

OFFICE-WORK.

In addition to the daily routine of the office, with its necessarily considerable amount of correspondence and numerous applications for information on a great variety of matters, 520 notices in regard to cases of infectious diseases have been sent to local authorities, 76 orders in duplicate have been made out for the admission of persons to the Hospital for Infectious Diseases, and 922 tubes of vaccine lymph have been distributed to medical practitioners and public vaccinators.

Nine medical and physical examinations were made on behalf of the Post Office Department.

Fifty-four applications were received for admission to the Government Sanatorium at Cambridge, and the needful examinations and inquiries made in each case.

INSPECTORIAL STAFF.

Mr. R. Grieve took up the duties of an Inspector here in June last. I have assigned to him the investigation of infectious-disease outbreaks in and around Auckland, and the general sanitary inspection of the same area. He is a painstaking and careful officer, and has already amply shown his ability to deal with the work of this important centre.

Inspector Winstanley takes the remainder of the district, and has accomplished his work in the manner favourably referred to in former reports.

LABORATORY.

The following is a record concerning specimens submitted to this office for bacteriological and other examination:—

Date.	Specimen.	Suspected Condition.	Result of Examination, or Disposal.
1905.			
April 1	Testicle	General	Wellington report.
" 1	Appendix	"	"
" 1	Ovarian mass	"	"
" 3	Smear	Gonorrhœal	Negative.
" 4	Head of cat	Phosphorous poisoning	"
" 10	Smear	Gonorrhœal	"
" 26	Intestinal casts	Tubercular	"
May 1	Sputum	"	Abundant T.B.
" 1	Smear	Gonorrhœal	Negative.
" 5	Urine	Sugar and albumen	Albumen, nil; sugar present.
" 10	Sputum	Tubercular	Negative.
" 10	"	"	"
" 16	"	"	"
" 16	"	"	"
" 20	Urine	Sugar and albumen	"
" 25	Sputum	Tubercular	Positive.
" 29	"	"	Negative.
" 29	Smear	Gonorrhœal	"
" 30	Fæcal matter	Blood	"
" 31	Smear	Gonorrhœal	"
June 5	Urine	Tubercular	"
" 6	Sputum	"	"
" 14	Growth ex palm of hand	"	Wellington report.
" 16	Mass ex cervix uteri	Epithelioma	"
" 17	Sputum	Tubercular	Negative.
" 28	"	"	"
July 2	Swab	Diphtheritic	"
" 21	Sputum	Tubercular	"
" 22	"	"	Positive.
" 25	"	"	"
" 25	"	"	Negative.
" 31	Blood-smear	Typhoid	"
Aug. 6	Mass expectorated	"	Wellington report.
" 8	Sputum	Tubercular	Positive.
" 9	"	"	"
" 10	"	"	Negative.
" 18	"	"	Positive.
" 22	Swab	Diphtheritic	Negative.
" 23	Sputum	Tubercular	"
" 24	"	"	Positive.
" 24	"	"	"
Sept. 6	"	"	"
" 7	"	"	Negative.
" 8	"	"	Positive.
" 11	"	"	Negative.
" 13	"	"	"
" 13	"	"	Positive.
" 15	Section testicle	Malignancy	Wellington report: Carcinoma.
" 15	Sputum	Tubercular	Positive.
" 15	"	"	Negative.
" 19	Cyst from lung	Hydatids	Wellington report.
" 19	Cyst from uterus	General	"
" 19	Sputum	Tubercular	Negative.
" 21	"	"	"
" 25	"	"	"
" 27	Suppuration from mouth	Actinomycosis	"
" 27	Tumour	Sarcoma	Wellington report.
" 27	Sputum	Tubercular	Negative.