

INFLUENZA WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS. RELIEF GRANTED BY HOSPITAL BOARDS THERETO.

Name of Board.	Number of Widows receiving Relief.	Number of Children de- pendent thereon.	Number of Widowers receiving Relief.	Number of Children de- pendent thereon.	Total Annual Commitment.
					£ s. d.
Bay of Islands ..	7	23	2	10	962 0 0
Kaipara ..	3	10	..	..	218 8 0
Whangarei ..	10	41	2	9	1,314 6 0
Auckland ..	168	410	14	62	12,265 10 0
Waikato ..	40	121	1	7	3,193 17 8
Thames ..	15	32	3	9	1,200 0 0
Waihi ..	6	30	3	11	1,077 0 0
Coromandel ..	5	9	..	..	382 4 0
Tauranga ..	1	1	..	..	27 6 0
Bay of Plenty ..	5	9	..	..	382 4 0
Taumarunui ..	9	23	3	10	1,073 16 0
Waiapu ..	..	..	..	..	..
Cook ..	4	8	..	..	266 10 0
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	81 18 0
Hawke's Bay ..	33	87	..	..	2,918 1 0
Waipawa ..	13	33	1	3	830 14 1
Taranaki ..	19	56	3	6	2,910 14 0
Stratford ..	5	16	..	..	591 10 0
Hawera ..	16	41	1	4	1,509 6 0
Patea ..	3	6	1	3	468 0 0
Wanganui ..	38	97	4	15	3,489 6 0
Palmerston North ..	40	131	10	41	3,791 12 0
Wellington ..	114	306	4	11	12,370 16 0
Wairarapa ..	26	79	1	2	3,612 14 0
Wairau ..	1	11	..	..	468 0 0
Picton ..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson ..	8	32	..	..	951 12 0
Westland ..	8	15	1	6	945 0 0
Buller ..	2	12	..	..	327 12 0
Inangahua ..	3	15	1	7	409 10 0
Grey ..	11	28	..	..	815 2 0
North Canterbury ..	87	246	6	26	6,698 16 0
Ashburton ..	7	23	1	4	684 0 0
South Canterbury ..	7	24	1	3	709 12 0
Waitaki ..	17	60	2	16	1,273 0 0
Otago ..	60	173	10	35	4,318 12 0
Vincent ..	2	3	..	..	284 18 0
Maniototo ..	..	..	..	..	..
Southland ..	34	111	13	58	2,719 10 0
Wallace and Fiord ..	2	7	..	..	149 2 0
Mercury Bay ..	..	..	1	8	65 0 0
Totals ..	828	2,323	89	366	75,374 14 9

NOTE.—Table showing influenza-epidemic expenditure appears on page 22.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GOVERNMENT BACTERIOLOGIST FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1919.The GOVERNMENT BACTERIOLOGIST, Wellington, to the INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF HOSPITALS and
CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER.

SIR,—

During the absence of Major Hurley on leave from the 29th January, 1919, I have been acting as Government Bacteriologist.

The number of routine examinations carried out during the year on behalf of the Public Health and Defence Departments, the Wellington Hospital, and medical practitioners totalled 24,628, made up as shown in the appended tabular statements. Of this total, 20,126 were carried out for the Public Health and Defence Departments, chiefly the latter. The termination of the war, with the consequent closing of the various camps, has resulted in the reduction of the number of specimens received for examination, and it is expected that the figures for next year will show a reduction on those of the year under review.