

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Zymotic Diseases.

The deaths in Auckland and suburban boroughs	Deaths.
Diarrhœal diseases	47
Diphtheria	10
Enteric fever	5
Influenza	4
Whooping-cough	4
Puerperal septicæmia	4
Other zymotic diseases	5
Measles	7
	86

Cancer.

Auckland City and suburban boroughs	88
For the previous five years,—	
1909	58
1910	44
1911	51
1912	67
1913	82

Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases.

Auckland City and suburban boroughs	71
For the previous five years,—	
1909	58
1910	44
1911	51
1912	56
1913	65

B. GENERAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1914.

AUCKLAND HEALTH DISTRICT.—REPORT BY DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER (DR. MAKGILL).

I have the honour to present the fourteenth annual report for the Auckland Health District.

The two most important features of the past year's work have been the eradication of the small-pox epidemic from the province, and the solution of the problem regarding the disposal of nightsoil in the suburbs of Auckland. These two matters with their endless side-issues occupied the chief part of our attention during the first six months of the year. The remarkably dry winter resulted in a continuous series of typhoid outbreaks among the Natives during the winter and spring months, and, together with various military sanitary matters with which our Department was associated following the outbreak of war, kept the office busy for the latter half of the year.

Through his appointment under the Tongan Government we lost the services of Dr. Monk in the autumn, and his place was taken by Dr. Hughes, who was transferred from the Education Department.

With the departure of the Expeditionary Forces we lost the services of Mr. Shera, our Chief Clerk, and Mr. Grieve, Inspector for Auckland, who volunteered for active service.

During the latter five months of the year I was engaged on military service with the Coastal Defence Force, but by courtesy of the Officer Commanding, Colonel Patterson, I was able to attend at the office during the day.

Attached hereto are appendices relating to infectious disease, Native sanitation, the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Regulations, and sanitary inspections.

R. H. MAKGILL, M.D., D.P.H. (Camb.).

WELLINGTON-HAWKE'S BAY-NELSON-MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.—REPORT BY DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER (DR. FINCH).

I have the honour to submit the following report for this district for the year ending the 31st December, 1914.

I took charge of this district at the beginning of April.

The work this year has been considerably different from last year, inasmuch as there has been no such incident as an outbreak of smallpox, which increases to a considerable extent the work of the District Health Officer and Inspectors, and interferes considerably with the ordinary routine work. There has consequently been more opportunity this year for paying more attention to the routine work of sanitary inspection in the district and to the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Inspections have been made and reports furnished on all the water-supplies of local authorities in the district, and where necessary samples have been taken for analysis. This was found advisable, as there was not in many cases any record of any of the water-supplies of local authorities. Very few of the water-supplies are subject to possibilities of pollution in the ordinary way from human sources, and consequently the few water-supplies which do run some risk in this way can be given more attention to.