

These may be summarised as follows :—

Scarlet fever	606
Enteric fever	25
Tuberculosis	170
Diphtheria	85
Blood-poisoning	48
Hydatids	9
Total	943

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Seventy-one cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year, with a total of 5 deaths, as follows :—

	Cases Reported.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever	19	..
Enteric fever	2	1
Diphtheria	42	1
Tuberculosis	7	3
Hydatids	1	..
Total	71	5

Scarlet Fever.—Although 19 cases were reported, this disease never assumed an epidemic form. The individual cases were scattered and isolated.

Enteric or Typhoid Fever.—Improved sanitary conditions have been mainly responsible for reducing this disease to a minimum. Only 2 cases have been reported through the year. In past years typhoid raged like a scourge on more than one occasion in this province.

Diphtheria.—Forty-two cases of diphtheria were reported during the year, the disease assuming the nature of an epidemic, which, however, was fortunately of a very mild type, there being only 1 death. The first notifications of the disease were received from Blenheim, from which town a total of 16 cases have been reported. Other cases were reported from Onamalutu, 1; Tua Marina, 1; Seddon, 4; Rai Valley, 1; Havelock, 1; Renwick Town, 3. Finally, the disease spread to Picton, where 15 cases were reported, necessitating the closure of the schools for several weeks. In bygone years diphtheria raged in a most virulent form on several occasions in Marlborough, whole families being wiped out by it. The present epidemic has been of a much milder type, and its virulence has been lessened owing to the free use of antitoxin by the medical practitioners of the district.

NELSON DISTRICT.

In this district notifications were received of the following infectious diseases :—

	Scarlet Fever.	Enteric Fever.	Diphtheria.	Tubercle.
Nelson Borough	14	8	3	4
Waimea County	22	1	..	..
Collingwood .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Fern Flat .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Takaka	7	..	..	1
Riwaka .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Motueka .. .. .	..	..	..	2
Total	43	9	3	10

WESTLAND DISTRICT.

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

	Boroughs.						Counties.				
	Greymouth.	Hokitika.	Westport.	Ross.	Kumara.	Brunnerton.	Buller.	Inangahua.	Grey.	Westland.	
Scarlet fever	1	37	3	..	..	14	..	1	1	
Enteric fever	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	7	
Diphtheria	25	10	..	..
Phthisis	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary tubercule	14	..	..
Hydatids	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pyæmia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..