

As in preceding years, the principal causes for total rejection were physical disablements, diseases of the heart, and defective vision. Amongst the causes of partial rejection, excepting the physically disabled caused by accidents of a temporary nature and the disorders of the lungs and digestive system, also of a temporary nature, disordered action of the heart still accounts for a great number in practically all cases: this is due to cigarette-smoking. Some means should be taken to bring before the youth of the Dominion the dire results caused by the habitual use of cigarettes.

The marked improvement in the general care of the mouth continues, the use of the tooth-brush is evidently becoming more general.

There is again a marked improvement in the general physical condition, showing that the physical drill is having a good effect.

The universal equipment mentioned last year was used in all the camps this year, and was found to meet all requirements.

The camps were well attended in all centres by Medical Officers. There were considerably fewer cases of illness to treat in the various camps than was the case last year. The practical lessons continually being taught are bearing fruit; men are paying more attention to personal sanitary details, and the camps are now kept up to a very high standard of sanitary efficiency. It is still to be deplored that so few Territorials wear the excellent boot issued by the Defence authorities. It would be well if this boot was universally used by Territorials when on military duty.

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APPENDIX J.

RETURN OF PROSECUTIONS.

1. FROM THE TIME OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESENT DEFENCE SCHEME TO THE 30TH APRIL, 1914.

Military District.	No. of Area Group.	Non-registration.		Refusal to take Oath.		Absence from or Obstruction of Parades.		Convictions.	
		Senior Cadets.	Territorials.	Senior Cadets.	Territorials.	Senior Cadets.	Territorials.	Senior Cadets.	Territorials.
Auckland ..	1	..	3	21	9	314	602	273	466
	2	..	3	..	4	95	95	77	101
	3	1	..	..	1	61	166	60	141
	4	5	1	..	4	63	152	60	145
District totals	..	6	7	21	18	533	1,015	470	853
Wellington ..	5	1	3	..	9	140	323	141	295
	6	..	..	3	..	133	326	122	302
	7	..	7	1	13	196	788	187	761
	8	4	..	2	2	148	360	134	342
District totals	..	5	10	6	24	617	1,797	584	1,700
Canterbury ..	9	2	16	..	273	330	962	276	854
	10	2	8	6	22	337	552	177	341
	11	22	11	7	2	232	439	200	365
	12	1	4	2	4	26	128	28	130
District totals	..	27	39	15	301	925	2,081	681	1,696
Otago ..	13	10	7	4	30	234	277	156	170
	14	5	9	..	3	128	164	99	172
	15	2	..	1	..	55	140	16	49
	16	7	2	..	3	68	187	59	171
District totals	..	24	18	5	36	485	768	330	562
Dominion totals	..	62	74	47	379	2,560	5,661	2,065	4,811

Percentage of convictions on prosecutions: Senior Cadets, 77·37; Territorials, 78·69.