

As no permits were required for public works, educational buildings, or works involving less than £20, the figures shown do not cover the whole of the material required or used during the period. Local bodies' works involving material up to £100 were excluded.

The following table gives the returns of material and labour involved in cases where the Board of Trade declined to grant building-permits, and in cases where permits were issued on condition that imported materials were used :—

District.	Permits declined.				Permits granted for Use of Imported Materials.		
	Number of Applications.	Timber.	Cement.	Bricks.	Number of Applications.	Timber.	Cement.
		Feet.	Bags.	Number.		Feet.	Bags.
Auckland City ..	41	178,503	15,179	190,500	26	40,800	57,716
Hamilton ..	7	93,190	6,704	176,000	3	..	1,529
Rotorua ..	3	23,905	201	..	..	..	..
Auckland Province ..	46	531,136	8,153	589,500	11	..	6,838
New Plymouth ..	4	10,600	722	..	2	..	1,800
Hawera ..	2	14,670	1,152	98,100	4	..	450
Taranaki ..	5	31,200	990	..	1	..	268
Palmerston North ..	6	40,950	3,434	161,500	3	..	1,170
Wanganui ..	14	113,725	332	141,700	5	..	5,148
Wellington City ..	19	127,567	6,652	355,000	41	4,305	19,866
Wellington Province	8	99,800	1,116	146,300	13	..	13,352
Napier ..	6	17,200	630	46,500	9	..	1,188
Gisborne ..	3	13,070	135	95,000	1	..	5
Hawke's Bay ..	11	25,425	2,085	170,000	9	1,200	3,213
Christchurch ..	24	145,026	3,886	559,500	14	..	16,433
Timaru ..	9	89,878	6,932	327,400	2	..	904
Canterbury ..	10	162,062	2,989	212,500	1	..	90
Dunedin ..	10	46,906	2,869	97,000	5	..	3,022
Oamaru ..	3	308	33	..	1	..	10
Otago ..	10	13,850	1,752	29,600	1	..	72
Invercargill ..	6	62,400	1,840	86,000	6	..	747
Southland ..	7	84,450	702	3,200	6	..	387
Nelson ..	5	61,864	1,858	6,000	1	..	18
Marlborough ..	1	400	180	..	1	..	2,016
Totals ..	260	1,988,085	70,526*	3,482,300	166	46,305	136,242†

\* Equal to 3,918½ tons.

† Equal to 7,569 tons.

### THE WHEAT TRADE.

#### PURCHASE OF NEW ZEALAND CROP, 1920-21.

SINCE the Board issued its last report the measures of control over the wheat trade have been in some respects made more elaborate. The purchase of the 1918-19 and the 1919-20 crops has been completed, while the 1920-21 crop is now being dealt with. The prices for the 1920-21 crop, f.o.b. southern ports, are as follow: Tuscan, 7s. 6d. per bushel; Hunters, 7s. 9d.; Pearl, 8s.

#### GUARANTEE FOR NEXT SEASON.

The Government followed the principle of guaranteeing to the farmer a minimum price for all wheat produced, such rate to be revised upwards if the world's markets warranted. The guarantee for the 1921-22 was officially announced by the Hon. Mr. Nosworthy in the following *Gazette* notice :—

#### “ WHEAT-PRICES : GUARANTEE FOR 1922.

“ The Government has undertaken to purchase from wheat-growers all good milling-wheat of the 1921-22 season at the following minimum prices :—

- “ (a.) For Tuscan and similar varieties, 5s. 6d. per bushel, f.o.b.  
 For Hunters and similar varieties, 5s. 9d. per bushel, f.o.b.  
 For Pearl and similar varieties, 6s. 3d. per bushel, f.o.b.

“ (b.) An increment of ¾d. per bushel per month will be added to above prices for wheat dealt with between 1st May, 1922, and 31st October, 1922.

“ (c.) Market rates will be paid if in excess of the above guaranteed minimum prices.

“ (d.) If it is necessary to determine market rates the Government will be guided by the following principle: In the event of any adjustment in prices being necessary the Government will be guided