

The storage in bulk will ultimately result in much water condensation, particularly in lower areas, than those existing under the old method of distribution, and a number of these on occasion where pumps have been erected have proved the value of the pump installation.

Local authority administration: The Act and regulations are administered by all the boroughs in New Zealand except South Otago, West Harbour, and Whiston. They are also administered by local authorities in the town districts and two town districts forming part of the borough. The Act and regulations are administered by the local authorities in the boroughs, but with a few minor exceptions the administration by the local authorities is very satisfactory.

Departmental administration: The Department administers the Act in all districts other than those mentioned in the preceding paragraph. During the year ended 31st March 1937, 1,181 licences were issued as compared with 1,232 licences issued during the year ended 31st March 1936.

Inspection: Practically all boroughs and town districts where the Act is administered by the local authority are inspected at least once each licence year. The inspection of public supply has involved a considerable number of special inspection visits to different parts of the country, both in connection with the erection of tank depots and in relation to the local authorities the conditions required by the new method of distribution.

Chemical analysis: The results of the chemical analysis of water samples taken from the public supply in 1937, and during the year ended 31st March 1937, 1,181 samples were analysed. The results of the analysis are generally satisfactory, but in some cases the results are not so good as they should be. It was found that in some cases the water was not so pure as it should be, and in some cases the results of the analysis were not so good as they should be. It is hoped that during the coming year to complete the complete inspection and to have protection rooms erected in all the country halls.

Domestic Supplies

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Conclusion

In conclusion I desire to place on record my appreciation of the valuable services rendered during the past year by the heads of the various departments, and the many officers of all grades. Their hearty co-operation has made possible the successful carrying out of the many and varied activities of the Department, and secured the smooth running that has characterized the work throughout.

I desire also to thank other Government departments for the willing assistance afforded by them at all times.