

Fishing-boats inspected	2	Rubbish-tips inspected	16
Ferry-boats inspected	2	Nightsoil-depositing sites	3
Fruit-shops inspected	7	Complaints received	202
Auction-rooms inspected	8	Notices served	197
Stables inspected	56	Water-samples collected	5
Drains inspected	105	Bags of potatoes condemned	1,000
Rags, flock, &c., inspected	5	Tins of salmon condemned	2,688

R. GRIEVE, Inspector.

Department of Public Health, Greymouth, 18th June, 1908.

Memorandum for Dr. J. S. Purdy, M.D., D.P.H., District Health Officer, Auckland.

Health Report of Hamilton, Cambridge, and the Surrounding Districts from the 1st April to the 10th October, 1907.

Inspections, Disinfections, and Sanitary Improvements were recommended, approved, and also carried out at the following places: Hamilton, Cambridge, Hautapu, Newstead, Te Rapa, Taupiri, Ngaruawahia, Ohaupo, Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Ngaroto, Frankton, Tuhikaramea, Te Aroha, and other places.

Schools disinfected.—Te Aroha, Hamilton East, and Hautapu.

Cambridge Drainage.—The whole of the drains which were let by contract previous to my being stationed in the district were relaid and tested.

Plumbers.—I made it my duty to give all the time I could possibly spare to the men who were doing the plumbing-work.

Hamilton Drainage.—Practically the same remarks may be made of Hamilton as of Cambridge, except that Hamilton has a much larger scheme, and that, owing to the sewers having been constructed under a competent engineer, there is no necessity to suspect any scamped work—the contractors having been well watched during the progress of the work.

Plumbing-work.—This is exactly on the same principle as in Cambridge, but, owing to Hamilton being a central township, it commands a better class of plumbers, who, though some of them are certificated, I found not above accepting methods which they saw were an improvement on their own style of workmanship.

Houses not able to connect to Sewers.—In both the Hamilton and Cambridge Townships there are many houses which are not able to connect to the sewerage system, and under such circumstances advice was given as to the best possible way of getting rid of waste waters by a modern system of house-drains discharging into a watertight tank, the overflow from which irrigated the garden. A good number of these were installed, and were giving the utmost satisfaction. Dr. Frengley having introduced one, I had others put in on the same lines.

Enteric-fever Outbreak.—Early in September I had notifications of enteric fever occurring in different parts of Hamilton and Frankton. After four cases were reported, and finding that all the families concerned obtained their milk from one particular farm, I came to the conclusion that the outbreak was due to the milk from this place. I saw the dairyman, who did not appear to be well, and who said that he felt sick. The same afternoon he was taken to the Hospital. I had the milk-supply stopped until I could see you, and the consequences were that you ordered the sale of milk to be prohibited until you could investigate matters yourself, which you did at a very early date. I think there were about twenty persons affected even after the supply had been stopped, and you will be aware that the dairyman and his wife were notified to us as suffering from enteric fever the day after the milk was prohibited for sale.

Auckland Infectious-diseases Hospital.—A good deal of time was spent in supervising the drainage of this place. All that I can say is that the drains I supervised were a credit to the workmen who laid them. As to the plumbing-work, this was carried out to the best advantage, and certain short lengths of waste-pipe were allowed to go under the building and over gully traps outside the building, otherwise the pipes would have been subjected to being knocked about.

E. MIDDLETON, M.R.S.I., &c.

Department of Public Health, Whangarei, 24th May, 1908.

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

I HEREWITH submit my report and summary of inspections for the year ending the 31st March, 1908.

House-to-house inspections have been carried out in the following mentioned townships: Auckland, Whangarei, Kamo, Hikurangi, Whakapara, and Hukerenui.

The summary of inspections refers to Auckland, Whangarei, Kamo, Hikurangi, Whakapara, Hukerenui, Waipu, and Grahamstown.