Work has been done by Inspector Munro as follows:-132 Infectious disease investigated ... Disinfections-66 Houses .. 4 Schools ... Parcels of clothing 371 General inspections 21Food-shops, &c. ... ... Hotels and boardinghouses inspected 26 3 Offensive trades inspected . .

A house-to-house inspection of Gisborne was made.

During the year several lectures were delivered in Gisborne on health and allied matters. I gave two—one on the sanitation of the house, and the other on the eye and ear. The latter was attended by most of the school-teachers in the district, and I dwelt largely on the methods of detecting eyestrain and obscure forms of deafness in the pupils. I wish to convey my appreciation to Mr. H. Hill, B.A., for the trouble he took in making the slides for my lectures. If lectures of this kind were repeated in the various centres, benefit would result.

I have, &c.,

FRED. DE LISLE, L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

District Health Officer.

J. Malcolm Mason, M.D., D.P.H., Chief Health Officer, Wellington.

## PART C.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Sir,—

I have the honour to present my annual report of the Wellington Health District for the year ending the 31st March, 1909.

It gives me much satisfaction to report the splendid assistance I have had from the Inspectors, collectively and individually. The Sale of Food and Drugs Act has imposed upon them new responsibilities. The readiness with which they grasped the intricacies of the Act, and the care and tact displayed in carrying out their duties, show them to be officers in whom much confidence may be placed.

As regards the sanitation of the various districts, little need be said. In Wellington City a steady advance is being made in the extension of the drainage system to the suburbs. This city also has the honour of being the first to establish a crematorium. Elsewhere throughout the district general progress may be reported, although little that necessitates special comment.

## GENERAL SUMMARY OF WORK DONE.

The general work done in the year may be summed up as follows.

## Legal Actions.

The following is a list of the legal proceedings taken by this office during the year:-

No.	Date.	Particulars.	Fines and Costs.
	1908.	1	£ s. d.
1	May 27	Offering unsound fruit for sale (Wanganui)	13 13 0
2	Dec. 10	Two prosecutions for milk-adulteration (Pahiatua). Each defendant	3 8 0
3	,, 10	One prosecution (Eketahuna), milk-adulteration	Dismissed.
4	,, 11	Ten prosecutions, milk-adulteration (Wellington). Each defendant	5 15 0
5	,, 11	One prosecution, milk-adulteration (Wellington)	Convicted, not fined; costs, £3 15s.
6	11	One prosecution, milk-adulteration (Eketahuna)	Convicted and dis-
J	,, 11	One procedures, services (	charged.
7	,, 14	In conjunction with Inglewood Borough Council. Failure to	Magistrate's order
•	,,	abate nuisance	granted.
8	,, 17	Two prosecutions for milk-adulteration (Waverley). Each defendant	4 10 0
9	., 17	One prosecution for milk-adulteration (Waverley)	4 10 0
10	,, 17	,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	5 10 0
11	,, 18	,, (Stratford)	$6\ 12\ 6$
$\overline{12}$	,, 20	,, (Palmerston North)	4 12 0
13	$\frac{7}{7}$ , $\frac{7}{21}$	,, (New Plymouth)	5 19 0
	1909.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
14	Jan. 14	One prosecution for milk-adulteration (Marton)	Dismissed.
15	,, 14	(Taihape)	4 15 0
16	,, 14	Two prosecutions for milk-adulteration (Feilding). Each defendant	5 15 0
17	Feb. 1	One prosecution for milk-adulteration (Carterton)	3 14 0
18	,, 9	Two prosecutions (same defendant) for milk-adulteration (Featherston). Total	11 8 0
19	., 25	One prosecution for milk-adulteration (Hawera)	3 11 0
20	20	Meat sold unfit for human consumption (Wellington)	6 14 0