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EDUCATION: CHILD WELFARE, STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under the supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1936, was 7,272, classed under the following headings:—

State wards—						
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	..	..	..	..	..	2,660
In situations (includes 14 absent without leave)	..	..	..	..	..	948
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	203
In private institutions	..	..	..	..	..	150
Inmates in special schools for backward children	..	..	..	..	..	240
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	61
At School for Deaf, Sumner	..	..	..	..	..	7
						4,269
Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by order of Court						
..	..	..	..	..	..	892
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act						836
Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (7) included in figures above)						
..	..	..	..	..	..	109
Children dealt with as preventive cases						1,143
Children at New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes payment						
..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Total						7,272

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1936, was 440, classified according to reasons for committal, as follows: Indigent, 175; delinquent, 23; detrimental environments, 57; neglected, 14; not under proper control, 108; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 63; and, in addition, 6 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12,