

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

I have made examinations of persons, four in number, namely :—
 For the Valuation Department, Dunedin.
 For the Inspector of Factories, Invercargill.
 For the District Engineer, Dunedin.
 For the tree-planting camp, of a consumptive.

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Microscopic examinations were made for medical men as follows :—

Sputa—				Pus from pleural cavity—		
Tuberculous	9			Non-tubercular (?)	1	
Pneumonic	7			Membrane from throat—		
Bronchitic	5			Diphtheritic	3	
Influenza (?)	1			Negative	2	

SPECIAL SUBJECTS INVESTIGATED.

The following special examinations were conducted by District Health Officer :—

Oyster-storage beds at Bluff. Four times.
 Night-soil depots at various localities. Three times.
 Infectious-disease hospitals at Dunedin, Invercargill, Riverton, and Kaitangata.
 Consumption sanatoria, in operation or proposed, at Rock and Pillar, Palmerston South, Invercargill, and Riverton.
 Maternity Hospital at Dunedin. Twice.

WORK DONE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

The following list gives a general summary of the work done as shown by the Inspector's reports :—

General inspections—premises, nuisances, &c.	5,474
Food-shops inspected	385
Hotels and boardinghouses	209
Factories	105

The above figures include a number of house-to-house inspections, distributed as follows : City of Dunedin and suburbs, 1,800 premises visited, of which 594 showed sanitary defects, or 33 per cent.

House-to-house inspections were made in the following country towns :—

	Number of Houses.	Number of Defects.	Per-centage.
Edendale	72	50	69.4
Gore	700	542	77.4
„ suburbs	143	75	52.3
Lawrence	267	168	62.5
Mataura	285	211	74.0
Orepuki	131	58	44.2
Otautau	150	102	68.0
Owaka	101	14	13.8
Riversdale	77	39	50.6
Waitahuna	48	15	31.2
Waitahuna Gully	28	7	25.0
Winton	100	88	88.0
„ suburbs	48	26	54.0
Wyndham	154	110	71.4
Balfour	53	26	49.0
Nightcaps	105	61	58.0
Waikaia	84	65	77.3
Totals	2,546	1,657	

Investigations into infectious disease were made in regard to 691 premises, and disinfections were made in 418 cases.

Public schools were disinfected in 10 instances.

CLERICAL WORK.

Letters written by District Health Officer	319
„ Inspectors	220
Special reports were made as follows :—	
To Chief Health Officer	14
To County Clerks	8
To Town Clerks	7
Orders to provide for infectious diseases were sent to—	
Otago Hospital Board (tuberculosis)	38
„ (scarlet fever)	51
„ (measles)	2
„ (enteric fever)	1
Southland Hospital Board (tuberculosis)	3