

25. WESTPORT HOSPITAL.

Governing body: Buller Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Honorary medical staff: Westport—Drs. E. D. Dunn, James Simpson, sen., James Simpson, jun.; Denniston—Dr. H. Crann; Granity—Dr. W. Fitzgerald.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. McKenzie.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Hayward; 1 registered nurse and 4 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 porter.

Number of beds available for males, 19; for females, 11: total, 30.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 145, female 26—total 171; out-patients, 212 (number of attendances, 383).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 61; average daily cost per head, 4s. 6d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 4s. 0½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 30·5.

Localities from which patients came: Buller, 45; Wellington, 7; Dunedin, 2; Greymouth, 1; Nelson, 2; Reefton, 2; Wanganui, 1.

Nationality of patients: English, 37; Irish, 25; Scotch, 18; German, 5; Russian, 3; Norwegian, 2; French, 1; New-Zealanders, 60; Australian, 16; American, 4.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st March, 1908.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
From Government	...	821	3	1	Rations	...	811	8	7
Local bodies	...	821	3	1	Wines, spirits, ale, and porter	...	76	4	0
Subscriptions and donations	...	180	0	10	Surgery and dispensary	...	326	14	0
Rents	...	63	14	8	Fuel and light...	...	168	13	3
Patients' payments	...	259	3	0	Bedding and clothing	...	46	13	2
Sale of medicines	...	2	9	0	Furniture and earthenware	...	34	0	6
Old-age pensions	...	419	0	3	Salaries and wages	...	763	9	8
Miscellaneous	...	1	5	0	Water-supply	...	10	0	0
					Funerals	...	17	9	6
					Repairs	...	29	11	7
					Printing, advertising, postage, and stationery	...	21	6	6
					Interest	...	156	16	6
					Insurance	...	14	13	4
					Refund, old-age pensions	...	69	4	4
					Legal expenses	...	1	6	6
					Borough rates...	...	1	1	0
					Petty cash	...	10	0	0
					Telephone	...	3	0	0
					Incidentals	...	6	6	6
Total	...	£2,567	18	11	Total	...	£2,567	18	11

Visited 27th August and 12th December, 1907.—There were twenty-five patients in hospital, twelve being old men or chronic cases. Taking all things into consideration, the old hospital was in fair order. The new hospital building was practically completed. The two main wards are well ventilated and bright, and are heated by stoves. There is room for twelve beds in each, and there is a private room off each ward. For each ward there is a dining-room for patients—an unnecessary refinement; they should be used as wards if needed. There is a good day-room off each ward, and the ward closets and lavatories are off the main corridor. The theatre is a large room, with tiled floor, with a small sterilising room off it. The dispensary, where the Superintendent is to see his patients, is just off the theatre—not a good place. The other appointments, including the Matron and nurses' quarters, are excellent.

There has been great difficulty in getting nurses for this institution.

26. WESTLAND HOSPITAL (HOKITIKA).

Governing body: Westland Hospital Trustees.

Stipendiary medical staff: Dr. Teichelmann.

Nursing staff: Matron, Miss Sims; and 5 probationers.

Domestic staff: 1 cook, 1 housemaid, 1 laundress, 1 laundryman, 1 porter, 1 gardener.

Number of beds available for males, 36; for females, 11: total, 47.

Number of patients under treatment during year: In-patients—male 132, female 37—total 169; out-patients, 222 (number of attendances, 562).

In-patients: Average days' stay, 75·64; average daily cost per head, 3s. 9½d. (cost after deducting patients' payments, 2s. 10½d.).

Percentage of cost of administration on maintenance expenditure, 33·7.