

SECTION III.

Question 3.—Whether the beds available in sanatoria, hospitals, and other institutions for the reception of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis are adequate as regards number and distribution.

It is estimated roughly that there are between six thousand and seven thousand cases of pulmonary tuberculosis in New Zealand. The number of beds set aside for tuberculous patients in hospitals and sanatoria is given in Table VII.

TABLE VII.—RETURN OF SANATORIUM AND HOSPITAL BEDS FOR PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

North Island.			South Island.		
Name of Institution.	Total Number of Beds for T.B. Patients.		Name of Institution.	Total Number of Beds for T.B. Patients.	
Pukeora Sanatorium	174		Lower Sanatorium (Cashmere Hills)	98	
Otaki Sanatorium	40		Upper Sanatorium (Cashmere Hills)	104	
Ewart Hospital (Wellington) ..	45		Waipiata Sanatorium	84	
Auckland Hospital	15		Pleasant Valley Sanatorium ..	54	
Costley Home (Auckland) ..	68		Wakari Hospital (Dunedin) ..	40	
Napier Hospital	16		Coronation Hospital (Christchurch)	68	
Waikato Hospital (Hamilton) ..	25		Fresh-air Home (Cashmere) ..	38	
Wanganui Hospital	7		Timaru Hospital	12	
Palmerston North Hospital ..	16		Nelson Hospital	12	
Cook Hospital (Gisborne) ..	16		Greymouth Hospital	5	
New Plymouth Hospital	6		Ashburton Hospital	4	
Whangarei Hospital	6		Blenheim Hospital	8	
Masterton Hospital	7		Oamaru Hospital	12	
Thames Hospital	6		Westport Hospital	1	
Dannevirke Hospital	4		Waimate Hospital	12	
Hawera Hospital	2		Riverton Hospital	12	
Taumarunui Hospital	6		Picton Hospital	2	
Waihi Hospital	6		Dunstan Hospital (Clyde) ..	7	
Whakatane Hospital	8		Tuapeka Hospital	1	
Tauranga Hospital	12		Tapanui Hospital	2	
Kawakawa Hospital	2		Reefton Hospital	5	
Mangonui Hospital	2		Kew Hospital (Invercargill) ..	20	
Wairoa Hospital	1				
Opotiki Hospital	1				
Coromandel Hospital	2				
Te Puia Hospital	1				
King George V Hospital (Rotorua) ..	8				

Summary.

					Population.	Total Beds.	
						Sanatoria.	Hospital.
North Island	..	..	..	..	924,000	214	288
South Island	..	..	..	..	525,000	340	261
..					..	554	549

NOTE.—This return shows the position as at 31st March, 1927. Since then an additional twenty beds have been added to Otaki Sanatorium.

These figures are taken from the appendix to the Annual Report of the Department of Health for the year ended 31st March, 1927.* Since that date twenty beds have been added to the sanatorium at Otaki, and there are forty-two additional beds almost ready for occupation at the Waipiata Sanatorium. These figures do not include beds temporarily occupied by tuberculous patients in the larger general hospitals. In these hospitals there is a never-failing stream of tuberculous patients passing through, so that in effect a number of beds in each hospital is permanently occupied by cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.