

PERMITS GRANTED (14 to 16 Years of Age), under Sections 25 to 27, Factories Act, during the Year 1903-4.

Town.	Number of Boys.	Number of Girls.	Boys: Standard passed.				Girls: Standard passed.			
			IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.
Ashburton .. .. .	13	12	2	7	4	..	3	5	4	..
Auckland .. .. .	282	308	107	82	93	..	131	102	75	..
Christchurch .. .. .	214	241	56	54	103	1	94	55	92	..
Dunedin .. .. .	219	233	71	69	79	..	84	107	92	..
Invercargill .. .. .	25	18	3	6	15	1	3	3	11	1
Masterton .. .. .	22	9	2	8	10	2	2	4	3	..
Mosgiel .. .. .	8	24	4	..	4	..	7	8	9	..
Napier .. .. .	18	28	2	11	4	1	7	10	9	2
Nelson .. .. .	2	6	2	..	..	..	..	2	3	1
Palmerston North .. .. .	4	12	..	1	3	..	2	4	6	..
Timaru .. .. .	38	21	10	10	17	1	3	9	7	2
Wanganui .. .. .	16	14	2	6	8	..	7	2	4	1
Wellington .. .. .	186	195	63	54	49	20	53	57	47	38
Sundry small places .. .. .	171	64	52	60	49	10	14	16	26	8
Totals .. .. .	1,218	1,235	376	368	438	36	410	384	388	53

# REPORTS ON ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED FOR SHEARERS under "The Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1898."

(Section 12: "This Act shall not apply to shearing-sheds in which the total number of shearers employed is less than six.")

District.	Number of Sheds inspected.	Condition.
Akaroa .. .. .	18	Accommodation satisfactory.
Alexandra South .. .. .	1	Accommodation satisfactory.
Amberley .. .. .	23	Accommodation satisfactory.
Arrowtown .. .. .	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ashburton .. .. .	12	Accommodation satisfactory.
Ashhurst .. .. .	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Balclutha .. .. .	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Blenheim .. .. .	5	Accommodation satisfactory on four stations; one very unsatisfactory. Notice served for improvements.
Cambridge .. .. .	5	Accommodation mostly satisfactory. The only unsatisfactory station is being cut up into small holdings.
Clinton .. .. .	8	Accommodation satisfactory except in two cases, where improvements have been ordered.
Clive .. .. .	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Coalgate .. .. .	10	Accommodation satisfactory.
Cromwell .. .. .	4	Accommodation satisfactory.
Culverden .. .. .	7	Accommodation satisfactory.
Dannevirke .. .. .	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Eltham .. .. .	5	Accommodation satisfactory.
Fairlie .. .. .	13	Accommodation satisfactory except in two cases, where improvements have been ordered.
Featherston .. .. .	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Feilding .. .. .	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Foxton .. .. .	3	Accommodation satisfactory.
Geraldine .. .. .	15	Accommodation satisfactory. Improvements ordered last year have been carried out.
Gisborne .. .. .	37	Accommodation satisfactory with three exceptions. Notice to improve given. Improvements ordered last year have been carried out.
Gore .. .. .	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Greytown .. .. .	4	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hampden .. .. .	6	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hastings .. .. .	3	Orders given to improve in each case.
Hawkesbury .. .. .	2	Accommodation satisfactory.
Hunterville .. .. .	10	Accommodation satisfactory.
Huntly .. .. .	5	Accommodation satisfactory.
Kaikoura .. .. .	10	Improvements to be effected in one case. Others satisfactory.
Kimbolton .. .. .	11	Accommodation satisfactory.
Kurow .. .. .	18	Accommodation satisfactory except in one case, where improvements have been ordered. Improvements ordered last year have been carried out.