |
| Addition .. .. .                                                                                                                                                | 1,750                   | ..                                                                                                | ..                         |
| Dunedin Probation Home .. .. .                                                                                                                                  | 3,100                   | 590                                                                                               | 200                        |
| Alterations, &c. .. .. .                                                                                                                                        | 450                     | ..                                                                                                | ..                         |
| Wellington Children's Home .. .. .                                                                                                                              | 4,250                   | ..                                                                                                | ..                         |
| Furnishings, &c. .. .. .                                                                                                                                        | 1,000                   | ..                                                                                                | ..                         |
| Probation Officers and Boarding-out Officers at—                                                                                                                |                         |                                                                                                   |                            |
| Whangarei .. .. .                                                                                                                                               | ..                      | 500                                                                                               | ..                         |
| Hamilton .. .. .                                                                                                                                                | ..                      | 480                                                                                               | ..                         |
| Napier .. .. .                                                                                                                                                  | ..                      | 340                                                                                               | ..                         |
| Nelson .. .. .                                                                                                                                                  | ..                      | 780                                                                                               | ..                         |
| Timaru .. .. .                                                                                                                                                  | ..                      | 500                                                                                               | ..                         |
| Wanganui .. .. .                                                                                                                                                | ..                      | 340                                                                                               | ..                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 29,300                  | 8,050                                                                                             | 2,390                      |
| Travelling-expenses of officers .. .. .                                                                                                                         | ..                      | ..                                                                                                | 2,800                      |
| Rent of offices .. .. .                                                                                                                                         | ..                      | ..                                                                                                | 420                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                         |                                                                                                   | 5,610                      |
| CONTEMPLATED EXPENDITURE.                                                                                                                                       |                         |                                                                                                   |                            |
| Purchase of properties and furnishings for receiving-homes at Hamilton, Napier, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Timaru, Greymouth, and Invercargill—seven at £2,500 | 17,500                  | 3 at £280 = £840<br>3 at £200 = 600<br>6 at £140 = 840<br>7 at £160 = 1,120<br>15 at £130 = 1,950 | ..<br>..<br>..<br>..<br>.. |
|                                                                                                                                                                 |                         | 5,350                                                                                             | 3,500                      |
| Receiving-home, Dunedin .. .. .                                                                                                                                 | 3,500                   | ..                                                                                                | ..                         |
| Rents of offices .. .. .                                                                                                                                        | ..                      | ..                                                                                                | 386                        |
| Travelling-expenses of officers .. .. .                                                                                                                         | ..                      | ..                                                                                                | 600                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 50,300                  | 13,400                                                                                            | 10,096                     |
| Grand total (present and contemplated expenditure)                                                                                                              | ..                      | £23,496                                                                                           |                            |

SUMMARY.

|                                                         | Capital<br>Expenditure.<br>£ | Annual<br>Maintenance.<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Present saving under new system .. .. .                 | 118,000                      | 83,637                      |
| Contemplated additional expenditure under new system .. | 50,300                       | 23,496                      |
| Total gross savings .. .. .                             | £67,700                      | £60,141                     |

LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENSION OF SYSTEM.

An extension of present legislation is needed to make better provision for the protection, control, maintenance, and reformation of dependent, neglected, and delinquent children; for the better protection of infant-life; the supervision of children born out of wedlock; the custody and care of orphans and fatherless children; the establishment of Children's Courts, and a complete charter for dealing with children; the licensing and regulation of children trading in the streets,