

PLUMBING CLASSES.

Classes have been conducted during the year in Timaru and Oamaru, with an average attendance of about fourteen and ten respectively. Two students at Timaru secured partial passes at the 1906 City Guilds of London Examination, and several students will sit at this year's examinations from both schools. Exhibitions of students' work have been held in both centres, and received commendation from the authorities.

The following is a summary of inspections made:—

Nature of Inspection.	Total.	Nature of Inspection.	Total.
Infectious-disease investigations ...	51	Offensive trades inspected ...	5
Dwellings disinfected ...	12	Drainage and plumbing inspections ...	199
Schools disinfected ...	1	Complaints investigated ...	27
Dwellings and premises inspected ...	15	Notices served ...	5
Private hospitals inspected ...	23	Notices complied with ...	4
Butchers' shops inspected ...	6	Water-samples taken ...	27
Aerated-water factories inspected ...	1	Sewage-samples taken ...	22
Bakehouses inspected ...	10	Special reports prepared ...	5
Dairy factories inspected ...	2	Days in attendance at Exhibition ...	82

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I HEREWITH submit my report and summary of inspections of the past year.

General inspections have been carried out in the following townships and Road Board districts, and special visits made to several of them on account of infectious-diseases cases: Kai-koura, Waiau, Rotherham, Hanmer, Waipara, Mackenzie, Culverden, Kaikari, Hurunui, Amberley, Balcairn, Sefton, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Oxford, Springfield, Sheffield, Darfield, Hororata, Kirwee, Taitapu, Little River, Southbridge, Leeston, Doyleston, St. Andrew's, Pareora, Waimate, Geraldine, Ashburton, Chertsey, Temuka, Rakaia, Methven, Studholme, Morven, Glenavy, Fairlie, Burke's Pass, Pleasant Point, Duntroon, and Kurow.

A large number of consumptive cases have been visited, reported on, pamphlets left, and, where necessary, the premises have been disinfected.

Many complaints have also been investigated and, where sustained, nuisances abated; in many of these formal notices have not been required, the work being promptly done on interviewing owners or occupiers. In other cases requisitions have been served, and where these were not complied with prosecutions followed, fines being inflicted in each case.

The Exhibition also occupied a good deal of time in unpacking and arranging the exhibits with Inspector Kershaw, and making regular inspections of the whole of the sanitation.

The following is a summary of inspections for the year in tabulated form:—

Nature of Inspection.	Total.	Nature of Inspection.	Total.
Infectious diseases investigated ...	151	Complaints received ...	159
House premises inspected... ..	362	General inspections (country) ...	55
Hotels inspected	84	Infectious-disease outbreaks ...	3
Schools inspected	32	Dwellings disinfected	83
Boardinghouses inspected... ..	46	Private hospitals inspected ...	9
Bakehouses inspected	53	Requisitions served	18
Meat-shops inspected	45	Requisitions complied with ...	18
Fish-shops inspected	9	Offensive trades inspected ...	17
Creameries inspected	23	Maori settlements inspected ...	2
Cheese-factories inspected	1	Days engaged at Exhibition ...	39
Fruit-shops inspected	21	Prosecutions	2
Water-samples collected	15		

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OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

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I HAVE the honour to present to you a report on the work of the Otago-Southland District under my charge.

Although it represents nothing of startling interest, the duties being almost entirely of a routine nature, it shows, I think, a steady advance in the sanitary character of the district, and a greater appreciation by local authorities of the functions assigned to them by our public health laws.

During the course of the year 103 places were visited, several of them on more than one occasion, the visits amounting to 247. Of these I visited 24—namely, Palmerston South, Dunback, Invercargill, Balclutha, Waikaia, Riversdale, Queenstown, Frankton, Middlemarch, Bluff, River-ton, Wyndham, Cromwell, Pembroke, Mansford Town, Lawrence, Berwick, Tuapeka West, Milton, Queensberry, Arrowtown, Sawyer's Bay, Port Chalmers, and Green Island; making 30 visits.