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REPORT.

The ACTING-SECRETARY, Department of Labour, to the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF LABOUR.

SIR,—

Department of Labour, Wellington, 29th June, 1917.

I have the honour to present herewith the twenty-sixth annual report of this Department for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, and to be laid before Parliament, in compliance with the Labour Department and Labour Day Act, 1908, and the Factories Act, 1908. The report covers the financial year 1st April, 1916, to the 31st March, 1917, and, following last year's report, has been suitably curtailed to meet the need for economy.

I have, &c.,

W. NEWTON,

The Right Hon. the Minister of Labour.

Acting Secretary of Labour.

CONDITIONS OF TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.

It is pleasing to be able to report that although considerable disorganization has taken place in trade and industry on account of the high cost of materials, and in some cases the difficulty in obtaining certain classes of goods for manufacturing purposes, trade generally has been very good indeed during the whole of the year under review. In the employment branch, notwithstanding the shortage in the number of workers caused by a large number of men being engaged on active service, very little difficulty has been found in supplying the needs of employers who have applied to the Department for workers. In some of the skilled trades it was found necessary to transfer workers from one part of the Dominion to another part where work was available, and although in many instances employers are short-staffed the position is not so acute as might have been expected. Nearly all tradesmen have been fully employed, and it has been found necessary to work considerable overtime in various trades. The total amount of overtime worked in factories by women and boys exceeds last year's figures, the principal increase being in connection with the boot-manufacturing trade. Labouring work generally has also been plentiful.

The retail traders are again reported to have had a prosperous year, and ready money has been plentiful.

The replacement of male labour by female labour reported last year has been continued as regards employment in offices, banks, &c. Although isolated instances have occurred it has not as yet been necessary to any extent to employ females at work hitherto performed exclusively by males. The position, however, is such that if present conditions regarding the filling of reinforcement drafts each month continue it may be necessary for this to be done in the near future.

Despite many statements to the contrary, the supply of farm labour was sufficient to meet the demand, and at harvest-time the Department had difficulty in finding employment for all its applicants for this class of work. Steps are now being taken to enable farmers and dwellers in the smaller towns to advise their needs to the various Labour Employment Bureaux through the Department's local representative (the Inspector of Factories). By this means it is hoped that both employers and workers in the country districts will be assisted.

A large amount of work has been done by the Department in obtaining information, through its agents, as to the conditions of trade and of the output of different industries, the facilities it has in this direction being placed at the service of the Department of Munitions and Supplies and of the Efficiency Boards.

All assistance possible has been rendered to the Discharged Soldiers Information Department, but returned soldiers have not yet found it necessary to avail themselves to any extent of this Department's services.

Two hundred and ninety-three discharged soldiers have made application to the Department: 105 of these have been found employment, and 155 have been assisted by reduced fares.

Under the Military Service Act the Department's officers assisted in the enrolment of the Expeditionary Force Reserve by the distribution of notices to all shop and factory occupiers, and a large amount of work was done in this connection.

Persons assisted.

Since the establishment of the Department in 1891 the following have received practical assistance through the Men's Employment Bureaux:—

Year.	Total.	Married.	Single.	Dependants.	Private Wk.	Government Work.
1891-1916 (twenty-five years) ...	115,502	40,741	74,761	149,443	51,866	63,636
1916-17 ...	2,966	1,140	1,826	3,518	2,216	750
Totals ...	118,468	41,881	76,587	152,961	54,082	64,386

The number assisted during the past year (including 500 assisted by reduced fares) shows a decrease on last year's figures of 3,012.

Of the amount of £419 repayable by workers for fares advanced, £254 had been collected by the 31st March.

Domestic Servants and Others assisted by Women's Branches from the 1st April, 1916, to the 31st March, 1917.

Auckland, 476; Wellington, 856; Nelson, 182; Christchurch, 282; Dunedin, 161: total, 1,957.

In each town except Wellington there was a decrease in the number assisted; Wellington showed an increase of fifty.

FACTORIES ACT.

The following figures, which show a considerable decrease in the number of factories and persons engaged therein during the past two years, are evidence of the effect of the withdrawal from civil employment of a large number of men for defence purposes:—

Year.	Factories.	Movement.	Factory Workers.	Movement.
1894-95	4,109	.. .. .	29,879	.. .. .
1904 05	9,123	5,014 (increase)	67,713	37,834 (increase).
1913-14	13,469	4,346 "	87,517	19,804 "
1914-15	13,937	468 "	88,812	1,295 "
1915-16	13,214	723 (decrease)	83,011	5,801 (decrease).
1916-17	12,455	759 "	78,188	4,823 "

The paragraph dealing with overtime worked in factories shows that greatly increased overtime has been necessary on account of the decrease in the number of workers and the increase of work in many trades.

Overtime.

The total overtime worked by females and boys in the fifteen principal towns of the Dominion amounted to 489,374 hours, as against 432,250 hours worked during the previous year. The boot and shoe trade was responsible for 32,178 hours; but, except for hat and cap making and dressmaking and millinery, which again show substantial increases, the trades mentioned in last report showed considerable decreases, the overtime worked in ammunition-works being less than half—viz., 16,569 hours, as against 41,534 hours. No record is obtained of the number of hours overtime worked by males above sixteen years of age.

Certificates of Fitness to Boys and Girls to work in Factories.

On comparing the figures in regard to the number of certificates issued, it will be seen that this year shows a total increase of forty-six—viz., from 2,363 to 2,409. Of this number 1,158 were issued to boys (an increase of fifty-eight), and 1,251 to girls (a decrease of twelve).

There were forty-three prosecutions, and convictions were obtained in forty-one cases.

Accidents in Factories.

—				Slight.	Moderate.	Serious.	Fatal.	Total.
1912-13	..	..	..	837	84	32	8	961
1913-14	..	..	..	879	165	52	8	1,104
1914-15	..	..	..	747	171	46	3	967
1915-16	..	..	..	837	160	65	3	1,065
1916-17	..	..	..	938	144	84	5	1,171

Probably the increase in the number is due in some degree to the employment of a larger proportion of inexperienced workers.

SHOPS AND OFFICES ACT.

There were 152 prosecutions during the year. Convictions were obtained in 148 of the cases.

ARREARS OF WAGES RECEIVED FOR WORKERS UNDER VARIOUS ACTS.

Arrears of wages amounting to £1,715 14s. 10d. were collected from employers and handed over to the workers concerned.

SHEARERS AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' ACCOMMODATION ACT.

Prior to and during last shearing season inspections were made of a large number of shearing-stations throughout New Zealand. An especially extensive inspection was made in the Hawke's Bay and East Coast districts. The general conditions could usually be classed as satisfactory, but requisitions for improvements were served in a few cases, principally for minor alterations or additions. One station-owner was proceeded against in the S.M. Court for failing to comply with the Inspector's requisition, and was ordered to carry out same and pay the costs.

Inspections were also made by departmental officers in the Wellington, Marlborough, Canterbury, and Otago Districts.

Flax-mills and sawmills were also inspected in several districts, and in most cases the conditions existing were found to be satisfactory.

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION ACT.

During the year 888 notices of intention to erect scaffolding were received.

Sixty-seven accidents were reported under this Act, eight of which were fatal, the remainder being of a minor character. The fatal accidents were caused by falls from scaffolding, &c., and were not due to faulty construction of gear.

There were eight prosecutions laid under the Act, and a conviction was obtained in each case.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

During the year thirty-seven cases were dealt with under the Act, as compared with fifty-two during last year. Of these, eight were considered sufficiently important to be published.

COST OF LIVING.

The necessity for a curtailment of expenditure has led to discontinuance of publication of the *Labour Journal*, which ceased with the issue of April, 1917.

Readers of the interesting figures relating to foods and the cost of living which appeared in the *Journal* will be able to follow these in the "Monthly Abstract" issued by the Government Statistician.

INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT.

The number of alleged breaches of awards and agreements reported to the Department has been somewhat less than during the previous year.

The number of disputes filed for investigation by Conciliation Councils and the Arbitration Court has shown an increase, as was anticipated in last year's report.

The business dealt with by Councils of Conciliation, Court of Arbitration, &c., under the Act is summarized as follows:—

Industrial agreements (inclusive of those made between parties without reference to a Conciliation Commissioner or Council)	...	...	63
Recommendations of Councils of Conciliation...	...	...	159
Awards of Arbitration Court	...	...	168
Magistrates' Courts—			
Enforcements of awards, &c.—			
Conducted by Department	...	...	191
Conducted by unions	...	...	3

The awards and agreements actually in force as at the 31st March last totalled 581.

The following table shows in detail the work performed by Commissioners and Councils of Conciliation during the year:—

	Industrial Districts.			Totals.
	Northern and Taranaki. (Commissioner Harle Giles.)	Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland. (Commissioner Hagger.)	Canterbury, and Otago and Southland. (Commissioner Triggs.)	
Number of industrial agreements arrived at—				
Through Councils .. .. .	..	1	2	3
Through Commissioners	7	4	2	13
Number of recommendations fully accepted and forwarded to Court to be made into awards	22	41	48	111
Number of recommendations substantially accepted and forwarded to Court to be made into awards	11	10	11	32
Number of disputes in which no recommendation was made	7	8	16	31
Totals	47	64	79	190

Out of a total of 190 disputes 159 were settled or substantially settled by the Commissioners and Councils of Conciliation.

REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

During the year thirty industrial unions were registered—viz., workers' unions, 24; employers' unions, 6.

The usual annual return (to the 31st December, 1916) of the unions registered under the Act, with their membership at that date, is published herewith as Appendix A.

The number of unions of employers is the same as last year, with a membership decrease of 164, while the number of workers' unions has decreased by eleven, and the total membership of same has increased by 3,727.

DECISIONS OF ARBITRATION COURT OF SPECIAL INTEREST

In April the Court, in a memorandum to the Northern Builders' Labourers' award, laid down the course it intended to adopt in fixing wages to meet the increased cost of living. The Court found that a reasonable living-wage at that time was 1s. 3d. per hour in the case of hourly wages, and at least £2 12s. per week in the case of weekly servants. The necessary increase was given in the form of a war bonus, and the Court recommended that all employers grant a similar bonus of, say, 10 per cent. (Book of Awards, Vol. xvii, p. 130.)

Provision was made in the Christchurch District Painters and Decorators' award for the training of apprentices at a school of art. (Book of Awards, Vol. xvii, p. 944.)

The Court of Appeal, on a case stated by the Court of Arbitration, laid it down in the case of *Magner v. Gohns* (Book of Awards, Vol. xvii, p. 1006) that the Court of Arbitration has no power to provide in an award for "compulsory unionism." It is competent for the Court to provide for preference to unionists, but the Court cannot compel any person to join a union.

In the Agricultural and Pastoral Workers' case (Book of Awards, Vol. xvii, p. 1295) the Court laid down the important principle that an industrial union or industrial association may validly consist only of workers engaged in the one industry or in related industries.

INDUSTRIAL DISTURBANCES.

During the year there were a number of industrial disturbances of a minor character and a few of somewhat greater magnitude.

Petone Woollen-mills.—Proceedings were taken in this case (referred to in the previous year's report), with the result that the union was fined £50 and the secretary of the union £10 for instigating an unlawful strike.

S.s. "Maori."—Proceedings were taken in this case (referred to in the previous year's report) against fifteen of the men concerned, who were each fined £2 and costs. An appeal against the judgment of the Magistrate was dismissed by the Court of Arbitration.

Drivers.—The drivers of Auckland, dissatisfied with the minimum rate of wages (£2 16s. and £2 12s.) allowed by the award of the Court of Arbitration, gave notice of their intention to strike, and the trouble quickly spread throughout the Dominion. A conference, presided over by the Acting Minister of Labour, failed to come to an agreement, and the settlement of the dispute was left to Cabinet, which granted an increase by way of a bonus on the minimum rate of wages fixed by the award.

Waterside Workers.—The waterside workers throughout the Dominion, dissatisfied with their conditions of employment, decided to work no overtime between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Various other matters were in dispute, but serious developments were averted by an agreement with the employers.

Miners.—The binns-boys engaged at the Blackball Mine demanded increased remuneration for short shifts, and on the demand being refused all the miners ceased work for a short time. Proceedings are now being taken.

Freezing-workers.—The chamber hands at Southdown, Westfield, and Horotiu, failing to agree with their employers for improved conditions of employment, ceased work. As the workers were not bound by an award or industrial agreement under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act the matter was referred by the Acting Minister of Labour to a Labour Disputes Committee under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act. The workers agreed to return to work after being out ten days, and also to accept the decision of the Committee as binding. Proceedings were taken against the workers who took part in the strike, and penalties were imposed in a number of cases. Additional interest is lent to this case by the fact that it is the first case arising under the Labour Disputes Investigation Act.

FOOTWEAR REGULATION ACT.

A considerable number of inspections in factories, wholesale warehouses, and retail shops was made by Inspectors of Footwear throughout the cities, towns, and country districts.

Though the boots and shoes examined were usually stamped, it was found necessary in some instances to require branding or rebranding as to composition. Court proceedings were instituted in seven cases, and a conviction was obtained in each case, fines totalling £27 5s. being imposed. Several thousand pairs of boots made for the Expeditionary Forces were examined both during manufacture and after completion for the Munitions and Supplies Department, the Inspectors being given authority to reject all materials which were deemed unsuitable for the strenuous use to which they would be subjected. Assistance was also rendered to the Customs Department in inspecting sole and other leathers for export.

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR DURING THE YEAR.

Salaries, temporary clerical assistance, and allowance to police and other officers acting as departmental agents*	£	18,794
Advertising and publications		106
Fares (at reduced rates), board and lodging, &c., advanced to persons proceeding to employment		419
Fares (proportion of) contributed by Department to persons proceeding to employment (viz., 25 per cent. on railway fares)		276
Fees paid to assessors of Conciliation Councils		1,729
Legal and witnesses' expenses (see refunds of same, below)		65
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and rent of letter-boxes		1,543
Printing and stationery		2,134
Office requisites, fuel, and lighting		345
Travelling allowances and expenses, bicycles and motor-cycles and maintenance of same		5,267
Workers' dwellings†—		
Administrative and travelling expenses		514
Fire insurance, rates, and repairs		1,544
Miscellaneous—	£	
Arbitration Court and Conciliation Councils		63
General		196
		259
Less refunds of—		32,995
Fares		253
Legal and witnesses' expenses		17
		270
		<u>£32,725</u>

* Exclusive of the salaries of the Judge and members of the Court of Arbitration, which are appropriated by special Act of Parliament.

† Recoverable, and credited to Workers' Dwellings Account.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN, PURSUANT TO THE INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION ACT, 1908, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH INDUSTRIAL UNION REGISTERED UNDER THE ACT TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1916.

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF EMPLOYERS.		
<i>Northern (Auckland) Industrial District—</i>		
348	Auckland and Suburban General Carriers and Coal-merchants ...	19
164	Auckland Builders and Contractors	71
162	Auckland Clothing-manufacturers	14
905	Auckland Electrical Engineers	13
466	Auckland Electric Tramways Company (Limited)	1
741	Auckland Farmers' Freezing Company (Limited)	1
911	Auckland Furniture and Furnishing	48
181	Auckland Grocers	103
472	Auckland Guild of Master Painters	31
736	Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association	226
330	Auckland Master Bakers	50
1074	Auckland Master Farriers	33
646	Auckland Master Hairdressers and Tobacconists	16
571	Auckland Master Plumbers	26
539	Auckland Master Printers	39
122	Auckland Master Tailors	21
790	Auckland Private Hotel and Boardinghouse Keepers	9
504	Auckland Provincial Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights	31
460	Auckland Provincial Gum-dealers	9
464	Auckland Provincial Master Butchers... ..	42
1070	Auckland Provincial Newspaper Proprietors	11
788	Auckland Provincial Nurserymen and Landscape Gardeners	5
533	Auckland Provincial Shipowners, Ship, Yacht, and Boat Builders	6
536	Auckland Provincial Tanners, Fellmongers, and Soap-manufacturers	7
783	Auckland Restaurateurs	19
1011	Auckland Retail Drapers, Milliners, Mercers, and Clothiers	24
148	Auckland Sawmillers and Woodware-manufacturers	69
370	Gisborne Builders and Contractors	17
865	Gisborne Master Plumbers	5
979	Gisborne Master Printers and Bookbinders	4
1025	Gisborne Master Tailors	11
1020	J. T. Julian and Son (Limited)	1
326	Northern Steamship Company (Limited)	1
750	Poverty Bay and East Coast Sheepowners	168
838	Poverty Bay Master Butchers	5
864	Poverty Bay Master Farriers and Blacksmiths	20
1027	South Auckland District Coachbuilders, Blacksmiths, and Farriers	49
984	South Auckland District Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	18
163	Taupiri Coal-mines (Limited)	1
	Totals	1,244
	... Number of Unions, 39	
<i>Wellington Industrial District—</i>		
522	W. Dimock and Co. (Limited)	1
680	Hastings Master Horse-shoers	12
420	Hawke's Bay Builders and Contractors	58
674	Hawke's Bay Master Bakers	12
743	Hawke's Bay Sheepowners	150
901	Manawatu Master Bakers	17

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF EMPLOYERS—continued.		
<i>Wellington Industrial District—continued.</i>		
998	Manawatu Master Builders, Building Contractors, and Sash and Door Factory Proprietors	23
520	E. W. Mills and Co. (Limited)	1
1006	Napier Furniture and Furnishing Trades	11
890	Napier Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	9
1019	James J. Niven and Co. (Limited)	1
846	Palmerston North Licensed Victuallers and Allied Trades' Protection Association	22
766	Palmerston North Master Butchers	16
1007	Palmerston North Timber-merchants	7
517	Stewart Timber, Glass, and Hardware Company (Limited)	1
142	Thomas Ballinger and Co. (Limited)	1
418	Wanganui Builders and Contractors	52
1014	Wanganui Furniture-manufacturers and Dealers	10
565	Wanganui Licensed and Allied Trade Association... ..	33
488	Wanganui Licensed Victuallers	13
484	Wanganui Master Painters	16
900	Wanganui Master Plumbers	13
101	Wellington Builders and Contractors	83
815	Wellington Clothing-manufacturers	9
1054	Wellington Coach and Motor-vehicle Trades	21
1048	Wellington Electrical Engineers and Traders	22
1022	Wellington Furniture and Furnishing Trade	30
106	Wellington Master Bakers	12
886	Wellington Master Plumbers	28
644	Wellington Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	36
118	Wellington Master Tailors	15
948	Wellington Newspaper Proprietors	10
	Totals	32
	... Number of Unions, 32	745
<i>Canterbury Industrial District—</i>		
113	Builders and Contractors' Association of Canterbury	56
430	Canterbury Butchers	60
298	Canterbury Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights	13
324	Canterbury Employers of Drivers	30
1015	Canterbury Flour, Oatmeal, and Pearl-barley Millers	17
339	Canterbury Grocers	12
459	Canterbury Licensed Victuallers	138
297	Canterbury Master Bakers	33
894	Christchurch Master Plumbers	29
694	Canterbury Master Printers	19
914	Canterbury Newspaper Proprietors	6
305	Canterbury Sawmillers	6
395	Canterbury Sheepowners	1,739
452	Canterbury Tanners, Fellmongers, and Wool-scourers	11
429	Christchurch Cab-owners	15
831	Christchurch Clothing-manufacturers	5
141	Christchurch Furniture-makers	26
1069	Christchurch Hairdressers and Tobacconists	44
125	Christchurch Master Tailors	32
388	South Canterbury Builders	29
986	South Canterbury Farriers... ..	45
362	South Canterbury Master Bakers	18
379	South Canterbury Threshing-mill Owners	36
1072	Timaru Master Printers and Bookbinders	7
757	Timaru Painters	16
1067	Waimate Coach and Motor Builders, Engineers, and Blacksmiths	15
519	Whitecombe and Tombs (Limited)	1
	Totals	27
	... Number of Unions, 27	2,458
<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District—</i>		
306	Dunedin and Suburban General Carriers and Coal-merchants	42
891	Dunedin and Suburban Master Butchers	26

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF EMPLOYERS—continued.		
<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District—continued.</i>		
337	Dunedin Builders and Contractors	73
822	Dunedin Clothing-manufacturers	25
1016	Dunedin Flour, Oatmeal, and Pearl-barley Millers	10
1004	Dunedin Furniture and Furnishing Trade	12
189	Dunedin Master Bakers	33
313	Dunedin Master Tailors	14
867	Dunedin Plumbers	29
789	Dunedin Private Hotel and Restaurant Employers	11
1053	Gore and District Coachbuilders and Blacksmiths	18
454	Invercargill Coal-merchants	21
875	Invercargill Plumbers	11
560	Invercargill and Suburban Master Butchers	9
307	Oamaru Master Tailors	6
318	Otago and Southland Gold-mining	22
241	Otago and Southland Master Saddlers' Society	14
936	Otago and Southland Newspaper Proprietors	6
446	Otago and Southland Sheepowners	176
1033	Otago Coachbuilders, Blacksmiths, and Farriers	39
311	Otago Drapers and Clothiers	39
302	Otago Grocers	75
325	Otago Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	35
343	Otago Painters... ..	12
406	Southland Builders and Contractors	16
778	Southland Coachbuilders and Blacksmiths	29
664	Southland Grocers	38
332	Southland Master Tailors	11
479	Southland Sawmillers	30
137	Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (Limited)	1
88	Westport Coal Company (Limited)	1
	Totals	884
	... Number of Unions, 31	
<i>Taranaki Industrial District—</i>		
1010	New Plymouth Furnishing Trade	16
605	Taranaki Dairying and Farming	41
516	Taranaki Licensed Victuallers	16
204	Taranaki Master Builders	8
861	Taranaki Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	12
447	Taranaki Master Tailors	32
	Totals	125
	... Number of Unions, 6	
<i>Marlborough Industrial District—</i>		
443	Marlborough Sheepowners... ..	44
	Totals	44
	... Number of Unions, 1	
<i>Nelson Industrial District—</i>		
856	Nelson Master Printers, Lithographers, and Bookbinders	10
	Totals	10
	... Number of Unions, 1	
<i>Westland Industrial District—</i>		
872	Greymouth Master Butchers	8
177	Progress Mines of New Zealand (Limited)	1
721	Westland Licensed Victuallers	21
364	Westland Sawmilling	14
	Totals	44
	... Number of Unions, 4	
	Grand totals	5,554
	Industrial Unions of Employers, 141	

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS.		
<i>Northern (Auckland) Industrial District—</i>		
1076	Auckland Abattoir Assistants and Freezing-works Employees ...	82
1029	Auckland Aerated-water, Condiment, Preserve, Biscuit, Confectionery, and Drug Factories Employees	57
825	Auckland and Suburban Local Bodies' Labourers... ..	492
190	Auckland Beamsmen	17
923	Auckland Biograph Operators	34
531	Auckland Bookbinders, Paper-rulers, and Cutters... ..	33
1078	Auckland Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Brassfinishers, Tinsmiths, and Sheet-metal Workers)	333
393	Auckland Branch of the Federated Cooks and Stewards	141
612	Auckland Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants' Employees	149
340	Auckland Brick and Pottery and Clay Workers	110
576	Auckland Bricklayers	84
871	Auckland Builders, General, and other Labourers	941
152	Auckland Butchers, Meat-preservers, and Bacon-curers	446
1046	Auckland Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	623
284	Auckland Certificated Engine-drivers	149
502	Auckland Coachworkers	45
444	Auckland Coopers	15
1073	Auckland Creameries and Cheese and Butter Factories Employees	29
155	Auckland Curriers	23
720	Auckland Cutters, Trimmers, Pressers, and other Clothing Employees	37
753	Auckland Dairy Employees	53
596	Auckland District Boilermakers, Iron-ship Workers, and Bridge-builders	91
83	Auckland District of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers	190
662	Auckland Electrical Workers	35
620	Auckland Farriers and General Blacksmiths	21
508	Auckland Fellmongers, Tanners, Soapworkers, and General Tannery Employees	136
921	Auckland Fire Brigades Employees	24
1021	Auckland Fishermen and Trawler Employees	98
381	Auckland Fish-trade Employees (other than Fishermen)	75
851	Auckland Gas Companies' Employees... ..	68
314	Auckland Grocers' Assistants	344
523	Auckland Gum-diggers	98
422	Auckland Gum-workers	102
501	Auckland Hairdressers' Assistants	60
688	Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees	2,884
149	Auckland Iron and Brass Moulders	121
853	Auckland Journalists	52
530	Auckland Letterpress Machinists	39
691	Auckland Lithographic Society	18
840	Auckland Local Federated Seamen	922
978	Auckland Manufacturing Jewellers, Watch and Clock Makers, and Kindred Trades	31
1055	Auckland Marine Oil Engineers	37
708	Auckland Merchant Service Guild	88
240	Auckland Motor-car and Horse Drivers	595
785	Auckland Nursery and Landscape Gardeners' Employees	10
474	Auckland Operative Bakers and Pastrycooks	211
59	Auckland Operative Bootmakers	441
635	Auckland Operative Plasterers	74
580	Auckland Operative Stonemasons	26
108	Auckland Painters	270
806	Auckland Performing Musicians	271
810	Auckland Photo Engravers	11
654	Auckland Plumbers and Gasfitters	216
1082	Auckland Retail Chemists' Employees... ..	31
150	Auckland Saddlers, Harness-makers, Collar-makers, Bag-makers, and Bridle-cutters	111
384	Auckland Sail, Tent, and Cover Makers	12
494	Auckland Ship, Yacht, and Boat Builders	44
849	Auckland Shirt and White Workers	25
885	Auckland Slaughtermen	47
715	Auckland Stage Employees	31
73	Auckland Tailoresses	588
67	Auckland Tailors	141
830	Auckland Tallymen	75
248	Auckland Timber-workers	727

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Northern (Auckland) Industrial District—continued.</i>		
132	Auckland Typographical	229
183	Auckland United Flour-mill Employees	32
910	Auckland United Furniture Trades	302
933	Auckland Waterside Workers	1,460
816	Eden Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	183
373	Gisborne Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners...	100
699	Gisborne Drivers	88
643	Gisborne Painters and Decorators	33
897	Gisborne Slaughtermen	100
661	Gisborne Typographical	27
602	Gisborne Waterside Workers	162
798	Hamilton Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	100
1084	Hikurangi Coal-miners	38
877	Huntly Engine-drivers (in Coal-mines)	22
1024	Kaipara Waterside Workers	65
779	Ohinemuri Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Electricians)	77
863	Ohinemuri Mines and Batteries Employees (other than Engineers, Engine-drivers, and Firemen)	871
799	Onehunga Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	73
940	Onehunga Waterside Workers	66
1017	Otahuhu Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners...	24
777	Poverty Bay and East Coast Builders, Contractors, and General Labourers	95
431	Poverty Bay Freezing and Sausage-casing Workers	245
1053A	Pukemiro Coal-mine Workers	103
837	South Auckland Engine-drivers, Winders, Motormen, and Firemen	77
951	Taupiri Coal-mine Workers	317
1009	Te Akatea Coal-mine Workers	86
771	Thames Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Brassfinishers)	78
16	Thames Miners	433
843	Tokomaru Bay Freezing-works Employees	62
1056	Waihi Borough Labourers	35
1032	Waikato Flax-mills Employees	191
1058	Warkworth Cement and Lime Workers	62
500	Westfield Chemical-manure Workers	52
1049	Whangarei Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	29
Totals		19,301
<i>Wellington Industrial District—</i>		
710	*Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand	8,544
698	Brooklyn Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	47
763	Chief Stewards' Guild of New Zealand	40
920	Dannevirke Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	25
212	Federated Cooks and Stewards of New Zealand	727
374	Hastings Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	168
650	Hawke's Bay Fishermen's and Fish-shed Employees	26
657	Hawke's Bay Freezing-works	271
676	Lower Hutt Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	40
540	Manawatu Flax-mills Employees	931
992	Masterton Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators	20
804	Masterton Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	119
525	Napier Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	173
752	Napier Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Electricians and Motor-mechanics)	44
375	Napier Drivers... ..	129
775	Napier Gas Employees	20
237	Napier Painters and Decorators	77
973	Napier Tramway Employees	22
389	Napier Wharf Labourers and Stevedores	126
764	Napier Wool and Grain Store Employees and Wholesale Merchants' Storemen	53
887	Ngahauranga and Petone Slaughtermen	193

* This union has forty-seven branches throughout the Dominion, with headquarters in Wellington.

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Wellington Industrial District—continued.</i>		
594	Palmerston North Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	120
210	Palmerston North Painters and Decorators	39
196	Petone Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners ...	41
739	Petone Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers	67
769	Petone (Wellington) Woollen-mills Employees	168
641	South Wellington Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	142
19	United Employees' Society of Boilermakers and Iron-ship Builders of New Zealand	60
821	Waipukurau Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	26
672	Wanganui Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	221
768	Wanganui Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Motor-mechanics)	43
1057	Wanganui Bricklayers	36
730	Wanganui Motor and Horse Drivers	74
682	Wanganui Gas Stokers, Trimmers, and Cokers	13
439	Wanganui Operative Butchers	33
258	Wanganui Society of Painters and Decorators	81
748	Wanganui Tramways Employees	40
685	Wanganui Waterside Workers	87
129	Wellington Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators ...	358
1071	Wellington Biograph Operators	27
13	Wellington Bookbinders and Paper-rulers' Trade Society	95
52	Wellington Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	371
1066	Wellington Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Brassfinishers, Coppersmiths, Motor-mechanics, and Tiuplate and Sheet-metal Workers)	145
991	Wellington Brewers, Bottlers, Bottle-washers, and Aerated-water Employees (other than Storemen and Drivers)	79
528	Wellington Bricklayers	59
1077	Wellington Builders and General Labourers	632
173	Wellington Coachworkers	42
966	Wellington Dairy Employees	42
218	Wellington District Hotel, Club, and Restaurant Workers	2,146
72	Wellington District of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers ...	546
611	Wellington Electrical Workers	52
1079	Wellington Freezing and Bacon-curing Works Employees	698
234	Wellington Grocers	173
915	Wellington Hairdressers' Assistants	39
97	Wellington Iron and Brass Moulders	47
1023	Wellington Journalists	17
1044	Wellington Laundry Employees	75
569	Wellington Letterpress Printers, Lithographers, and Paper-cutters ...	113
960	Wellington Local Federated Seamen	1,678
931	Wellington Manufacturing Jewellers, Watch and Clock Makers, and Kindred Trades	50
187	Wellington Match-factory Employees	52
482	Wellington Merchant Service Guild	373
930	Wellington Metal-workers' Assistants... ..	80
219	Wellington Motor-car, Horse-drivers, and Livery-stable Employees ...	468
961	Wellington Municipal Tramway and Electric Light Power-house Employees	36
1	Wellington Operative Bakers and Pastrycooks	309
14	Wellington Operative Bootmakers' Society	245
134	Wellington Operative Butchers	131
232	Wellington Operative Sausage-casing Makers	54
808	Wellington Performing Musicians	147
200	Wellington Plasterers	42
69	Wellington Plumbers and Gasfitters	203
610	Wellington Pullers	25
167	Wellington Saddlers	42
627	Wellington Shearers	15
957	Wellington Shipwrights	30
881	Wellington Slaughtermen	231
819	Wellington Society of United Merchants' Clerks	60
813	Wellington Soft-goods Employees (other than Wholesale Packers, Porters, and Storemen)	487

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Wellington Industrial District—continued.</i>		
705	Wellington Stage Employees	44
1018	Wellington Stage Supernumeraries	30
242	Wellington Stationary, Traction, and Locomotive Engine-drivers ...	134
638	Wellington Stonemasons	27
405	Wellington Tailoresses, Cutters, Pressers, and other Clothing-trade Employees (except Tailors)	502
2	Wellington Tailors	241
220	Wellington Timber-yards and Sawmills	90
632	Wellington Tramways Employees	432
15	Wellington Typographical	431
76	Wellington United Furniture Trade	388
773	Wellington United Storemen's (other than Employees in Retail Grocery and Soft-goods Establishments)	220
932	Wellington Waterside Workers	1,901
928	Westshore Slaughtermen	24
592	Whakatu Sausage-casing Makers	24
	Totals Number of Unions, 93	27,889
<i>Canterbury Industrial District—</i>		
463	Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Labourers	37
566	Canterbury Bricklayers	102
726	Canterbury Brick, Pottery, Pipe, Tile, and Clay Workers	65
176	Canterbury Builders and General Labourers, Quarry-workers, and Wool and Grain Store Employees	728
48	Canterbury Carpenters and Joiners	217
263	Canterbury Coachbuilders	105
194	Canterbury Curriers	15
555	Canterbury Dairymen's Employees	26
747	Canterbury Freezing-works, Bacon, Manure, Soap, and Sausage-casing Employees	540
274	Canterbury Grocers' Assistants	167
652	Canterbury Hotel and Restaurant Employees	510
550	Canterbury Maltsters and Brewery Employees	123
281	Canterbury Motor-car, Horse-drivers, and Livery-stable Employees ...	295
787	Canterbury Operative Bakers, Pastrycooks, and Confectioners' Employees	88
800	Canterbury Printers' Machinists, Bookbinders, and Stereotypers ...	97
288	Canterbury Shearers	23
883	Canterbury Slaughtermen	230
195	Canterbury Tanners, Fellmongers, and Skinners	527
268	Canterbury Timber-yards, Sawmills, and Coal-yards Employees ...	142
140	Canterbury Traction and Stationary Engine Drivers and Firemen ...	181
32	Canterbury Typographical Association	175
266	Canterbury Woollen-mills Employees	136
549	Christchurch Aerated-water Workers and other Bottlers	46
20	Christchurch Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	428
1061	Christchurch Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Brassfinishers, Range-workers, Metal-workers' Assistants, Electrical Workers, Tinsmiths and Sheet-metal Workers, and Cycle-workers)	701
917	Christchurch Export Slaughtermen	16
1064	Christchurch Brush and Broom Trade... ..	36
922	Christchurch Farriers	9
1083	Christchurch Furniture Trade, Leadlight, Glass, Rattan, and Wicker Workers	218
300	Christchurch Gardeners	30
573	Christchurch Gasworks Employees	79
236	Christchurch Hairdressers and Tobacconists' Assistants	22
947	Christchurch Horse and Commercial-motor Drivers	132
107	Christchurch Iron and Brass Moulders	113
857	Christchurch Journalists	58
1000	Christchurch Manufacturing Jewellers, Watch and Clock Makers, and Kindred Trades	19
35	Christchurch Operative Bootmakers' Society	410
385	Christchurch Operative Stonemasons	33
81	Christchurch Painters	178
809	Christchurch Performing Musicians	91

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Canterbury Industrial District—continued.</i>		
123	Christchurch Plasterers	74
38	Christchurch Plumbers and Gasfitters	99
1051	Christchurch Retail Chemists' Assistants	21
916	Christchurch Retail Drapers' Assistants	322
223	Christchurch Saddlers, Harness and Collar Makers	46
11	Christchurch Tailoresses, Cutters, Pressers, and other Clothing-trade Employees	437
547	Christchurch Tramway Employees	252
363	Homebush Collieries	20
40	Lyttelton Casual Wharf Labourers	100
483	Lyttelton Merchant Service Guild	34
938	Lyttelton Wharf Labourers	390
387	South Canterbury Bakers and Pastrycooks	17
746	South Canterbury Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Sheet-metal Workers	15
692	South Canterbury Timber-yards, Sawmills, and Coal-yards Employees	29
878	Sydenham Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	64
737	Timaru Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	40
1035	Timaru Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Motor-mechanics)	25
481	Timaru Society of Painters and Decorators	39
372	United Boilermakers, Iron and Steel Ship Builders of Canterbury	64
174	United Millers, Engine-drivers, and Mill Employees' Society of Canterbury	51
	Totals	Number of Unions, 60
		9,287
<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District—</i>		
758	Bluff Waterside	294
776	Dunedin and Mosgiel Woollen-mills Employees	133
1028	Dunedin and Port Chalmers United Shipwrights	53
1065	Dunedin and Port Chalmers Upholsteresses	17
214	Dunedin and Suburban Drivers	136
876	Dunedin and Suburban Farriers	14
892	Dunedin and Suburban General Electrical Workers	26
221	Dunedin and Suburban Operative Butchers	92
903	Dunedin and Suburban Operative Licensed Drainers	26
895	Dunedin and Suburban Retail Soft-goods Employees	131
89	Dunedin Bakers and Pastrycooks	171
1081	Dunedin Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Brassfinishers, Copper-smiths, and Range-workers), Cycle and Motor Mechanics, Tinplate and Sheet-metal Workers	316
873	Dunedin Brewers, Bottlers, Bottle-washers, and Aerated Waters	100
1080	Dunedin Brush and Broom Trade	19
703	Dunedin Canister Workers	21
1012	Dunedin Felt Hatters	17
1060	Dunedin Gardeners	50
854	Dunedin Journalists	24
995	Dunedin Local Federated Seamen	659
974	Dunedin Manufacturing Jewellers, Watch and Clock Makers, and Kindred Trades	12
45	Dunedin Operative Bootmakers	236
71	Dunedin Operative Stonemasons	17
93	Dunedin Painters	185
770	Dunedin Performing Musicians	56
647	Dunedin Printers' Machinists, Bookbinders, Paper-rulers, and Lithographers	76
1038	Dunedin Rope and Twine Spinners	20
711	Dunedin Stage Employees	29
58	Dunedin Tailoresses and other Female Clothing-trade Employees	495
942	Dunedin Theatrical and Shows Employees (other than Stage Hands)	58
735	Dunedin Trawlers	20
84	Dunedin United Furniture Trades (including Wood-carvers, Wood-working Machinists, and Carpet-planners)	120
99	Dunedin United Plumbers and Gasfitters	69
935	Dunedin Waterside Workers	442
996	Green Island Coal-miners	52
9	Invercargill Bootmakers	16
792	Invercargill Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	348
731	Invercargill Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Motor-mechanics, Electricians, and other Electrical Workers)	46

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District—continued.</i>		
880	Invercargill Fellmongers, Tanners, and General Tannery Employees ...	27
859	Invercargill Mercantile Storemen ...	88
848	Invercargill Tramways ...	43
80	Iron and Brass Moulders' Union of New Zealand ...	184
829	Kaitangata Coal-miners ...	262
913	Mataura, Ocean Beach, and Makarewa Slaughtermen ...	77
304	Mataura Paper-mill Workers ...	19
1059	Oamaru Flour-mills Employees ...	21
1075	Oamaru Horse Drivers ...	29
1037	Oamaru Painters ...	15
945	Oamaru Wharf Labourers ...	47
1085	Oamaru Woollen-mill Employees ...	86
404	Otago and Southland Gold-miners ...	107
503	Otago and Southland Operative Tailors and Shop Tailoresses ...	206
182	Otago and Southland Saddlers, Harness, Collar, Bag, and Cover Makers... ..	38
267	Otago Box-workers ...	33
78	Otago Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners ...	562
246	Otago Bricklayers ...	54
506	Otago Certificated Engine-drivers ...	57
205	Otago Coachworkers and Wheelwrights ...	47
166	Otago Flour-mills Employees ...	17
599	Otago Freezing, Chemical-manure, Tannery, Fellmongery, Soap and Candle Workers, Bacon-curers, and Allied Trades (other than Slaughtermen)	200
507	Otago General Labourers, Builders' Labourers, Quarrymen, and Coal-yard Employees	372
217	Otago Grocers' Assistants ...	63
578	Otago Hairdressers' Assistants ...	21
675	Otago Hotel, Restaurant, and Boardinghouse Employees ...	632
197	Otago Metal-workers' Assistants ...	122
216	Otago Operative Plasterers ...	45
889	Otago Slaughtermen ...	5
252	Otago Timber-yards and Sawmills ...	80
259	Otago Tramways ...	244
77	Otago Typographical ...	114
956	Port Chalmers Waterside Workers ...	787
36	Pressers and other Clothing-factories Operatives Union of Dunedin ...	42
989	Southland and Otago Cheese and Butter Factories Employees (other than Managers)	190
833	Southland and Otago Cheese-factory Managers ...	114
782	Southland Building Trade and General Labourers, Wool and Grain Store Employees, Gasworks Employees, and Drivers	169
969	Southland Freezing-works Employees (other than Slaughtermen) ...	224
1039	Southland Milk-condensing Factories Employees ...	59
225	Southland Operative Butchers ...	51
784	Southland Painters ...	63
834	Southland Plumbers, Gasfitters, Tinsmiths, and Sheet-metal Workers ...	38
245	Southland Timber-yards and Sawmills ...	622
315	Southland Typographical ...	30
411	Southland United Furniture Trades ...	31
102	United Boilermakers and Iron-ship Builders of Otago ...	52
927	Waronui Coal-miners ...	33
	Totals	Number of Unions, 84
		11,018
<i>Taranaki Industrial District—</i>		
817	Hawera Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners ...	28
805	New Plymouth Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners	62
811	New Plymouth General Labourers ...	82
982	New Plymouth Timber-yards and Sawmills Employees ...	32
1068	New Plymouth Tramways Employees... ..	20
934	New Plymouth Watersiders ...	56
818	Stratford Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners... ..	19
908	Taranaki Operative Bakers and Pastrycooks ...	17
208	Taranaki Operative Bootmakers ...	9
793	Taranaki Painters and Decorators ...	13
844	Taranaki Plumbers and Gasfitters ...	16
794	Taranaki Tailoring Trade ...	28
716	Waitara General Labourers ...	87
	Totals	Number of Unions, 13
		469

Reg. No.	Names of Unions.	Number of Members.
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS—continued.		
<i>Marlborough Industrial District—</i>		
401	Marlborough Building Trades	78
707	Marlborough Freezing-works Employees	58
884	Marlborough Slaughtermen	17
975	Picton Wharf Labourers	55
980	Wakamarina Miners	71
	Totals	279
<i>Nelson Industrial District—</i>		
572	Nelson Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners ...	70
448	Nelson Labourers	72
445	Nelson Painters	24
949	Nelson Port Wharf Labourers	74
564	Nelson Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Sheet-metal Workers	9
762	Nelson Tailors and Tailoresses	35
570	Nelson Typographical	13
	Totals	297
<i>Westland Industrial District—</i>		
963	Denniston Coal-miners	323
981	Denniston Engine-drivers, Firemen, Brakesmen, Carpenters and Joiners, Blacksmiths, and Fitters	37
1030	Grey and Buller Coal-mines Deputies and Underviewers	60
858	Greymouth Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers	10
952	Greymouth Port Waterside Workers	208
160	Greymouth Wharf Labourers	39
79	Grey Valley	59
82	Inangahua Mine and Dredge Employees	647
962	Millerton and Granity Coal-miners	348
1042	Millerton and Granity Engine-drivers, Firemen, Brakesmen, Bricklayers, Carpenters, and Fitters	29
994	Ngakawau Coal-miners	236
964	Point Elizabeth and Liverpool State Collieries Employees (other than Engineers, Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Winchmen)	423
1034	Roa Coal-mine Employees (other than Engineers, Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Winchmen)	46
968	Westland Engine-drivers, Firemen, Motormen, Brakesmen, Blacksmiths, Electricians, and Pumpmen	72
727	Westland Typographical	15
754	Westland Tailoring Trade	35
690	Westport General Labourers and Mechanics	184
959	Westport Waterside Workers	77
	Totals	2,848
	Grand totals	71,388

The following unions have failed to send in annual returns, or have sent in invalid returns, and inquiry is being made as to their position. There is reason to believe that some are now defunct:—

INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF EMPLOYERS.

Reg. No.	<i>Northern Industrial District.</i>
145.	Auckland Boot-manufacturers.
342.	Devonport Steam Ferry Company (Limited).
	<i>Wellington Industrial District.</i>
131.	Wellington Master Painters.
683.	Hawke's Bay Master Tailors.
	<i>Marlborough Industrial District.</i>
415.	Marlborough Traction Engine and Machine Owners.

Reg. No.	<i>Nelson Industrial District.</i>
774.	Nelson Master Tailors.
	<i>Canterbury Industrial District.</i>
6.	New Zealand Boot-manufacturers' Association.
1005.	Christchurch Taxi and Touring Car Owners.
	<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District.</i>
841.	Oamaru Painters.
919.	Dunedin Plasterers.

INDUSTRIAL UNIONS OF WORKERS.

Reg. No.	<i>Northern (Auckland) Industrial District.</i>	Reg. No.	<i>Marlborough Industrial District.</i>
458.	Auckland Shipmasters.	615.	Marlborough Shearers.
648.	Rotorua Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.	780.	Marlborough Drivers.
759.	Gisborne and East Coast Shearers and Wool-shed Employees.	977.	Marlborough Farm and Station Employees (other than Shearers and Shed Hands).
802.	Devonport Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.	<i>Nelson Industrial District.</i>	
835.	Newmarket Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.	970.	Puponga Coal-miners.
976.	Auckland United Storemen's Industrial Union of Workers (other than Employees in Bottling-stores).	1063.	Nelson Horse and Motor Vehicle Drivers.
983.	Hikurangi Under-managers, Deputies, and Firemen.	<i>Westland Industrial District.</i>	
985.	Auckland Soft-goods Employees Industrial Union of Workers (other than Storemen, Porters, and Packers).	803.	Westport Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.
		958.	Blackball Coal-mine Workers (other than Engineers, Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Winchmen).
		997.	Ross Gold-mine Employees.
		<i>Canterbury Industrial District.</i>	
		5.	Christchurch Stage Employees.
		105.	Christchurch Tailoring Trade.
		193.	Christchurch Operative Butchers.
		386.	Timaru Carpenters.
		902.	Timaru Wharf Labourers.
		<i>Otago and Southland Industrial District.</i>	
		888.	Southland Slaughtermen.
		926.	Dunedin Export Slaughtermen.
		971.	Nightcaps District Coal-miners.
		987.	Otago and Southland Farm and Station Employees (other than Shearers and Shed Hands).
		990.	Dunedin and Port Chalmers Ship Tally Clerks.
		<i>Taranaki Industrial District.</i>	
		907.	Waitara Slaughtermen.
<i>Wellington Industrial District.</i>			
8.	Wellington Carriers.		
285.	Wellington Farriers and General Blacksmiths.		
637.	Manawatu Freezing-works Employees.		
899.	Wanganui Slaughtermen.		
918.	Palmerston North Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (including Motor-mechanics and Cycle-workers).		
953.	Wanganui Timber-workers.		
972.	Wellington District Farm and Station Hands (other than Shearers), and Creamery, Butter, and Cheese Factories Employees.		
1008.	Wellington Licensed Taxi-drivers.		
1013.	Palmerston North Builders and General Labourers and Brickyard Labourers.		
1062.	Napier Performing Musicians.		

APPENDIX B.

YEARLY STATEMENT BY THE RIGHT HON. THE MINISTER OF LABOUR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THE WORKERS' DWELLINGS ACT, 1910.

In pursuance of section 18 of the Workers' Dwellings Act, 1910, I have the honour to present the following statement of the Deputy Superintendent of Workers' Dwellings relating to the operations of the Act during the year ending 31st March, 1917.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Labour.

DWELLINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

The number of workers' dwellings erected during the year was sixty-five (see Table (b) below). Of this number thirty-seven were in the course of erection on the 31st March, 1916. Owing to the largely increased cost of building-material and the difficulty experienced in obtaining tenders at a reasonable figure, it was found necessary to considerably curtail the programme which was laid down at the beginning of the year; in many instances the tenders received were so high as to be quite prohibitive, and it was deemed unwise in the interests of the applicants themselves to accept them and erect the dwellings. Whereas two or three years ago a four-roomed dwelling in wood cost about £360 and a five-roomed dwelling about £450, the cost of similar houses at the present time would be about £460 and £560 respectively; consequently only twenty-eight dwellings were erected instead of 100, as arranged for in the original programme. Since the 31st March, 1917 (in addition to eleven houses in course of erection at that date) arrangements have been made for the erection of twelve more dwellings. Of these, three are for Wellington (Petone), three for Masterton, four for New Plymouth, and two for Patea. There is still a large demand for workers' dwellings, especially in the Wellington District. The Board will, however, as in the past, exercise care, and only build when the cost is reasonable. A dwelling was purchased at Kilbirnie, Wellington, which was chosen by an approved applicant and inspected by an officer of the Department, who reported that it was suitable for a worker's dwelling.

SALE OF LAND NOT REQUIRED FOR WORKERS' DWELLINGS.

During the year four sections of land not required for workers' dwellings have been disposed of under section 4 of the Act of 1914.

INSPECTION OF WORKERS' DWELLINGS.

All the workers' dwellings throughout the Dominion have again been inspected by officers of the Department in accordance with the scheme instituted in 1914, in order to ascertain that purchasers and tenants were taking proper care of their dwellings, and it is most satisfactory to note that with very few exceptions the reports disclose that occupants not only take great care of, but also sufficient interest and pride in, their houses and sections—that in numerous instances improvements, such as laying-out of gardens and planting of trees and shrubs, have been effected.

COLLECTION OF INSTALMENTS AND RENTS.

The work of the Department in connection with the collection of rents and instalments shows a very satisfactory result, especially when the fact is taken into consideration that all classes of the community find it increasingly difficult owing to the abnormal conditions existing at the present time, to make both ends meet. The following table for the last three years (since the Department took over the collection from the Public Trust Department) will show clearly the improvement made in the reduction of arrears:—

Date.	Number of Dwellings.	Arrears.			Average Arrears per Dwelling.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31st March, 1915	471	1,215	11	5	2	11	8
31st March, 1916	553	1,251	12	8	2	5	3
31st March, 1917	619*	1,013	11	11	1	12	9

* Ten dwellings (six at Te Awamutu and four at Marton) were completed, and purchasers only took possession during the last week in March.

As in former years, a considerable sum was paid off the arrears during the early part of April.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASERS OF WORKERS' DWELLINGS SERVING IN THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

It is worthy of note under this heading that the Workers' Dwellings Board has decided on a policy which has for its object the assisting of purchasers who have joined the Expeditionary Forces, and relieving them or their dependants of the payment of such portion of the instalment as represents a repayment of principal, and accepting a rent comprising only interest at the rate of 5 per cent. on the balance of purchase-money owing at the date of enlistment, together with such an amount as will cover the insurance premium on the dwelling. This concession has been taken advantage of by a number of purchasers and been much appreciated.

RETURNS.

(a.) THE WEEKLY OR OTHER PAYMENTS CONTRACTED FOR, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENTS RECEIVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF ARREARS OUTSTANDING.

(1.) Settlement.	(2.) Arrears out- standing as at 31st March, 1916.	(3.) Weekly or other Payments con- tracted for (exclusive of Arrears, Col. 2). (Total for Year.)	(4.) Total Amount received for Year.	(5.) Arrears out- standing as at 31st March, 1917.	(6.) Number of Dwellings on Settlement.	(7.) Average Arrears per Dwelling.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Auckland—						
Lawry	202 11 6	2,952 19 6	3,016 15 6	138 15 6	81	1 14 3
Eccleston ..	85 15 7	1,174 12 10	1,231 12 4	28 16 1	31	0 18 7
Grey Lynn ..	2 17 4	230 7 8	230 7 8	2 17 4	6	0 9 6
Wellington—						
Taitville ..	43 17 10	1,498 14 8	1,512 12 11	29 19 7	33	0 18 2
Island Bay ..	42 9 7	959 17 10	975 10 4	26 17 1	25	1 1 6
Latta .. ..	.. ..	132 4 5	127 15 3	4 9 2	8	0 11 2
Coromandel Street	20 6 6	466 9 1	487 8 4	Cr. 0 12 9	12	..
McIntosh ..	.. ..	48 8 3	48 9 9	Cr. 0 1 6	4	..
Heretaunga (Petone)	35 8 11	1,054 16 8	1,060 5 8	29 19 11	31	0 19 4
Christchurch—						
Camelot	47 16 0	1,141 6 2	1,098 14 9	90 7 5	35	2 11 7
Walker	35 2 10	533 16 6	553 14 4	15 5 0	16	0 19 0
Chancellor Street ..	5 8 2	262 15 0	258 14 4	9 8 10	7	1 6 11
Hulbert .. ..	.. ..	300 11 3	272 17 3	27 14 0	10	2 15 5
Dunedin—						
Windle	56 18 1	915 13 8	957 19 10	14 11 11	26	0 11 3
Maia .. ..	.. ..	101 16 10	102 10 1	Cr. 0 13 3	5	..
Wanganui—						
Baillance	15 14 6	304 0 8	306 10 3	13 4 11	8	1 13 1
Willis	2 19 0	220 13 3	218 7 3	5 5 0	6	0 17 6
Puriri	2 8 0	204 2 0	207 5 4	Cr. 0 15 4	5	..
Palmerston North—						
Loughnan	3 16 5	624 17 2	618 4 11	10 8 8	17	0 12 3
Greymouth—						
Cobden	86 7 7	427 1 2	421 17 3	91 11 6	14	6 10 10 ⁽¹⁾
Temuka—						
Buxton	63 13 6	291 15 10	276 6 3	79 3 1	9	8 15 11 ⁽²⁾
Fairlie—						
Tengawai	39 10 8	295 15 6	311 11 2	23 15 0	7	3 7 10
Waimate—						
Gorge Road	6 10 3	211 14 9	218 5 0	.. ..	6	..
Willowbridge	87 8 1	449 13 9	530 4 10	6 17 0	13	0 10 6
Timaru—						
Craigie	18 13 7	314 3 3	326 1 3	6 15 7	9	0 15 1
Melton Road	80 18 6	322 1 3	372 18 7	30 1 2	10	3 0 1
Invercargill—						
Seaward Bush	48 18 5	547 7 5	562 18 2	33 7 8	16	2 1 9
Masterton—						
Masterton	2 14 3	537 14 10	530 18 4	9 10 9	12	0 15 11
Solway	37 15 9	452 12 5	466 4 4	24 3 10	13	1 17 3
Hamilton—						
Laurenson	Cr. 0 19 1	284 11 1	286 5 8	Cr. 2 13 8	9	..
Westport—						
Leavor	Cr. 1 18 2	348 2 4	350 7 3	Cr. 4 3 1	12	..
Patea	21 13 4	379 3 5	389 6 0	11 10 9	10	1 3 1
Gisborne—						
Te Hapara	46 4 7	518 18 8	484 16 1	80 7 2	14	5 14 10
Te Puke—						
Newman	47 11 1	223 7 3	195 7 6	75 10 10	7	10 15 10 ⁽³⁾
Tolaga Bay—						
Uawa	1 12 3	322 8 0	322 8 0	1 12 3	8	0 4 0
Nelson—						
Wincauls	Cr. 0 11 8	254 14 1	252 19 1	1 3 4	8	0 2 11

£ s. d.

(1) 34 19 8 } Dwellings transferred since 31st March; arrears now adjusted.

18 4 0 }

13 11 1 }

(2) 23 8 8 }

24 2 0 }

(3) 28 2 9 }

12 13 0 }

9 14 3 }

9 6 7 }

Judgment order obtained; other arrears small items.

Action being taken to find substitutes for present occupiers; balance small amounts.

£20 paid off arrears since 31st March.

Occupiers being warned that unless arrears reduced forthwith agreements will be cancelled.

(a.) THE WEEKLY OR OTHER PAYMENTS CONTRACTED FOR, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENTS RECEIVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF ARREARS OUTSTANDING—*continued.*

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Hawera—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Casey	25 10 6	180 8 6	175 7 2	30 11 10	4	7 12 11 (1)
Manaia—						
Hurle	Cr. 0 0 8	79 6 8	79 6 0	..	2	..
Ngaruawahia—						
Tait	0 5 7	205 4 4	200 17 4	4 12 7	6	0 15 5
Ashburton—						
Dobbie	Cr. 0 14 5	249 17 9	248 10 0	0 13 4	6	0 2 2
Oamaru—						
Warwick	11 15 7	312 2 3	321 10 2	2 7 8	9	0 5 3
Napier—						
Awatoto	3 0 8	262 8 4	256 19 2	8 9 10	7	1 4 3
Blenheim	Cr. 10 10 4	220 8 10	215 2 7	Cr. 5 4 1	5	..
Pieton	5 14 3	143 5 6	136 9 0	12 10 9	5	2 10 2
Tauranga—						
Fraser Street	3 1 8	247 4 4	259 2 8	Cr. 8 16 8	6	..
Hastings—						
Mahora	23 16 8	294 6 0	284 16 8	33 6 0	8	4 3 3
Lomas	181 4 4	164 19 7	16 4 9	6	2 14 1
Whakatane—						
Bestic	20 6 10	20 6 10	..	3	..
Carterton—						
Rigg	116 7 6	112 2 4	4 5 2	5	0 17 0
Totals	1,251 12 8	21,821 19 7	22,060 0 4	1,013 11 11	619	1 12 9

£ s. d.
(1) 15 16 8 }
7 6 0 }

Occupiers written to that unless arrears paid at once agreements will be cancelled. Other arrears small amounts.

(b.) (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ERECTED UNDER THE ORIGINAL ACT OF 1905 TO THE DATE OF THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE ACT OF 1910; (2) AND (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ERECTED UNDER THE ACT OF 1910 FROM THE DATE OF THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE ACT TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1917; AND (4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN COURSE OF ERECTION ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1917.

District.	(1.) Erected under the Act of 1905.	Erected under Act of 1910.			Total.
		(2.) To 31st March, 1916.	(3.) During Year ending 31st March, 1917.	(4.) Number in Course of Erection on 31st March, 1917.	
Auckland	35	83	..	..	118
Wellington	40	53	19	..	113*
Christchurch	31	27	10	..	68
Dunedin	20	6	5	..	31
Frankton Junction (Hamilton)	6	3	..	9
Whakatane	3	..	3
Ngaruawahia	6	..	..	6
Tauranga	6	..	..	6
Te Puke	7	..	..	7
Te Awamutu	6	6
Tolaga Bay	8	..	..	8
Gisborne	14	..	..	14
Napier	6	1	..	7
Hastings	8	6	..	14
Patea	10	..	..	10
Hawera	4	..	5	9
Manaia	2	..	..	2
Wanganui	19	..	..	19
Marion	4	..	4
Palmerston North	12	5	..	17
Masterton (town)	12	..	..	12
„ (rural)	11	2	..	13
Carterton (two rural)	5	..	5
Picton	5	..	..	5
Blenheim (rural)	5	..	..	5
Nelson	6	2	..	8
Westport	12	..	..	12
Greymouth	14	..	..	14
Ashburton	6	..	..	6
Temuka	9	..	..	9
Timaru	19	..	..	19
Fairlie (rural)	7	..	..	7
Willowbridge (rural)	13	..	..	13
Waimate	6	..	..	6
Oamaru	9	..	..	9
Invercargill	16	..	..	16
Totals	126	427	65	11	629

* Including one dwelling purchased after erection.

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