

WAIRAU HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : Second Monday in each month.

Chairman : J. J. Corry.

Secretary : Alex. James MacIaive.

Public Health Inspector : James Johnston, Blenheim.

District Nurse : Mrs. C. A. Holgate, R.N., R.M., Seddon.

Institutions under Board's control : Wairau Hospital, Blenheim ; Cottage Hospital, Havelock.

Wairau Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : James Freeborn Bennett, M.B., Bach. Surg. ; D. M. Nairn, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.).

Matron : W. S. Fulton, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Blenheim, 105 ; Owaka Road District, 30 ; Awatere, 29 ; Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, 20 ; Wairau Road District, 20 ; Pelorous Road District, 16 ; Spring Creek, 12 ; Havelock, 8 ; Wellington, 5 ; Christchurch, 3 ; Motueka, 2.

Not visited since last report of June, 1913.

It has been decided to erect a new hospital for the district. There was some opposition on the part of some of the contributory authorities, and a commission was set up to go into the matter, with the result that the Board was upheld in its decision to build the hospital, which is undoubtedly urgently needed.

The present Hospital is to be converted into an Old People's Home for this and the Picton district.

Havelock Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : Spencer H. Beard, M.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Matron : Olive Peake.

Localities from whence patients came : Pelorous Road District, 18 ; Havelock, 6 ; Sounds County, 8 ; Wellington, 2.

NELSON HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : First Wednesday in each month.

Chairman : Henry Baigent.

Secretary : Sidney Blomfield.

Public Health Inspector : Henry Coltman, Nelson.

Institutions under Board's control : Nelson Hospital, Alexandra Home.

Nelson Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : Henry E. A. Washbourn, M.D.

Matron : Julia S. Murray, R.N., R.M.

Visited on 3rd March, 1914.

There were some 50 patients in the institution, including 9 in the consumptive annexe and 3 in the infectious ward. In the side rooms attached to the male and female wards were 6 cases of diphtheria.

Since I last visited this Hospital the place has fallen into disrepair, owing in some measure to the disinclination of the Board to make any improvements, in view of the new Hospital. Nevertheless, the consumptive annexe badly required repainting, and should be put in hand at once.

I subsequently interviewed the Board with regard to Mr. Cawthron's generous and timely gift of £15,000 towards the erection of a new hospital.

Old People's Home, Nelson.

Master : William Crough.

Matron : Mrs. Maria Crough.

Locality from whence patients came : Nelson Provincial District.

BULLER HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : Second Tuesday alternate month.

Chairman : James H. Greenwood.

Secretary : Arthur Taylor.

Institutions under Board's control : Old People's Home, Westport ; Westport Hospital ; and Deniston Hospital.

Westport Hospital.

Medical staff, honorary : E. D. Dunn, L.R.C.P., L.S.A.

Medical staff, stipendiary : Guy Hallwright, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ; Robert Bernard P. Monson, M.B., Ch.B.

Matron : Edith Dunsford, R.N., R.M.

Localities from whence patients came : Westport Borough, Buller County.

Not visited since last report of June, 1913.

There have been no great changes in this Hospital. The Nurses' Home has been completed and opened. Some accommodation for maternity cases is needed.

The Medical Superintendent, Dr. Hallwright, is away on leave, Dr. Monson acting as locum.