1903.

NEW ZEALAND.

DEFENCE RIFLE CLUBS

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 11th August, 1903.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) the number and names of the Government rifle clubs in the colony; (2) the number of members in each club; (3) the number of members in each club who have qualified for capitation under the regulations for Government rifle clubs published in Gazette No. 41, 1901; and (4) the total cost of these clubs to the colony for the year ending the 31st March, 1903."—(Mr. RHODES.)

PARTICULARS RE GOVERNMENT DEFENCE RIFLE CLUBS.

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(3.) There is no regulation allowing members of Defence rifle clubs to qualify for capitation.
(4.) The total annual cost of Defence rifle clubs is made up in the expenditure for ammunition (11s. per efficient member), grants for rifle ranges, proportion of salary of the Inspecting Officer, as also a proportion of the salaries of the officers of the permanent staff and other departmental

expenses.

T. F. GREY, For Under-Secretary for Defence.

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