

TABLE showing Number of Children for whom Maintenance is paid by Charitable Aid Boards, &c. at 31st March, 1904, and 31st March, 1903.

	Boarded out.				Paid for in Institutions.				Totals.			
	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.	31st March, 1904.	31st March, 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.
North of Auckland	...	...	...	...	9	9	...	...	9	9	...	...
Auckland	10	10	...	...	44	50	...	6	54	60	...	6
Coromandel and Thames	1	1	...	...	20	19	1	...	21	20	1	...
Waikato	1	...	1	...	8	...	8	...	9	...	9	...
Bay of Plenty	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Cook	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Hawke's Bay	7	8	...	1	1	1	...	...	8	9	...	1
Taranaki	12	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	3	...
Patea and Wanganui	7	6	1	...	8	4	4	...	15	10	5	...
Palmerston North	2	3	...	1	7	7	...	...	9	10	...	1
Wellington Charitable Aid Board	...	...	...	...	117	98	19	...	147	130	17	...
Wellington Benevolent Trustees	26	28	...	2	...	...	...	...				
North Wairarapa Benevolent Society	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...
Wairau	1	1	...	...	4	4	...	...				
Picton	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	3	4	...	1
Nelson	8	6	2	...	17	24	...	7	25	30	...	5
Buller	...	...	...	...	10	8	2	...	10	8	2	...
Inangahua	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	8	8	...	...
Grey	...	25	...	25	34	33	1	...	34	58	...	24
Westland	10	19	...	9	5	5	...	...	15	24	...	9
Ashburton and North Canterbury	73	59	14	...	64	54	10	...	137	113	24	...
South Canterbury	37	38	...	1	3	5	...	2	40	43	...	3
North Otago	...	...	...	...	13	18	...	5	13	18	...	5
Otago United	...	...	...	...	218	163	55	...	218	164	54	...
Otago Benevolent Institution	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...				
Southland	1	1	...	...	3	1	2	...	4	2	2	...
Totals	205	224	21	40	596	515	102	21	801	739	117	55

STATISTICS AS TO OUTDOOR RELIEF.

TABLE I.—CAUSES OF POVERTY (CHIEF CAUSES, NOT TRIBUTARY CAUSES).

(This table refers to outdoor relief and to heads of families only.)

	Auckland Charitable Aid Board.	Christchurch Charitable Aid Board.	Wellington Benevolent Trust.	Hokitika Benevolent Society.	Napier Charitable Aid Board.	North Wairarapa Benevolent Society.
Lack of employment—						
(1.) Able-bodied	2	16	10	...	2	28
(2.) Inefficient	3	7	31	18	...	37
Sickness	27	145	30	2	26	7
Accident	5	6	...	...	...	...
Insanity of bread-winner	2	17	1	...	...	...
Imprisonment of bread-winner	6	10	3	...	3	...
Desertion of bread-winner	14	39	26	...	4	1
No male support—						
(1.) Widows	41	111	21	8	45	2
(2.) Mothers of illegitimate children	8	26	8	...	...	...
Intemperance	...	7	1	...	1	...
Shiftlessness	1	5	1	...	...	...
Physical defects	5	20	2	2	1	2
Old age	22	67	6	8	18	6
Causes undetermined	...	24	21	...	5	...
Total number of cases	136	500	161	38	105	83