

1894.
NEW ZEALAND.

LOCAL-OPTION POLL:
NUMBER OF VOTES RECORDED, ETC., IN EACH DISTRICT
TAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF "THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SALE CONTROL ACT, 1893," IN
THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1894 (RETURN SHOWING THE).

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

The following return has been compiled from information supplied by the respective Returning Officers, and, though not so complete as might be desired, it affords a fairly accurate survey of the results of the local-option polls. The main interest centres in the figures respecting publicans' licenses, the accommodation- and bottle-license proposals being minor issues; and in respect of publicans' licenses the return may be taken as correct enough for all practical purposes. The figures in respect of the other two classes of licenses are rendered of less value by the fact that a vote was taken on these licenses in districts in which they could not lawfully exist. For instance, accommodation licenses obviously cannot be granted in boroughs, and bottle licenses are confined to the Provincial Districts of Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Marlborough, Westland, and Otago, though there are none in force in Hawke's Bay. The votes polled in these five provincial districts in respect of bottle licenses were as follows:—

For continuance as at present	...	...	...	...	14,829
For reduction	...	...	...	...	5,927
For no license	...	...	...	...	23,596

The column headed "Informal Votes" is given for what it is worth, but it is not complete enough to be of much practical value. It may be mentioned that in two cases in which the Returning Officers included the informal votes in the count the Supreme Court decided that the informal votes should not have been so counted, and the declaration of the polls was amended accordingly. In a third district the Returning Officer, having noted the Supreme Court judgment, altered his return without waiting to be moved thereto.

In 33 districts the polls were void; in 12 reduction was carried; in 12 it was resolved that the present number of licenses continue; in 2 no proposal was declared carried; in 1 the abolition of all licenses was carried; in 1 the poll was void as regards accommodation licenses, and for reduction of publicans' licenses; and in 1 reduction of publicans' and accommodation licenses, and abolition of bottle licenses, was carried.

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Department of Justice, Wellington, 1st August, 1894.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of VOTES recorded, &c., in each LICENSING DISTRICT, at the LOCAL-OPTION POLL taken under the Provisions of "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, 1893," in the Month of March, 1894.

District.	Number on Roll.	Publicans' Licenses.			Accommodation Licenses.			Bottle Licenses.			Total Number of Persons who voted at Poll.			Informal Votes.	Result of Poll.
		For Continuance.	For Reduction.	For no License.	For Continuance.	For Reduction.	For no License.	For Continuance.	For Reduction.	For no License.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
Bay of Islands	3,095	388	94	142	389	76	114	114	67	178	630	199	829	117	Void.
Marsden	3,031	235	72	248	220	57	285	208	67	247	430	153	583	..	"
Waitemata	3,691	325	73	486	298	58	464	268	53	480	388	777	1,165	220	"
Eden	3,939	215	69	202	214	57	191	202	52	349	174	349	523	39	"
Auckland City	15,121	621	397	919	644	347	946	625	297	1,015	1,504	748	2,252	315	"
Parnell	3,709	193	76	211	194	66	220	189	67	224	376	229	605	125	"
Manukau*	3,225	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	144	103	247	..	"
Franklin	3,320	389	85	330	348	78	298	286	70	318	726	387	1,063	206	"
Waipa	2,970	476	119	284	473	75	192	372	97	240	725	301	1,026	473	"
Waikato	2,335	220	65	160	229	37	156	209	40	165	387	150	487	..	"
Thames	3,066	324	211	718	337	167	716	..	..	..	1,021	649	1,670	411	"
Bay of Plenty	2,969	496	284	315	505	193	277	..	..	..	1,039	466	1,505	..	Both proposals rejected.
Waipapu	4,070	213	102	1,171	235	88	1,163	218	89	1,179	1,040	446	1,486	395	Void.
Hawke's Bay	3,438	578	597	736	578	597	736	578	597	736	850	305	1,155	1,286	"
Napier	3,860	128	298	341	..	..	..	..	..	..	236	531	767	..	"
Waipawa	4,027	620	214	727	582	131	598	521	131	717	1,316	650	1,966	284	"
New Plymouth	3,781	1,232	82	807	1,220	68	808	1,172	56	807	1,494	819	2,313	..	To continue as at present.
Egmont	2,821	777	46	527	785	43	511	761	41	530	940	410	1,350	..	"
Patea	2,797	721	116	481	697	96	456	642	89	483	1,043	485	1,528	135	"
Masterton..	4,077	722	184	546	696	116	519	670	112	565	1,208	482	1,690	(238 p.) (349 a.) (343 b.)	Void.
Wairarapa	3,613	727	183	701	695	143	674	674	138	712	1,267	700	1,967	(355 p.) (454 a.) (453 b.)	"
Wangarui	3,980	1,301	114	610	1,305	84	538	1,194	117	592	1,357	722	2,079	117	Continue as at present.
Rangitikei	4,140	733	101	488	719	82	439	677	85	517	1,038	440	1,478	188	Void.
Palmerston	3,792	825	200	627	664	140	635	638	113	711	1,079	623	1,702	281	"
Otaki	2,562	258	86	290	..	..	..	..	..	..	559	243	802	..	"
Wellington City	15,017	3,582	1,284	3,497	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,524	4,159	9,683	1,320	Reduction.
Wellington Suburbs	3,609	574	217	786	465	199	630	420	174	729	1,032	838	1,920	292	Void.

Nelson City	3,529	1,113	293	602	1,194	216	598	1,187	201	620	1,396	1,012	2,408	391	Continue as at present.
Waimea-Sounds	2,087	477	148	120	504	107	114	476	51	141	648	195	843	..	"
Wairau	3,511	1,079	373	230	1,078	335	230	1,088	305	258	1,966	562	2,528	..	"
Buller	3,477	767	180	547	806	124	546	551	110	759	1,322	613	1,935	392	No proposal carried.
Inangahua	2,920	394	167	408	413	102	382	363	112	414	859	308	1,167	718	Void.
Grey	3,557	1,172	249	527	1,176	186	527	749	170	935	1,581	742	2,323	1,266	Continue as at present.
Westland	4,213	1,460	216	424	1,524	173	403	1,480	161	459	1,632	687	2,319	..	"
Ashley	2,949	495	154	450	490	127	418	..	..	..	870	414	1,284	..	Void.
Kaipoi	3,364	792	174	1,134	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,350	1,059	2,469	..	Reduction.
Avon	3,425	774	228	960	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,181	911	2,092	..	"
Christchurch City	13,789	2,841	1,635	3,966	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,011	4,332	9,343	..	"
Lyttelton	3,268	753	304	868	362	122	568	364	105	590	1,174	901	2,075	..	"
Riccarton	3,019	249	146	458	..	..	..	..	..	..	530	402	932	..	Void.
Ellesmere	2,937	482	185	529	..	..	..	..	..	..	812	426	1,238	..	"
Ashburton	3,711	637	167	983	646	131	913	239	92	338	1,313	804	2,117	..	"
Selwyn	2,594	454	168	730	428	144	647	..	..	..	752	600	1,352	169	Reduction, publicans'; void, accommodation.
Rangitika	2,837	787	102	643	792	95	620	771	70	673	1,142	619	1,761	..	Continue as at present.
Parora	3,253	1,061	110	743	1,087	107	685	..	..	..	1,317	785	2,102	144	"
Timaru	3,730	1,559	236	963	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,557	1,201	2,758	237	"
Waitaki	2,855	771	111	869	779	106	863	739	106	891	1,330	756	2,086	326	Reduction.
Oamaru	3,269	859	200	1,109	871	177	1,101	876	153	1,134	1,347	1,042	2,389	..	"
Waihono	3,386	279	133	1,008	275	110	984	254	100	1,037	914	670	1,584	..	Void.
Waikouaiti	2,284	274	137	654	280	121	642	251	111	689	630	523	1,153	124	Reduction, publicans' and accommodation; abolition, bottle.
Chalmers	3,634	559	383	1,272	586	332	1,291	566	255	1,371	1,334	1,174	2,508	294	Reduction.
Dunedin City	13,634	1,359	2,480	3,906	1,465	2,133	4,038	1,411	1,827	4,474	5,044	4,503	9,547	1,922	Reduction.
Caversham	2,845	357	431	912	275	377	941	381	310	1,001	1,072	938	2,010	307	"
Tairi	3,829	546	165	737	557	153	738	494	103	851	963	675	1,643	195	"
Bruce	3,259	66	63	1,212	55	47	920	49	29	948	673	686	1,359	50	Void.
Tuapeka	2,929	134	421	353	147	403	341	136	360	387	634	371	1,005	..	"
Clutha	3,315	487	90	1,642	453	74	1,683	215	68	1,908	1,483	995	2,478	..	Reduction.
Mataura	3,278	740	146	955	755	132	726	726	116	990	1,345	718	2,063	202	Reduction.
Wakatipu	2,964	512	257	225	538	222	215	454	194	315	770	274	1,044	118	Void.
Wallace	2,928	258	100	502	269	94	497	244	93	523	683	338	1,021	161	"
Invercargill	3,731	702	296	1,149	734	221	1,194	730	180	1,239	1,181	969	2,150	..	Reduction.
Awarua	3,079	312	109	799	311	104	764	310	84	809	849	518	1,367	..	Void.
Totals	248,194	42,429	16,096	48,993	31,342	9,833	35,442	25,302	8,018	35,686	74,372	47,862	122,234	..	

* The details of the poll in the Manukau District cannot be ascertained.

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