

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases.

Invercargill.—The Southland Hospital Board, towards the end of 1909, discarded the use for scarlet-fever cases of the large rambling pile of buildings in Invercargill formerly occupied for many years as an old men's home, and the new isolation hospital, on 44 acres of land at Kew, near Invercargill, was brought into commission. Diphtheria and enteric cases are treated in small wards in the General Hospital. An old isolation ward adjoining the latter is being fitted up to accommodate 8 incurable tuberculosis patients. Arrangements are being made to send all Southland curable cases to the Otago Hospital Board's new sanatorium at Pleasant Valley, Palmerston South.

Gore.—A new hospital of 15 beds has been opened at Gore, some forty miles from the base hospital at Invercargill. The accommodation is for non-infectious cases only.

Riverton.—A new hospital for scarlet fever, adjacent to the Wallace General Hospital, was completed during the year. Enteric cases are admitted to the main Hospital, diphtherias and incurable consumptives are treated in small isolation wards, and curables go to the Pleasant Valley Sanatorium.

Frankton and Arrowtown.—Fairly suitable accommodation exists at both these hospitals for cases needing to be isolated, but fortunately the available provision does not require to be used often.

PART 3.—METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

NEW ZEALAND TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

The following tables have been kindly supplied by the Government Meteorologist:—

Mean Annual Rainfall at Twelve Representative Stations.

Station.	Rainfall.	Period.	Station.	Rainfall.	Period.
<i>North Island.</i>			<i>South Island.</i>		
	In.	Years.		In.	Years.
Mangonui	53·63	20	Nelson	38·02	27
Auckland	43·09	57	Hokitika	116·09	31
Napier	37·09	15	Christchurch	25·24	21
New Plymouth	60·19	33	Dunedin	37·43	50
Wanganui	38·11	47	Invercargill	46·43	13
Wellington	49·88	46	Queenstown	29·36	19

Averages for a Period of Ten Years.

Observatory.	Days with Rain in Year.			Rainfall (Annual, in Inches).		
	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.
Auckland	197	130	175	54·18	31·89	41·59
Napier	143	75	92	45·36	27·01	35·57
New Plymouth	251	191	228	82·93	52·04	64·79
Nelson	140	102	123	45·59	30·90	38·31
Hokitika	188	146	166	133·97	93·83	111·82
Christchurch	148	103	126	35·30	13·54	24·14
Dunedin	184	143	162	53·84	31·48	43·34
Wellington	201	141	167	60·40	34·93	45·70

Mean Temperatures (in Degrees Fahrenheit) for the Seasons for a Five-year Period.

Station.	Summer.	Autumn.	Winter.	Spring.	Annual.	Mean Difference : Coldest and Warmest Months.
Auckland	65·2	60·8	52·2	57·1	58·8	15·2
New Plymouth	63·4	60·1	53·1	56·7	58·3	12·6
Moumahaki	60·8	56·1	47·7	53·6	54·6	15·6
Meeanee (Napier)	62·6	56·9	47·7	54·8	55·5	17·0
Wellington	60·7	56·3	48·3	53·4	54·7	14·7
Nelson	62·5	55·8	46·4	54·4	54·8	18·4
Hokitika	60·7	55·7	46·9	53·6	54·2	16·8
Christchurch	59·7	53·1	43·1	51·7	51·9	19·3
Dunedin	57·2	51·0	43·0	50·1	50·3	17·7