

Proprietary Medicines.—An important new regulation requires that all proprietary medicines sold must bear on the label a statement of the contained active ingredients and proportion of each that are present. This is supplementary to the provisions of the Medical Advertisements Act, 1942, and follows closely the provisions of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941, of Great Britain.

Sampling of Foods and Drugs.—The following tables set out, by health districts, the number of samples of milk, other foods, and drugs taken and dealt with during the year 1946 :—

Samples of Foods and Drugs taken and dealt with during 1946

District.	Milk.				
	Number of Samples.	Number of Vendors.	Samples not complying.	Warnings issued.	Prosecutions recommended.
North Auckland	207	75	5	..	2
Central Auckland	2,807	1,306	112	51	12
South Auckland	1,792	1,618	119	55	21
Thames-Tauranga	115	69	10	6	..
Taranaki	264	131	7	10	7
East Cape	569	489	36	33	2
Wellington - Hawke's Bay	2,093	1,016	184	33	14
Central Wellington	2,254	2,078	38	13	6
Nelson-Marlborough	155	72	4	2	..
Canterbury	4,826	1,096	480	97	21
West Coast	283	157	22	4	3
Otago	1,604	606	289	27	..
Southland	397	175	76	47	10
Totals	17,368	8,888	1,392	378	95

District.	Other Foods and Drugs.					
	Number of Samples.	Number of Vendors.	Samples not complying.	Warnings issued.	Prosecutions recommended.	Foods seized and destroyed.
North Auckland	140	132	1	..	..	1
Central Auckland	213	133	32	16	..	48
South Auckland	82	78	8	4	..	5
Thames-Tauranga	23	1	19	..	..	1
Taranaki	3	3	1	1	1	5
East Cape	104	100	12	10	..	1
Wellington - Hawke's Bay	156	102	7	3	4	22
Central Wellington	135	112	10	4	4	22
Nelson-Marlborough	40	37	15	2	1	6
Canterbury	464	296	72	42	5	51
West Coast	30	28	4	3	..	..
Otago	568	337	74	1	..	7
Southland	115	26	..	..	..	9
Totals	2,073	1,385	255	86	15	178

The "other foods" sampled include bacon and ham (192), butter (122), cream (29), sausage meat and mince meat (265), milk-shakes (82), ice-cream (462), bread and flour (28), and pulped egg (34).

Wrapping of Bread.—Regulations have been enacted to require that bread sold over the counter is wrapped in clean paper or other suitable material, but the regulation is not enforced in any district except when notice to that effect has been given by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*. The regulations also provide that after 1st January, 1948, all bread sold for human consumption shall be wrapped before it leaves the bakehouse.