

The inclusion of the suburban boroughs lowers the death-rate at all four centres.

	Death-rates per 1,000 of Population.
Auckland City .. .. .	0·84
" and seven suburban boroughs .. .. .	0·68
Wellington City .. .. .	1·04
" and four suburban boroughs .. .. .	1·02
Christchurch City .. .. .	0·86
" and five suburban boroughs .. .. .	0·78
Dunedin City .. .. .	0·87
" and three suburban boroughs .. .. .	0·84

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

Compared with March, 1915, the results are—

	1915.	1916.
Auckland and suburbs .. .. .	0·87	0·68
Wellington and suburbs .. .. .	0·82	1·02
Christchurch and suburbs .. .. .	0·56	0·78
Dunedin and suburbs .. .. .	0·72	0·84

The total births in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs amounted to 658, against 623 in February—an increase of 35. The deaths in February were 263—an increase of 31 as compared with the previous month. Of the total deaths males contributed 153, females 110. Sixty-two of the deaths were of children under five years of age, being 23·57 per cent. of the whole number; 46 of these were under one year of age.

There were 82 deaths of persons of 65 years and upwards in the four chief cities and their suburban boroughs, as against 62 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	2	1	1	..	2	1	..	3	5	5
66	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2
68	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	1
69	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
70	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	3	1
71	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
72	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2
73	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
74	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	4	3
75	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
76	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	2	3
77	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
78	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
79	..	..	..	1	3	2	3	..	6	3
80	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	3
81	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
82	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..
83	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	2
84	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
86	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
87	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
89	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
90	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
91	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
96	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals ..	14	9	5	6	16	8	14	10	49	33

TABLE showing the Causes of the Deaths of Persons at the Four Centres registered during March, 1916.

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.	
<b>I.—GENERAL DISEASES.</b>									
<i>(a.) Epidemic Diseases.</i>									
7. Scarlet Fever .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
14. Dysentery .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2
18. Erysipelas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
<i>(b.) Other General Diseases.</i>									
20. Streptococcus Infection .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
28. Pulmonary Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	7
29. Acute Miliary Tuberculosis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
30. Tubercular Meningitis .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	3