

4. SUMMARY OF CAUSES.

Summary of Causes.	Auckland.	Balclutha.	Christchurch.	Dannevirke.	Dargaville.	Dunedin.	Pellding.	Gisborne.	Greymouth.	Hamilton.	Hastings.	Hawera.	Hokitika.	Kaitangata.	Lawrence.	Levin.	Masterton.	Milton.	New Plymouth.	Napier.	Oamaru.	Ohakune.	Palmerston North.	Petone.	Port Chalmers.	Rotorua.	Tanmairnui.	Tauranga.	Te Aroha.	Timaru.	Waihi.	Waikanae.	Whangarei.	Woolston.	Totals.		
Ashes, live	4		2	1		1			1							1				1															1	12	
Benzine, proximity to lights			1			1										1																				1	11
Birds' nests						2											1																			1	20
Candles, drapery, &c., in contact	6		8														1																		1	2	
Clothes airing before fire			1								2																								1	2	
Defective building																																			1	17	
" chimneys, hearths						3																													1	2	
" hot-water services						2																													1	2	
Electricity short-circuits, fusing of wires	14		1			2																													1	21	
" iron left switched on	4		1			2																													1	7	
" overheating	2					1																													1	4	
Fireworks, sparks from			4																																1	5	
Gas, defective fittings	1																																		1	1	
" explosions	1																																		1	3	
" rings, stoves	5		2			1																													1	3	
Ignition of picture-films											1																								1	12	
Incendiarism	4					2																													1	2	
Kerosene-lamp explosions			2			1																													1	14	
" heaters, overheated	1		1																																1	3	
Matches, children with	3		1																																1	2	
" rats																																			1	8	
" thrown down alight	2		6			1																													1	2	
Miscellaneous causes	1		1																																1	16	
Motors, back-firing	1		3			3																													1	9	
Naked lights	2																																		1	12	
Overheating beeswax, fat, &c.	6		4																																1	15	
" machinery, exhaust-pipes	2																																		1	6	
" tar	5		1			2																													1	13	
" wood, proximity to furnaces			1																																1	3	
Painters, burning off paint	1		2			2																													1	6	
Phosphorus																																			1	2	
Smoking	1					1																													1	9	
" cigarette-butts	1		3																																1	5	
Sparks from chimneys	5		5			3																													1	10	
" copper-fires	3		1																																1	7	
" engines	5		6			1																													1	24	
" fireplaces, furnaces	6		1																																1	10	
" other fires	1																																	1	10		
Spontaneous combustion	6		4			1																													1	23	
Unknown	32		15			37																													1	195	
Totals	122	1	85	7	4	77	10	18	13	17	16	4	2		1	8	11	1	11	27	6	1	23	8	4	7	6	2	3	6	6	1	22	4	6	540	