

cent.; three contained preservative, contrary to regulation; forty-four were decidedly stale; sixty-two contained excessive amounts of dirt. In all 198 samples, or over 23 per cent., failed to comply with the regulations.

The activity of the Inspectors did much to check watering and skimming towards the end of the year. The proportion of stale and dirty milks, however, showed no diminution. Some causes of such unsound condition of milk are lack of cleanliness on the farms, insufficient cooling, carelessness in handling, and undue delay in distribution. They are all remediable.

Other Districts.—The following table summarizes the results from the other districts :—

Locality.	Samples received.	Seriously adulterated.		Slightly below Standard.
		Skimmed.	Watered.	
Hutt Valley	10	1	2	..
Palmerston North	16	..	1	3
Marton	7	..	..	..
Wanganui	21	1	1	3
Waverley	1	..	..	..
Patea	5	..	..	..
Hawera	13	..	3	..
Eltham	6	..	..	1
Stratford	8	..	..	..
New Plymouth	42	..	1	1
Whangamomona	1	..	..	..
Hunterville	1	1	1	..
Taihape	8	1	..	..
Featherston	9	..	1	..
Greytown	6	1	..	..
Carterton	8	..	..	..
Masterton	13	..	1	..
Dannevirke	1	..	..	..
Hastings	3	..	..	..
Farndon	5	..	4	..
Napier	10	..	2	2
Wairoa	4	1	..	..
Gisborne	20	..	2	..
Blenheim	15	1	..	..
Nelson	28	..	..	5
Totals	261	7	19	15

POST OFFICE.

The samples analysed for the Postal Department comprise beeswax, bichromate of potash, copper sulphate, cable-sheath, damaged wire, disinfectants, paraffin, and quicksilver.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

A few miscellaneous samples were received from the Railways and Marine Departments.

The total work done for each Department is shown in the following table :—

Summary of Analyses.			
Agricultural	...	...	33
Customs	...	...	239
Defence Forces	...	...	120
Explosives Branch... .. .	...	...	45
Internal Affairs	...	...	10
Justice (Police)	...	...	478
Mental Hospitals	...	...	8
Military Supplies	...	...	56
Imperial Supplies Purchase—Scheelite shipments	...	...	131
Mines—			
Geological Survey	...	...	93
Head Office	...	...	52
Inspectors	...	...	66
Prospectors	...	...	224
Post Office	...	...	39
Public Health—			
Auckland District	...	...	10
Christchurch District	...	...	51
Dunedin District	...	...	15
Wellington District	...	...	1,318
Public Works	...	...	87
Railways	...	...	30
Other Departments	...	...	13
Total Government Departments	...	...	3,118
Miscellaneous samples	...	...	76
Total samples analysed	...	...	3,194