

II. REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

Registrar-General's Office, Wellington, 25th July, 1919.

I give hereunder a statement of the business transacted by this Department during the last five years :—

Year.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriage Notices received and Certificates issued.	Marriages solemnized.	Marriages by Registrars (included in previous column).
1914	28,338	10,148	9,589	9,326	1,765
1915	27,850	9,965	10,620	10,064	1,861
1916	28,509	10,596	8,450	8,231	1,729
1917	28,239	10,528	6,687	6,464	1,589
1918	25,860	16,364	6,464	6,227	1,437

I also give a statement showing the number of marriages of Natives solemnized during the same period under the Native Land Act, and the number of Maori registrations effected under the regulations relating to the registration of births and deaths of Maoris :—

Year.	Maori Births.	Maori Deaths.	Maori Marriages.
1914	857	723	221
1915	968	786	178
1916	1,020	761	197
1917	1,235	729	205
1918	1,171	1,937	197
			(approximate)

On account of the heavy mortality during the epidemic period, great difficulty was experienced in obtaining full particulars of deceased persons for registration purposes. Consequently many deaths during that period were not registered until early in the present year.

The following details of deaths that actually occurred during the December quarter in which "influenza" was certified to as the primary or contributory cause of death will be interesting: Europeans—October, 65 (35 m., 30 f.); November, 4,741 (3,098 m., 1,643 f.); December, 869 (502 m., 367 f.): total, 5,675 (3,635 m., 2,040 f.). Maoris—October, 17 (16 m., 1 f.); November, 1,108 (572 m., 536 f.); December, 418 (213 m., 205 f.): total, 1,543 (801 m., 742 f.).

In addition to the business referred to above, the registration of medical practitioners, dentists, and officiating ministers is undertaken by this Department.

The following tables show the additions to and removals from the Medical and Dentists' Registers during the last five years :—

Medical Register.

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Number on register on 1st January	1,240	1,268	948	962	969
Number added during year by registration	41	28	37	27	30
Number added during year by restoration .. ..	..	..	5	1	3
Number removed during year on evidence of death	13	8	10	21	17
Number removed during year by Direction of Medical Board—					
Letter not delivered and returned to Registrar-General .. ..	..	309	18	..	..
Ceased to practise .. ..	..	20	..	..	..
Reported dead .. ..	..	11	..	..	..
Number on register on 31st December	1,268	948	962	969	985

Dentists' Register.

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Number on register on 1st January	771	769	767	764	759
Number added during year by registration	1	2	3	1	..
Number removed during year on evidence of death	3	4	6	6	6
Number on register on 31st December	769	767	764	759	753