

Statistics(!?)

Wm Pember Reeves

Torquay

AL/1710

New Zealand

Fudge March 19.

Wages

Dear Miss Stacey - Enclosed you will find
a table which explains itself. As I have put on
the top the two reports are made out on
different systems which makes the comparison
of less value. I have chosen those trades in
which most women worked - not those which
showed to most advantage for us. I am
bound to confess to you that I do not attribute
the whole of the rise in women's wages to their
being enfranchised. Many other factors come in.
But as the gentleman asked for bald facts
here they are.
Other results of our gaining the franchise in

New Zealand are.

The raising of the age of consent from 13 years
age to 17.

The making it illegal to canvass at elections

The equalizing of the divorce laws

The stringent local option liquor laws.

James M. S. Curran.

Figures taken from Chief Factors Inspector's Reports of 1892 (the year before women were enfranchised) & 1908 when they had been enfranchised for 15 years with 17/1/7 18

The Reports are made out on different systems. The earlier one gives an average wage for female workers over 20 years of age & the later one gives the lowest & highest wage of females of 21 & over.

average wage per week
1892

lowest & highest wage
1908

Auckland

16/9

Dressmaking & Millinery

Auckland

16/- to 70/-

Wellington

£ 1. 0. 2

Wellington

40/- to 140/-
average lowest wage in 4 classes
45/-

Christchurch

£ 1. 1. 1

Christchurch

15/- to 160/-
average lowest wage of 4 classes
£ 1. 9. 9

Dunedin

17/6

Dunedin

32/6 to 140/-
average lowest wage of 4 classes
33/9

Tailoresses

Auckland

£ 1. 1. 3

Auckland

17/6 to 30/-
average lowest wage in 2 classes
£ 1. 1. 9

Christchurch

£ 1. 2. 10

Christchurch

25/- to 55/-

Wellington & Dunedin

£ 1. 3. 6

Wellington & Dunedin

25/- to 55/-

Laundry work

1892

Auckland

18/10

Christchurch

£ 1. 2. 3

Wellington

£ 1. 2. 5

Dunedin

18/9

Auckland

17/9

Auckland

£ 1. 2. 9

Wellington

£ 1. 6. 5

Christchurch

£ 1. 1. 0

Dunedin

£ 1. 2. 5

Auckland

16/-

Wellington

30/-

Christchurch

20/3

Dunedin

23/-

1900

Auckland

14/- to 40/-

Christchurch

25/- to 40/-

Wellington

14/- to 40/-

Dunedin

10/- to 30/-

Auckland

20/- to 35/-

Auckland

25/-

Wellington

25/-

Christchurch

25/-

Dunedin

25/-

Clothing

Auckland

17/6 to 30/-

Wellington

25/- to 55/-

Christchurch

25/- to 55/-

Dunedin

25/- to 55/-

Amunition making

Book & Shoe Opuntion