

APPLE-IN-SCHOOLS SCHEME

Apples free of cost were supplied to pupils attending all types of school for four weeks during the apple season. A total of 44,481 cases of apples were supplied.

HEALTH CAMPS

The number of children requiring health-camp treatment has increased to such an extent that most camps have long waiting-lists for admission.

Despite staffing difficulties, health camps have continued to operate successfully, and the opening of a further permanent camp at Maunu, Whangarei, has done much to meet the need of North Auckland, especially of the Maori population. The construction of a large permanent camp near Auckland has also been put in hand, but some considerable time will probably elapse before the project can be completed.

Three records have this year been established in the sale of Health Stamps—firstly, all available stamps were sold; secondly, the campaign lasted only four months instead of the usual five months; and thirdly, sales, approximately £75,000, were £13,000 in excess of last year's record.

HEALTH EDUCATION

For this purpose a sum of £26,000 was allocated and expended on similar services as given in the previous report. There was an increased demand for advice and information, including requests from overseas and from research workers. By permission of the Controller, H.M. Stationery Office, London, copies were printed of the Medical Research Council, London, War Memoranda "The Prevention of Hospital Infection of Wounds" and "The Control of Cross Infection in Hospitals." These were distributed to hospitals in conjunction with a departmental pamphlet, "Suggested Nursing Technique for Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases in Hospitals." The pamphlets, "The General Principles of Maternity Nursing" and "The Technique of Isolation" were revised, printed, and widely distributed. To meet demands for information as to scope and nature of the Department's work and for educational staff purposes, a pamphlet giving an outline of head administration in New Zealand was printed. Many additions were made to the Head and District Office libraries. Co-operation has been maintained with University and departmental libraries and assistance rendered to research workers and accredited persons. The 16 mm. sound-film library now contains over one hundred and thirty films, which have been extensively used by departmental officers for lectures to various groups.

BOARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Health, the Medical and Dental Councils, the Medical Research Council, the Nurses and Midwives Registration Board, the Opticians Board, the Masseurs Registration Board, the Medical Advertisements Board, the Plumbers Board, the King George V Memorial Fund Board, and the Dominion Advisory Board of the New Zealand Federation of Health Camps continued their work during the year.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The following statement sets out the names of the members of the Medical Research Council established in 1937 and of the Committees set up under the Council, and gives some information about the researches carried out by the Committees:—

Medical Research Council.—Muriel E. Bell, M.D., Member of Board of Health; N. L. Edson, M.B., Ch.B., representing Travis Bequest trustees; Sir James Elliott, Kt., M.D., Member of Board of Health; E. J. Fawcett, M.A., Director-General of Agriculture; Professor C. E. Hercus, O.B.E., D.S.O., M.D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Otago; P. P. Lynch, M.D., representative of the New Zealand Branch of the British Medical Association; E. Marsden, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., F.R.S., D.Sc., Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; Sir Donald