

1920.
NEW ZEALAND.

BAKERIES AT MILITARY CAMPS
(RETURN RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 15th July, 1920.

Ordered, “That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The average cost per pound of bread produced in the bakeries attached to the military camps at Trentham and Featherston respectively during the whole period of their operations; (2) the average number of journeymen bakers employed who received full tradesmen’s wages; (3) the average number of assistants or orderlies employed who received military pay only; (4) the capital expenditure in connection with the installation of the bakeries; (5) the cost of flour and other food commodities used; (6) the cost of fuel; (7) all other charges in connection with the installing of the ovens, the erection of the bakeries, and the production and delivery of bread from the two military bakeries; and (8) the estimated total amount of the saving achieved by the Defence Department by installing its own bakeries.”—(MR. FRASER.)

RETURN RELATIVE TO BAKERIES AT MILITARY CAMPS.

	Featherston Camp ^(a) .	Trentham Camp.	Total.
1. Average cost per pound of bread produced (see notes below)	1·756d.	2·207d.	..
2. Average number of journeymen bakers employed who received full tradesmen’s wages	5	6	11
3. Average number of assistants or orderlies employed who received military pay only	1	1	2
4. Capital expenditure in connection with the installation of the bakeries	£ s. d. 850 0 0	£ s. d. 1,000 0 0	£ s. d. 1,850 0 0
5. Cost of flour and other food commodities used ..	19,860 13 8	15,548 6 5	35,409 0 1
6. Cost of fuel	695 9 5	1,367 12 10	2,063 2 3
7. All other charges in connection with the installing of the ovens, the erection of the bakeries, and the production and delivery of bread from the two military bakeries	5,100 13 8	6,297 0 1	11,397 13 9
8. Estimated total amount of saving achieved by the Defence Department by installing its own bakeries (to 31st May, 1920)	£10,081 11 1 ^(b)		

^(a) Featherston Camp bakery closed on 10th December, 1919. ^(b) The above sum was actually saved to the Department, but if overhead charges for management, handling, transport, light, water, interest on capital, depreciation, insurance against accident, &c., rent, &c., were made a charge against this account, which they are not, the net cost of bread would be increased, and it is estimated that the saving would be reduced to about £2,500, or probably less, and the cost of bread given in 1 above would be greater than stated.

Headquarters, New Zealand Military Forces, Wellington, 19th July, 1920.

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