

RETURN of the Number of Births, with the Actual Mortality of Males and Females, and the Proportion of Deaths to Population, in the undermentioned Boroughs, during the Month of March, 1913.

BOROUGH.	ESTIMATED POPULATION, JANUARY, 1913.	TOTAL BIRTHS IN BOROUGH.	DEATHS IN BOROUGH REGISTERED IN MARCH, 1913.						Total Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Population, March, 1913.	Proportion of Deaths to the 1,000 of Mean Population in the Year 1912.
			Males.			Females.					
			Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 1 Year.	1 & under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.			
Thames	3,704	18	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	0.81	8.68
New Plymouth	7,545	21	..	..	3	1	..	5	9	1.19	13.75
Napier	10,883	28	1	..	6	3	..	2	12	1.10	10.71
Gisborne	9,230	58	3	1	8	5	..	3	20	2.17	12.87
Wanganui	13,295	42	1	1	8	1	..	1	10	0.72	7.60
Palmerston North	11,615	49	1	1	2	1	..	..	5	0.43	8.58
Masterton	5,548	15	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	0.54	7.74
Petone	6,966	14	1	..	2	..	..	1	4	0.57	9.45
Blenheim	4,010	19	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	0.75	11.44
Nelson	8,419	15	1	..	6	..	..	2	9	1.07	10.93
Greymouth	5,560	21	..	..	2	..	..	2	4	0.72	9.71
Hokitika	2,363	7	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	1.27	14.88
Lyttelton	4,151	7	1	..	..	1	..	2	4	0.96	8.43
Timaru	11,942	59	..	..	6	1	..	1	8	0.67	9.21
Oamaru	5,371	18	..	..	2	..	..	3	5	0.93	12.07
Invercargill	13,486	39	2	..	3	..	..	3	8	0.59	10.77
Invercargill South	1,523	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1.31	11.56

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 10th April, 1913.

M. FRASER,
Government Statistician.

Otago and Southland Farriers.—Recommendation of Conciliation Council.

In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Dunedin and Suburban Farriers' Industrial Union of Workers, applicant, and A. Alexander and others, respondents.

THE following recommendation of the Conciliation Council appointed to hear the above dispute is published pursuant to subsection (4) of section 43 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1908, and number 34 of the regulations thereunder.

Dated at Dunedin this 1st day of April, 1913.

THOS. E. ROBERTS,
Clerk of Awards.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Hours of Work.

1. THE ordinary week's work shall not exceed forty-four hours. Not more than eight hours ordinary time, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., shall be worked on five days of the week, and not more than four hours on Saturday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 noon, or on any other day usually observed in any district as the weekly half-holiday.

Wages.

2. The wages of farriers shall be 1s. 5d. per hour, and floormen 1s. 2d. per hour.

Overtime.

3. That all time worked beyond the hours mentioned in clause 1 on any one day shall be overtime, and shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for the first hour, for the next two hours shall be paid time and a half, after which double time shall be paid up to 7 a.m.

Holidays.

4. The following days shall be observed as holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, 2nd January, Good Friday,