

DIVISION OF CHILD HYGIENE

Health supervision of children was maintained by medical officers and District Nurses, and both doctors and nurses undertook health educational work among children, parent-teacher groups, mothers' clubs, and adult groups of many kinds.

THE MEDICAL STATE OF THE PRIMARY-SCHOOL CHILDREN

	European.		Maori.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Number of children examined	83,599	..	9,412	..
Number of children found to have defects ..	31,963	38.23	3,174	33.72
Number with defects other than dental ..	23,048	27.56	2,750	29.21
Children showing evidence of—				
Subnormal nutrition	7,318	8.75	624	6.62
Skin-diseases	1,432	1.71	1,379	14.65
Heart and lungs (European 41,845, Maori 677, examined)—				
Heart—				
Organic disease	190	0.45	1	0.14
Functional disease	499	1.19	5	0.73
Respiratory disease	407	0.97	6	0.88
Posture—				
Slight impairment	29,411	35.18	2,413	25.63
Gross defect	4,107	4.91	283	3.00
Deformities of trunk and chest	1,409	1.68	121	1.28
Mouth				
Defect of jaw or palate	5,376	6.43	126	1.33
Dental caries	8,441	10.09	1,522	16.17
Extractions of permanent teeth	697	0.83	191	2.02
Fillings	65,354	78.17	5,037	53.51
Perfect sets of teeth	2,704	3.23	627	6.66
Gums: Gingivitis or pyorrhœa	263	0.31	98	1.04
Nose and throat—				
Nasal obstruction	2,890	3.45	130	1.38
Enlarged tonsils	9,116	10.90	1,040	11.04
Goitre (European 41,845, Maoris 9,412, examined)—				
Incipient	1,999	4.77	77	0.82
Small	226	0.56	14	0.14
Medium or large	16	0.03	1	0.01
Total amount of goitre	2,241	5.36	92	0.97
Eye—				
External eye-disease	499	0.59	26	0.27
Squints	314	0.37	5	0.05
Defective vision—				
Uncorrected	1,639	1.96	299	2.43
Corrected	1,262	1.50	25	0.26
Ear—				
Otorrhœa	93	0.11	70	0.74
Defective hearing	480	0.57	64	0.67
Defective speech	406	0.48	13	0.13
Mental—				
Retardate	251	0.30	9	0.09
Feeble-mindedness	97	0.11	1	0.01
Epilepsy	18	0.02	..	..
Nervous defects	222	0.26	1	0.01
Digestive system defects	61	0.07	2	0.02
Phimosis	40	0.04	2	0.02
Undescended testicles	281	0.33	11	0.11
Number of parents present at medical examination ..	21,665	25.91	387	4.11