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NEW ZEALAND.

# MENTAL HOSPITALS OF THE DOMINION.

(REPORT ON) FOR 1940.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 78 of the Mental Defectives Act, 1911.*

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL to the Hon. A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister in Charge of the Department of Mental Hospitals.

Sir,—

Wellington, 1st June, 1941.

I have the honour to present my annual report upon the work of the Department of Mental Hospitals for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

### STATISTICAL.

There were 8,370 names of persons upon our register at the end of the year, including 40 patients and boarders at Ashburn Hall private licensed institution and 624 patients and boarders who were absent on probation in the care of relatives and friends.

In actual residence in our eight State hospitals on 31st December there were 7,706 persons—an increase of 17 compared with the previous year—and of this number 7,391 were subject to a reception order, whilst 312 were voluntary boarders.

There was a decrease of 50 in the number of those admitted for the first time, and 355 ex-patients and boarders returned for further treatment.

Of all classes of admissions we were able to discharge 906, or 59.2 per cent., calculated upon the number admitted, but no more than 516, or 31.08 per cent., were fully recovered at the time of discharge.

This number falls far short of the true recovery rate, as patients who go on probation and do not send a medical certificate or report to the institution require to be discharged as "unrecovered."

We discharged 107 persons suffering from congenital mental deficiency. These patients do not recover, but many have sufficiently stabilized to be left in the care of friends and relatives, and a number have been absorbed into remunerative employment.

### VOLUNTARY BOARDERS.

Year.	First Admission.			Not First Admission.			Total Admissions.			Transferred to Register of Patients.			Died.			Discharged.			Remaining on 31st December.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1912	6	17	23	0	0	0	6	17	23	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	3	7	1	11	12
1913	18	19	37	0	2	2	18	21	39	2	5	7	0	1	1	12	12	24	5	14	19
1914	17	19	36	3	2	5	20	21	41	7	5	12	1	1	2	11	15	26	6	14	20
1915	15	17	32	1	2	3	16	19	35	3	4	7	0	1	1	8	14	22	11	14	25
1916	13	23	36	5	8	13	18	31	49	4	4	8	1	2	3	14	14	28	10	15	25
1917	14	21	35	1	13	14	15	34	49	6	6	12	0	1	1	10	23	33	9	19	28
1918	23	38	61	5	11	16	28	49	77	1	4	5	2	2	4	15	30	45	19	32	51
1919	31	39	70	5	19	24	36	58	94	3	3	6	0	2	2	26	42	68	26	43	69
1920	26	38	64	16	12	28	42	50	92	3	4	7	1	2	3	33	33	66	31	54	85
1921	39	39	78	11	15	26	50	54	104	2	3	5	5	1	6	38	41	79	36	63	99
1922	47	38	85	10	16	26	57	54	111	6	5	11	4	4	8	40	48	88	43	60	103
1923	44	50	94	15	21	36	59	71	130	3	6	9	3	3	6	47	47	94	49	75	124
1924	38	44	82	16	20	36	54	64	118	4	8	12	6	3	9	39	48	87	54	80	134
1925	64	59	123	15	34	49	79	93	172	10	15	25	6	3	9	60	63	123	57	92	149
1926	71	60	131	11	29	40	82	89	171	10	11	21	7	2	9	49	71	120	73	97	170
1927	70	70	140	25	32	57	95	102	197	8	6	14	5	12	17	75	58	133	80	123	203
1928	120	94	214	37	39	76	157	133	290	8	10	18	10	8	18	102	97	199	117	141	258
1929	102	63	165	50	43	93	152	106	258	11	3	14	9	9	18	119	110	229	130	125	255
1930	152	84	236	41	35	76	193	119	312	15	9	24	8	6	14	130	79	209	170	150	320
1931	166	98	264	43	36	79	209	134	343	11	14	25	11	7	18	159	102	261	198	161	359
1932	150	85	235	50	40	90	200	125	325	24	32	56	14	5	19	190	108	298	170	141	311
1933	112	109	221	53	32	85	165	141	306	11	14	25	5	4	9	121	107	228	198	157	355
1934	132	90	221	56	33	89	188	123	311	7	11	18	10	6	16	152	99	251	217	164	381
1935	130	87	217	49	55	95	179	142	322	18	20	38	19	10	29	151	116	267	199	160	359
1936	98	99	197	62	44	106	160	143	303	21	20	41	7	10	17	137	111	248	194	162	356
1937	103	91	194	61	45	109	167	136	303	14	7	21	6	10	16	163	122	285	178	159	337
1938	141	105	246	60	53	113	171	158	329	11	15	26	11	8	19	144	125	269	183	169	352
1939	131	103	234	63	72	135	194	175	369	22	21	43	16	15	31	157	130	287	182	178	360
1940	128	124	252	65	63	128	193	187	379	18	18	36	10	12	22	176	167	343	171	168	339

### ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Capital expenditure incurred upon new buildings, additions, and improvements amounted to £126,644 during the year, made up of the following items:

*Auckland* (£2,659).

Additions to the Nurses' Home and the erection of a new hairdressing-saloon have been completed.

A new glasshouse has been erected.

The general roading has been improved during the year.