

Respiratory Diseases in Waihi Hospital from 1904-8—continued.

Age.					Phthisis.	Pneumonia.	Bronchitis.	Pleurisy.	Asthma.
					<i>Females.</i>				
1-10	..	..	..	..	3	6	2	..	..
11-20	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..
21-30	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	3	..
31-40	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..
41-50	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
51-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
61-70	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
70-80	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	10	15	6	3	..

At the ages from 21 to 60 it is noticeable that 60 men were affected with respiratory diseases as contrasted with 16 women during the same period.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT.

The following infectious diseases have been notified during the past year :—

Enteric.—Gisborne, 41 cases ; Napier, 11 ; Hastings, 4 ; Wairoa, 5 ; remainder of the district, 42 : total, 103.

Erysipelas and Blood-poisoning.—Gisborne, 4 cases ; Hastings, 8 ; Dannevirke, 2 ; Wairoa, 3 ; Napier, 2 ; Woodville, 1 ; remainder of the district, 8 : total, 28.

Scarlatina.—Woodville, 5 cases ; Napier, 34 ; Taradale, 8 ; Gisborne, 16 ; Waipawa, 4 ; Meeanee, 6 ; Ormondville, 23 ; Hastings, 10 ; Waipukurau, 9 ; Dannevirke, 58 ; Makotoku, 3 ; Clive, 1 ; Matamau, 5 ; Norsewood, 10 ; remainder of the district, 16 : total, 208.

Consumption and Tuberculosis.—Gisborne, 3 cases ; Nuhaka, 5 (all Maoris) ; Wairoa, 23 (mostly Maoris) ; Napier, 2 ; Hastings, 2 ; Dannevirke, 1 ; Mohaka, 2 (both Maoris) ; Ormondville, 1 ; Norsewood, 1 ; Woodville, 1 ; remainder of the district, 4 : total, 45.

Diphtheria.—Gisborne, 19 cases ; Dannevirke, 5 ; Napier, 10 ; Hastings, 8 ; Woodville, 2 ; Makotoku, 2 ; Waipawa, 4 ; Taradale, 3 ; Norsewood, 3 ; Tolaga Bay, 1 ; Clive, 1 ; Frasertown, 1 ; remainder of the district, 8 : total, 67.

The following is a comparison of the number of enteric and diphtheria cases notified in the principal parts of the district during this and previous years :—

Year.	Napier.	Hastings.	Danne- virke.	Wairoa.	Wood- ville.	Gisborne.	Remainder of District.	Total.			
<i>Enteric.</i>											
1903	..	..	35	3	3	5	..	26	10	82	
1904	..	..	19	7	1	13	..	6	11	57	
1905	..	..	6	2	5	*	2	12	16	43	
1906	..	..	12	3	1	5	1	14	19	55	
1907	..	..	3	5	1	9	..	10	23	51	
1908	..	..	5	5	1	4	..	19	21	55	
1909	..	..	11	4	..	5	..	41	42	103	
<i>Diphtheria.</i>											
1903	..	..	5	4	1	..	..	3	22	34	
1904	..	..	5	7	1	..	..	6	4	29	
1905	..	..	7	19	2	..	..	4	9	3	44
1906	..	..	15	8	1	..	..	7	13	44	
1907	..	..	5	14	..	3	..	15	6	43	
1908	..	..	4	5	1	..	..	1	9	16	36
1909	..	..	10	8	5	..	..	2	19	23	67

* Not mentioned.

Analysis of the Above.

It will be observed that there has been a large increase in the number of cases of enteric this year over previous ones, and for this Gisborne and its surroundings are chiefly responsible. The 42 cases notified as having occurred in the remainder of the district, the majority are residents in Cook and Waipapu Counties. The other principal centres just keep to their average number of cases, though the population has augmented ; and Dannevirke, which has had one in each of the three previous years, has had none this, and may boast of its splendid isolation.

More cases of diphtheria have occurred in the district during the past year than in any previous one, and the increase is proportional as well as actual, for, though the population of the district is increasing fast, it is not sufficient to account for the extra cases. It is difficult to account for the 5 cases