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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 1934-35.

PART I.—GENERAL SURVEY.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The state of the public health remained at much the same level in 1934 as in recent years. Although measles, whooping-cough, and influenza were wide-spread there was a comparative absence of other infectious diseases.

Death-rate.—The death-rate per 1,000 mean population was 8.48. In 1933 it was 7.98.

Infant Mortality.—The infant-mortality rate was 32.11 per 1,000 live births as compared with 31.64 in 1933.

Still-births.—The still-birth rate was 28.3 per 1,000 live births. This is a reduction from the rate of 29.7 in 1933.

Birth-rate.—Births numbered 24,322, as compared with 24,334 in the preceding year. The birth-rate was 16.47 per 1,000, as against 16.59 in 1933. The 1934 rate is the lowest on record in New Zealand.