

4. SUMMARY OF CAUSES.

Cause.	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dannevirke.	Dunedin.	Felling.	Gisborne.	Greymouth.	Hamilton.	Hastings.	Hawera.	Hokitika.	Masterton.	New Plymouth.	Oamaru.	Palmerston North.	Petone.	Rotorua.	Tauranga.	Timaru.	Whangarei.	Woolston.	Totals.
Ashes, live .. .. .	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	9
Birds' nests under eaves .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Benzine, proximity to lights	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12
" vapour, proximity to lights	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" explosions, &c. .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Candles, drapery, &c., in contact	10	5	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	26
Clothes airing before fire	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Defective building .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" chimneys, hearths	1	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	20
" hot-water services .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
Electricity, fusing of wires	7	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
" overheating clothes-iron .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" spark from switch .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gas, defective fittings	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" explosion	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
" rings, stoves .. .. .	..	1	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Ignition, kapoc .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" picture-films .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
" sulphur	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Incendiarism, or suspected .. .. .	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9
Kerosene-lamp explosions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" lamps knocked over .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" heaters overheated .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Lime, slaking	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Matches, children with	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7
" rats .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" thrown down alight	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	14
Methylated spirits, explosion	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Naked lights .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Overheating beeswax, fat, &c.	2	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
" bearings .. .. .	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
" tar	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
" wood, proximity furnaces	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
" vulcanizing-ovens .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Painters burning off paint .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Refraction, sun's rays .. .. .	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Smoking .. .. .	..	6	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
" cigarette, butts .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Soldering-iron	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sparks from chimneys .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" copper-fires	1	4	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	19
" fireplaces	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
" furnaces	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	11
" stoves and ranges .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
" other fires .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Spontaneous combustion	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Testing automatic alarms .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Vagrants .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unknown	49	10	..	35	2	5	3	7	7	1	..	2	9	1	9	3	..	4	2	1	6	156
Totals	95	76	1	106	4	14	8	10	11	7	2	10	16	3	21	8	2	5	8	5	9	421