

SECTION 3.—NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING-COUGH.

These two diseases of childhood, which periodically assume epidemic proportions, were quiescent in 1922. Only 1 death from measles and 4 deaths from whooping-cough were reported, as compared with the 1921 totals of 47 and 49 respectively.

CANCER.

The following table, taken from the "New Zealand Official Year-book," shows the cancer death-rate in the Dominion for the last ten years:—

Number of Persons who died from Cancer, the Proportion per 10,000 Persons living, and the Percentage of all Deaths, 1913–22.

Year.	Deaths from Cancer.	Total Deaths: All Causes.	Deaths from Cancer per 10,000 of Living Persons.	Deaths from Cancer per 100 of all Deaths.
1913	856	10,119	8·01	8·46
1914	904	10,148	8·29	8·91
1915	900	9,965	8·19	9·03
1916	909	10,596	8·27	8·50
1917	957	10,528	8·71	9·09
1918	936	16,364	8·49	5·72
1919	1,031	10,808	9·07	9·54
1920	1,029	12,109	8·72	8·50
1921	1,044	10,682	8·53	9·77
1922	1,066	10,977	8·52	9·71

Fuller information upon this subject, together with a discussion upon the causes which have contributed to the rising cancer death-rate in the Dominion, will be found in an article by the Chief Compiler, Census and Statistics Office, in the Year-book for 1917.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The venereal clinics established in the four main centres in 1919 continue to do good work. The following table shows in concise form the results of their operations during the past year:—

Venereal Clinics—Cases treated during Year ended 31st December, 1922.

	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
Number of persons dealt with at or in connection with the out-patient clinic for the first time and found to be suffering from—	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Syphilis	152	53	71	15	49	23	24	12	296	103
Soft sore	21	..	10	..	10	..	1	..	42	..
Gonorrhœa	400	41	290	22	152	49	76	9	918	121
No venereal disease	51	16	65	29	63	33	3	..	182	78
Total attendances of all persons at the out-patient clinic who were suffering from—										
Syphilis	1,756	659	2,440	632	1,298	536	697	180	6,191	2,007
Soft sore	81	..	66	..	107	..	1	..	255	..
Gonorrhœa	7,136	388	24,645	954	5,273	675	1,232	143	38,286	2,160
No venereal disease	122	44	142	57	161	79	3	..	428	180
Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of treatment given to persons suffering from										
Syphilis .. .. .	..	..	2,125	..	465	82	20	..	2,610	82
Gonorrhœa .. .. .	..	..	3,569	..	510	230	28	59	4,107	289
Number of doses of salvarsan substitutes given	1,435	499	1,368	451	508	222	561	131	3,872	1,303
Examination of pathological material: Specimens from persons attending at treatment centre which were examined at this centre for—										
Detection of spirochaetes	24	..	19	..	36	..	5	..	84	..
Detection of gonococci	1,414	202	907	244	326	144	120	12	2,767	602
Wasserman reaction	220	49	507	165	423	220	111	27	1,261	461
Others	87	4	34	1	101	55	..	..	222	60