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Barrowford Urban District Council.

GISBURN ROAD,

BARROWFORD, JAN. 14TH, 1905.

*The Chairman and Members of the Barrowford Urban
District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Return of the health of the District.

During the year ending the 31st day of December, 1904, there have been 64 deaths registered—37 males and 27 females. This gives an annual death rate of 12·8 per 1000.

The births registered were 103—males 52, females 51—giving an annual birth rate of 20·6 per 1000.

The following table shows at what ages the deaths occurred :

Deaths under one year	...	12	} under 5 years	{ 23	} Total, 64
1 year and under 5 years	...	11			
5 years and under 15 years	...	1	} 5 years and over	{ 41	
15 " " 25 "	...	3			
25 " " 65 "	...	26			
65 " over	...	11			

The rate of infant deaths to 1000 births—116.

Zymotic rate—7 : principal Zymotic diseases—2.

The deaths include—Measles 7, Diphtheria 1, Croup 1, Enteric Fever 1, Diarrhœa 1, Phthisis 2, Cancer 1, Bronchitis 12, Pneumonia 5, Premature Birth 2, Heart Disease 2, & Accident 1.

Of Infectious diseases notified there were 16 cases, against 44 last year, and 58 and 68 the previous years.

They were as follows :

Enteric Fever	...	5 cases—1 death.
Scarlet Fever	...	5 "
Diphtheria	...	2 " 1 "
Erysipelas	...	4 "
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Total...	16	

In every case prompt attention has been paid by the Sanitary Inspector, and disinfectants were freely used.

I again recommend the Council to consider the advisability of procuring an apparatus for the disinfection of clothing, &c.

I wish to draw your attention to the disgraceful state of the Main Road and some of the streets in the township. The Main Road is in a deplorable condition, and the gutters are not regularly swept.

The condition of Grove Street and the unpaved portion of Garnett Street, should receive the attention of the Council with the view of being scheduled for paving at the earliest possible moment.

More attention should also be given to the sweeping of the side streets. There are three cellar dwellings which ought to be done away with, one especially is kept in anything but a sanitary condition.

The Slaughter Houses have been regularly inspected, and I am pleased to state have been kept clean, one has been taken down and another erected in its place, which is a great improvement.

The Dairies are well-kept and the cow sheds clean, but the latter short of air space, light and ventilation.

The Factories have also been inspected, and in most of them the closets which were of the tank system have been abolished, and new ones erected on the water carriage system.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK DE B. PIM.