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The DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH to the Hon. the MINISTER OF HEALTH, Wellington.
I HAVE the honour to lay before you the annual report of the Department for the year 1928-29.

PART I.—GENERAL SURVEY.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The crude (actual) death-rate for the Dominion for the past year was 8·49 per 1,000 of the mean population. In 1927 the death-rate was 8·45. The infantile mortality was 36·18 per 1,000 births, as against 38·74 for 1927. The birth-rate of 19·56 per 1,000 still shows a falling tendency. In 1928 the children born numbered 27,200, much the lowest for the last nine years.