1905. NEW ZEALAND.

LOCAL FRANCHISE

(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO NUMBER OF VOTERS POSSESSING THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 4th July, 1905.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House the return laid on the table last session, on the motion of the member for Christchurch City (Mr. Ell), showing the distribution of voting-power in country districts, together with the additional information which has come to hand during the recess."—(Mr. Ell.)

VOTING-POWER IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

[Note.—The names of those local bodies which have supplied the required information since the 16th August, 1904 (the date on which the previous return was presented), are printed in italies in the annexed return.]

Name of Local Body. Summary.					Number possessing Franchise.	Number entitled to cast Three Votes.	Number entitled to cast Two Votes.	Number entitled to cas One Vote.
Counties					77,217	8,403	8,164	60,650
Road districts					35,617	3,816	$4,\!277$	27,524
Town districts	••	. ••	• •	• •	4,455	267	181	4,007
•	totals	••	••		117,289	12,486	12,622	92,181
Counties—								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Akaroa					625	143	111	371
Akitio					350	18	15	$\frac{371}{317}$
Amuri					215	35	12	168
Ashburton				i	2,281	491	270	1,520
Bay of Island	ls				903	15	22	866
Bruce					1,032	109	178	745
D11				1	1,341	5	17	1,319
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O1				!	278	68	55	155
CO1.64					672	41	107	524
Clutha		٠			1,772	76	177	1,519
Collingwood					750	13	49	688
Cook					1,238	222	174	842
Coromandel .					795	8	9	778
Egmont .				!	731	66	91	574
771 1					469	22	45	402
Featherston .					461	125	46	290
Geraldine .					1,292	223	184	885
Grey .				'	1,425	25	28	1,372
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Hawke's Bay				!	841	171	96	574
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^{*} Information not supplied by local body.