

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs tends to lower the rate at each of the four centres.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City .. .. .	0.99
and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.92
Wellington City .. .. .	0.77
and four suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.74
Christchurch City .. .. .	0.89
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.83
Dunedin City .. .. .	0.79
and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	0.77

Including the suburbs, the rate at Auckland is the highest, and at Wellington the lowest.

Compared with March, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	1.11	0.92
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0.74	0.74
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0.72	0.83
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	1.05	0.77

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 637, against 575 in February—an increase of 62. The deaths in March were 251—an increase of 18 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 141, females 110. Sixty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 24.70 per cent. of the whole number; 55 of these were under one year of age.

There were 76 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 75 in February. The following table shows the classification:—

Age.	Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
65	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	2	2
66	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..
67	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
68	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
69	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2
70	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1
71	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
72	1	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	3	4
73	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1
74	3	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	5	2
75	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	3	1
76	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	1
77	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
78	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1
79	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
80	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
81	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
82	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3
83	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
84	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2
85	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
87	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
88	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
89	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
91	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	18	6	8	8	7	7	14	8	47	29

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during March, 1914.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		CHRISTCHURCH AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		DUNEDIN AND SUBURBAN BOROUGHES.		TOTAL.
	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	Under 5 Years.	5 Years and over.	
1.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
1. Typhoid Fever .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
8. Whooping-cough .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
9. Diphtheria .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
14. Dysentery .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
26. Pellagra .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
28. Phthisis .. .. .	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	12
30. Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
31. Tubercular Peritonitis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1