1928. NEW ZEALAND.

FIRE BRIGADES OF THE DOMINION

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1928, BY THE 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, 7th September, 1928.

SIR.—

Herewith I have the honour to lay before you my twentieth annual report, this, in accordance with the Fire Brigades Act, 1926, being for the nine months ended 31st March, 1928.

One new fire district has been constituted—viz., Hikurangi—on the 14th November, 1927. Following is a list of the forty-nine Fire Boards now operating:—

Auckland	Hawera	New Plymouth	Tauranga
Balclutha	Hikurangi	Oamaru	Te Aroha
Christchurch	Hokitika	Ohakune	Te Awamutu
Dannevirke	Invercargill	$\mathbf{Onehunga}$	${f Timaru}$
Dargaville	Kaiapoi	Otaki	\mathbf{W} aihi
Dunedin	Kaitangata	Pahiatua	Waipukurau
Eltham	Lawrence	Palmerston North	Wairoa
Feilding	Levin	Petone	Waitara
Foxton	Masterton	Port Chalmers	Wanganui
Gisborne	${f Milton}$	Pukekohe	Wellington
Greymouth	Mount Roskill	Rotorua	Westport
Hamilton	Napier	Taumarunui	Whangarei.
Hastings	_		<u> </u>

The fire districts and brigades working under Fire Board control, their stations and equipment have been officially inspected and reported upon as follows:—

Auckland, June 18 and 19, 1928. Balclutha, January 18, 1928. Chri tchurch, May 9, 1928. Dannevirke, May 16, 1928. Dargaville, December 8, 1927. Dunedin, January 13 and 19, 1928. Eltham, November 10, 1927. Feilding, April 10, 1928. Foxton, March 27, 1928. Gisborne, March 14, 1928. Greymouth, February 7, 1928. Hamilton, June 20, 1928. · Hastings, November 1, 1927. Hawera, November 7, 1927. Hokitika, February 9, 1928. Invercargill, January 16, 1928. Kaiapoi, May 8, 1928. Kaitangata, January 17, 1928. Lawrence, January 12, 1928 Levin, March 26, 1928. Masterton, April 27, 1928. Milton, January 11, 1928. Mount Roskill, June 18, 1928. Napier, March 12, 1928.

New Plymouth, November, 8, 1927. Oamaru, January 10, 1928. Ohakune, February 7, 1928. Onehunga, December 5, 1927. Otaki, March 8, 1928. Pahiatua, April 26, 1928. Palmerston North, February 21, 1928. Petone, June 28, 1928. Port Chalmers, January 13, 1928. Pukekohe, June 14, 1928. Rotorua, December 13, 1927. Taumarunui, January 31, 1928. Tauranga, December 14, 1927. Te Aroha, June 13, 1928. Te Awamutu, November 24, 1927. Timaru, May 10, 1928. Waihi, December 15, 1927. Waipukurau, October 31, 1927. Wairoa, March 13, 1928. Waitara, November 9, 1927. Wanganui, March 1, 1928. Wellington, July 12, 1928. Westport, February 8, 1928 Whangarci, December 7, 1927.

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