

4. SUMMARY OF CAUSES.

	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dannevirke.	Dunedin.	Fellding.	Gisborne.	Greymouth.	Hastings.	Hawera.	Hokitika.	Lawrence.	Maori Hill.	Masterton.	Milton.	New Plymouth.	Oamaru.	Palmerston North.	Petone.	Whangarei.	Totals.
Ashes, live	4	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Benzene in proximity to lights, lighted lamps, &c. .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
„ vapour in proximity to lights, lighted lamps, &c. .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Birds' nests under roof .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Boiling-over of fat .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ tar .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
„ varnish .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Candles, drapery, &c., in contact with lighted	5	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10
„ knocked over .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
„ left burning .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
Clothes, airing before fire .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Defective chimneys and hearths	1	4	1	6	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	18
„ kitchen-ranges .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Electric light, fusing of wires	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fireworks, letting off	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Gas, defective fittings, escape of	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
„ drapery, &c., in contact with lighted	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
„ explosion of	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
„ in act of lighting .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
„ rings and stoves .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Incendiarism	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	12
Kerosene-lamp explosion .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Kerosene-lamps falling .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Kerosene-stove .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kerosene, upsetting	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6
Lime, slaking by rain .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lights, naked .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Matches, children playing with .. .. .	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7
„ lighted, igniting tow .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
„ rats gnawing .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ thrown down alight	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	11
Men intoxicated .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Overheating beeswax polish	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
„ timber, &c., proximity to furnaces, boilers	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	11
Painters burning off paint	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Phosphorus on fire .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Retort, bursting of	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rubbish igniting .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Smoking .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4
„ in bed	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ cigarettes thrown down .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sparks from copper fire .. .. .	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	10
„ from fireplaces	3	1	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	14
„ from furnaces .. .. .	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	8
Spontaneous combustion .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
Sulphur, fumigating with .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Unknown	44	24	4	25	7	14	2	3	1	1	2	2	4	3	3	7	5	5	1	94
Totals	78	69	7	75	7	20	4	8	6	6	3	2	12	3	10	9	33	12	2	366