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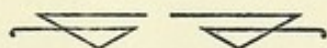
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Ashby-De-La-Zouch  
**Rural Sanitary District.**



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1911.



G. S. HART, M.D.,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

FEBRUARY, 1912.

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To  
THE ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.  
MEASHAM,

February, 1912.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1911.

Your district covers an area of 31,995 acres, and is subdivided into nineteen parishes.

The physical features of the district are not striking. The surface is undulating, but towards Barden becomes somewhat hilly. Coal Measures exist under a considerable portion of the district. The sub-soil is usually clay.

There are no rivers of any magnitude, but such brooks and streams as there are, ultimately find their way into the Trent.

#### **Population.**

|                                   |                                 |            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Populations at the Census of 1901 | was                             | 14,449     |
| "                                 | estimated to the middle of 1910 | was 15,824 |
| "                                 | "                               | "          |
| "                                 | "                               | "          |
| "                                 | 1911                            | " 16,302   |

The population consists largely of persons engaged in Coal Mining, Clay Workers, with a moderate proportion of those engaged in Agricultural pursuits.

Numerous villages dot the district with populations varying from 2,000 down to mere hamlets of under 100 persons.

The various occupations of the inhabitants are as a rule healthy, but the Mining industry lends itself to a fair number of accidents. Serious cases of accidents, and of disease requiring operation, are often sent to Leicester Infirmary, whilst Derby and Burton Infirmaries are also available. A well equipped Cottage Hospital exists at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The principal influence of occupation on health in your district resolves itself into questions of wages earned, on which depends the all important matter of food, clothing and housing accommodation. I am not in a position to make positive statements about this matter, but feel that in Summer the resources of a certain proportion of the working classes are limited.

### **Housing Accommodation.**

Housing accommodation taken as a whole is I think sufficient, many of the houses are comparatively new, and having been built under the restrictions of your Bye-Laws, are healthy. Open spaces around dwellings are as a rule ample, and the general surroundings, such as yards, outbuildings and gardens are satisfactory.

In some of the older and larger villages, there exist however old properties which are deficient in the above respects. They are however being gradually dealt with, and considerable improvements are slowly being made. I refer more particularly to improved ventilation and pavements, the repair of dilapidations and often the removal of outbuildings, closets, etc. which may be too close to the houses.

Nineteen new houses, and numerous miscellaneous buildings, have been erected during the year.

### **Water Supply**

The water supply of your district is mainly from wells, which range from 10-60 feet deep. Springs are utilised in some parishes, such as Blackfordby, Osgathorpe, Swannington, Measham and Packington, whilst in Willesley, Staunton Harold, Chilcote and Normanton le Heath water is conveyed from springs to numerous houses by rams.

The Hinckley water main passes through parts of Snarestone and Sweptstone parishes, and a number of houses are supplied from this source.

Many of the houses in the district possess soft water cisterns, where rain water is stored, the ordinary supply being, as a rule, too hard for washing purposes.

The water supply of the district is in the main sufficient, but parts of Measham, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Thringstone are deficient. This was, of course, more particularly felt during the exceptionally dry Summer of last year.

With reference to the Brook Lane neighbourhood of New Swannington which has been referred to in some of my recent Annual Reports I understand a supply of water from the Coalville mains will shortly become available.

**Births.**

Four hundred and fifty-three births were registered in 1911, viz.: Boys 230, Girls 223.

This gives a birth-rate of 27 per 1000 of the estimated population.

Birth-rate for 1906 was 32'5

|   |   |      |   |      |
|---|---|------|---|------|
| " | " | 1907 | " | 28'3 |
| " | " | 1908 | " | 32'0 |
| " | " | 1909 | " | 30'4 |
| " | " | 1910 | " | 30'0 |

**Deaths.**

One hundred and ninety-five deaths were registered during the year in your district and seventeen deaths occurred outside the district of persons belonging to it. This gives a total of 212 which gives a death-rate 13 per 1000 of the estimated population.

Death-rate for 1906 was 12'29

|   |   |      |   |       |
|---|---|------|---|-------|
| " | " | 1907 | " | 11'9  |
| " | " | 1908 | " | 14'   |
| " | " | 1909 | " | 13'6  |
| " | " | 1910 | " | 11'12 |

**Infantile Mortality.**

Fifty-five deaths occurred under one year.

This gives an Infantile Mortality of 119 per 1,000 children born.

Infantile Mortality for 1906 was 108'7

|   |   |   |      |   |       |
|---|---|---|------|---|-------|
| " | " | " | 1907 | " | 82'3  |
| " | " | " | 1908 | " | 109'0 |
| " | " | " | 1909 | " | 111'0 |
| " | " | " | 1910 | " | 105'0 |

**Causes of Infantile Mortality.**

|                                |     |     |    |        |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|----|--------|
| Diarrhoea caused               | ... | ... | 7  | deaths |
| Enteritis                      | ... | ... | 7  | "      |
| Abdominal Tuberculosis         | ... | ... | 1  | "      |
| Congenital Malformation        | ... | ... | 1  | "      |
| Premature Births               | ... | ... | 9  | "      |
| Atrophy Debility, and Marasmus | ... | ... | 13 | "      |
| Atelectasis                    | ... | ... | 1  | "      |
| Injury at Birth                | ... | ... | 1  | "      |
| Convulsions                    | ... | ... | 6  | "      |
| Bronchitis                     | ... | ... | 3  | "      |
| Pneumonia                      | ... | ... | 4  | "      |
| Overlying                      | ... | ... | 1  | "      |
| Total                          | ... | ... | 54 |        |

In estimating the above Mortality I think the Premature Births, 9 in number, might well be omitted. In this present state of our knowledge, and bearing in mind that women of the working classes cannot go in for periods of prolonged rest, these occurrences cannot well be prevented. If omitted, the Infantile Mortality would be 99 per 1,000 children born.

**Zymotic Death Rate.**

|                         |     |     |          |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Scarlet Fever           | ... | ... | 1 death. |
| Whooping Cough          | ... | ... | 1 "      |
| Diphtheria and Croup    | ... | ... | 5 "      |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis | ... | ... | 24 "     |
|                         |     |     | —        |
| Total                   | ... | ... | 31       |

This gives a Zymotic Death Rate of 1·9 per 1000 of the estimated population.

|                             |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Zymotic Death-rate for 1906 | was | '98 |
| " " " 1907                  | "   | '59 |
| " " " 1908                  | "   | 1'1 |
| " " " 1909                  | "   | '82 |
| " " " 1910                  | "   | '56 |

I think the cause of the increased Zymotic Death-rate for 1911 was due to the excessively hot Summer, as you will see most of the deaths are due to Diarrhoea Enteritis.

**Phthisical Death-rate.**

Eight deaths were caused by Phthisis. This gives a Phthisical Death-rate of ·49 per 1000 of the estimated population.

Four deaths were caused by Tubercular Diseases other than Phthisis. These if added to the above would give a Tubercular Death-rate of ·73 estimated in the same way.

|                                |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Phthisical Death-rate for 1906 | was | '45 |
| " " " 1907                     | "   | '64 |
| " " " 1908                     | "   | '80 |
| " " " 1909                     | "   | '44 |
| " " " 1910                     | "   | '44 |

**Summary of Deaths according to Age.**

|                          |     |      |    |
|--------------------------|-----|------|----|
| Under 1 year             | ... | ...  | 54 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | ... | ...  | 9  |
| 2 years                  | "   | 5 "  | 7  |
| 5 "                      | "   | 15 " | 8  |
| 15 "                     | "   | 25 " | 6  |

|    |   |   |         |    |   |     |    |
|----|---|---|---------|----|---|-----|----|
| 25 | " | " | "       | 45 | " | ... | 27 |
| 45 | " | " | "       | 65 | " | ... | 32 |
| 65 | " | " | upwards |    |   | ... | 69 |

Total ... 212

#### **Causes of Death.**

Scarlet Fever caused 1 death, Whooping Cough 1; Diphtheria and Croup 5, Influenza 1, Polio Myelitis Anterior Acute 1, Phthisis 8, Tubercular Meningitis 1, other Tubercular Diseases 3, Rheumatic Fever 1, Cancer and Malignant Disease 11, Bronchitis 9, Broncho Pneumonia 6, all other forms of Pneumonia 10, other diseases of the Respiratory Organs 6, Diarrhoea and Enteritis 24, Alcoholism 2, Accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition 2, Congenital Debility and Malformations, including Premature Births 25, Violent Deaths excluding Suicides 11, Suicides 3, other defined diseases such as Nervous Diseases, Kidney Trouble and Heart Disease 53, and other ill defined or unknown diseases 28.

#### **Infectious Diseases.**

Eighty-seven cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, viz :—

|                                 |     |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| Diphtheric and Membranous Croup | ... | 25 |
| Erysipelas                      | ... | 14 |
| Scarlet Fever                   | ... | 36 |
| Enteric                         | ... | 6  |
| Phthisis                        | ... | 6  |
|                                 |     | —  |
|                                 |     | 87 |

#### **Small Pox.**

No cases of this disease occurred throughout the year.

#### **Epidemic Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.**

No case of this disease came under my notice during the year, but you will notice in reference to Table III. that a fatal case of Polio Myelitis Anterior Acute. An allied complaint was registered as having occurred at Osgathorpe in December last. The patient was a boy aged 3 years.

#### **Enteric Fever.**

Six cases of Enteric Fever were notified. One occurred at Measham, and the others in Swannington

Parish. One of the Swannington cases resides at Hough Hill, and the disease was possibly contracted by eating shell fish.

The other four cases at Swannington occurred in the Brook Lane district of New Swannington, an area in which Enteric has been prevalent for the last two years. Our investigations with reference to the presence of the disease showed that the water supply (wells) was badly contaminated (see my last two Annual Reports). A public supply of water from the Coalville mains is shortly to be laid on. The Swannington cases were notified in August and September, with the exception of the Hough Hill case, which occurred in January, 1911.

The Measham case, a young man resided in a house, one of a block of old property in Finch's Lane. It occurred in September last. The houses in this block are very old and of a poor type. They possess no back doors or windows, and have consequently no through ventilation, and the surroundings are bad and there is no water supply on the premises, the same being obtained at the spring a considerable distance from the property. The sanitary defects mentioned are being dealt with.

None of the above cases were removed to hospital, there being no accommodation, as the available beds were occupied by Scarlet Fever. One of the Swannington cases, a lodger, however was removed to Ashby Workhouse. None of the cases of Enteric proved fatal.

#### Scarlet Fever

Thirty-six cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

|               |     |     | Cases |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Chilcote      | ... | ... | 2     |
| Swannington   | ... | ... | 1     |
| Measham       | ... | ... | 7     |
| Donisthorpe   | ... | ... | 13    |
| Ravenstone    | ..  | ... | 4     |
| Sweepstone    | ... | ... | 2     |
| Bardon Hill   | ... | ... | 1     |
| Appleby Magna | ... | ... | 1     |
| Blackfordby   | ... | ... | 1     |
| Snarestone    | ... | ... | 4     |
| Total         | ... | ... | 36    |

Donisthorpe parish suffered most. The disease in this parish made its appearances in August and lasted till October, and was prevalent at the same time in the adjoining parishes of Moira and Overseal, of course outside your district.

In all 21 cases of Scarlet Fever were removed during the year to the Swannington Isolation Hospital and one case proved fatal.

#### **Diphtheria.**

Twenty-five cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Diphtheria in 1906 6 cases

" " 1907 24 "

" " 1908 21 "

" " 1909 16 "

" " 1910 5 "

#### **Distribution over the District.**

|                 |     |     | Cases |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Bardon Hill     | ... | ... | 1     |
| Packington      | ... | ... | 5     |
| Thringstone     | ... | ... | 5     |
| Staunton Harold | ... | ... | 1     |
| Ravenstone      | ... | ... | 3     |
| Donisthorpe     | ... | ... | 4     |
| Swannington     | ... | ... | 5     |
| Chilcote        | ... | ... | 1     |
|                 |     |     | —     |
|                 |     |     | 25    |

The Thringstone cases mostly occurred in and around that part of the village known as the "Recky." The water supply for the wells on the affected properties was analysed and found to be polluted. The surroundings, such as yards, gardens, etc. were insanitary and the closet in at least one case, dilapidated and leaking. These matters are at present being put in order.

With reference to the other two parishes mostly affected, viz. : Packington and Swannington. Nothing in common was detected to account for the disease. The water supply at Packington was investigated and found to be good.

#### **Chicken Pox, Measles and Whooping Cough.**

The prevalence of these diseases will be seen by reference to the following list of Schools closed during the year.

**List of Schools closed on Account of Infectious Illness  
during 1911.**

|                           |     |                     |     |                                               |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|
| Bardon Hill C.E.          | ... | Measles             | ... | June 12th to July 10th.                       |
| Blackfordby C.E.          | ... | Measles             | ... | Jan. 6th to Jan. 23rd.                        |
| "                         | ... | Whooping Cough      | ... | May 29th to June 26th.                        |
| Donisthorpe Cl.           | ... | German Measles      | ... | June 7th to June 26th.                        |
| "                         | ... | Whooping Cough      | ... | Dec. 2nd, until after<br>Christmas holidays.  |
| Measham C.E., Mixed       | ..  | Scarlet Fever       | ... | Dec. 13th, until the end<br>of the year.      |
| Measham Cl. Infants       | ..  | Scarlet Fever       | ... | Dec. 13th, until the end<br>of the year.      |
| Measham St. Charles, R.C. | ... | Scarlet Fever       | ... | Dec. 13th, until the end<br>of the year.      |
| Ravenstone, C.E.          | ... | Chicken Pox         | ... | Dec. 16th, until after<br>Christmas holidays. |
| Staunton Harold, C.E.     | ... | Croup and Influenza | ... | Jan. 26th to Feb. 10th                        |
| New Swannington Cl.       | ... | Chicken Pox         | ... | July 13th, until after<br>Summer holidays     |
| Thringstone C.E., Mixed   | ... | Chicken Pox         | ... | Dec. 15th, until after<br>Christmas holidays. |
| Thringstone Cl., Infants  | ... | Chicken Pox         | ... | Dec. 12th, until after<br>Christmas holidays. |

**Rivers and Streams.**

There are numerous brooks and streams in the district, but no rivers of any magnitude. Such villages as exist on their banks occasionally discharge sewage into the water course.

This is notably the case at Measham, Blackfordby, part of Donisthorpe, Thringstone, Heather in part, Ravenstone, Appleby Magna, and Packington.

The schemes of drainage which are contemplated, and in hand for Measham, part of Donisthorpe, and Ravenstone, will remedy these defects when completed.

**Drainage and Sewerage.**

The scheme for the drainage of Swannington village has been completed during the year, and all houses for which the Sewers are available have been connected.

As mentioned, schemes for dealing with Measham, Ravenstone, and part of Donisthorpe are in hand.

The parish of Oakthorpe has an efficient system of sewers, the sewage at the outfall being dealt with by broad irrigation.

The village of Bardon is likewise sewered, the method of disposal being settling tanks and broad irrigation.

**Closet Accommodation.**

The closets are usually of the privy midden type, and in the newer parts of the district are well construc-

ted and fairly satisfactory. In many of the old properties throughout the district the closet accommodation is unsatisfactory, but these matters receive repeated attention and are steadily being improved.

#### **Scavenging.**

Public Scavenging is carried out at Measham and Heather, whilst at Bardon Hill the work is done by the owners of the village.

Public Scavenging for the larger villages, such as Oakthorpe, Donisthoree, Thringstone, Swannington, Ravenstone and Blackfordby would be a great advantage, and is accordingly recommended.

#### **Hospital Accommodation.**

Swannington Isolation Hospital is still used, more especially for cases of Scarlet Fever, but will I hope soon be replaced by the New Joint Isolation Hospital at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. This Hospital will serve the requirements of Ashby Urban, Ashby Wolds, and Ashby Rural Districts, and will be a great boon to the neighbourhood.

Snaresstone Small Pox Hospital, the property of the County Council, is in your district but has not been used during the year.

No provision for dealing with the Isolation of Phthisical cases exists in your district.

There are a number of Health Visitors appointed by the County Council, who visit your district periodically, an important part of their duties is the instruction of young mothers about the rearing of infants, and lectures on this subject by them are arranged.

#### **Housing.**

The general conditions of the Housing of the Working Classes has already been referred to in an earlier part of this Report.

Five cases of overcrowding have been dealt with during the year.

Work done under the Housing and Town Planning Act:—

|                               |                         |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. of houses inspected under | and for the purposes of |     |     |     |    |
| Section 17 of this Act        | ...                     | ... | ... | ... | 18 |

|                                                                                           |     |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| No. of houses unfit for human habitation                                                  | ... | ... | 18 |
| " " Representations to Local Authority with a view to making Closing Orders               | ... | ... | 18 |
| " " Closing Orders made                                                                   | ... | ... | 18 |
| " " houses dealt with under the Act without making Closing Orders                         | ... | ... | 0  |
| " " houses which after making Closing Orders were put in a fit state for human habitation | ... | ... | 1  |

The general character of the defects found to exist were want of proper privy and ash-pit accommodation.

Absence of damp course from walls of house.

Windows not capable of being opened.

Roof leaking.

No Drainage.

#### **Dairies and Cowsheds.**

Two hundred and fifteen Dairies and Cowsheds are now on the Register as against 172 of last year.

Very extensive improvements have been carried out during the year, notably at Coleorton, Stretton and Chilcote. For a detailed Account of the work done, see your Inspector's Report enclosed herewith.

The milk supply of the district is ample and I might say good.

Regular inspection of Dairy Cattle have been made by the Veterinary Surgeon, appointed by your Council and for details of his work, see his report which is appended.

#### **Food and Sale of Food and Drugs.**

These matters are under the management of the County Council and are administered through their police.

The Officers of your Council have not had occasion to take any action during the year.

#### **Slaughterhouses.**

There are 3 Licensed and 16 others in your district. They are regularly inspected and as far as their character will permit, are kept in fair condition.

**FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.**

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**Factories.**

No new premises have been opened during the year with the exception of Lount Earthenware Manufactory which has been re-opened after being closed for some years. New shopping having been added.

Measham Shoe Factory was burnt down rather early in the year, but temporary premises were secured, after a few weeks' interval, and work resumed.

There are 14 factories in your district which include Brick Yards, Pipe Works, Shoe Factory at Measham, Stone Crushing Mill at Bardon, Organ Builder at Measham and a few small Coach Building premises.

Workshops, including Bakehouses in your district 91. The Bakehouses are well kept and there are none underground.

**Home Work.**

Home Work of the nature of Hosiery, which is obtained from Leicester, Nottingham, Shepshed and Loughborough was carried on in 83 houses in your district.

Four cases of infectious disease occurred in houses where out-work was carried on, work was promptly stopped and work retained in houses until the houses had been thoroughly disinfected.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. HART, M.D.

(COPY).

Ashby-de-la-Zouch,

June, 1911.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ashby Rural District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith beg to present my half-yearly report on the inspection of the Dairy Cows in the Council's area.

I found five Cows suffering from Tuberculosis of the Udder. These animals were isolated, and the milk condemned for use, and the owners decided to dispose of them for slaughter as soon as possible.

In three suspicious cases the milk was stopped for human consumption and the owners agreed not to breed from them again.

I condemned one cow for General Tuberculosis. In several instances I recommended the owners to sell off some aged cows they had, this they decided to do.

I am pleased to say I found a general improvement in the Udders of the Milking Cows, this no doubt being the result of regular inspection and the fact that owners are now more careful in examining the bags for themselves.

*(Signed),*

SIDNEY STURGESS, M.R.C.V.S.,

*Veterinary Inspector.*

(COPY).

Lorne Hill House,

Ashby-de-la-Zouch,

December, 1911.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ashby Rural District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith beg to present my half-yearly report on the Inspection of the Milking Cows in the Council's area.

I am pleased to say I only found two cases of Tuberculosis of the Udder, these animals were isolated, the milk stopped for use, and the owners were advised to dispose of them for slaughter as soon as possible.

In several cases the Udders were of a suspicious character and the owners agreed not to sell any more milk from these animals, but to fatten them as soon as they could. One Cow I condemned for General Tuberculosis, the owner sent her to be slaughtered at once.

I found the improvement in the Udders of the Cows to be well maintained, and taken on the whole the Dairy Cattle in the Council's area are a nice lot of clean bagged animals.

The total number of cases of Tuberculosis of the Udder found during the year was only 7.

I think, Gentlemen, you will agree with me that this is a very satisfactory state of things, and the results arising from Regular Inspection speak for themselves.

*(Signed),*

SIDNEY STURGESS, M.R.C.V.S.,

*Veterinary Inspector.*

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES,  
FOR THE YEAR 1911.**

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval my Report of Works, etc. carried out during the year 1911.

**Building Works and Plans.**

During the year, 33 Plans were deposited for your approval, one of which was deferred, and one was disapproved, but was later re-deposited and approved.

The Plans submitted represented 19 Houses, 1 Village Hall (this being the most important building erected in your district during the year, and is a very handsome and luxuriously-appointed building), 8 Sculleries, 3 Cow Sheds, 1 Tool House, and 8 miscellaneous Buildings, such as additional Bedrooms, Stores, etc.

The whole of the Buildings referred to above, with the exception of the deferred plan, have been erected during the year, but this is a considerable decrease on New Buildings as against 1910, being a decrease of 17 Dwelling-houses.

**Trades.**

No new Trades have been commenced in your district during the year.

The destruction by fire of the Measham Shoe Factory was much to be regretted, but temporary premises were speedily obtained and work was resumed in a few weeks' time.

The Earthenware Works at Lount, which have been closed for some time, have been re-opened, additional Shopping, etc., being erected.

**Existing Properties.**

Twenty-seven houses in different parts of the district have been re-drained, partly into the public sewers, and partly to cess-pools. (This work is apart from the works carried out at Swannington).

**Public Works.**

During the year, the Sewage Disposal Works, and the Sewering of the Village of Swannington have been completed, and nearly all properties for which the sewers are available have been connected, and where property was formerly drained into the old combined system of so-called sewers, and discharging into the brook, these were picked up into the new system, but the drains of all these have not yet been trapped and ventilated.

The remainder of the properties of which the drainage was dealt with privately, i.e., not being connected to an existing sewer, have been re-drained and connected to the new sewers.

The number of houses picked up into the new sewers, which formerly discharged into the old sewers, is 67, and the properties newly drained and connected to the new sewers and which formerly drained to cesspools, or directly to the brook, etc., is 6 farm-houses and buildings, 111 dwelling-houses, and one school.

The plans for the Drainage of the Village of Measham are not quite completed, but I hope to lay them before you shortly.

#### **Public Works.**

A scheme of Sewage Disposal and Sewering will shortly be laid before you for a portion of the Parish of Donisthorpe, the present condition of things being a source of considerable complaint.

#### **Water Supply**

The general Water Supply of your district remains in about the same condition as formerly, with the exception that on account of the long drought throughout the Summer its scarcity was very severely felt.

I am pleased to know that terms are practically settled upon by which the Coalville Urban District Council will let us have a supply of water for the district of New Swannington; when this has been carried out a great boon will have been conferred upon this neighbourhood.

#### **Slaughter-houses, Bake-houses, etc.**

The Slaughter-houses in your district have received numerous inspections, and, as far as their character will permit, are kept in a fair condition, but their future use, in many cases, must be affected by the fact of being non-licensed.

The Bake-houses have been visited, and generally speaking are well kept.

#### **Public Health Matters.**

During the year the following matters have received attention under the various Public Health Acts, Housing of the Working Classes Acts, &c., and copies of this report have already been sent to the Local Government Board, and to the County Council, through your Medical Officer of Health :—

|                                                 |                  |     |     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Complaints received                             | ...              | ... | ... | 19   |
| Premises inspected                              | ...              | ... | ... | 1920 |
| Nuisances abated                                | ...              | ... | ... | 1140 |
| Pools, Ditches, Gutters, Watercourses inspected |                  |     |     | 9    |
| Nuisances abated                                | ...              | ... | ... | 2    |
| Animals improperly kept.                        | Number inspected |     |     | 19   |
| Nuisances abated                                | ...              | ... | ... | 19   |

|                                                     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Privy, Urinal, Cesspool, Ashpits. No. inspected     | 651 |
| Nuisances abated ...                                | 240 |
| Drain, Drain Traps, &c. No. inspected ...           | 293 |
| Nuisances abated ...                                | 116 |
| Houses, or parts thereof overcrowded ...            | 5   |
| Nuisance abated ...                                 | 5   |
| Smoke nuisances ...                                 | —   |
| Offensive Accumulations ...                         | —   |
| Other Insanitary Conditions inspected ...           | 37  |
| Nuisance abated ...                                 | 37  |
| Lodging Houses ...                                  | —   |
| Slaughter Houses, 3 Licensed, (?) 16 Registered,    |     |
| Inspections made do. ...                            | 42  |
| Offensive Trades ...                                | —   |
| Canal Boats Inspections ...                         | —   |
| Public Health Act, 1875, or proceedings under       |     |
| the Housing of the Working Classes Act.             |     |
| No. of Houses Condemned ...                         | 18  |
| " " Closed ...                                      | 17  |
| " " Cleansed, &c. ...                               | 1   |
| Food. Seizures of Unwholesome Food ...              | —   |
| Infectious Diseases—                                |     |
| No. of Houses affected with Infectious              |     |
| Disease ...                                         | 76  |
| No. of Houses inspected ...                         | 76  |
| No. of Inspections ...                              | 170 |
| No. of Houses disinfected ...                       | 76  |
| No. of Schools ...                                  | —   |
| Disinfectants used (Irial Sulphur Candles, etc.)    |     |
| Clothing disinfected ...                            | —   |
| " destroyed ...                                     | —   |
| Privy Middens, new provided ...                     | 29  |
| " " No. repaired ...                                | 117 |
| " " Converted to Pails ...                          | —   |
| " " " " W.C's. ...                                  | 5   |
| Pails or Earth Closets, new provided ...            | 4   |
| " " No. Converted to W.C's. ...                     | —   |
| Water Closets, new provided ...                     | 3   |
| " " No. supplied with Water ...                     | 7   |
| Ashpits, new provided ...                           | 75  |
| " No. converted to Ashbins ...                      | —   |
| Ashbins, new provided ...                           | —   |
| Water Supply—                                       |     |
| Samples taken for Analysis ...                      | 9   |
| " Condemned ...                                     | 3   |
| Wells Closed ...                                    | —   |
| " Cleansed, repaired, &c ...                        | 3   |
| Public Supply, Substituted for Wells ...            | —   |
| Cisterns Cleaned, repaired or covered (R.W.C.S) ... | 5   |
| Waste Pipes disconnected for Drains ...             | 7   |

|                                                        |                                    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----|
| Housing Act of 1910, No. of Houses Closed              | ...                                | 18 |
| "                                                      | No. " " made habitable             | 1  |
| "                                                      | No. " " demolished                 | —  |
| Building Bye-Laws adopted, L.G.B.                      |                                    |    |
| Model Series. Total legal proceedings,                 |                                    |    |
| i.e. : Summons, etc.                                   | ...                                | —  |
| Convictions                                            | ...                                | —  |
| Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.                       |                                    |    |
| Workshops. Total No. on Register (including Bakehouses | ...                                | 91 |
| Workshops. No. in which Nuisances were                 |                                    |    |
| were abated                                            | ...                                | —  |
| Bakehouses. No. on Register                            | ...                                | 10 |
| "                                                      | No. in which Nuisances were abated | —  |
| Home Work. No. of Outworkers                           | ...                                | 83 |
| "                                                      | No. of Houses                      | 83 |
| "                                                      | No. of Infected Houses             | 4  |
| "                                                      | Legal Proceedings, &c.             | —  |

#### **Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Orders.**

The number of Cowkeepers, Dairymen, Milksellers, etc. in your district, is not accurately known, the above orders being to a great extent ignored, until a visit (in most cases) is paid to the premises, for instance; a large farm changed hands in March last, and it would appear that the tenant has been carrying on Milk selling the whole time, until he was recently visited by your Officer. Several other instances of a similar nature have occurred. The whole business being treated very lightly, on the other hand, many Farmers and Milksellers now respond cheerfully to the regulations for cleansing, lime washing, and it is only reasonable on their behalf, even though no better reason existed, that the negligent section should understand that the regulations are enforceable and must be complied with, compliance by one portion is useless, and in a great measure the best efforts are frustrated, if some portion fail to fall in.

The number of Cowkeepers, Milksellers, etc. on the Register, at the end of 1911 is 215, as against 172 at the end of 1910, and during the year, 394 inspections have been made.

Considerable new Buildings, improvements to existing Buildings, Paving, Drainage, etc. have been carried out during the year, and particularly so, on the Coleorton Estate, also on the Stretton and Chilcote Estates, but much more is necessary to the Farm Buildings generally throughout your district, and I trust that all persons interested, will realise, that a greatly improved condition of things is very desirable in many of the Farm Buildings, Yards, etc. and I hope to see many improvements made during the year 1912.

During the year, 421 letters, notices, etc. were received and dealt with, and 559 letters, notices, etc. were sent out.

(Signed) SAMUEL TURNER.

