

DIVISION OF CHILD HYGIENE

Medical oversight of the health of pre-school- and school-children was maintained through medical officers and District Nurses of the Department :—

The Medical State of Primary-school Children
(European and Maori)

	European.		Maori.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Number of children examined	76,266	..	7,295	..
Number of children found to have defects	26,005	34.09	3,027	41.49
Number with defects other than dental	19,778	25.93	1,814	24.87
Children showing evidence of—				
Subnormal nutrition	6,159	8.07	539	7.38
Skin-diseases	1,478	1.93	915	12.54
Heart—				
Organic disease	351	0.45	21	0.29
Functional disease	915	1.17	13	0.17
Respiratory disease	518	0.68	25	0.33
Posture—				
Slight impairment	28,155	36.91	1,713	23.48
Gross defect	2,702	3.54	116	1.58
Deformities of trunk and chest	1,237	1.62	54	0.74
Mouth—				
Defect of jaw or palate	2,817	3.69	35	0.47
Dental caries	7,331	9.61	1,231	16.87
Extractions of permanent teeth	1,711	2.24	180	2.46
Fillings	57,195	74.99	3,781	51.83
Perfect sets of teeth	3,149	4.12	491	6.73
Gums : Gingivitis or pyorrhœa	177	0.23	90	1.23
Nose and throat—				
Nasal obstruction	1,823	2.39	121	1.65
Enlarged tonsils	9,012	11.81	664	9.10
Enlarged glands	4,576	6.00	117	1.60
Goitre—				
Incipient	4,923	6.44	273	3.73
Small	584	0.74	17	0.23
Medium or large	66	0.06	5	0.06
Total amount of goitre	5,573	7.24	295	4.02
Eye—				
External eye-disease	458	0.60	13	0.17
Squints	314	0.41	9	0.12
Defective vision—				
Uncorrected	1,555	2.03	145	1.98
Corrected	1,126	1.48	15	0.20
Ear—				
Otorrhœa	77	0.10	38	0.52
Defective hearing	242	0.32	45	0.61
Defective speech	289	0.38	6	0.08
Mental—				
Retardate	162	0.21	5	0.06
Feeble-mindedness	66	0.06	..	..
Epilepsy	17	0.02	..	..
Other nervous defects	60	0.07	1	0.01
Digestive system defects	67	0.09	..	..
Phimosis	35	0.04	1	0.01
Undescended testicles	228	0.29	4	0.05
Hernia	102	0.13	8	0.10
Number of parents present at the medical examination	18,891	24.77	114	1.56
Number of children notified as defective	20,551	..	1,931	..