

The summary of the work is as follows:—

Legal Proceedings by or at the Instance of the Department for Period ending 1st January to 31st December, 1910.

Initials of Defendant.	Offence.	Under what Act or By-laws.	Date of Hearing.	Name of Magistrate.	Results of Proceedings.	
					Fines.	Costs.
			1910.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
J. S. ..	Depositing nightsoil in creek	Police Offences Act, 1908	May 11	Mr. Cutten, S.M. ..	3 0 0	1 5 0
R. W. F. ..	Sale of short-weight bread	Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908	Oct. 24	Mr. Loughnan, S.M.	1 0 0	0 7 0
H. E. S. ..	Ditto	Ditto	Nov. 1	Mr. Cutten, S.M. ..	10 0 0	2 19 0
J. N. ..	"	"	" 4	Mr. Cutten, S.M. ..	5 0 0	0 10 0
A. W. ..	"	"	" 17	Mr. Loughnan, S.M.	1 0 0	0 7 0
T. H. ..	Failing to pull down or repair four houses	Public Health Act, 1908	" 23	Mr. Cutten S.M. ..	Ordered by the Court to comply.	
K. Y. ..	Exposing for sale rotten fruit	Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908	" 28	Mr. Loughnan, S.M.	2 0 0	0 9 0
J. B. ..	Sale of short-weight bread	Ditto	Dec. 12	"	1 0 0	0 19 0
T. B. ..	Ditto	"	" 12	"	1 0 0	1 5 0
W. B. S. ..	"	"	" 12	"	1 0 0	0 7 0

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following physical examinations were made: Applicants for Sanatorium, 39; on behalf of other Government Departments—Police Department, 13; Customs Department, 1; Post and Telegraph Department, 2.

MIDWIVES ACT.

Six registered midwives have been suspended on account of the occurrence of puerperal septicæmia in patients attended by them, and one unregistered woman has been warned not to attend any case for the usual period of suspension.

Inspector Grieve has been given special charge of this work.

LABORATORY.

The following is a summary of pathological specimens submitted to this office for examination:—

Sputums for examination for tubercule bacilli	124
Swabs for examination for diphtheria	16
Blood for examination for typhoid	21
Urine for examination for general	21
Smears for examination for gonococcus	4
Uterine discharge for examination for identification	1
Vaginal discharge for examination for identification	1
Abdominal fluid for examination for identification	1
Pus for examination for source	1
Mass ex stomach for examination for identification	1
Rabbit for examination for tape-worm	1
Rats for examination for <i>pestis</i>	482

A number of specimens were received and forwarded to the Bacteriologist, Wellington, for report.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws were prepared or approved for—Hokianga (building); Onehunga (drainage); Birkenhead (drainage); Eden Terrace (building-sites amendment); Northcote (building); Remuera (sanitary and drainage); Avondale (sanitary and drainage); City of Auckland (attention drawn to defect whereby jerry-building is possible).

SPECIAL REPORTS.

Hamilton: Town-planning, especially as to building-areas; refuse-removal.

Takapuna: Proposed discharge of sewer over beach (for Marine Department).

Epsom: On the principles guiding a local authority in the limitation of building-areas.

Trustees, Veterans' Home: Ventilation of building.

Chief Health Officer: On need for further legislation dealing with offensive trades; on need for definite legislation as regards building-areas; on a scheme for medical inspection of schools; on tabulation of work of the districts for annual reports.