

case mortality of 4·6 per cent. This lower death-rate, the delayed crest of intensity, and the rapid disappearance of the epidemic suggest that a certain degree of immunity had been conferred by the high primary wave of infection in September.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EPIDEMIC.

The clinical features of the disease have been reported on by the Principal Medical Officers of the different camps, so I shall confine myself to the epidemiological features. It may be said, however, that the symptoms and complications generally coincide with those found in the reports of observers in Britain and America and elsewhere. They closely resemble also the clinical type of disease which produced so disastrous an epidemic on the transport "Tahiti" at the end of September. Save in the degree of fatality the same symptoms were seen in many cases arising in civil life in New Zealand in September and October, and in a few cases in the camps in those months.

The following table shows the general incidence of influenza in camps and the larger military hospitals throughout the year 1918, being compiled from the hospital admission returns:—

Month.	Featherston.	Trentham.	Narrow Neck.	Awapuni.	Rotorua.	Hanmer.
January	8	23	..	1	..	..
February	13	20	..	..	..	..
March	10	13	..	3	..	..
April	3	14	..	1	..	..
May	14	26	..	2	..	..
June	8	13	..	..	..	..
July	99	78	..	8	..	..
August	403	103	..	54	..	..
September	326	877	..	10	..	..
October	408	484	226	27	..	8
November	3,174	1,566	206	147	151	29
December	6	5	..	..	..	6
Totals	4,522	3,227	432	253	151	43

Age Incidence.

		Under 20.	20 to 24.					25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and upwards.
			20,	21,	22,	23,	24.				
214 cases influenza of primary wave—24th October to 3rd November.											
Cases ..	..	3	52	13	9	0	8	42	44	40	4
			82								
Percentage ..	..	1·4	24·3	6·0	4·2	..	3·7	19·6	20·5	18·6	1·4
			38·3								
2,248 cases influenza of secondary wave—4th November onward.											
Cases ..	..	80	545	148	79	39	56	436	483	292	90
			867								
Percentage ..	..	3·5	24·3	6·6	3·5	1·7	2·5	19·0	21·5	13·0	4·0
			38·5								
237 cases broncho-pneumonia (out of a total of 301 cases).											
Cases ..	..	4	30	19	10	5	13	53	67	27	10
			77								
Percentage ..	..	1·6	12·6	8·0	4·2	2·1	5·4	22·3	28·2	11·3	4·2
			32·5								
161 deaths from influenza-pneumonia.											
Cases ..	..	1	22	6	4	3	9	41	43	22	10
			44								
Percentage ..	..	0·6	13·6	3·7	2·4	1·2	5·5	24·8	26·7	13·6	6·2
			27·3								