

(7.) OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

Special inspections with regard to offensive trades were made at Feilding, Petone, and Kaiwarra, the boiling-down works at the latter place having given rise to many complaints from residents in the neighbourhood owing to nuisance. This was largely due to the lack of an efficient water-supply, but work is now being undertaken to remedy the evil.

An application for the establishment of a fellmongery at Petone was received, and plans for the reconstruction of an existing building to make it suitable for the purpose were approved.

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, reports :—

NORTH CANTERBURY.

No new permits have been granted in the district during the year. One firm treating sausage-casings gave up a long-established factory and removed to other licensed premises in the neighbourhood.

Several improvements were made in connection with drainage arrangements from offensive-trade premises in the Woolston district, which will tend to lessen the pollution of the Heathcote River.

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One application was received for the establishment of offal-treating plant in this district.

The Christchurch Meat Company (Limited), at the Burnside Works, are experimenting with ozone as a purifying agent in the treatment of noxious gases given off from manure-driers, but so far the results have not been entirely satisfactory.

(8.) INSANITARY BUILDINGS.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports :—

During the year the following condemnation certificates in respect to buildings were issued : Whangarei, 1; Hamilton, 3; Auckland, 2; Taumarunui, 1; Thames, 1; Rotorua, 1; Otorohanga, 1; Ohinemutu, 1; Maungatautare, 1; Matangi, 1; Murapara, 1. Many old sheds and whares were destroyed in Native settlements as part of the measures taken to suppress smallpox.

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

Many premises were inspected owing to insanitary conditions, and in connection with these condemnation certificates were issued for fifteen buildings, and a requisition for repairs in lieu of demolition for 26 buildings.

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, supplies the following information :—

Hospital District.	Local Authority's District.	Insanitary Buildings.	
		Condemned.	Repaired under Requisition.
North Canterbury	Christchurch City	8	5
	Woolston Borough	1	..
	Riccarton Borough	1	1
	Sumner Borough	1	1
	Heathcote County	..	2
	Kaiapoi Borough	1	1
Otago	Dunedin City	47	60
	Taieri County	4	..
Inangahua	Reefton Borough	1	..
Grey	Greymouth Borough	4	..
Southland	Invercargill	1	..
Wallace and Fiord	Wallace County	1	..
Totals	..	70	70

(9.) BY-LAWS.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports :—

Sanitary by-laws were dealt with for the following bodies : Taumarunui (building areas); Kohukohu (general sanitary matters); Mount Roskill (general sanitary matters); Pukekohe (general).

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

The Mangaweka Town Board passed sanitary and plumbing by-laws for their borough. By-laws were also approved for the Rangitikei County Council and the Hawera Borough.

The Horowhenua County Council were recommended to adopt by-laws with regard to front ages for new premises in the township of Shannon.