

with. Though there were only 92 convictions, the total fines, including costs, awarded against the defendants amounted to £1,048 5s. 11d. Of this amount, £654 4s. 1d. resulted from 50 convictions for adulterated milk, the average fine (including first offenders) thus being £13. It is very satisfactory to the Department that its activities under the Food and Drugs Act receive the support of the Magistracy, and that substantial fines are inflicted where flagrant breaches are committed. For 20 convictions in cases of short-weight bread the total fines amounted to £220 12s. 10d., or an average of £11 for each conviction.

The remaining convictions under the Act were secured mostly through non-compliance with the regulations as regards standard and labelling of certain drugs and foodstuffs. The total convictions under this heading were 22, and the total fines amounted to £173 19s.

A summary of the more important aspects of the work performed is set out in the following tables :—

INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

Hospital District.	Number of Instances Articles were "seized" or "destroyed."	Number of Premises inspected engaged in manufacturing or selling Foodstuffs.	Number of such Premises requiring Action re Sanitary Defects.	Hospital District.	Number of Instances Articles were "seized" or "destroyed."	Number of Premises inspected engaged in manufacturing or selling Foodstuffs.	Number of such Premises requiring Action re Sanitary Defects.
Bay of Islands .. ..	..	192	23	Wellington	11	456	28
Kaipara	4	100	16	Wairarapa	2	633	15
Whangarei	3	330	24	Wairau .. ..	..	342	7
Auckland	17	658	43	Picton .. ..	..	108	2
Waikato	31	1,657	80	Nelson	1	284	1
Thames .. ..	..	675	113	Buller .. ..	..	166	..
Tauranga .. ..	..	356	10	Inangahua .. ..	..	22	..
Bay of Plenty	5	571	13	Grey .. ..	..	215	6
Taumarunui .. ..	..	1,106	48	North Canterbury	4	123	6
Waiapu	3	274	..	Ashburton	2	216	22
Cook .. ..	..	178	9	South Canterbury .. ..	..	23	5
Wairoa .. ..	..	108	2	Waitaki .. ..	..	161	20
Hawke's Bay	17	485	37	Otago	12	282	22
Waipawa .. ..	..	564	9	Vincent .. ..	..	73	18
Taranaki	1	519	..	Maniototo .. ..	..	16	4
Stratford .. ..	..	24	7	Southland .. ..	..	132	2
Hawera	3	76	6	Wallace and Fiord .. ..	..	12	..
Patea .. ..	..	7	1				
Wanganui	8	441	37				
Palmerston North	1	305	21	Totals	125	11,890	657

WEIGHING OF FOODSTUFFS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

Hospital District.	Number of Samples weighed.	Number of Vendors concerned.	Number of Samples complying.	Number of Vendors concerned.	Number of Samples not complying.	Number of Vendors concerned.	Number of Warnings issued.	Number of Prosecutions recommended.
<i>Bread.</i>								
Kaipara	34	9	21	6	13	4	3	..
Whangarei	27	5	25	5	2	2	..	..
Auckland	342	38	266	37	76	24	4	1
Waikato	318	48	316	48	2	1	..	..
Thames	286	16	267	16	19	4	4	..
Tauranga	20	2	16	2	4	1	..	..
Bay of Plenty	94	10	61	9	33	7	..	2
Taumarunui	367	33	327	33	40	13	1	1
Waiapu	95	10	90	10	5	1	1	..
Cook	84	18	84	18	..	..	..	..
Hawke's Bay	56	8	28	8	28	6	5	2
Waipawa	31	6	31	6	..	..	..	..
Taranaki	80	8	80	8	..	..	..	..
Hawera	98	28	54	25	44	9	5	4
Wanganui	20	3	3	2	17	2	..	3
Palmerston North	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Wellington	95	23	89	22	6	1	..	1
Wairarapa	176	39	166	39	10	2	1	1
Wairau	15	15	15	15	..	..	..	..
Nelson	75	32	75	32	..	..	..	..
Buller	38	8	32	7	6	1	1	..
Grey	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..
North Canterbury	117	38	55	22	62	16	4	6
Ashburton	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..
Waitaki	127	14	126	14	1	1	..	..
Otago	282	38	281	37	1	1	1	..
Vincent	181	25	177	24	4	2	2	..
Maniototo	46	6	46	6	..	..	..	..
Southland	85	17	79	16	6	1	..	1
Wallace and Fiord	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Totals	3,197	505	2,817	474	380	100	33	22