

CHRISTCHURCH.

Summary of Analyses made in the Analytical Laboratory, Christchurch, by Mr. A. A. Bickerton.

| Material. | Object of Analysis. | Number of Samples. |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>For Health Department.</i> | | |
| Milk | General composition | 219 |
| Water | " | 25 |
| Bread | Adulteration | 6 |
| Mustard | " | 3 |
| Vinegar | " | 5 |
| Pepper | " | 2 |
| Hops | Poisons | 1 |
| Sacking | " | 1 |
| Sewage | General composition | 1 |
| Cocoa | Constituents | 1 |
| Temperance drinks | Alcohol | 22 |
| <i>For Customs Department.</i> | | |
| Acetic acid and vinegar substitutes | Constituents | 29 |
| <i>For Police Department.</i> | | |
| Stomach contents | Poisons | 3 |
| Vomit | " | 2 |
| Bottle of fluid | " | 1 |
| Meat | " | 1 |
| Ginger brandy | Alcohol | 1 |
| Wine | " | 1 |

DUNEDIN.

SIR,—

University Laboratory, Dunedin, 25th April, 1909.

I have the honour to forward herewith my report, as Government Analyst here, for the year ending 31st March, 1909.

There is nothing of special importance to report in the work of the laboratory during the year. The samples of milk still retain the same fairly good quality to which they were raised about two years ago. The whiskies are now up to the required strength, and free from extraneous poisonous additions.

My connection with your Department now ceases, and I have great pleasure in expressing my sense of the kindly and courteous relations that have uniformly subsisted between myself and the various officers with whom I have acted, and with yourself as head of the Department.

I have, &c.,

JAMES G. BLACK,

Government Analyst and Analyst to Department of Public Health.

The Chief Health Officer, Wellington.

Summary of Analyses made in the Analytical Laboratory, Dunedin.

| Nature of Sample. | Object of Examination. | Number of Samples. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>For Police Department.</i> | | |
| Whisky | Alcohol | 23 |
| Wine | " | 5 |
| Ginger wine | " | 4 |
| Brandy | " | 2 |
| Beer | " | 1 |
| Milk | General composition | 16 |
| Cream of tartar | Poison | 1 |
| Buns | " | 2 |
| Baking-soda | " | 1 |
| <i>For Health Department.</i> | | |
| Water | General composition | 7 |
| Bread | Moisture | 6 |
| " | Quality | 3 |
| Butter | Adulteration | 2 |