

TABLE 3.—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS FOR YEAR 1930.

	Number of Prosecutions.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
Milk below standard	45	251	17	5
Milk, added water	47	358	15	0
Ice-cream below standard	3	17	3	10
Butter below standard	7	56	8	5
Spirits not true to label	9	124	4	11
Vinegar below standard	1	4	0	6
Cream below standard	3	17	9	6
Preservative in cream	1	5	3	6
Camphorated oil below standard	4	20	19	8
Food premises (Reg. H. 125)	9	29	2	6
Nuisance	4	5	15	6
Advertising	1	3	13	0
Breach of isolation	1	2	11	0
Plumbers Registration Act	2	4	1	6
Unregistered private hospital	1	2	11	0
	139	£903	17	3

SECTION 6.—ADMINISTRATION.

Reports received from the various Medical Officers of Health show a progressive improvement in the sanitary conditions generally throughout the Dominion.

My thanks are due to officers of the Division of Public Hygiene for a considerable reduction in administrative expenditure. That their individual efforts to that end must be sustained during the coming year is regretted but inevitable.

The Hawke's Bay Earthquake.—Officers from all parts of the Dominion rendered signal service as supernumeraries to the health and sanitary staffs of Napier and Hastings in restoring the sanitary services of the stricken towns, improvising sanitation in temporary camps and billets, abating nuisances of a most varied and unforeseen character, and particularly in measures designed to prevent the outbreak of disease. I am proud of their service: it was willing, strenuous, unostentatious, and effective. In the Gisborne district the Medical Officer of Health, Gisborne, and his district staff carried on unaided. At Wairoa particularly the damage was considerable, and the restorative work performed was strenuous and effective.

Food and Drugs.—The usual amount of routine sampling has been carried out, and the results indicate that, in general, no serious manipulation or adulteration of foodstuffs is prevalent. Thanks are again due to the Comptroller of Customs and the Dominion Analyst and their officers for valuable assistance and advice.

I desire to again express my appreciation of the continued loyal and able co-operation of the Medical Officers of Health and their staffs.

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PART III.—SCHOOL HYGIENE.

I have the honour to report on the work of the Division of School Hygiene for the year ended 31st March, 1931. In accordance with request for brevity, only short reference will be made to activities more fully dealt with in previous reports.

STAFF.

The permanent staff consists of a Director, twelve School Medical Officers, and thirty-one school nurses, but owing to several changes during the year is not at present at full strength.

Dr. Keith, School Medical Officer for Nelson, was unfortunately compelled to retire on account of ill health, his resignation being received with great regret. Dr. Elizabeth Gunn left in December on a year's leave in order to go abroad. Dr. Kathleen Abbott has been acting very capably as relieving School Medical Officer since June. There have been several changes in the personnel of the School Nursing Service.