

				Scarlet Fever.	Enteric Fever.	Diph- theria.	Tuber- culosis.	Blood- poisoning.	Hydatids.	Totals.
<i>Summary.</i>										
Boroughs	..	..	..	508	74	134	142	31	4	893
Town districts	..	..	..	12	8	13	6	1	..	40
Counties..	..	..	..	202	37	45	58	14	1	357
Total, 1908	..	..	..	722	119	192	206	46	5	1,290
Total, 1907	..	..	..	959	102	296	171	39	5	1,574

It will be noted that there is a marked fall in the total number of notifiable-disease cases during the year. The numbers are, however, still much in excess of those for the year 1906.

Fewer scarlet-fever cases are mainly responsible for the decrease. Enteric fever has shown a tendency to recrudescence in Wellington and Wanganui. The epidemic at Martinborough came to an end with 5 cases at the beginning of the year—a total of 10.

The diphtheria figures are generally lower, Bull's being the only place where an epidemic manifested itself.

Tuberculosis: I do not attach much importance to the seeming increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis, in all cases affection of the lungs being reported. I am more inclined to attribute the increase to the more complete compliance of the medical attendants with the now used notification of this disease.

Much the same remark may be made in regard to the figures for blood-poisoning. The Midwives Act has brought into prominence the need for the notification of infective puerperal conditions.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

In Table No. 1 every case notified in every house has been counted; in the other tables only one case has been counted to each house when two or more have been notified from the same house.

Table No. 1.—*Infectious Disease.*

				Popula- tion.	Enteric Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Tuber- culosis.	Erysi- pelas.	Septi- cæmia.	Hy- datids.
Akaroa County	...	...	...	3,712	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Little River	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Ashburton County	...	...	...	16,188	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Ashburton	...	...	...	...	3	12	2	8	...	...	2
Rakaia	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...
Methven and district	...	...	...	...	2	7	1	1	...	...	...
Tinwald	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...
Ashley County	...	...	...	15,251	...	...	3	...	3	...	...
Amberley	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Rangiora	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	...
Kaiapoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	3	1	...
Flaxton	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Ohoka	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Sefton	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Oxford	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Fernside	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Waikari	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cheviot County	...	...	...	1,605	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Geraldine County	...	...	...	7,712	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Geraldine	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	1	...	1
Temuka	...	...	...	...	3	6	5	1	1	...	...
Winchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Orari	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...
Kaikoura County	...	...	...	1,747	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaikoura	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Levels County	...	...	...	14,284	1	8	2	...	4	...	...
Timaru	...	...	...	...	3	66	10	...	12	...	...
Mackenzie County	...	...	...	1,939	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairlie	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...
Selwyn County	...	...	...	96,626	...	6	...	2	4	...	1
Christchurch	...	...	...	...	14	37	34	39	16	5	2
Woolston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Heathcote	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	1	...
Riccarton	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	3	1	...	1
Spreydon	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	1	3	6	13	3	...	1