

29. The following table shows the ratio to the total, of the sickness in the first six months, in the second six months, and after twelve months respectively, in quinquennial age-periods. After age forty there is a continuous decrease in acute sickness and a continuous increase in chronic sickness, the latter at the ages above sixty being considerably more than one-half of the total.

Age.						Ratio (per Cent.) to Total Sickness.		
						First Six Months.	Second Six Months.	After Twelve Months.
Under 25	..	..	..	..	..	86·67	5·70	7·63
25-30	..	..	..	..	..	86·78	5·87	7·35
30-35	..	..	..	..	..	78·85	6·23	14·92
35-40	..	..	..	..	..	80·26	6·30	13·44
40-45	..	..	..	..	..	68·69	7·89	23·42
45-50	..	..	..	..	..	60·64	7·97	31·39
50-55	..	..	..	..	..	55·15	10·29	34·56
55-60	..	..	..	..	..	43·20	9·35	47·45
60-65	..	..	..	..	..	34·56	8·01	57·43
65-70	..	..	..	..	..	23·79	5·94	70·27
70 and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	14·60	7·98	77·42

TRADE-UNIONS.

30. No application for registration under "The Trade-union Act, 1878," was received during 1897, all such societies preferring to register under "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894."

31. The registry of the Taranaki Sawmillers' Association was cancelled in 1897, at the request of the society.

32. A list of registered trade-unions, as on the 31st December, 1897, is given in Appendix III.

May, 1898.

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