

Diseases of the locomotive system gave but 8 cases. I have come across several cases of necrosis and tubercular disease of the bone.

Order 10.—Diseases of the Integumentary System.

Districts and Diseases.						Number of Cases.
Wellington, Hawke's Bay, East Coast, and South Island Districts—						
Phlegmon, cellulitis	...	...	...	...	...	7
Ulcers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Eczema	...	...	...	...	...	138
Impetigo contagiosa (<i>hakihiaki</i>)	...	...	...	...	...	56
Furunculosis	...	...	...	...	...	13
Dermatitis	...	...	...	...	...	7
Urticaria	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ringworm	...	...	...	...	...	4
Acne	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chloasma	...	...	...	...	...	1
Prurigo	...	...	...	...	...	1
Psoarthritis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whitlow	...	...	...	...	...	2
Warts	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sebaceous cysts	...	...	...	...	...	1
Seborrhœa of scalp	...	...	...	...	...	1
						264
Auckland District	...	...	...	...	...	86
Total	...	...	...	...	...	350

The diseases of the integumentary system furnished 350 cases, or 8·232 per cent. of the total seen. Of these, eczema, impetigo contagiosa, ulcers, and furunculosis gave the most cases, in the order named. The lack of cleanliness, promiscuous living, and the use of a common towel are the chief causes of these complaints. It would be well if separate towels were used in the different schools.

Class VII.—Violence.

Districts and Diseases.						Number of Cases.
Wellington, Hawke's Bay, East Coast, and South Island Districts—						
Fractures and dislocations	...	...	...	...	...	18
Abrasions	...	...	...	...	...	10
Burns	...	...	...	...	...	7
Poisoning (undefined)	...	...	...	...	...	16
Concussion of spine	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accidents and injuries (not defined)	...	...	...	...	...	110
						162
Auckland District	...	...	...	...	...	101
Total	...	...	...	...	...	263

This class furnished 263, or 6·185 per cent. of the total cases seen. Most of these cases were not defined.

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Dr. J. M. Mason, Chief Health Officer, Wellington.

Waipawa, 31st March, 1908.

Memorandum for Dr. Pomare, Health Officer to the Maoris, Wellington.

I FORWARD herewith my report for the year ending 31st March, 1908, concerning health matters.

At present there is no call for activity in urging sanitary living, because the people, impelled by the feeling of shame and led by the desire to equal their neighbours in sanitary affairs, are voluntarily taking up the works leading to health.

It is difficult for me to write down figures regarding the progress of those who are working their lands, with the exception of a few young men who started farming some time ago. We heard about the young men who received the sum of £1,000 or more by the sale of the Waimarama and Pukekura Blocks to the Government, and who foolishly threw the money away on betting. During the recent drought a great deal of the stock perished, and a large number was sold as there was no feed to be had.

The craze for tohungaism is speedily sinking. Only those who are despaired of by the doctor take resort to the tohunga now.

The diseases have been mild throughout the district, excepting the common children's complaints, which affected to a marked degree the children of Pakipaki and Waimarama.

Houses, &c.—Inspected: Pas, 35; dwellinghouses, 288; W.C.s, 194; meeting-houses, 30. Houses destroyed, 27.

Births and Deaths (1st April, 1907, to 31st March, 1908).—Births, 49; deaths, 23: excess of births over deaths, 26.

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