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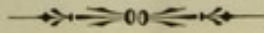
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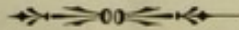


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BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE.



Medical Officer's Annual Report.



March, 1919.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you the Annual Report for the Borough, ending December 31st, 1918.

From instructions received from the Local Government Board, the Annual Report must again, as in 1917, be confined to a record of what has taken place during the year.

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

I would again urge upon you the desirability of obtaining more land for the treatment of sewage at the Sewage Farm as soon as the opportunity offers.

Refuse Disposal.

The refuse has been again dealt with without serious complaint, in spite of the many difficulties to contend with, including shortage of labour.

Milk Supply.

The Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Shops were regularly inspected as in former years and found satisfactory.

River Loddon.

The nuisance arising from the deposit of empty tins, etc., still continues, and I should be glad if the Council would continue to give a proper fall to the stream and fill up the holes where required, in continuation of the work already begun below the wharf, where the springs go down, and if possible to concrete the bed for a great part or the whole of the length from Eastrop onwards to the King George Playing Field.

Infectious Diseases.

During the past year 21 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified as against 22 in 1917.

Diphtheria.—Nine cases as against five in 1917.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—One case as against one in 1917.

Measles.—37 cases as against 177 in 1917.

Tuberculosis.—There were 7 cases of Tuberculosis notified as against 22 in 1917. Pulmonary Tuberculosis 6 as against 17 in 1917. Other Tuberculus diseases 1 (Tuber of Spine), as against 5 in 1917.

Influenza.

Influenza has been very prevalent during the later months of the year. There were 17 deaths registered as due to Influenza or its sequelæ. Various preventative measures were taken, of which I may mention—Closure of schools, insertion in Local Papers of preventative measures, notices sent to various denominations asking them to assist by closing their Sunday Schools during closure of Day Schools. The new regulations came into force on March 1st, 1919, by which Medical Practitioners are required to notify the Medical Officer of Health of all cases of acute Primary and Influenza Pneumonia under their observation. These regulations will help us to take further preventative and curative measures.

Child Welfare.

The Infant Welfare Centre continues to be increasingly appreciated, 2,552 attendances having been made by mothers and young children under five years of age during the year.

The sale of Glaxo at reduced cost has been very useful.

The Baby Show and Fete, held in "Baby Week," proved very attractive. These Annual Shows have been the means of drawing attention to the work, and as a result several centres have been started in the surrounding villages.

Isolation Hospital.

The number of cases admitted during the year were 62 as against 53 in 1917. 28 cases from the Urban District, and 34 cases from the Rural District. There were no deaths.

Analysis of Cases:—

Urban District—Scarlet Fever, 18 cases.
 „ Diphtheria, 10 cases.
 Rural District—Scarlet Fever, 10 cases.
 „ Diphtheria, 24 cases.

The work of the Nursing Staff has been adequate and satisfactory.

Vital Statistics.

There were 143 deaths in the district, giving a death-rate of 12.041 per thousand.

The number of infants dying under one year was 14 as against 19 in 1919.

The number of births was 255 (110 males and 145 females), giving a birth-rate of 19.71 per thousand, as against 18.17 in 1917.

There were ten illegitimate births registered (5 males, 5 females), as against ten in 1917.

Factories and Workshops.

These have been regularly inspected and found satisfactory.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. REES-THOMAS,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE II. Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1918.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.								TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.							
		Under 1	1 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and upwards	
Small-pox
Cholera (C) Plague (P)
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup)	9		3	3	2	1			9
Erysipelas
Scarlet fever ...	21		3	14	4				18
Typhus fever
Enteric fever
Relapsing fever (R)
Continued fever (C)
Puerperal fever
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis
Poliomyelitis	1		1	1	3		1	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	6		1	1	3		1	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1		1	6	3		1	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	37	1	16					...
Measles
Totals ...	75	2	16	35	13	7	2		27

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				Males.	Females.
All causes				58	85
1	Enteric Fever	...	...	1	
2	Small-pox	...	...
3	Measles	...	...		1
4	Scarlet Fever	...	...
5	Whooping Cough	...	...		1
6	Diphtheria and Croup	...	...
7	Influenza	...	...	4	12
8	Erysipelas	..	...
9	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	2	3
10	Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	2	
11	Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...		1
12	Cancer, malignant disease	...	...	4	7
13	Rheumatic Fever	...	...	1	1
14	Meningitis	...	...
15	Organic Heart Disease	...	...	11	16
16	Bronchitis	...	...		1
17	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	5	3
18	Other respiratory diseases	...	...		2
19	Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years)	...	...
20	Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...	...		2
21	Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	1	
21a.	Alcoholism	...	...
22	Nephritis & Bright's Disease	...	...	3	5
23	Puerperal Fever	...	...
24	Parturition, apart from puerperal fever	...	...
25	Congenital Debility, &c.	...	...	6	5
26	Violence, apart from Suicide	...	...	6	
27	Suicide	...	...
28	Other Defined Diseases	...	...	12	25
29	Diseases ill-defined or un- known	...	...
Special causes (included above)					
	Cerebro-spinal fever	...	...
	Poliomyelitis	...	...

FORM IV.

Infant Mortality.

1918. Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months & under 6 months.	6 months & under 9 months.	9 months & under 12 months.	Total deaths under 1 year.
	All causes { Certified. Uncertified.									
Small-pox ...										
Chicken-pox ...										
Measles ...										
Scarlet fever ...										
Whooping-Cough ...										
Diphtheria and Croup ...						1				1
Erysipelas ...										
Tuberculous Meningitis ...										
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...										
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...										
Meningitis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>) ...										
Convulsions ...										
Laryngitis ...										
Bronchitis ...										
Pneumonia (all forms) ...						1			1	2
Diarrhœa ...										
Enteritis ...										
Gastritis ...									1	1
Syphilis ...										
Rickets ...										
Suffocation, overlying ...				1	1					1
Injury at Birth ...										
Atelectasis ...										
Congenital Malformations ...							1			1
Premature Birth ...										
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus ...	2		1		3	3		1		7
Other Causes ...	1				1					1
Totals ...	3		1	1	5	5	1	1	2	14

Nett Births registered during the calendar year { legitimate, —
illegitimate, —.

Nett Deaths registered during the calendar year—legitimate infants, —

BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE.

Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Town Hall, Basingstoke,

January, 1919.

To the Chairman and Members of Health Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to lay before you the Annual Report of work done in this department for the year ending December, 1918.

There are 9 Slaughter Houses on the Register, 5 Licensed and 4 Registered Slaughter Houses. These have been regularly inspected, the floors are thoroughly cleansed after slaughtering, and all offal promptly removed from the premises, the Bye-Laws regulating Slaughter Houses have been generally well observed.

There are 20 Milk Vendors, Dairymen and Cow Keepers on the Register. Their premises were periodically visited and were generally found to be kept in a cleanly state.

The Common Lodging House, with lodging accommodation for 58 persons, has been regularly visited, the Bye-Laws regulating Common Lodging Houses have been well observed by the Keeper. The premises are Limewashed yearly, and the place is kept in a cleanly state, and generally well conducted.

There are 27 Factories and 106 Workshops on the Register. Two Clothing Establishments have sent in four lists of outworkers with a total of 199 persons. These have been visited periodically, and their premises, with one or two exceptions, were found to be kept in a wholesome condition.

The work under the Housing Act, 1909, has been practically in abeyance, arising from shortage of building materials and labour owing to the war. 39 Houses have been inspected. 12 Houses have been dealt with under notice when defects were remedied as shewn in the following summary :—

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE.

Inspections and re-visits	...	...	2819
Complaints	...	...	44
Notices	...	...	76
Nuisances abated	...	...	77
Rooms coloured	...	...	7
Ceilings whitened	...	...	32
Rooms papered	...	...	28
New guttering to roofs	...	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	...	5
New windows or repaired	...	...	3
Floors repaired	...	...	5
Doors repaired	...	...	2
Staircases repaired	...	...	2
Yards paved	...	...	2
W.C's re-built or repaired	...	...	15
Fresh air inlets	...	...	2
Flushing apparatus repaired	...	...	15
Inspection covers to drains	...	...	1
Smoke test applied to drains	...	...	2
Chemical do.	...	...	2
Water do.	...	...	2
Drains cleared of obstruction	...	...	7
Offensive deposits removed	...	...	4
New inspection chambers	...	...	1
New traps	...	...	4
Lots of Bedding disinfected	...	...	33
Houses disinfected after infectious disease	...	...	33
Schools disinfected	...	...	3
Unsound Fish, &c., destroyed	...	...	2300 lbs.

I am again pleased to report my duties have been carried out in an amicable manner as far as possible with everyone. It has not been necessary to resort to litigation or serve statutory notices, informal and verbal notices having the desired effect. In this method of procedure the desired ends are obtained without undue friction.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY J. DAVIES,

Inspector of Nuisances.