

RETURN showing STRENGTH of VOLUNTEER CORPS—*continued.*

Name of Corps.	Strength on the 31st March.					
	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
<i>OTAGO DISTRICT—continued.</i>						
<i>Cadet Corps.</i>						
Waitaki High School Naval Artillery Cadet Volunteers	48	50	41	51	65	65
Dunedin High School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	48	47	63	51	52	49
Invercargill Boys' High School Rifle Cadet Volunteers	45	42	43	37	37	61
*Oamaru High School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	45	45	41	41	...	...
*Oamaru North School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	45	45	43	43	...	...
*Oamaru South School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	46	47	58	58	...	...
*Palmerston South School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	45	46	41	41	...	...
*Union Street School Cadet Volunteers ...	64	64	74	74	...	...
*Normal School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	96	132	81	81	...	...
*South District School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	72	72	62	62	...	...
*Arthur Street School Cadet Volunteers ...	80	80	57	57	...	...
*Lawrence District High School Rifle Cadet Volunteers	50	50	45	45	...	...
*North-east Valley School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	66	66	63	63	...	...
*Albany Street School Cadet Volunteers ...	65	65	59	59	...	...
*Tokomairiro High School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	52	53	42	42	...	...
*George Street School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	54	66	53	53	...	...
*Balclutha High School Cadet Volunteers ...	50	50	41	41	...	...
*Invercargill Middle School Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	50	50	37	37	...	...
Dunedin Engineer Cadet Volunteers ...	...	...	...	72	76	84
Port Chalmers Naval Artillery Cadet Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	56	63
Caversham Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	66	62
Mataura Boys' Brigade Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	39	40
Wakari Rifle Cadet Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	63	60

* The corps marked with an asterisk were placed under the control of the Education Department in 1902.

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For Under-Secretary for Defence.

Defence Office, Wellington, 11th September, 1903.

SUMMARY showing Number of ADULT VOLUNTEERS who qualified for CAPITATION, 1897 to 1903.

District.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	Total.
Auckland ...	815	1,635	1,573	2,688	2,362	2,506	11,579
Wellington ...	1,087	1,667	1,776	3,505	3,696	3,645	15,376
Nelson ...	641	570	547	939	1,053	1,023	4,773
Canterbury ...	1,016	1,283	1,432	2,544	2,399	2,150	10,824
Otago ...	1,247	1,417	1,492	2,676	2,994	2,872	12,718
Total ...	4,806	6,572	6,820	12,372	12,504	12,196	55,270

NOTE.—Capitation earned by individual members of cadet corps cannot be shown, the corps being in receipt of a lump sum in lieu of capitation.

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