

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.

The year 1908 exhibits reduced figures in relation to all chest troubles as compared with the previous year; probably the lower rainfall and drier atmosphere as compared with the previous year had much to do with the improvement. There were 78 deaths from this cause.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The following table relating to the deaths from infectious diseases in Wellington was compiled by Dr. Frengley:—

Causes of Death from Zymotic and Other Diseases.

					Wellington and Suburbs.		Total of four Centres, 1908.
					1908.	1907.	
Diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	41	23	191
Measles	..	..	..	..	2	15	7
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	6	9	13
Scarlet fever	..	..	..	..	16	9	21
Enteric fever	..	..	..	..	5	..	28
Influenza	..	..	..	..	3	17	22
Whooping-cough	..	..	..	..	1	28	7
Dysentery	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
Septicæmia	..	..	..	..	3	..	13
Syphilis	..	..	..	..	4	..	10
Puerperal septicæmia	..	..	..	..	1	..	16
Tubercle	..	..	..	..	73	69	260
Cancer	..	..	..	..	48	50	202

VACCINATION.

The vaccinations registered for the last ten years are as under:—

Year.	Total Vaccinations registered of Children under 14 Years of Age.			Vaccinations of Children under 1 Year of Age.	Number of Births registered.	Proportion of Successful Vaccinations of Children under 1 Year of Age to Total Births. Per Cent.	
1908	3,346	1,249	25,940	4.82
1907	5,328	1,961	25,094	7.81
1906	3,602	1,810	24,252	7.46
1905	3,818	2,079	23,682	8.78
1904	18,368	2,323	22,766	10.20
1903	11,683	5,566	21,829	25.50
1902	8,763	2,611	20,655	12.64
1901	3,768	1,984	20,491	9.68
1900	4,525	3,151	19,546	16.12
1899	5,133	3,379	18,835	17.94

PART 2.—INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1909.

Summary for Whole Dominion.

Nature of Disease.	Health Districts.								Total.
	Auckland.	Hawke's Bay.	Wellington.	Marlborough.	Nelson.	Westland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	
Enteric fever	241	103	119	2	9	11	51	25	561
Scarlet fever	142	208	722	19	43	57	386	606	2,183
Diphtheria	101	67	192	42	3	35	99	85	624
Blood-poisoning	77	28	46	..	..	1	71	48	271
Tuberculosis	176	45	206	7	10	17	86	170	717
Hydatids	..	..	5	1	..	2	13	9	30
Totals	737	451	1,290	71	65	123	706	943	4,386