

4. SUMMARY OF CAUSES.

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	Audland.	Balethwa.	Chethureh.	Darreville.	Dumehin.	Elliham.	Foxton.	Glymoutch.	Hamilton.	Hastings.	Hawera.	Hockliffe.	Invercargill.	Kaitapoti.	Lavenee.	Merton.	New Plymouth.	Oamaru.	Ohakune.	Palmerton North.	Petone.	Port Chambers.	Tauranga.	Taurauandu.	Te Aroha.	Timaru.	Waihi.	Watera.	Westport.	Whangarei.	Totals.							
Ashes, live	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	5	5	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
Benzine—proximity to lights																																						
Birds nests																																						
Candles—drapery, &c., in contact	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Clothes, airing before fire																																						
Defective building																																						
Defective chimneys, hearths																																						
Defective hot-water services																																						
Electricity—short-circuits, fusing wires	20	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3								
Electricity—irons left switched on																																						
Fireworks, sparks from																																						
Gas—defective fittings																																						
Gas rings, stoves																																						
Incendiarism																																						
Kerosene heaters, incubators																																						
Lamp-explosions																																						
Matches, children with																																						
Matches, thrown down																																						
Miscellaneous causes																																						
Motors back-firing, &c.																																						
Motor garages																																						
Naked lights																																						
Overheating beeswax, fat, &c.																																						
Overheating machinery, exhaust-pipes																																						
Overheating tar																																						
Overheating wood, proximity to furnaces																																						
Painters burning off paint																																						
Picture-films																																						
Smoking																																						
Smoking cigarette-butts																																						
Sparks from chimneys																																						
Sparks from copperires																																						
Sparks from engines																																						
Sparks from fireplaces, furnaces																																						
Sparks from other fires																																						
Spontaneous combustion																																						
Unknown		32	20	3	2	36	3	1	5	4	7	4	13	3	1	2	3	7	2	2	4	3	11	2	4	5	5	2	4									
Totals	..	129	2	132	7	4	121	..	7	2	21	3	20	14	6	3	40	3	2	5	21	3	11	28	6	3	36	3	2	9	7	14	16	1	32	..	6	714