

Deaths from Phthisis, 1907.

Table showing the Number of Persons who died from Phthisis during the Year 1907, classified to Age, Sex, and Length of Residence in New Zealand.

Length of Residence in New Zealand.			Age at Death.									
			Under 5 Years.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 35.	35 to 45.	45 to 55.	55 to 65.	65 to 75.	75 and up- wards.	Total.
<i>Males.</i>												
Under 1 month	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	4
1 to 6 months	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	4
6 to 12 months	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	4
1 to 2 years	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	3
2 to 3 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
3 to 4 years	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	4
4 to 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	5
5 to 10 years	...	...	...	...	3	6	1	2	1	...	...	13
10 to 15 years	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	6
15 to 20 years	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	5
20 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	6	2	...	...	13
25 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	9	12	20	21	16	3	81
Not known	...	...	...	...	3	5	6	5	1	3	...	23
Born in New Zealand	...	2	2	1	54	74	26	10	...	2	...	171
Totals	...	...	2	2	1	64	114	59	45	26	21	337
<i>Females.</i>												
Under 1 month	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 to 6 months	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
6 to 12 months	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
1 to 2 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 to 3 years	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
3 to 4 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	4
4 to 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 to 10 years	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
10 to 15 years	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	6
15 to 20 years	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	5
20 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	2	...	...	...	10
25 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	11	9	1	1	34
Not known	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	7
Born in New Zealand	...	2	1	9	81	81	18	7	2	...	...	201
Totals	...	...	2	1	9	89	94	39	27	12	1	275
Totals of both sexes	...	...	4	3	10	153	208	98	72	38	22	612

In Australasia the rate is materially increased by the deaths of persons who have come from other countries either already suffering from phthisis or predisposed thereto. There is no reason for believing that this circumstance has more effect on the death-rate in Australia than in New Zealand; so that the lower rate referred to in previous issues of this work as obtaining in this country may be taken as proof of the superiority of its climate for withstanding consumptive tendencies.

From other forms of tuberculosis the deaths in 1907 were 244, or 2·65 per 10,000 of population. Thus a large addition has to be made to the deaths from phthisis to appreciate the full mischief done by tubercular disease.

Deaths from all Tubercular Diseases.

The mortality from all forms of tubercular disease, taken together, has been at the average rate of 9·5 persons per 10,000 living for the last ten years. This rate is far lower than that which obtained in England during the year 1905, when the proportion was 16·44 per 10,000 living.

A table is supplied showing the results for each of ten years in New Zealand. Besides the death-rate from tubercular diseases, it also shows the percentage of deaths by tubercle to those from all causes, which was from 8·50 to 10·62 per cent. for the decennial period 1898–1907.