

Visited on 26th June, 1913.

There were only 10 patients in—7 men and 3 women.

An isolation room and a morgue have been added since my last visit.

The Hospital was in good order.

Wakatipu Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : Alec. Stewart, M.B., C.M.

Matron : A. C. McKerchar, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Queenstown, 13; Lake County, 28; Southland, 2; Invercargill, 1; Waimate, 1; Winton, 1.

Visited on 29th January, 1914.

There were 3 inmates.

I drew the attention of the Board to the unsatisfactory state of this Hospital, and the members signified their intention to act on the recommendation of the Department.

Kew Infectious-diseases Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : William J. Barclay, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Matron : Mrs. M. Cowan.

Localities from whence patients came : Invercargill, 17; Southland, 14; Mataura, 5.

Lorne Farm.

Medical staff, stipendiary : W. J. Barclay, M.D.

Master : Charles H. Cole.

Matron : Mrs. C. H. Cole.

Localities from whence patients came : Invercargill, 74; Southland County, 72; Winton, 3; Arrow, 1; Wallace County, 1; Queenstown, 2; Otautau, 1.

Visited on 31st March.

There were 112 inmates—viz., 71 children, 30 men, and 11 women.

In previous reports I have referred to the unsatisfactory system of housing the indigent aged with children of tender years. Nevertheless, I am satisfied that though in principle the present system is a wrong one, it works out well in practice owing to Mrs. Cole's care and devotion to the children. A casual visitor could not fail to be impressed with the happy appearance of the children.

The whole institution was in excellent order.

I understand that arrangements are being made so that the farm can supply the various institutions under the Board's control with farm produce, including eggs, vegetables, butter, and milk; with the land available this certainly should be accomplished without any difficulty.

WALLACE AND FIORD HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

Usual date of meeting : Thursday preceding third Friday of each month.

Chairman : Edward J. Stevens.

Secretary : George Cassels.

Public Health Inspector : R. Bleakley.

Charitable Aid Inspector : George O. Cassels.

Institution under Board's control : Wallace and Fiord Hospital.

Wallace and Fiord Hospital.

Medical staff, stipendiary : N. G. Trotter, M.D., C.M. (Edin.).

Matron : Janet McGregor, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Wallace County, 208; Riverton Borough, 35; Southland County, 10.

Visited on 1st April.

There were 21 patients in the Hospital.

Since I last visited this institution there have been considerable renovations, including the new ward and operating-theatre, which seem to have been well carried out.

Despite my early visit I found the institution in excellent order; Miss McGregor, late Matron of the Waihi Hospital, being in charge.

I was concerned to learn that the cottage recently used for the accommodation of infectious cases was being utilized for the accommodation of six old men. I trust this arrangement is not regarded as a permanent one, and that the Board will continue to send their aged indigents to Lorne Farm.

SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS.

MERCURY BAY HOSPITAL.

Medical staff, stipendiary : James J. Eade, M.B., Ch.B.

Matron : I. M. Hay, R.N.

Localities from whence patients came : Mercury Bay, 67; Gumtown, 26; Tairua and Whenuakite, 24; Auckland, 1.

Not visited during the year.

There have been no changes in this Hospital, of which the ten beds have been occupied by a daily average number of 9 patients.