

The following table shows the more prevalent infectious diseases in hospital districts during the year ended 31st December, 1914 :—

Health District.	Hospital District.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Enteric Fever.	Tuber- culosis.	Blood- poisoning.	Chicken- pox.	Smallpox.	Infantile Paralysis, &c.	Total.
Auckland ..	Bay of Islands ..	2	14	67	17	2	9	4	1	116
	Marsden-Kaipara ..	5	11	19	6	2	65	2	..	110
	Auckland ..	69	228	104	176	54	331	1	2	965
	Waikato ..	22	69	217	26	4	66	2	7	413
	Thames ..	2	32	44	11	1	30	..	..	120
	Coromandel ..	2	5	1	2	..	..	..	..	10
	Waihi ..	..	15	3	2	1	6	..	2	29
	Bay of Plenty ..	7	5	82	6	1	6	54	2	163
Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, and Marlborough	Cook ..	4	4	84	13	2	5	..	3	115
	Waiapu ..	3	2	25	3	..	..	..	..	33
	Wairoa ..	1	5	4	26	1	2	..	..	39
	Hawke's Bay ..	46	13	16	34	7	25	..	1	142
	Waipawa ..	20	6	2	1	3	..	..	..	32
	Taranaki ..	22	6	16	8	4	..	..	..	56
	Stratford ..	28	..	2	3	2	3	..	5	43
	Hawera ..	37	3	9	7	2	15	..	..	73
	Patea ..	1	2	20	2	2	9	..	..	36
	Wanganui ..	40	88	51	43	5	..	..	..	227
	Palmerston North ..	53	59	4	18	4	42	..	10	196
	Wellington ..	222	85	25	111	12	194	..	9	658
	Wairarapa ..	30	31	2	13	5	48	..	3	132
	Picton ..	2	..	1	5	..	25	..	..	33
	Wairau ..	13	2	..	4	..	2	..	..	21
	Nelson ..	14	44	8	16	6	..	..	6	94
North Canterbury and Westland	Buller ..	11	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	25
	Westland ..	12	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	13
	Inangahua ..	9	7	..	15	..	..	..	..	31
	Grey ..	132	8	3	1	..	2	..	1	147
	North Canterbury ..	285	149	14	183	13	61	..	68	773
	Ashburton ..	23	4	4	14	1	21	..	1	68
	South Canterbury ..	49	80	13	21	2	56	..	13	234
Otago and Southland	Waitaki ..	15	1	..	20	2	13	..	13	64
	Wallace and Fiord ..	21	14	1	7	2	2	..	9	56
	Vincent ..	18	..	..	3	1	4	..	4	30
	Maniototo] ..	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	4	13
	Southland ..	85	55	3	32	6	13	..	19	213
	Otago ..	200	40	14	107	15	56	..	85	517
Totals ..		1,506	1,095	859	957	162	1,123	63	268	6,033

SCARLET FEVER.

The District Health Officer, Auckland reports :—

The cases notified from the health district during the last five years are—

1910	994	1913	203
1911	367	1914	109
1912	235		

The epidemic which occurred in 1910 has now lost its influence, and the case rate has returned to the normal. As in the previous year, the cases have been mostly in the city and suburbs, with but a few scattered cases in the country.

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports :—

The cases notified from the health district during the last five years are—

1910	495	1913	760
1911	1,061	1914	536
1912	644		

This shows a slight decrease in the total number. In the Wellington City there were 163 cases, as compared with 235 cases in 1913.