

## SECTION 2.—THE COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## INFLUENZA (ALL FORMS), 221.

*Number of Deaths from Influenza in New Zealand, 1927–31.*

Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1927 .. .. .	131	1930 .. .. .	131
1928 .. .. .	242	1931 .. .. .	221
1929 .. .. .	297		

## PNEUMONIC INFLUENZA.

Pneumonic influenza, the deaths from which are included in "Influenza (all forms)," is a form of influenza which is compulsorily notifiable.

*Pneumonic Influenza in New Zealand, 1927–31.*

Year.	Deaths.	
	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.
1927 .. .. .	43	0.31
1928 .. .. .	100	0.72
1929 .. .. .	120	0.85
1930 .. .. .	66	0.46
1931 .. .. .	121	0.84

## DIPHTHERIA, 55.

*Diphtheria in New Zealand, 1927–31.*

Year.	Notifications.		Deaths.*	
	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.
1927 .. .. .	1,446	10.52	58	0.42
1928 .. .. .	1,600	11.51	72	0.52
1929 .. .. .	1,687	11.99	92	0.65
1930 .. .. .	1,440	10.10	58	0.41
1931 .. .. .	1,327	9.18	55	0.38

\* Figures include deaths from croup.

## SCARLET FEVER, 11.

The course of scarlet fever in New Zealand is briefly shown in the table below:—

*Scarlet Fever in New Zealand, 1927–31.*

Year.	Notifications.		Deaths.	
	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.	Number.	Rate per 10,000 of Mean Population.
1927 .. .. .	2,185	15.89	16	0.12
1928 .. .. .	6,127	44.06	55	0.40
1929 .. .. .	4,848	34.46	27	0.19
1930 .. .. .	2,244	15.75	16	0.11
1931 .. .. .	1,304	9.02	11	0.08

We have experienced an epidemic period of more than two years duration, but the death-rate was low in comparison with that of former epidemics.

## WHOOPING-COUGH, 36 ; MEASLES, NIL.

Neither of these two diseases is compulsorily notifiable. Whooping-cough was prevalent, but the number of deaths caused thereby was low in comparison with former epidemics.