

Rainfall and Temperature, 1914. (Auckland Museum Observations.)

	Rainfall Average.		Mean Temperature Average.	
	1914.	Previous 45 Years.	1914.	Previous 45 Years.
	In.	In.	Deg.	Deg.
January	1.32	2.77	67.2	67.1
February	1.66	3.18	66.3	67.1
March	2.22	2.78	64.7	64.3
April	4.21	3.05	60.7	61.7
May	4.71	4.50	54.0	57.2
June	3.32	4.53	51.3	53.8
July	4.08	4.95	50.2	52.3
August	1.16	4.19	52.4	53.0
September	1.45	3.42	53.3	54.8
October	1.15	3.42	55.6	57.0
November	1.41	3.09	58.4	60.4
December	1.77	2.62	60.5	62.4
Totals and means ..	28.46	42.50	57.9	59.3

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports:—

The number of cases notified in the health district during the last five years were—

1910	278	1913	420
1911	357	1914	269
1912	288		

This shows a fair decrease. There was a small epidemic among the Maoris at Patea in July and August. In September at Raetihi there were about 20 cases among the Maoris. A small hospital was established at Raetihi by the Wanganui Hospital Board, and all the cases were nursed there.

There were 84 cases of typhoid notified in the Cook Hospital District, 54 of which occurred in the Gisborne Borough.

The installation of drains and water-supply might have been expected to have had a more pronounced effect on the number of cases of enteric fever in Gisborne Borough. The result, however, is not so disappointing as at first appears. Of the 54 cases, 23 occurred in the first two months of the year, and what cases have occurred since, at the time of writing it does not appear as if Gisborne is going to have another epidemic, there having been only two cases in January and two in February, 1915.

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, reports:—

Although there were more cases reported (34) in the district this year than there were last year (19) in the same area, there was no suggestion of an epidemic, the cases being widely distributed both in locality and time, and call for no special comment.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports:—

The cases notified from the health district during the last five years are—

1909	137	1913	246
1911	177	1914	245
1912	240		

The District Health Officer, Wellington, reports:—

The number of cases notified from the health district during the last five years are—

1910	199	1913	341
1911	278	1914	307
1912	347		

The District Health Officer, Christchurch, reports:—

Slightly fewer cases were brought under notice, the figures being 235 for this year, as against 262 last. This, however, is of no special significance. The establishment of the King George V Coronation Memorial Hospital for advanced cases makes provision for the reception of a number of the more infective type, and should greatly assist the crusade against the spread of this disease by the removal of such cases from homes where the conditions are not favourable for effective precautions being taken.

BLOOD-POISONING.

The District Health Officer, Auckland, reports:—

The cases notified from the health district during the last five years are—

1910	52	1913	67
1911	55	1914	65
1912	70		