

No. 4.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Auckland, to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Auckland, 17th September, 1875.

In conformity to the Public Health Act, I have the honor to forward herewith reports received by this Board from the Local Boards of Health in this province.

I am, &c.,

G. GREY,

Chairman of the Central Board of Health.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Enclosures in No. 4.

Mr. PHILIPS to Mr. RICE.

SIR,—

Town Clerk's Office, City Council, Auckland, 9th April, 1875.

I beg to enclose you Local Health Officer's report for March quarter, including city limits only.

I am, &c.,

P. A. PHILIPS,

Town Clerk.

V. E. Rice, Esq., Secretary Board of Health.

Mr. GOLDIE to the SECRETARY, Central Board of Health.

SIR,—

Local Board of Health, Auckland, 5th April, 1875.

I have the honor to report that a great amount of sickness has prevailed within the city, chiefly measles, diarrhoea, and dysentery, which have been fatal more particularly to a number of children, sixty-two deaths having been registered from the above causes alone. Deducting sixty-two from the total number of deaths for the month, which is eighty-seven, the remainder would be less than the number registered in the previous month, the long dry season and the scarcity of water being much felt, doubtless being the cause of great mortality among infants.

The cleanliness and general sanitary condition of the city is good.

An efficient gang of men are employed to sweep Queen Street from end to end twice a week.

Four men are constantly employed in sweeping and cleansing channels and drains where there are no sewers, and immediately remove anything offensive which may be deposited not infrequently on the public streets and thoroughfares of the city. One man is employed two days in the week at the Intake. A strict daily inspection of the most thickly populated portions of the city is made, and offenders in aggravated cases summoned. Nothing of an offensive nature, or which may be injurious to health, is allowed to remain, every precaution being taken to insure health. The majority of the privies have boxes fitted in them, the holes previously used being filled in, and, if tenants would only exercise a little trouble and attention to use earth in the privies, they would soon value the benefit of the system. These boxes are emptied once a fortnight, and in many instances once a week.

I have, &c.,

GEO. GOLDIE,

Officer appointed under the Health Act.

The Secretary of the Central Board of Health.

Mr. JONES to the SECRETARY, Central Board of Health.

SIR,—

Newton, 22nd April, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd March, requesting a report as to the sanitary condition of the district. And in reply I have the honor to report that the health of the inhabitants in general is good; and also that the sanitary condition of the district is satisfactorily good.

The members of the Board desire to express their thanks to the Central Board of Health for the valuable services rendered to the district by their Inspector, Mr. Heighway, to whose unremitting visits the present satisfactory sanitary condition of the district may be attributed.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS J. JONES,

Chairman, Newton Local Board of Health.

The Secretary, Central Board of Health.

Mr. McNEILL to the SECRETARY, Central Board of Health.

GENTLEMEN,—

Newmarket District Highway Board, 16th April, 1875.

In conformity with section 16, Public Health Act, I have the honor to report on the health, cleanliness, and general sanitary condition of this district.

1. *Health*.—A large amount of sickness has prevailed for some time past, both amongst children and grown-up people. In three cases of the latter it has terminated fatally.

2. *Cleanliness and General Sanitary Condition*.—This district is in as good a state in this respect as it is possible for the Local Board to make it, but the slaughterhouse still existing in its midst renders the atmosphere very impure, especially during the past few months of calm dry weather, and it is believed that a large amount of the sickness prevailing is attributable to this cause. There is also an open drain running through Mr. Hancock's property and emptying itself into the Slaughterhouse Creek, which has been reported to me by the Inspector under the Public Health Act as producing a very