

Table showing the Number of Deaths from Tubercular Diseases registered in New Zealand during the Year 1907, arranged in Groups of Ages.

Persons.																					
	Under 1 Year.	Under 5 Years.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.	Total, 5 Years and over.	All Ages.	
Tabes mesenterica, tubercular peritonitis	10	16	1	1	5	6	1	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	19	35	
Tubercular meningitis, acute hydrocephalus	32	68	17	7	9	4	7	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	115	
Phthisis ...	1	4	3	10	64	89	114	94	65	33	31	41	18	20	16	6	2	2	608	612	
Other forms of tuberculosis, scrofula	4	8	5	3	14	17	15	7	5	7	5	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	68	94	
Totals ...	47	96	26	21	92	116	137	102	71	43	37	43	21	23	16	8	2	2	760	856	

To show the mortality from tuberculosis in various parts of New Zealand, a table giving the deaths in the various provincial districts is added, which, however, only shows that the mortality is distributed very much according to population. The deaths in the South Island are, however, found to be 16 more than those for the North Island, or 436 deaths and 420 deaths for those divisions respectively :—

Table showing the Number of Deaths from Tubercular Disease registered in each Provincial District of New Zealand during the Year 1907.

Provincial District.	Tabes Mesenterica, Tubercular Peritonitis.	Tubercular Meningitis, Acute Hydrocephalus.	Phthisis.	Other Forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula.	Total Deaths from Tuberculosis.
Auckland ...	5	24	142	19	190
Taranaki ...	1	3	21	4	29
Hawke's Bay ...	1	3	31	7	42
Wellington ...	6	28	106	19	159
Marlborough ...	...	...	11	...	11
Nelson ...	3	2	27	4	36
Westland ...	...	...	11	4	15
Canterbury ...	11	20	135	13	179
Otago ...	8	35	128	24	195
Totals ...	35	115	612	94	856

Cancer.

The deaths from cancer during the year 1907 were 674. There were more deaths of males than of females, the numbers being—males 361, females 313. The rate of mortality per 10,000 living was 7·33. The apparent increase in deaths from this disease is shown further on, and compared with that of England. But the increase is not believed by all authorities to be a fact to the extent represented, but partly the result of more careful certification of the causes of death, and of improved diagnosis in cases of what is termed inaccessible cancer.

It is certain, however, that out of a total of 10,066 deaths from all causes in New Zealand during 1907, 674, or 6·70 per cent., were caused by cancer.

The death-rate from cancer is not so great as that from tubercular diseases, but is nevertheless a most alarming matter, not only on account of the number of deaths, but because of its progressive increase.

A decennial table shows that the deaths from cancer per 10,000 persons living rose from 6·40 in 1898 to 7·10 in 1903 and 7·33 in 1907.