

## CONFERENCES.

With Town Councils	...	...	3	5	5	13
„ County Councils	...	...	3	4	2	9
„ Drainage Boards	...	...	1	1	...	2
„ City and County Engineers	...	...	8	2	26	36
„ Town Clerks	...	...	20	24	46	90
„ County Clerks	...	...	8	9	12	29
„ Mayors	...	...	14	7	32	53
„ Chairmen, County Councils	...	...	8	1	4	13
„ Chiefs, Stock Department	...	...	6	8	7	21
„ Factory Inspectors	...	...	3	8	23	34
„ Chairmen, Hospital Boards	...	...	4	1	16	21

## SPECIAL REPORTS.

To Chief Health Officer:—

- On accommodation-huts, &c., on the Milford Sound Track and Manapouri.
- On a suspected case of anthrax at Invercargill.
- On my proceedings *re* examination of unsound fruit, &c.
- On pollution of a creek at Berwick by discharge from a flax-mill.
- On the Postmaster's residence at Alexandra South.
- On the drainage of part of Musselburgh.

To Town and County Councils:—

- On a house-to-house inspection of Mornington Borough.
- „ „ North-east Valley Borough.
- „ „ Balclutha Borough.
- „ „ Kaitangata Borough.
- „ „ Mansfordtown.
- „ „ Berwick.
- „ „ Riverton.

On water-supplies to communities:—

- Port Chalmers water-supply. Found good by Professor Black.
- Wells at Balclutha for public supply. Found polluted by Professor Black.
- Public water-supply at Ophir, having broken down utterly.

General:—

- On examination of John Hancock for the Civil Service.
- On G. Bishop, disabled by accident, for Public Works Department.
- On school-teacher's husband at Tuapeka West, suffering from cancer of the face, for Otago Education Board.
- Miss Cox, examination as a teacher.
- Miss Lindsay, examination as a teacher.
- On a piece of beef thought to be diseased. No case.

To medical men on specimens sent for diagnosis (30 in all):—

- 28 specimens of sputa received. 15 were found to be tuberculous, 7 were simply bronchitic, 5 were pneumonic, 1 was too old and putrid for correct diagnosis.
- A piece of membrane contained *B. diphtheria*.
- Urethral discharge found to be gonorrhœal.

## COMMUNICATIONS WITH SCHOOLMASTERS.

- Of Rough Ridge School, *re* precautions against whooping-cough.
- „ Romahapa School, *re* precautions against scarlet fever.
- „ Henley School, *re* precautions against infectious diseases.
- „ Mosgiel School, *re* precautions against measles.
- „ Owaka School, *re* precautions against scarlet fever.

## HOUSE-TO-HOUSE INSPECTION OF TOWNS.

Thanks to your kindness in granting me the services of Mr. Craighead as a temporary Inspector, I have been enabled to proceed systematically with detailed examinations not only in Dunedin and its suburbs, but also in various of the country towns in my district, in addition to the routine work of inspection as things turned up.

Thus, I detached Inspector Gladstone from an inspection of Mornington, which he had begun, to some of the country towns which I had reason to think required a more systematic examination than we had hitherto been able to give them, and the result justified the means. In Kaitangata he examined some 380 houses, finding 54 defects (14 per cent.); in Balclutha he examined 314 houses, finding 81 defects (25 per cent.); in Mansfordtown he examined 103 houses, finding 59 defects (57 per cent.); and in a partial examination in Mornington he examined some 130 houses, finding 23 defects (18 per cent.).

Mr. Craighead's inspection: In Mornington he examined some 827 houses, finding 147 defects (17.7 per cent.); in North-east Valley he examined some 1,045 houses, finding 306 defects (29 per cent.); in Maori Hill he examined some 400 houses, finding 51 defects (12.7 per cent.).

Inspector Cameron's inspection is even more unfavourable: In Riverton he examined some 171 premises, finding 143 defects (83 per cent.); in East Invercargill he examined some 244 premises, finding 192 defects (78 per cent.).