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To the

Chairman  
of the Urban District Council of  
Brumby and Frodingham.

Sir,

I beg herewith to hand you my second report  
on the Health of the Brumby + Frodingham Urban District. It  
is for the year last past, + is made in accordance with the  
General Order of the Local Government Board dated March  
1891.

I am

Sir, Your obedient servant

M. R. J. Behrendt.

M. R. J.

Scunthorpe.

via Doncaster

January 1897.

To the

Chairman  
of the Urban District Council of  
Birmingham

Sir,

I beg to inform you that your report  
on the state of the Birmingham Urban District  
is for the year last past, & is made in accordance with the  
General Act of the Local Government Board dated 1891.

I am,  
Sir, your obedient servant

M. R. J. Bennett  
M.R.C.

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Report on the Health of the Urban District  
of  
Brumby and Frodingham. 1896.

Infectious and Zymotic Diseases.

A. Notifiable - 16 Notifications were received, viz:

Scarlatina - 10 cases, one of these ended in death.

Membranous Croup - 1 case

Erysipelas - 5 cases.

B. Not Notifiable.

Measles - which prevailed extensively in the neighbouring U. D. of Scunthorpe, also made its appearance in Brumby & Frodingham, but did not spread much after closing the Schools.

Whooping Cough - spread more especially in parts of the R. District of Brigg, especially Burringham; closure of the National School near Gunness, <sup>Station</sup> however, was followed by a rapid decline in the number of cases.

Prevention of Disease - Separation of the sick, suffering from infectious complaints, from the healthy members of their own families, has been attempted, but can never become effective for good under the circumstances obtaining in the district. A hospital for such diseases is what is required to enable isolation of patients to be properly carried out.

Disinfectants were supplied in cases where it was thought they would be of use. - Children from infected homes were not allowed to attend school, & were to be kept from mixing with others. - The Schools at Frodingham & at Gunness were closed on my recommendation, the former to check the spreading of Measles, & the latter of Whooping Cough, the result in each case was very satisfactory.

Inspection of the District - was made at intervals in a systematic way, & partial inspections comprising special localities were made as required by circumstances. As a result of these inspections much good & useful work has been done & the general sanitary condition of the district considerably improved. The accompanying statement drawn up by the Inspector will give an idea of the amount & character of the work done in his department.

Water. - Such sources as have thus far been suggested for a water supply for



public use have proved unsatisfactory.

Statistical. — I estimate the number of inhabitants of the District at 2327. This estimate is probably below the mark. There are about 459 houses in Frodingham + 150 in Brumby, that is about 609 in the whole District. Giving 5 persons to each house, an allowance well within what is warranted by experience, we get 3045 as the number of inhabitants. I estimate the number of inhabitants at Frodingham at 1516, + Brumby at 811. All these calculations refer to population in the middle of the year 1896.

The number of Births registered for the whole district was 97, being 2 more than in the previous year, 50 of these were boys, + 47 girls. Frodingham claims 70 of these births, + Brumby 27.

The number of Deaths registered was, for the whole district, 24; viz males 16, females 8. 17 of the <sup>deaths</sup> occurred in Frodingham; + 7 in Brumby.

The excess of births over deaths was 73 in the entire district; being 53 in Frodingham, and 20 in Brumby.

Deaths of children under a year old amounted to 8. — The preceding figures give the following rates per 1000, viz:

Birth-rate 42 per 1000 of population (nearly)  
Death-rate 10.3 " " " "  
Infantile " " 82.4 " " " children born.

M. R. J. Behrendt.

M. O. H.

The Inspector's statement is as follows: —

Ordinary inspections of premises	1218
Special " " "	413
Defective privies + ashpits dealt with	3
Accumulations of manure " "	5
Defective Boxes in privies " "	3
" Gully-Traps " "	193
" Drainage " "	3
Nuisance from pig-keeping " "	2
Clerk's orders served	12

The orders of the Council in respect of the above have been carried out

John Spavin.

Inspector of Nuisances.

Abstract - I estimate the number of inhabitants of the district at 232. The estimate is probably below the mark. There are about 70 houses in the district. 120 in Gromby, that is about 600 in the whole district. I find 2 persons to each house, an allowance not within what is warranted by experience, as the 3042 in the number of inhabitants. I estimate the number of inhabitants at 2320 at 1210, 4 Gromby at 211. The calculation was repeated in the middle of the year 1886.

The number of births registered for the whole district was 7 being 2 more than in the previous year; 20 of these were boys, 7 girls. Gromby claims 70 of the births in Gromby, 27.

The number of deaths registered was for the whole district, 24; of which 16 females, 17 of the females in Gromby, 10 in the district; being 3 in the district, and 20 in Gromby.

Nothing of children under a year old amounted to 8. The preceding figures give the following rates per 1000, viz:

Birth-rate	+ 2 per 1000 of population (male)
Death-rate	10.3
Infants	22.4
Children under	

M. R. J. Stewart.  
M. O. A.

The Registrar's statement is as follows:

1218	Number registered of persons
718	Deaths
3	Deaths from violent and other causes
2	Deaths from violence
6	Deaths from violence
193	Deaths from violence
3	Deaths from violence
2	Deaths from violence
12	Deaths from violence

The order of the Council in respect of the above has been carried out.  
John Stewart.  
Registrar of Births and Deaths