

Inspections in Connection with Infectious Diseases.

	Inspected.	Disinfected.
Enteric fever	23	14
Scarlet fever	16	11
Diphtheria	12	11
Tuberculosis	4	2

A. P. BENNETT, Inspector.

Department of Public Health, Thames, 20th May, 1908.

Dr. J. S. Purdy, District Health Officer, Auckland.

I HAVE the honour to report as follows regarding work done during the year ending the 31st March, 1908:—

Borough of Thames and District.—Condemnation orders were issued by the District Health Officer in the case of thirty-three ruinous houses in Thames Borough, and others have been extensively repaired and improved as to sanitation.

Tauranga and District.—A nightsoil service has been established in the borough.

Coromandel and District.—Three visits have been paid to this locality.

Visits for general inspection and in connection with cases of infectious disease were paid to Waihi Borough and district, Paeroa and district, and Te Aroha and district.

SUMMARY.

Infectious diseases investigated	63	General inspections	66
" disinfected	66	Requisitions served	20
Hotels inspected	36	Offensive trades inspected	2
Boardinghouses inspected	27	Drainage and plumbing inspected	30
Butchers' shops inspected	30	Special reports prepared	4
Bakehouses inspected	21	Aerated-water factories inspected	3
Fruit-shops inspected	43	Notices served	7
Fish-shops inspected	19	" complied with	6
Complaints received	30		

The good effects of the plumbing class are becoming noticeable in the improvement in the work done, and will be better appreciated when drainage is introduced into the towns of the district.

B. A. FRANKLIN, Inspector.

Department of Public Health, Auckland, 26th May, 1908.

Dr. J. S. Purdy, District Health Officer.

I HAVE the honour to report as follows regarding work done during the year ending the 31st March, 1908:—

Owing to a succession of epidemics of infectious disease extending almost throughout the year, I have had little time to devote to any other class of work beyond attending to sanitary matters in the city or suburbs according to where sickness was most prevalent. A great number of scarlet fever and diphtheria cases were notified in April, and a good deal of work had to be done in the way of disinfection, &c., in order to keep some of the schools from closing. In May an outbreak of plague necessitated a considerable amount of house-to-house inspection. Later in the year there was a severe outbreak of measles; several young children died, and again we had difficulty in keeping some of the schools from closing. In November typhoid fever broke out, and it had shown but little sign of abatement when the year closed. Outbreaks of typhoid fever were investigated at places as far distant as Tauranga, Kerikeri, and Herekino in the north. I also attended to several sanitary matters at Rotorua, Warkworth, Helensville, as well as the district immediately adjoining Auckland.

The following is a summary of inspections made:—

Infectious diseases investigated	371	Schools inspected	15
Rooms disinfected	87	Factories inspected	22
Buildings inspected	81	Butchers' shops inspected	21
Building-timber inspected (lots)	13	Slaughterhouses inspected	6
Premises generally inspected	665	Dairies inspected	12
Hotels inspected	23	Milk-shops inspected	35
Boardinghouses inspected	33	Bakers' shops inspected	17
Camping-grounds inspected	6	Fish-shops inspected	13