

Dysentery, which formerly was fairly prevalent in both town and country, has for the last ten to fifteen years been almost non-existent. This is no doubt due to improved attention to sanitary details on the part of the inhabitants. I attended one case in the town during February, undoubtedly due to defective sanitation.

Under good sanitation the Blind Bay district might be one of the healthiest localities in the world.

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Acting District Health Officer.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Department of Public Health, Christchurch, 30th June, 1906.

Dr. Mason, Chief Health Officer, Wellington.

I HAVE the honour to submit to you the annual report of the Canterbury Health District for the year ending the 31st March, 1906.

VITAL STATISTICS.

As the vital statistics for the whole colony are now included in your annual report, there is no necessity for special mention to be made of the statistics relating to this district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

In Table No. 1 every case notified in every house has been counted; in the other tables only one case has been counted to one house when two or more have been notified on the same notification.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Table No. 1.

	Population.	Enteric Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Tuberculosis.	Erysipelas.	Septicæmia.
Amuri County	1,142	...	...	...	...	...	...
Akaroa County	3,669	...	...	...	...	...	...
Duvauchelle Bay ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Barry's Bay ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Ashburton County	11,342	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashburton and suburbs ... ..	...	1	31	2	9	...	...
Rakaia ... ..	...	1	3	1	...	...	...
Mayfield ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Chertsey ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Hinds ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Ashley County	11,599	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balcairn ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Fernside ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Rangiora ... ..	...	...	1	4	1	...	...
Kaiapoi ... ..	...	...	8	2	1	...	...
Oxford ... ..	...	...	7	...	...	...	...
Sefton ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	1	...
Eyreton ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Southbrook ... ..	...	...	1	1	2	...	...
Ashley ... ..	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
Woodend ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Cheviot County	1,120	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cheviot ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Ethelton ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Geraldine County	5,991	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geraldine ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Temuka ... ..	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
Orari ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Kaikoura County	1,765	1	7	...	...	...	...
Kaikouri ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Levels County	5,496	...	...	...	1	...	...
Timaru ... ..	...	3	4	3	5	5	2
Pleasant Point ... ..	...	2	1	...	1	...	...
Mackenzie County	1,642	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairlie ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Selwyn County	30,787	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christchurch ... ..	...	4	34	13	39	7	1
Woolston ... ..	...	...	1	...	2	...	...
Avon ... ..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Riccarton ... ..	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Heathcote ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Papanui	1	1
Addington	1
Spreydon	1	2
New Brighton	2	...	1
Lyttelton	3	6	24	14	1	4
Styx	1	1
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