

in Dannevirke, which has previously been, comparatively, so free from the complaint. The quality of the water-supply is excellent, and the drainage is good.

Gisborne, which has a water-supply but no drainage and many sanitary shortcomings, is to the fore in diphtheria as well as enteric.

The number of cases of scarlatina notified has been larger than last year, but most of the cases have been of an excessively mild type, as evidenced by the few deaths. The mild cases are the chief factors in the spread of this affection, as they are seldom notified, and it is impossible to get control of them.

The number of cases of tuberculosis notified—45—is 7 less than last year. Again we have the same evidence as in former years of the spread of tuberculosis amongst the Native race. Out of 45 notifications I have received this year, 30—two-thirds—of the cases have occurred amongst the Maoris. Unless the Natives will bestir themselves, and determine to live such lives as will bid defiance to King Tubercle, it may be safely asserted that the end is not far off.

Number of Deaths from all Causes in this District during this and Previous Years.

Year.	Napier.	Hastings.	Dannevirke.	Woodville.	Wairoa.	Gisborne.	Remainder of District.	Total.
1903	153	56	31	17	9	96	90	452
1904	159	56	38	23	*	91	67	414
1905	140	61	31	15	*	115	70	452
1906	150	57	41	15	16	106	84	469
1907	145	55	63	11	16	109	54	463
1908	184	51	53	16	28	106	47	535
1909	198	70	67	18	9	144	56	562

* Not mentioned.

Deaths from the More Important Diseases during this and Previous Years.

Year.	Enteric.	Diphtheria.	Cancer.	Tuberculosis.	Scarlatina.	Erysipelas and Blood-poisoning.	Hydatids.	Total.
1903	5	..	17	33	*	6	*	61
1904	4	2	31	41	*	5	*	83
1905	2	..	26	56	*	3	*	87
1906	5	2	22	32	*	5	*	66
1907	3	5	45	52	3	4	*	112
1908	4	4	32	59	3	6	*	108
1909	5	2	23	31	8	10	4	73

* Not mentioned.

Of the 5 deaths from enteric, 2 occurred in Napier, 2 in Gisborne, and 1 in Wairoa.

Both deaths from diphtheria occurred in Napier.

Four out of the 8 deaths from scarlatina occurred in Ormondville.

Hastings accounts for 4 deaths out of 10 from septicæmia, all of them being *post-partum* cases.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following table shows the number of infectious cases notified throughout the district:—

—	Scarlet Fever.	Enteric Fever.	Diphtheria.	Tuberculosis.	Blood-poisoning.	Hydatids.	Totals.
Boroughs,—							
Carterton	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Eastbourne	1	1	2	..	..	..	4
Eketahuna	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Eltham .. ..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3
Feilding	5	1	..	3	1	..	10
Foxton	1	1	..	1	..	..	3
Hawera	2	3	1	..	2	..	8
Hutt	5	..	4	2	..	..	11
Inglewood	5	..	2	..	1	..	8
Karori	19	..	3	2	..	..	24
Levin	1	2	1	..	..	..	4
Marton	6	..	..	1	..	..	7