

As shown in the accompanying chart, the dry, warm weather in December does not appear to have been followed by any notable increase in typhoid. On the other hand, the earlier spring months, which showed a slightly higher rainfall and temperature than the average, were followed by an unusually high number of cases in November and December.

Tuberculosis.

The cases notified from the health district in the last five years are,—

1905-6	..	..	86	1908-9	..	..	176
1906-7	..	..	96	1909-10	..	..	107
1907-8	..	..	198				

Blood-poisoning.

The cases notified during the last five years are,—

1905-6	..	..	21	1908-9	..	..	77
1906-7	..	..	19	1909-10	..	..	56
1907-8	..	..	76				

During the same period the notifications of cases of puerperal septicaemia have been respectively 3, 3, 23, 29, and 23.

The 56 cases last year were—23 puerperal septicaemia, 25 erysipelas, 8 unclassified : total, 56.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified.

Wellington (including Hawke's Bay and Marlborough) :—

1905-6	..	..	982	1908-9	..	..	1,812
1906-7*	..	..	1,127	1909-10	..	..	1,329
1907-8	..	..	1,880				

Comparing last year's notifications with those of the previous year and with the previous five years, we find,—

		Compared with Previous Years.	Compared with Average of Five Years.
Scarlet fever	..	Decrease 454	Decrease 212
Diphtheria	..	.. 52	.. 14
Enteric fever	..	Increase 54	Increase 82
Tuberculosis	..	Decrease 28	Decrease 17
Blood-poisoning	..	.. 5	Increase 17
Hydatids	..	Increase 2	.. 2

Summary of Cases as to Locality.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Tubercu- losis.	Blood- Poisoning.	Hydatids.	Total.
Wellington City	110	70	54	71	18	2	325
Other boroughs	254	116	130	82	42	3	627
Country districts	131	63	94	77	9	3	377
	495	249	278	230	69	8	1,329

Out of the 1,329 cases notified, 419 were treated in hospitals.

Incidence per Thousand (Population), Boroughs.

	Cases.	Deaths.	Removed to Hospital.	Rates.
Scarlet fever	364	1	118	2.1
Diphtheria	186	9	96	1.1
Enteric fever	184	5	82	1.0
Tuberculosis	153	59	42	0.9
Blood-poisoning	60	10	7	0.3

The following tables give details of the infectious diseases notified. In the case of the figures for that portion of the district formerly comprised in Hawke's Bay Health District, the figures relating to deaths cannot be taken as reliable, as in some cases the result of the disease was not noted. As regards tuberculosis, moreover, compulsory notification of this disease is not insisted upon, and the only information in many cases that we receive is the notice of death from the Registrar of Deaths. The number of deaths therefore in regard to tuberculosis must not be taken in relation to the number of cases.

Another difficulty that has occurred in the past is that only a rough intimation of the locality has been given, and in cases in which the name of a borough and county is synonymous it has been difficult to determine under which locality the disease should be placed.

* No returns from Marlborough.