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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 1933-34.

PART I.—GENERAL SURVEY.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The state of the public health as judged by the ordinary readily applied standards was well sustained in 1933.

*Death-rate.*—A further fall was experienced in the death-rate, and the figure for 1933 (7·98 per 1,000 mean population) was the lowest so far recorded in New Zealand.

*Infant Mortality.*—The infant-mortality rate (31·60 per 1,000 live births) was slightly higher than the record low figure of 31·32 for the preceding year.

*Still-births.*—The still-birth rate has not shown much tendency to vary since it was first recorded. However, the rate for 1933 (29·7 per 1,000 live births) was slightly lower than that for 1932.