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REPORTS.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH to the Hon. the MINISTER OF HEALTH, Wellington.
I HAVE the honour to lay before you the annual report of the Department for the year 1930-31.

PART I.—GENERAL SURVEY.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Death-rate.—The crude (actual) death-rate for the Dominion was 8·56 in 1930, as compared with 8·75 in 1929. The infantile-mortality rate was 34·48, a slight increase on the previous rate of 34·10.
Birth-rate.—The figure of 18·80 indicates a steady fall in this rate. The total number of births registered was 26,797, however, representing an increase of fifty on the previous year. The still-birth rate of 32·3 is much the same as last year.