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	0·86	
" and seven suburban boroughs		0·76
Wellington City	1·01	
" and four suburban boroughs		0·99
Christchurch City	0·93	
" and five suburban boroughs		0·86
Dunedin City	1·03	
" and five suburban boroughs		0·94

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

Compared with September, 1913, the results are,—

	1913.	1914.
Auckland and suburbs	1·20	0·76
Wellington and suburbs	0·78	0·99
Christchurch and suburbs	1·00	0·86
Dunedin and suburbs	1·33	0·94

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 572, against 629 in August—a decrease of 57. The deaths in September were 269—a decrease of 22 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 146, females 123. Fifty-three of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 19·70 per cent. of the whole number; 45 of these were under one year of age.

There were 97 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 106 in August. 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	1	1	1	..	..	2	3
66	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
67	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2
68	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
69	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3
70	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
71	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	3
72	1	..	1	2	..	..	3	1	5	3
73	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3
74	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	4
76	1	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	5
77	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	1
78	..	..	4	..	1	..	2	..	7	..
79	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	1
80	..	2	..	3	..	1	1	1	1	7
81	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
82	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	2
83	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	1
84	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	1
85	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1
86	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
87	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
93	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
97	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	13	15	13	8	7	14	16	11	49	48

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

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Auckland and Suburban Boroughs.		Wellington and Suburban Boroughs.		Christchurch and Suburban Boroughs.		Dunedin and Suburban Boroughs.		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.	
I.—GENERAL DISEASES.									
(a.) Epidemic Diseases.									
6. Measles	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
9. Diphtheria	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	4
10. Influenza	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	3
(b.) Other General Diseases.									
20. Septicæmia	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
28. Phthisis	..	5	..	3	..	3	..	4	15
28. Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1