

Considerably more than half the population protected by the brigades of the Dominion are resident in the thirty-five constituted fire districts, with the reasonable assumption that the value of the property at risk in the said districts is in the same or even higher ratio, and the returns prove that the efficiency of the fire-prevention work during the past twelve months of the brigades operating under the Fire Board system of control has been very satisfactory.

Appended are the following tables :—

- (1.) Summary of calls attended by each brigade ;
- (2.) Fire loss in each district ;
- (3.) Annual cost of each brigade ;
- (4.) Summary of the causes of fires in each district ;
- (5.) Personnel and equipment of each brigade ;

also short detailed reports dealing with each fire district.

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1. SUMMARY OF FIRE CALLS.

District.	Fires.	Chimney Fires.	Bush, Grass, and Rubbish Fires.	False Alarms.	Out of District.	Totals.
Auckland	136	14	27	55	8	240
Balclutha	1	..	..	..	..	1
Christchurch	82	66	27	86	7	268
Dannevirke	3	..	1	1	..	5
Dargaville	8	..	2	..	..	10
Dunedin	61	47	23	53	..	184
Feilding	7	3	..	1	..	11
Foxton	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gisborne	25	2	3	..	2	32
Greymouth	5	1	1	..	..	7
Hamilton	17	3	5	4	..	29
Hastings	15	3	1	1	..	20
Hawera	13	1	..	1	1	16
Hokitika	3	..	..	1	..	4
Kaitangata	2	..	1	..	..	3
Lawrence	1	..	..	..	..	1
Levin	2	..	1	1	..	4
Masterton	11	2	4	2	..	19
Milton	3	3	..	..	..	6
Napier	12	7	3	3	..	25
New Plymouth	8	..	1	..	..	9
Oamaru	6	3	1	..	..	10
Ohakune	2	..	..	..	1	3
Palmerston North	26	1	6	4	1	38
Petone	6	1	1	1	..	9
Port Chalmers	4	2	1	..	..	7
Rotorua	10	5	2	2	..	19
Taumarunui	5	..	1	..	..	6
Tauranga	2	1	..	..	..	3
Te Aroha	4	1	1	..	..	6
Timaru	13	1	9	..	..	23
Waihi	4	1	8	20	..	33
Waitara	2	..	..	..	..	2
Wanganui	29	5	17	7	3	61
Whangarei	3	..	1	1	..	5
Totals	531	173	148	244	23	1,119