

(7.) OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

Sites at Feilding and at Taihape for the proposed establishment of freezing-works and offensive trades in connection therewith were inspected.

A permit was granted for the establishment of the offensive trade of fellmongering at Hastings.

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, reports :—

No new permits have been applied for and no fresh premises have been erected.

Early in the year some complaint was made with regard to the disposal of drainage at the Christchurch abattoirs, but suggestions made as to ploughing the ground seemed to have had the desired effect, no further complaint having been made.

The question of the contamination of the Heathcote River by offensive-trade works situated on the banks thereof is referred to in another portion of the report.

Taken as a whole, the offensive-trade premises are fairly well conducted.

The District Health Officer, Dunedin, reports :—

Trouble arose at the Burnside Works, a nuisance being created by offensive gases from the fertilizer department. The company first of all put in an Ozonair apparatus. This, however, was not satisfactory, and they subsequently put in an installation of scrubbers. Since then the nuisance seems to have been considerably modified.

(8.) INSANITARY BUILDINGS.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports :—

Notices for the condemnation of buildings under the Public Health Act have been issued as follows : Auckland City, 1 dwelling ; Takapuna, 1 dwelling ; Waiuku, 1 stable ; Panmure, 2 dwellings ; Raurimu, 1 building ; Ngaruawahia, 1 dwelling ; Frankton, 2 piggeries ; Paeroa, 1 dwelling.

Notices for structural alterations under the Public Health Act have been issued as follows : Auckland City, 1 dwelling ; Whangarei, 2 dwellings ; Huntly, 1 butcher's shop ; Karangahake, 2 dwellings ; Panmure, 4 dwellings.

Notices under the regulations under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act for alterations to buildings in which food is prepared or stored have been issued as follows : Rotorua, 2 restaurants, 1 general store ; Cambridge, 1 fish-shop ; Huntly, 1 butcher's shop.

Inspection of buildings prior to removal from one district to another have been made as follows : Auckland City to Point Chevalier, 3 ; Auckland City to Swanson, 1 ; Auckland City to Epsom, 1 ; Tamaki West to One-tree Hill, 1.

A Court order for the demolition of a building condemned in the Takapuna Borough was obtained.

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

The following insanitary buildings were condemned : Tolaga Bay, 1 ; Pokarae, 1 ; Mangapapa, 1 ; Gisborne, 1 ; Eltham Borough, 3 ; Hawera Borough, 1 ; Foxton, 3 ; Palmerston North, 1 ; Masterton, 3 ; Eketahuna, 1 ; Pahiatua, 1 ; Wellington and suburbs, 10 ; and requisition for repairs in lieu of demolition for 29 buildings.

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, reports :—

Condemnation certificates in connection with insanitary buildings were issued as follows : Christchurch, 5 ; Woolston, 1 ; Doyleston, 1 ; Timaru, 1 ; Reefton, 1 ; Greymouth, 5 ; Grey County, 6.

With regard to the premises condemned in Greymouth, the Borough Council gave notice in each case to the owner to pull down, but they appear to consider that having done this it is not their place to press the matter further. As a consequence, there is a deadlock, and the buildings still remain.

With regard to the other buildings, all these have either been destroyed or repaired to the satisfaction of the Department and the local authority.

The District Health Officer, Dunedin, reports :—

Insanitary buildings dealt with as under,—

Hospital District.				Condemned.	Repaired under Requisition.
Otago ..	..	..	..	68	25
Southland	..	..	..	7	15
Waitaki..	..	..	..	..	4
Maniototo	..	..	..	1	3
Vincent	..	..	..	2	4

(9.) BY-LAWS.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports :—

Sanitary by-laws were dealt with for the following local bodies : One-tree Hill (advised as to addition to by-law *re* buildings ; drainage by-law approved) ; Eden Terrace (amended drainage and plumbing by-laws approved subject to certain corrections ; amended by-laws *re* buildings frontages approved) ; Epsom (drainage by-laws approved) ; Rotorua (advised respecting by-laws relating to the erection of buildings, keeping of fowls, &c.) ; Northcote (amendments to the drainage by-laws approved, also general by-laws but with protest with regard to areas) ; Helensville (drainage and plumbing by-laws approved) ; Tauranga (amendments in drainage by-laws agreed to) ; Mount Albert