

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.

Auckland.

Name of Club.	Number of Members in Club.	Name of Club.	Number of Members in Club.
Puhoi Defence Rifle Club ...	27	Te Aroha Defence Rifle Club ...	35
Mercury Bay Defence Rifle Club ...	28	Waikino Defence Rifle Club ...	34
Matata Defence Rifle Club ...	15	Kuaotuna Defence Rifle Club ...	19
Kaihu Defence Rifle Club ...	20	Akarana Defence Rifle Club ...	15
Paterangi Defence Rifle Club ...	41	Kawhia Defence Rifle Club ...	23
Kohukohu Defence Rifle Club ...	33	Onewhero Defence Rifle Club ...	33
Waingaroa Defence Rifle Club ...	20	Kaeo Defence Rifle Club ...	20
South Kaipara Defence Rifle Club ...	23	Howick and Pakuranga Defence Rifle Club ...	34
Wairamarama Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Thames Defence Rifle Club ...	18
North Wairoa Defence Rifle Club ...	31		
		Total for district ...	488

Wellington.

Apiti Defence Rifle Club ...	25	Rongomai Defence Rifle Club ...	26
Alfredton Defence Rifle Club ...	41	Ruanui Defence Rifle Club ...	22
Beaconsfield Defence Rifle Club ...	18	Rangitiki Defence Rifle Club ...	58
Bunynthorpe Defence Rifle Club ...	23	Rahotu Defence Rifle Club ...	20
Chittenham Defence Rifle Club ...	24	Strathmore Defence Rifle Club ...	17
Featherston Defence Rifle Club ...	30	Shannon Defence Rifle Club ...	35
Halcombe Defence Rifle Club ...	21	Sandon Block Defence Rifle Club ...	34
Hamua Defence Rifle Club ...	35	Sandon Ohakea Defence Rifle Club ...	45
Kaponga Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Tarata Defence Rifle Club ...	21
Kaitaki Defence Rifle Club ...	30	Taradale Defence Rifle Club ...	23
Karori Defence Rifle Club ...	26	Turakina Defence Rifle Club ...	21
Kawaiwai Defence Rifle Club ...	24	Te Wharau Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Kimbolton Defence Rifle Club ...	43	Tariki Defence Rifle Club ...	21
Linton Defence Rifle Club ...	26	Te Kapu Defence Rifle Club ...	19
Mangaweka Defence Rifle Club ...	37	Te Kapua Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Mauriceville Defence Rifle Club ...	35	Tuhirangi Defence Rifle Club ...	21
Maraekakaho Defence Rifle Club ...	43	Upper Hutt Defence Rifle Club ...	27
Martinborough Defence Rifle Club ...	32	Utiku Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Mohaka Defence Rifle Club ...	26	Waimarino Defence Rifle Club ...	20
Mangorei Defence Rifle Club ...	17	Wairakei Defence Rifle Club ...	22
Makuri Defence Rifle Club ...	16	Weber Defence Rifle Club ...	26
Marima Defence Rifle Club ...	15	Whakataki Tenui Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Manaia Defence Rifle Club ...	35	Whareama Defence Rifle Club ...	33
New Plymouth Defence Rifle Club ...	16	Whareroa Defence Rifle Club ...	31
Opaki Defence Rifle Club ...	32	Petone Defence Rifle Club ...	31
Pataka Defence Rifle Club ...	21	Hukanui Defence Rifle Club ...	20
Pongaroa Defence Rifle Club ...	25	Woodville Defence Rifle Club ...	16
Pukekahu Defence Rifle Club ...	18		
		Total for district ...	1,434

Canterbury.

Lincoln Defence Rifle Club ...	21	Midland Railway Defence Rifle Club ...	31
Chorlton Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Christchurch Reserve Defence Rifle Club ...	28
Devauchelle Defence Rifle Club ...	24		
Le Bon's Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Total for district ...	142

Nelson.

Name of Club.	Number of Members in Club.	Name of Club.	Number of Members in Club.
Tadmor Defence Rifle Club ...	60	Tuamarina Defence Rifle Club ...	24
Woodstock Defence Rifle Club ...	23	Linkwater Defence Rifle Club ...	22
Waimangaroa Defence Rifle Club ...	16	Kaituna Defence Rifle Club ...	16
Charleston Defence Rifle Club ...	25	Canvastown Defence Rifle Club ...	36
Nelson Defence Rifle Club ...	56	Murchison Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Renwick Defence Rifle Club ...	40		
Sounds Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Total for district ...	355

Otago.

Waiholā Defence Rifle Club ...	23	Mataura Defence Rifle Club ...	27
Bannockburn Defence Rifle Club ...	24	Waikaka Defence Rifle Club ...	18
Clyde Defence Rifle Club ...	20	Lime Hills Defence Rifle Club ...	14
Waitahuna Defence Rifle Club ...	25	Ngapara Defence Rifle Club ...	27
Puerua Defence Rifle Club ...	27	Chatton Defence Rifle Club ...	20
Strath Taieri Defence Rifle Club ...	15		
Riverton Defence Rifle Club ...	19	Total for district ...	259

Summary.

	Number of Clubs.	Number of Members in Clubs.
Auckland District ...	19	488
Wellington District ...	55	1,434
Nelson District ...	12	355
Canterbury District ...	12	259
Otago District ...	6	142
Grand total...	104	2,678

(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.

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