

Arch Hill and Eden Terrace.—The same set of by-laws has been prepared for these two bodies, and is now in force in Eden Terrace, and will be so in Arch Hill early in July.

Cambridge.—A set of by-laws *re* nightsoil has been prepared and submitted to the Council.

Kawhia.

The prospects of this place as a health resort have been reported on, the hot springs visited, and samples sent to Wellington for analysis.

Insanitary Buildings.

Premises in the following places have been inspected and recommended as only fit for pulling down : Auckland City, 6 ; Parnell, 1 ; Tauranga, 1 ; Rotorua, 1.

Water-supplies.

The conditions of water-supply, or proposed source of supply, have been investigated in eleven places, as follows : Thames County, water-race ; Thames Borough, supply ; Rotorua, projected supply ; Cambridge, projected supply—analysis made ; Hamilton, projected supply—analysis made ; Coromandel, projected supply ; Remuera, projected supply ; city water-supply analysed, Onehunga water-supply analysed, Manukau Water Trust analysed, Wairoa bakery well analysed. Six supplies have been bacteriologically investigated.

Drainage System.

Special inspection has been made of the drainage of twenty-four districts as, follows : Auckland City, Mount Eden, Huntly, Waitekauri, Thames Borough, Whangarei, Opotiki, Te Aroha, Devonport, Arch Hill, Waihi, Karangahake, Rotorua, Hamilton, Hamilton Hospital, Avondale, Grey Lynn, Eden Terrace, Waikino, Paeroa, Tauranga, Aratapu, Coromandel, Ngauruawahia.

Nightsoil Depots visited and reported on.

Auckland City, Coromandel, Mount Eden, Karangahake, Thames, Rotorua.

Schools inspected.

Ten schools in city and suburbs and thirteen in the country districts have been inspected, and in all the improvements suggested have been or are being carried out.

The following schools have been closed and disinfected owing to epidemics of infectious disease : Newton West (Arch Hill), for scarlet fever ; Bayfield (City), for diphtheria ; Cambridge, for scarlet fever. Woodhill (Waitemata) was disinfected only.

The various *Chinamen's gardens* around the city have received attention.

Re City Abattoir : Six proposed sites have been inspected.

The Quarantine Station at Motuihi has been visited and the requirements reported on.

General Inspection.

The following inspections have been made, exclusive of those visited by Inspector Winstanley alone :—Houses—general inspection, city and suburbs, 37 ; general inspection, country districts, 44 ; inspection *re* infectious disease—city, 21 ; country, 40. In addition 24 hotels, 12 city houses, 13 factories, 5 abattoirs, 10 bakehouses, 7 butchers' shops, 19 stables, and 19 dairies have been visited.

In many of these no recommendations were made, but of those in which alterations were required some seven or eight remained unimproved, while in several others the work has been but half done.

Nuisances.

Defective drains, refuse-heaps, piggeries, and so forth, have been inspected to the number of 19 in the city and suburbs, 20 in the country districts. Of these, six remain unimproved.

Prosecutions *re* nuisances have been undertaken in two places at my request by the local bodies concerned, and in each a conviction was obtained.

The above figures give only the more important places taken in hand, and do not take into account second visits.

One important branch of the sanitary duties of the District Health Officer has as yet received no attention—namely, the adulteration of food, &c. Other matters have hitherto occupied my whole time, but I hope to be able to pay some attention to the question shortly.

Office-work.—The large amount of clerical work, more especially since the quarantine question came into force, has kept me in the office to the extent of greatly interfering with the adequate inspection of the district. The country places have been greatly neglected during the past three months.

Sanitary Inspector Winstanley has put in a large amount of useful work, more especially in connection with investigation into cases of infectious disease. I attach a short summary of his work, which he has carried out with great energy and tact.

Temporary clerks have been engaged—Mr. Anderson in connection with quarantine duties (which he has carried out in a most satisfactory manner)—and more recently Mr. Lepastrier, as office clerk, a position which I hope may shortly become permanent, as his work has greatly relieved me in the office.

Pamphlets *re* tubercle, enteric fever, scarlet fever, and the statistics of the outbreak of small-pox in London have been issued to the various local bodies.

The new office and laboratory were entered into on the 14th May. This has been a great improvement. The original building rapidly became too small for the work, more especially the