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FIRE BRIGADES OF THE DOMINION

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1924, BY INSPECTOR OF FIRE BRIGADES.

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.

Office of the Inspector of Fire Brigades, Wellington, 22nd October, 1924.

SIR,—

Herewith I have the honour to lay before you my sixteenth annual report, for the year ended 30th June, 1924, relative to the working of the Fire Brigades Act, and including matter in connection therewith.

During the year two new fire districts have been constituted—viz., Westport, on the 5th May, 1923, and Eltham, on the 26th May, 1923. Following is a list of the thirty-six fire districts now operating: —

Auckland	Greymouth	Masterton	Taumarunui
Balclutha	Hamilton	Milton	Tauranga
Christchurch	Hastings	Napier	Te Aroha
Dannevirke	Hawera	New Plymouth	Timaru
Dargaville	Hokitika	Oamaru	Waihi
Dunedin	Invercargill	Ohakune	Waitara
Eltham	Kaiapoi	Palmerston North	Wanganui
Feilding	Kaitangata	Petone	Westport
Foxton	Lawrence	Port Chalmers	Whangarei

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

Auckland—March 29 and 31, 1924.
Balclutha—March 12, 1924.
Christchurch—May 17 and 19, 1924.
Dannevirke—April 14, 1924.
Dargaville—January 15, 1924.
Dunedin—March 10 and 13, 1924.
Feilding—December 6, 1923.
Foxton—June 5, 1924.
Gisborne—March 28, 1924.
Greymouth—January 24, 1924.
Hamilton—April 3, 1924.
Hastings—April 15, 1924.
Hawera—October 8, 1923.
Hokitika—January 25, 1924.
Invercargill—March 5, 1924.
Kaiapoi—January 29, 1924.
Kaitangata—March 11, 1924.
Lawrence—March 7, 1924.
Levin—June 4, 1924.
Masterton—December 18, 1923.
Milton—March 6, 1924.
Napier—February 20, 1924.
New Plymouth—October 10, 1923.
Oamaru—May 13, 1924.
Ohakune—April 4, 1924.
Palmerston North—June 11, 1924.
Petone—June 30, 1924.
Port Chalmers—March 10, 1924.
Rotorua—November 19, 1923.
Taumarunui—November 14, 1923.
Tauranga—November 20, 1923.
Te Aroha—November 21, 1923.
Timaru—January 30, 1924.
Waihi—April 2, 1924.
Waitara—October 9, 1923.
Wanganui—December 5, 1923.
Whangarei—January 14, 1924.

Also, the following special visits have been paid:—
Trentham—August 23, 1923: Fixing of new fire-station site.
Wanganui—September 17, 1923: Annual meeting.
Invercargill—September 22–24, 1923: Attending Board meetings, consideration of estimates, &c.