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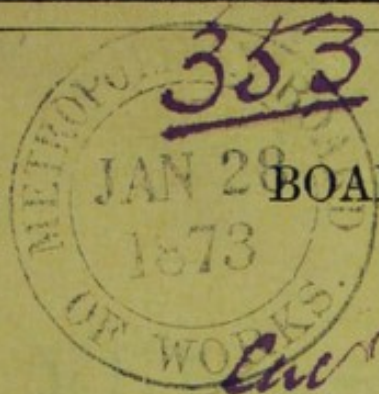
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A BOSTON ACCOUNT

BY

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The Board of Works for the Fulham District.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Sixteenth Annual Report, presented pursuant to 198th section of the Metropolis Local Management Act 1855.

The Board of Works for the Fulham District present to the Inhabitants of the District the following Summary of their proceedings during the past year, and an Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 25th March, 1872.

In the Sanitary department, the Board have caused to be removed Nuisance cases as follows :—

Privies and Cesspools	...	...	...	303
Drains and Gullies cleansed and repaired	...		...	474
Houses	do.	do.	...	613
Swine Nuisances removed		...	...	439
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	284
Houses benefited in Fulham		...	...	496
Houses	do.	Hammersmith	...	707

The Board have had carried out permanent Works in the under-mentioned places :—

Alexandra Road — Footpaths paved and kerbed, and Carriage-way formed ; Shaftesbury Road—Footpaths paved with Asphalte, kerbed and channelled, and Carriage-way formed ; Maxwell Road—paved and kerbed, and Carriage-way formed ; King's Road, Fulham—Path formed, and Carriage-way widened by Eel-Brook and Parson's Green.

Printed herewith is a copy of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, which deals exhaustively with the Hygienic and Sanitary condition of the District, and to which the Board refer the Inhabitants for information on those points.

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The Board of Works for the Fulham District present to the Inhabitants of the District the following Summary of their proceedings during the past year, and an Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1872.

In the Sanitary department the Board have caused to be removed Nuisance cases as follows:—

303	... ..	Privies and Cesspools
174	... ..	Drains and Gullies cleaned and repaired
613	... ..	Houses do do
430	... ..	Private Nuisances removed
284	... ..	Miscellaneous
130	... ..	Houses benefited in Fulham
707	... ..	Houses do Hammersmith

The Board have had carried out permanent Works in the under-mentioned places:—

Alexander Road—Footpaths paved and kerbed, and Carriage-way formed; Blakesbury Road—Footpaths paved with flagstones, kerbed and channelled, and Carriage-way formed; Blaxwell Road—paved and kerbed, and Carriage-way formed; King's Road, Fulham—Path formed, and Carriage-way widened by Red Brook and Telson's Green.

COPY OF AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

HAMMERSMITH,

14th June, 1872.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Works for the
Fulham District.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books and Vouchers
of your Board for the year ending Lady-day, 1872.

At the commencement of the year there was a balance in your
favor of £480 17s. 5d., and there is now a balance of £626 18s. 2d.
also in your favor.

It gives us great pleasure to certify as to the correct manner in
which the Accounts have been kept.

(Signed) JOHN BLACHFORD,
WILLIAM CHAS. SMITH,
JAMES H. GREEN.

Abstract of Contracts entered into by the Board during the year.

- Messrs. Long and Lockhurst, for the supply of the best gray flints, at 5s. per cube yard.
- Mr. Gale, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c. from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the Parish of Hammersmith, for twelve months, the Board paying him £350 per annum.
- Mr. Gay, for the removal of dust, ashes, &c. from the several houses, yards, and premises, in the Parish of Fulham, for twelve months, the Board paying him £300 per annum.
- Mr. Churchman, for printing and stationery, at certain prices set forth in the schedule, and embodied in the contract.
- Mr. Spittle, for the removal of slop and road rubbish for Fulham, £410 per annum.
- Mr. Gay, for ditto, ditto, for south division of Hammersmith, £250 per annum.
- Mr. Axton, for ditto, ditto, for north side of Hammersmith, £340 per annum.
- Mr. Gay, for road watering the south side of Hammersmith, £235 for the season.
- Mr. Gay, for road watering the north side of Hammersmith, £360 for the same season.
- Mr. Serff, for road watering the Parish of Fulham, £340 for the same season.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TO THE BOARD OF WORKS, FULHAM DISTRICT.

Gentlemen,

The various Reports which I had the honor of presenting to you from time to time last year, during the Small Pox epidemic, have almost exhausted the history of our Sanitary condition for that year.

With the exception of Small Pox, no Zymotic disease held sway in the Fulham District in 1871; indeed, even with the 64 deaths as registered arising from the former, the total number of deaths from the Zymotic class of diseases did not exceed the average of the last three years. As compared with 1870, the deaths from Measles were 26 against 46 in that year; and from Scarlet Fever, only 33 against 136 in 1870; whilst the mortality from other forms of fever did not exceed the average of the last three years, even with our yearly increasing population. It will, indeed, be a point of some importance to observe during the next few years the effects of increased density of population on our general Sanitary condition.

According to the Registrar-General, "the decennial increase of population in the whole of London, which had been 21.2 and 18.7 per cent. in the two decades, 1841-51 and 1851-61, further declined to 16.1 per cent. between 1861-71. In the central group of districts—including, besides the City, St. Giles's, Strand, and Holborn—the population had decreased 12.8 per cent. between 1861-71; while the increase was 11.9 in the East, 21.6 in the North, 22.5 in the West, and 25.2 in the South groups of districts. It is but natural that the increase of population should be largest where the density of population is smallest, that is, where there still exists most land still uncovered with buildings. We may, therefore, fairly expect that the largest increase during the present decade will occur in Hammersmith and Fulham in the West, Hampstead

in the North, and in Norwood, Wandsworth, Putney, Streatham, Dulwich, Eltham, Lewisham, and Charlton, in the South group of districts. In each of these sub-districts, the number of persons enumerated to an acre in 1871, showed that a considerable portion of their area still remains to be built over."

It may, consequently, be calculated that during the current decennial period, the increase of inhabitants in the Fulham District may be expected almost to rival Battersea in the last, where, between 1861 and 1871, the population of that sub-district rose from 19,600 in the former year, to 54,016 in the latter.

The actual increase of people in this District during 1871, *by the excess of births over deaths alone*, was nearly one thousand; future immigration will do the rest.

The chief feature affecting the Sanitary condition of our District, during the past year, has been the outbreak of Small Pox, before mentioned. Probably no outbreak of Epidemic disease amongst us since the existence of your Board, save that of Asiatic Cholera, has carried with it so much importance as that through which we passed in 1871. Small Pox in years long gone by was looked upon as almost one of the essential trials of infantine, or at any rate, of early life. The immortal Jenner pioneered the way, midst worlds of opposition, to show this not to be a necessity. Sanitary Science and Sanitary Laws may not improperly be said to date from his triumphant discovery of Vaccination. It was his now world-wide spread mandates on the efficacy of Vaccination, as prophylactic against Small Pox, which may be considered to have taken the first hold upon the public mind, in self-preservation against a common enemy to life and health. Amidst all the confusion and turmoil of private feelings and interests, the great doctrine of that great man stole steadily upon public approbation, and for awhile Small Pox was stayed, indeed, might almost be said to have died out in Britain; but in a false feeling of security, from lapse of time, Jenner's laws have been annihilated, and Small Pox once more has become rampant. It is unnecessary for me to occupy your attention further on this point, since my views upon it have been so recently laid before you; but I would most earnestly repeat my opinion, that nothing short of a National or Parliamentary enquiry into the prophylactic efficacy of the Vaccine Lymph *now used* in this country, will suffice to preserve to us, with anything

like security, the inestimable boon of Jenner's labors. That the Vaccine Lymph of several years past has lost, at any rate, some of its protective power, is most unmistakeably shown by the statistics of the recent epidemic. It would be wild to attempt to show that Vaccination, even in its present effects, does not accomplish considerable good; but the question I have in view is, does it accomplish in 1872 what was predicted or what we have expected from it? A return which I have before me, shows that out of 13,984,832 Births registered in England and Wales, in the 20 years—1852 to 1871, inclusive, about 71 per cent. were returned as successfully, or, *what is termed successfully*, vaccinated; and yet Small Pox has killed 7876 persons, of all ages, in London alone, during 1871.

A further proof of the inefficiency of the present system of Vaccination, is given by Dr. McCANN, the Medical Superintendent of the Stockwell Small-Pox Hospital. In his first Annual Report, recently published, he says—"In some of the Cases I have entered in the Tables as having been Vaccinated, I feel great doubt whether the operation had been properly performed. Wherever a mark was clearly discernable on the arm, and was reported by the Patient himself, or his relatives, as having been the result of Vaccination, I have assumed that such was the case; but, the mark was often so faint, and possessed of so few or none of the characteristics which belong to a successful vaccination cicatrix, that I am inclined to think the operation is very often inadequately performed, and that a large number of those presented at our Hospitals 'as vaccinated cases' were not protected at all." Again—"I feel convinced that not more than 20 per cent. of all the cases admitted into the Hospital, bore cicatrices of Vaccination undoubtedly genuine." Can we wonder that Small Pox continues?

The total mortality of the Fulham District in 1871, was 1443, and of this number, 397 deaths arose in children under 1 year of age, and 306 in persons of 60 years and upwards; or unitedly, nearly 50 per cent. of the whole of the deaths.

The number of deaths from Small Pox was 64, from Measles 26, Scarlet Fever 33, Diptheria 7, Whooping Cough 40, Fever of various types 35, and Diarrhœa 76. The number of deaths in Public Institutions was 97, and the number of Inquests 73.

The number of Births registered during the year was 2343.

The statistical summary of sanitary work accomplished during the year will appear, as usual, in your own Annual Report; and I have only to add, that your Sanitary Staff have endeavoured to realize all practicable improvements, under the direction of your Board, falling within the scope of the then-existing Sanitary Statutes.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your faithful Servant,

FRED^K. J. BURGE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Hammersmith.

BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE FULHAM DISTRICT.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1872.

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Balance—Cash			480 17 5	
Receipts on General Rate—				
Overseers on Precepts	20157	5 4		
Contributions	219	6 10		
do. New Streets	2091	15 6		
Total			22468	7 8
Receipts on Sewers' Rate—				
Overseers on Precepts	9671	15 5		
Contributions	88	18 10		
Total			9760	14 3
Receipts on Lighting Rate—				
Overseers on Precepts	6398	12 1	6398	12 1
			£39108	11 5
March 25th, 1872.				
By Disbursements on General Rate—				
Works, Wages, and Materials	18960	0 7		
Establishment Charges	1071	16 9		
Repayment of Loan and Interest	1853	19 8		
London School Board	653	17 7		
Total			22539	14 7
Disbursements on Sewers' Rate—				
Metropolitan Board's Precepts	4594	12 11		
Works, Wages, and Materials	1391	15 5		
Establishment Charges	535	18 3		
Repayment of Loans and Interest	4499	14 10		
Total			11022	1 5
Disbursements on Lighting Rate—				
Erecting, Lighting, Cleansing, and Maintaining Public Lamps	4919	17 3	4919	17 3
			38481	13 3
Balance at Banker's	609	17 6		
do. from Wages Account	17	0 8		
			626	18 2
			£39108	11 5

ESTABLISHMENT ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To General Purposes Account, being 1/5 of £1607 15s. od., and paid out of General Rate	1071	16 9		
Sewers' Account, being 1/5 of £1607 15s. od., and paid out of Sewers' Rate	335	18 3		
			£1607	15 0
March 25th, 1872.				
Medical Officer	110	0 0		
Surveyor	300	0 0		
Clerk	187	10 0		
Assistant Clerk	68	15 0		
Assistant Surveyor	104	0 0		
Wharf Keeper	39	0 0		
Advertisements	40	19 6		
Stationery, Printing, &c.	72	18 8		
Rent, &c.	324	0 7		
Alterations & Repairs	138	3 9		
Law Costs	116	8 5		
Sundries	65	19 1		
			1607	15 0
			£1607	15 0

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Cash from Overseers	20157	5 4		
Contributions	219	6 10		
do. New Streets	2091	15 6		
Total			22468	7 8
			1213	10 1
			£23681	17 9
March 25th, 1872.				
By Balance brought forward			1143	3 2
Works in New Streets			3396	16 3
Works of Masonry			114	15 6
New Tools and Repairs			173	18 6
Cartage			1249	2 3
Watering, Sluicing, and Laying			1861	13 6
Waste Roadmen			3562	14 0
do. Inspectors			134	2 11
do. Unloading Barges			328	19 0
Materials—Core and Gravel			383	7 11
do. Flint			2850	0 0
do. Granite			2095	9 3
Miscellaneous Works			609	1 6
Establishment Charges			1071	16 9
Repayment of Loan and Interest			1853	19 8
London School Board			653	17 7
			£23681	17 9

SEWERS ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Balance brought forward	2425	3 11		
Cash from Overseers	9671	15 5		
Contributions	88	18 10		
			12185	18 2
March 25th, 1872.				
By Metropolitan Board's Precepts			4594	12 11
Works, Wages, and Materials			1391	15 5
Establishment Charges			535	18 3
Repayment of Loans and Interest			4499	14 10
			11022	1 5
			1163	16 9
			£12185	18 2

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Cash from Overseers	6398	12 1		
			£6398	12 1
March 25th, 1872.				
By Balance brought forward			802	3 4
Brentford, London, and Western Gas Companies, Lighting, &c., Public Lamps			4919	17 3
			5722	0 7
			676	11 6
			£6398	12 1

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To amount due from Overseers	1836	5 4		
New Streets' Account	104	2 5		
Balance	435	18 3		
			£2376	6 0
March 25th, 1872.				
By amount overpaid on this Account			1213	10 1
New Streets—Board's proportion to Dartmouth and Shaftesbury Roads			189	8 9
Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register			973	7 2
			£2376	6 0

LIGHTING ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Balance—Cash	676	11 6		
Amount due from Overseers	871	6 10		
			£1547	18 4
March 25th, 1872.				
By Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register			1251	4 9
Balance			296	13 7
			£1547	18 4

SEWERS ACCOUNT.				Cr.
Dr.				
March 25th, 1872.				
To Balance—Cash	1163	16 9		
Amount due from Overseers—Local	146	5 8		
Metropolitan Board	3743	10 10		
			5053	13 3
Balance	1043	14 3		
			£6097	7 6
March 25th, 1872.				
By Unpaid Accounts as per Invoice Register			209	0 1
Amount due to Metropolitan Board			3779	7 10
Permanent Works			2108	19 7
			£6097	7 6

