1900. NEW ZEALAND.

CANDLE-FACTORIES IN THE COLONY

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, Tuesday, 28th day of August, 1900.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House, as soon as convenient, a return showing,—(1) The number of candle-factories registered in New Zealand; (2) the number of employés, stating sexes and ages; and (3) the maximum and minimum wages paid to workers exclusively engaged in candle-making: the return to be the certified list for the year ended 31st March, 1900."—(Mr. McLachlan.)

1. The number of candle factories registered in New Zealand ... 4

2. Number of employés, stating sexes and ages :-

Age.		Male.	Female
Fifteen years		13	
Sixteen "		8	
Seventeen "		6	1
Eighteen "		4	
Twenty "		3	1
Over twenty-one years		56	
Total		90	2

3. (a) Maximum wages paid to workers 120s. per week.

(b) Minimum wages paid to workers 6s. "

EDW. TREGEAR, Chief Inspector of Factories.

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