

WHOOPING-COUGH, 44 ; MEASLES, NIL.

Neither of these two diseases is compulsorily notifiable. Whooping-cough was prevalent, but the number of deaths caused thereby was low in comparison with former epidemics.

TYPHOID OR ENTERIC FEVER, 8.

The position as regards this disease for the period 1928-31 is shown in the table below :—

Enteric Fever in New Zealand, 1928-32.

Year.				Notifications.		Deaths.	
				Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.
1928	..	..	..	290	2.09	16	0.12
1929	..	..	..	278	1.98	22	0.16
1930	..	..	..	149	1.04	7	0.05
1931	..	..	..	161	1.11	8	0.06
1932	..	..	..	195	1.34	8	0.06

It is also of interest to state that the death-rate from typhoid fever (average) for the last five years was approximately forty times less than a similar average taken fifty years ago.

SECTION 3.

INFANT MORTALITY, 777.

The infant-mortality rate for 1932 was 31.22 per 1,000 births.

Infant Mortality in New Zealand, 1928-32 (per 1,000 Live Births).

Year.	Under One Month.	One Month and under Twelve Months.	Total under Twelve Months.	Year.	Under One Month.	One Month and under Twelve Months.	Total under Twelve Months.
1928 ..	25.44	10.74	36.18	1931 ..	22.69	9.46	32.15
1929 ..	23.26	10.84	34.10	1932 ..	21.30	9.92	31.22
1930 ..	24.03	10.45	34.48				

It will be seen from the above table that there was a substantial reduction last year in the death-rate of infants, and those under one month of age shared in this reduction.

Analysis of Deaths of Infants under One Month of Age, 1932.

The following table gives the causes of these deaths during the year :—

Cause of Death.				Under One Day.	One Day and under One Week.	One Week and under Two Weeks.	Two Weeks and under Three Weeks.	Three Weeks and under One Month.	Total.
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convulsions	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Broncho-pneumonia	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	3	8
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
Diarrhoea and enteritis	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
Congenital malformations	..	..	..	21	56	13	8	6	104
Congenital debility	..	..	..	8	4	3	..	1	16
Injury at birth..	..	..	..	11	44	7	..	..	62
Premature birth	..	..	..	99	74	19	13	7	212
Other diseases ..	..	..	..	22	51	12	5	1	91
Accidental mechanical suffocation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other causes ..	..	..	..	3	10	6	4	6	29
Totals, 1932	..	..	..	164	245	65	31	25	530
Totals, 1931	..	..	..	190	281	73	39	21	604

Thus 409 of a total of 530 infant deaths in the first month of life occurred during the first week and may be regarded as mainly due to pre-natal influences. It is also of interest to record that well over half of the infant deaths (in the first twelve months of life) occurred in this first week—i.e., 409 in a total of 777.