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Borough of Colne.

Annual Report

FOR THE

Pear ending December 31st, 1911,

BY THE

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COLNE.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1911.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1911.

The area of the Borough is 5.063 acres, made up of an urban part, and a surrounding agricultural district; the altitude varying from 400 to 1,300 feet.

There is good natural drainage to the Colne Water and its tributaries. The portions of the Borough to the north and east of the river are on the millstone grit, the south-western portion on the coal measures. Boulder clay is irregularly but quite commonly distributed over the district; the North Valley district is largely sandy shale; glacial sands and gravel also occur in considerable quantity.

The inhabitants are engaged principally in the textile and allied trades. Employment is fairly steady and the social conditions of the population as a whole are as good as most industrial districts. During the early part of the year there was an epidemic of cough at one of the mills in the town. On enquiry it was presumed to be caused by mildew which had developed in the warps. The air of the mill was found to be charged with the spores of mildew; this caused great irritation to the chests of weavers at all predisposed to throat and chest affections. The extra moisture has been mitigated, and there have been no complaints for some time.

The Borough Collector's Certificate state that there are 6,094 inhabited houses on his books to the 31st December, 1911, and this number is multiplied by the inhabited ratio per house, found at the census in 1911, as follows :—

	Inhabited House	s.	Population.
Primet Bridge Ward	938		3955
Vivary Bridge Ward	1132		4773
Central Ward	1137		4794
Horsfield Ward	1285		5+17
Carry Bridge Ward	1209		5097
Laneshaw Bridge Ward	393		1657
Totals.	6094		25693

BIRTHS.

Total births registered—566. Males 285, Females 281. Of this number 10 males and 12 females were illegitimate.

The birth-rate was 22'02 per 1000 of the 1911 census. The birthrate last year was 19'20.

The number of births and birth-rate in each ward was-

Ward.	Births.	R	ate per 1000.
Primet Bridge	100		25.28
Vivary Bridge	86		18.01
Central	98		20.44
Horsfield	127		23.44
Carry Bridge	122		23.93
Laneshaw Bridge	33		19.91

DEATHS.

Total deaths registered—334. Males 151, Females 183. The death-rate equals 12.99 per 1000 of the 1911 census. Last year there were 303 deaths, equalling a death-rate of 11.02 per 1,000.

The deaths and the death-rate for each ward was-

Ward.	Deaths.	R	late per 1000.
Primet Bridge	82		20.73
Vivary Bridge	53		11,10
Central	51		10.63
Horsfield	59		10.80
Carry Bridge	67		13.12
Laneshaw Bridge	22		13.27

The number of residents of the Borough who died in other districts was 67 (males 38, females 29) viz :-Burnley Union Infirmary 43 (males 25, females 18), Burnley Sanatorium 1 male, Burnley Victoria Hospital 6 males 3 females, Burnley Workhouse 1 male, Nelson 1 female, Haworth 1 female, Guisley 1 female, Lancaster County Asylum 3 (1 male and 2 females), Prestwich Lunatic Asylum 2 (1 male and 1 female), Whittingham County Asylum 1 male, Rochdale Union Infirmary 1 female, Tattershall Thorpe 1 male, Southport 1 female, Royal Infirmary, South Manchester 1 male.

If the deaths of the residents who died in other districts are added on, the correct death-rate for the Borough will be 15.45 as against 12.23 last year.

The deaths in the Burnley Infirmary and Workhouse (44) were mainly persons of the tramping and peddling class, etc., who stayed in common lodging-houses or houses-let-in-lodgings in the town for a short time, and on sickness overtaking them were removed by the Relieving Officer to the Union Workhouse, and when death occurred they were returned as inhabitants of Colne. These, along with the Colne residents in the Union Workhouse, constitute the 44 deaths in the Burnley Union Infirmary and Workhouse.

The deaths among persons over 5 years of age were 205, and of this number 79 were 65 years of age and over, the two eldest were 90 years of age.

The ages at death were as follows :--

4	,,	,,	IO	,,	15	,,
10	,,	,,	15	,,	20	,,
12	,,		20	,,	30	,,
24	,,	,,	30	.,	40	••
18	,,	,,	40	,,	50	,,
16	,,	,,	50	,,	55	,,
21	•,	,,	55	,,	60	,,
II	,,	,,	60	,,	65	,,
27	,,	,,	65	,,	70	,,
26	,,	.,	70	.,	75	,,
16	.,	,,	75	,,	8o	,.
8	,,	,,	80	,,	85	.,
1	,,	,,	85	,,	90	٠,
2	,,	,,	90	,,	95	,,

9 deaths among persons over 5 years and under 10 years.

The average age at death was 34.43.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the schools in the Borough have been satisfactory during the year.

The following scheme has been arranged between the School Medical Officer and myself in regard to our respective duties :---

- (a) That the School Medical Officer be informed of all cases of infectious diseases occurring amongst children of school age, which may have been notified to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (b) That the sanitation of the schools should be the business of the Medical Officer of Health, and that the School Medical Officer shall report all defects in sanitation which he may observe at the time of his inspections to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health through the means at his disposal shall disinfect the schools when he thinks necessary, or when requested to do so by the School Medical Officer.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

During the year 189 patients (79 males and 110 females). as against 200 in 1910, were admitted to this institution. Seventeen deaths (8 males, 9 females) occurred, which equals a rate of 89 per 1,000 patients admitted.

The causes of death were—I heart disease, 3 inquest cases, I diphtheria, 2 broncho-pneumonia, I cirrhosis of the liver. 2 appendicitis, I diarrhœa, I diabetes, I pelvic peritonitis, I hernia, I heart disease, and 2 other causes.

Fifteen deaths were of residents of the Borough, the others resided I Foulridge and I Trawden.

PHTHISIS.

The deaths from phthisis (consumption) number 9, with a rate of '35. Last year there were 12 deaths.

The deaths were distributed throughout the town as follows :---

Primet Bridge Ward	 	 3
Vivary Bridge Ward	 	 0
Central Ward	 	 I
Horsfield Ward	 	 2
Carry Bridge Ward	 	 2
Laneshaw Bridge Ward	 0.120	 I

RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

The deaths from the respiratory diseases, bronchitis, pneumonia and pleurisy were 47, with a rate of 1.82. Last year 65, equalling a rate of 2.31.

The deaths were distributed in the following manner :-

Primet Bridge Ward	 	 11
Vivary Bridge Ward	 	 11
Central Ward	 	 7
Horsfield Ward	 	 8
Carry Bridge Ward	 	 7
Laneshaw Bridge Ward	 	 5

INQUEST CASES.

During the year there were 15 deaths (8 males, 7 female) necessitating a Coroner's Inquest, 1 being an infant, and the remainder over 12 months. Compared with last year 15.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The deaths of Infants under 12 months was 82, this being 144.87 per 1000 births; compared with last year it is '96 less.

From the table you will see the Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 births from 1897 to 1911.

Year.	Deatl	ns under 1	year.	In	fantile F	Rate.
1897	 	121			166	
1898	 	113			157	Average
1899	 	125			187	,
1900	 	118			179	173
1901	 	107			176	/
1902	 	116			188	
1903	 	76			127	Average
1904	 	96			163	Average
1905	 	76			134	157
1906	 	104			175 /)
1907	 	73			120	
1908	 	88			144	Average
1909	 	56			105	0
1910	 	77			145	131
1911	 	82			144	

The number of deaths and rate in each ward was :---

Ward.		Deaths.	Rate per 1000.
Primet Bridge		24	 240
Vivary Bridge		9	 104.65
Central		13	 132.65
Horsfield		11	 86.01
Carry Bridge		23	 188.54
Laneshaw Bridg	ge	2	 60.60

There were 10 deaths of children born illegitimate (5 males, 5 females), All these were under 1 year of age.

TABLE A.

The following table gives the Cause of Death, in weeks and months, of Infants under one year of age during 1911.

Diseases.	Uuder I week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-4 months	4-5 months	5-6 months	6-7 months	7-8 months	8-9 months	9-10 months	10-11 months	11-12 months	Total Deaths under I year
Bronchitis Pneumonia Measles Whooping Cough	•••		ı 		I 		I I	··· ··· ··	I I 	2	•••		I 2	 I I	 3	··· ··· ··	6 2 8 1
Diarrhœa Enteritis Gastritis Debility Premature Birth	 96				1 15 6	 1 1 1	5 2 	4 I 	2	•••	•••		2		··· I		12 7 2 17 6
Convulsions Broncho Pneumonia Congenital Malformation Other Causes			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			I 2		I 1 1		I	 I I		I		1		5 2 1 13
Totals	20	5	5		30	6	10	9	5	5	2	I	6	2	5	I	82

NOTIFIED BIRTHS.

The number of births notified at the Health Office was 574, but of these 19 were still-born, which leaves 555 born living as against 530 last year.

The number in each ward was :---

Ward.	Birt	ths Notifie	ed.	Still-born.	1	Born Living.
Primet Bridge		101		3		98
Vivary Bridge		97		3		94
Central		99		I		98
Horsfield		118		3		115
Carry Bridge		124		8		116
Laneshaw Bridge	·	35		I		34

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The 574 births were notified by :--

Medical Men	 	 149
Certified Midwives	 	 247
Parents, etc	 	 178

Of the 555 notified births born living, 68 deaths occurred, which is equal to a rate of 122'70 per 1,000 births notified, as against 88'92 last year.

During the year, under the Notification of Births Act, 1907, there have been 4 instances where births have not been notified by those persons responsible. Each case was brought before the notice of the Health Committee.

TABLE B.

Table giving the Cause of Death of the Notified Births in weeks and months.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	I-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-4 months		5-6 months	6-7 months	7-8 months	8-9 months	9-10 months	10-11 months	11-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Debility Premature Birth Convulsions Diarrhœa Enteritis Bronchitis Gastritis Broncho Pneumonia Pneumonia Whooping Cough Other Causes		··· ··· ··· ···	3 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14 6 1 1 8	1 1 2	I 5 2 1 	I I I	··· 2 1 1		··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ···				··· ··· ···		$ \begin{array}{r} 16 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 15 \\ \end{array} $
Totals	21	3	5	I	30	6	9	8	4	6	2	I		1	I		68

The number of deaths, of notified living births, and the rate in each ward was :--

Wards.	No	Living tified Birth	Deaths o tified Bi	Rate per 1,000.
Primet Bridge		98	 19	 193.87
Vivary Bridge		94	 9	 95'74
Central		98	 II	 112.54
Horsfield		115	 8	 69.26
Carry Bridge		116	 19	 163.79
Laneshaw Bridge		34	 2	 58.82

In reporting upon the work of the Health Nurse, it is gratifying to state that the system has again worked well throughout the year.

The system of forwarding per post to the parents of newly-born infants a pamphlet informing them that in case of sickness the voluntary services of the Health Nurse could be obtained on forwarding their name and addresses to the Health Office, Town Hall, is working quite satisfactorily.

I am pleased to say that advantage has been taken of this offer and in many cases the lives of many infants have been saved.

The following is an account of the work done by the Nurse during the year, with the number of visits paid, etc. :--

No. of newly-born infants attended, 562. No. of visits made 2,652. No. of infants attended who were receivng medical attention, 113. No. of visits made to these, 408.

Mothers with still-born infants, 17. No. of visits made, 18.

No. of mothers to whom special attention was given, 23.

No. of visits made, 60.

Total number of visits made during the year, 3,183.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Under the Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 115 cases were notified, giving a rate of 4.47 per 1,000 of the population.

The diseases notified were: scarlet fever 71, diphtheria 13, membranous croup 5, erysipelas 13, puerperal feaver 1, typhoid fever 10, ophthalmia neonatorum 2.

One case of Scarlet Fever was removed to the Burnley Sanatorium.

There were 70 deaths from the principal zymotic diseases, which give a rate of 2'72 per 1,000 of the population.

Of the diseases notified 9 deaths occurred, equal to a rate of 78.26 per 1,000 cases notified, or .35 per 1,000 of the population.

The deaths from the notified cases were : diphtheria 4, scarlet fever 1, typhoid fever 4.

The deaths from the zymotic diseases which are not included in the list of those notified are : Diarrhœa, enteritis, and gastritis 33, Measles 24, Whooping Cough 4.

DIARRHŒA.

During the months of August and September there was a widespread epidemic of Diarrhœa, all ages were affected but the mortality was confined to the young children and the aged. Leaflets were issued and the districts chiefly affected frequently visited and sanitary conditions rectified as far as possible.

There is no doubt that the house fly is a great cause of infection in diarrhœa and probably also in other infectious diseases. During the late spring and summer some of the stable middens were sprayed daily with disinfectant fluid, this in these special cases undoubtedly considerably reduced the number of flies bred. I find that the owners of these middens have great difficulty in getting them emptied often enough during the great fly breeding months of June, July and August, as the farmers are too busy with their hay to fetch it. Stable middens should be emptied more frequently and the walls and floor well sprayed with disinfectant solutions. The reason for the frequent removal of horse manure is that flies have the greatest preference for it in which to lay their eggs. These develop into perfect flies in from twelve to twenty days.

Scarlet Fever.—Cases notified, 71. Deaths, 1. Last year cases notified, 107. Deaths, 4.

This disease was not confined to any particular district, but was distributed throughout the town. The cases were mostly of a mild type.

The number of children of school age attacked with the disease was 60, and the schools attended were :---

Lord Street	 	 	9
Park	 	 	IO
Burnley Road	 	 	15
West Street	 	 	IO
Exchange Street	 	 	3
Christ Church	 	 	3
Catholic	 	 	8
Convent	 	 	2
			-
			60

The schools attended by children of school age living in an infected house, who were kept from school were :---

Lord Street	 	 	14
Park	 	 	7
Burnley Road	 	 	18
Exchange Street	 	 	2
West Street	 	 	13
Christ Church	 	 	I
Technical	 	 	1
Catholic	 	 	5
			-
			61
			-

Cases Nos. 20 & 22. Horsfield Ward. Notified April 3rd. and 6th. Brother and sister, aged 6 and 9 years.

- Cases Nos. 23 & 24. Laneshaw Bridge Ward. Notified April 7th & 10th. Brother and sister, aged 21 and 42 years.
- Cases No. 26 & 27. Central Ward. Notified April 12th. and 14th. Two brothers aged 3 and 5 years.
- Cases Nos. 37 & 38. Primet Bridge Ward. Notified May 22nd, and 23rd. Two brothers aged 5 and 8 years.
- Cases Nos. 42, 47, 58. Primet Bridge Ward. Notified May 29th, June 1st. and July 27th.

Father, son and daughter, aged 5, 8 and 30 years.

Cases Nos. 43 & 49. Primet Bridge Ward. Notified May 27 & June 5. Two sisters aged 2 and 5 years.

- Cases Nos. 44 & 50. Central Ward. Notified May 27th and June 7th. Brother and sister, aged 5 and 7 years.
- Cases Nos. 51 & 52. Horsfield Ward. Notified June 12th. Brother and sister, aged 9 and 12 years.
- Cases Nos. 64 & 67. Horsfield Ward. Notified Sept. 2nd. and 14th. Father and son, aged 8 and 33 years.
- Cases Nos. 72, 73 & 74. Primet Bridge Ward. Notified Sept. 18th. and 21st.

Two brothers and sister aged 2, 4 and 13 years.

Cases Nos. 87 & 90. Carry Bridge Ward. Notified Oct. 22nd. and 26th. Two brothers aged 3 and 5 years.

Caaes Nos. 93, 94 & 95. Horsfield Ward. Notified Nov. 4th. Brother and sister and female lodger aged 4, 12 and 21 years.

Typhoid Fever.—Cases notified, 10 Deaths, 4.

During the year seven suspicious cases were tested with Widal's test: six gave positive reaction, and one doubtful. The three others notified did not undergo this test.

No.	Sex	Age	Ward.	Date Notified	How long suffering from disease.	Remarks.	If tested	Result.
10	М	16	Laneshaw bridge	Jan. 21	7 weeks Single house		No	
59	М	21	Horsfield	Aug. 7	8 weeks	Through house	Yes	Positive
65	F	32	Carry B.	Sept. 5	7 weeks	do.	Yes	do.
69	М	24	. do.	,, 19	16 weeks do.		Yes	Doubtful
78	М	23	do.	,, 29	9 weeks	Back to back house	Yes	Positive
82	М	35	Vivary B.	Oct. 16	Died Oct. 26	Through house	No	
92	М	26	Carry B.	Nov. 3	Died Nov. 8	do.	No	
106	М	29	Horsfield	Dec. 4	Died Dec. 10	do. do.	No	i bomi
107	М	35	do.	11	7 weeks	do.	Yes	Positive
108	F	65	Carry B.	,, II	Died Dec. 11	do.	Yes	do.

From the following table you will see particulars of each case :---

All discharges from patients are taken away daily and burnt, and bedding if soiled also burnt and new provided.

During the year seven beds and fifteen pillows were so destroyed.

Diphtheria.—Cases notifie	ed, 13. Deaths, 4.	
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No.	Sex	Age	Ward.	Date Notified	How long suffering from disease.	Remarks.	If tested	Result.
8	М	4	Central	Jan. 18	7 weeks	Through house. Defective drainage.	No	-
14	м	4	Primet B.	Feb. 19	Died Feb. 19	Back to back house	No	-
41	М	9	Central	May 24	5 weeks	Through house.	No	-
55	F	6	do.	July 13	6 weeks	do.	No	-
60	F	5	Carry B.	., 15	Died July 16	Died July 16 Died at Cottage Hospital.		Positive
66	F	5	do.	Sep. 11	6 weeks Single house. Defective W.C.		No	Time
85	М	4	Vivary B.	Oct. 20'	6 weeks	Through house. Defective drainage.	No	-
86	F	9	Carry B.	,, 20	5 weeks	do,	No	-
99	F	7	Vivary B.	Nov. 16	Died Nov. 18	do.	No	
105	м	17	do,	,, 28	6 weeks	do,	Yes	Positive
109	F	11	Carry B.	Dec. 12	2 weeks	Through house.	Yes	Positive
112	М	5	Vivary B.	,, 16	Died Dec. 21	Through house. Defective drainage.	No	-
115	м	mths 6	Central	30	6 weeks	do.	No	-

The method of procedure in each case is :--On receipt of the notification, disinfectants and printed instructions are immediately sent to the house. The house is visited the same day and enquiries made, and the premises examined for any sanitary defects, and if any are found notice is immediately served for abatement Also all drains and closets are flushed. When the case recovers (or otherwise), the premises are disinfected, and the bedding examined, and if marked, is destroyed, and new goods supplied or compensation paid.

Membranous Croup.—Cases notified. 5. Deaths, o.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.-Cases notified, 2. Deaths, o.

Erysipelas .--- Cases notified, 13. Deaths, o.

Puerperal Fever.-Cases notified, 1. Deaths. o.

Case No. 114. Vivary Bridge Ward.

This woman recovered from her illness at home being ill six weeks.

Measles.—There was an epidemic of measles continued from last year, affecting many of the scholars in Park, Lord Street, West Street and Primet Schools.

There were 24 deaths registered, due to this disease, the ages being :

I	death u	nder 6 n	101	nths.			
2	deaths	between	6	months	and	9	months.
5	,,	,,	9	,,	,,	12	,,
15	,,	,,	12	,,	,,	2	years.
I	death 6	years of	a	ge.			

Twenty-two of these deaths occurred during the month of January, the other two in February. Handbills were freely distributed in the affected district, giving instructions how to prevent the spread of the disease.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1908.

During the year the Medical Officers of the Burnley Poor Law Institution have notified 2 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis (both males).

The residence or temporary residence of these were as follows :---

Stonebridge Chambers	 	 I
Stonebridge Terrace	 	 I
Total	 	 2
		-

Watson's Lodging	House	 	 I
St. John Street		 	 I
Total		 	 2

The Superintendent of the Burnley Poor Law Institution has notified that 3 persons (males) have left that institution to take up their residence in Colne at the following places :---

Watson's Lodging House	 	 I
Stonebridge Chambers	 	 I
Gregson's Lodging House	 	 1
Total	 	 3

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1911.

There was no notification of Pulmonary Tuberculosis from any institution in the District.

TABLE C.

Table giving the ages of persons affected with infectious diseases during 1911 :---

Diseases.	At all ages.	Under 1 year	1 to 5 years	5 to 15 years	15 to 25 years	25 to 65 years	65 and upwards
Scarlet Fever Typhoid Fever	71	_	19	42	5	56	-
Puerperal Fever	1	to many	5h- 10	-		I	-
Erysipelas Diphtheria	13 13	_	2 4	2 7	1 2	-	-
Membranous Croup Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5 2	1 2	4	-	-	E N	
Totals	115	3	29	52	10	20	1

TABLE D.

Table showing the number of houses infected, with the number of rooms disinfected in each disease.

Diseases.	Number of Cases Notified.	Number of Houses Infected.	Houses remaining Infected January 1st, 1910.	No. of Houses in which disinfection is done by Health Dept.	No. of Houses in which disinfection is done by Occupiers.	Total number of Rooms Disinfected.	No. of Houses in which no disinfection was done.	Houses remaining Infected on December 31st, 1911.
Scarlet Fever Typhoid Fever Puerperal Fever Erysipelas Diphtheria Membranous Croup Ophthalmia Neonatorum Totals	71 10 1 13 13 5 2 115	52 10 1 13 12 5 2 95	7 7	50 10 	6 1 7	62 10 	2 	

TABLE E.

	Ophthalmia		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Erysipelas		Diphtheria		Membranous	cioup.	Puerperal Fever		Totals of pre-	ceding columns
WARDS.	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths	Notified Cases	Deaths
Primet Bridge Vivary Bridge Central Horsfield Carry Bridge Laneshaw Bridge Totals	1 I 2		19 13 6 17 13 3 71	I 	 1 3 5 1 10	··· I ··· 1 2 ··· 4	6 1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 3		I 4 4 4 	I 2 I 	····· I I ····· 3		····· I ····· ····	•••	27 21 14 21 23 9 115	2 3 3

The following tables are compiled as last year in reference to the deaths occurring in the old parts of the town.

From the tables you will see that the numbers compare favourably with the rest of the town.

TABLE F.

HORSFIELD WARD.

Street.			Disease.	Age.	Total.
Union Street			Acute Laryngitis	 16 months	I
,,			Appendicitis	 16 years	I
			Debility from Birth	 5 days	I
			Enteritis	 8 months	1
King Street			Bronchitis	2 months	I
			Tubercular Peritonitis	 20 months	I
••			Measles	13 months	I
Buck Street			Broncho Pneumonia	5 mons. & 2 yrs.	2
			Natural Causes	51 years	1
Lister Street			Measles	2 months	I
Dent Square			Pyæmia	16 days	I
			Measles	15 months	I

PRIMET BRIDGE WARD.

Street.			Disease.			Age.	Total
Primet Street			Gastric Enteritis			4 months	I
Middle Street			Natural Causes			5 hours	
			Measles			II months	I
			Carcinoma Uteri			54 years	I
Cross Street Wes			Debility			20 days	1
			Measles			8 months	T
			Membranous Croup			19 months	I
Freenfield Road			Malformation of He			5 months	I
			Heart Disease			69 yrs. & 65 yrs.	2
11 11			Gastric Enteritis			3 months	I
			Acute Enteritis			2 years	
			Bronchitis			74 yrs. & 8 mons	2
			Phthisis			28 years	I
11 11	**		Cerebral Hæmorrha			EF VOARS	
** **			Pneumonia	5~		50 years	
			Diphtheria		100.01	1 100.000	
John Street			Inflammation of Int		s	1 months	
John Street			Tubercular Meningi			3 months	Î.
Dalian Street	• •		D			5 months	11111
Bolton Street			Continue	***		1 and 2 months	2
" Count	**		Hoast Dissans				2
Queen's Court			Magalas			35 years	1
Dundas Street		***	Measles	***		22 months	1

CENTRAL WARD.

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Street.			Street. Disease.						
Croft Terrace			Pre-maturity		I hour	I			
Lenches			Cancer of Scrotum Cerebral Hæmorrhage		46 years 71 years	I I			
••			Senile Decay		74 years	I			
Lower Green			Bronchitis Endocarditis		68 yrs & 64 yrs. 53 years	2 1			
Lenches Fold			Debility		2 weeks	I			

VIVARY BRIDGE WARD.

Street.		Disease.	Age.	Total,			
Church Meadow	vs		Debility		4 hours		1
., ,,			Senile Decay		76 years		I
Rook Street			Gastro Enteritis		2 months		I
,,			Broncho Pneumonia		56 years		I
			Pneumonia		18 years		I
**			Cerebral Hæmorrhage		58 years		I
			Measles		15 months		I
Furney Crook			Brouchitis		5 months		I
			Ducumonia		36 years		i
Windy Bank			Maarlas		19 months		
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,,			Broncho Pneumonia		46 years		I

CARRY BRIDGE WARD.

Street.	Disease.	Age.	Total.
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Table showing cause and number of deaths in selected parts of the town.

TABLE G.

Table shewing the number of notifications for Infectious Diseases in selected parts of the town :---

Street.		-	Disease.	Total.
Church Meadows			I Scarlet Fever	I
Lister Street	•••		2 Scarlet Fever (in one house), and I Erysipelas	3
Clayton Street	••	•••	4 Scarlet Fever (2 in one house), and I Enteric Fever	5
St. John Street			I Enteric Fever, and I Diphtheria	2
Shackleton Street			I Scarlet Fever	I
Parliament Street			I Enteric Fever, and I Erysipelas	2
Mill Street			2 Scarlet Fever (in one house)	2
Chapel Fold			2 Scarlet Fever (in one house)	2
Greenfield Road			I Diphtheria, and 2 Erysipelas	3

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACTS, 1890 to 1909.

Under the above Acts, 116 dwelling-houses have been inspected, and 21 re-inspected of which four were found to be unfit for human habitation, and representations were made to the Authority with a view to making closing orders for the same. Closing orders were duly made.

Seventeen dwelling-houses were inspected in which there were slight defects and notices served for the defects to be remedied.

No houses were put into a fit state of habitation and no houses were demolished.

The general character of defects were mainly found to be defective troughing, fall pipes and slopstone gullies.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Superintendent Pincock reports that during the year the following samples of food have been purchased under the Food and Drugs Acts in the Borough of Colne, and submitted to the Public County Analyst to be analysed.

He reports that all were genuine, or passable :--

Lard	 	 	6
Butter	 	 	6
New Milk	 	 	28
Whisky	 	 	9
Coffee	 	 	3
White Pepper	 	 	2
Tea	 	 	I
Ground Ginger	 	 	I
Olive Oil	 	 	1
Margarine	 	 	2
Total	 	 	59
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RIVERS POLLUTION ACTS.

The provisions of the Rivers Pollution Acts are administered by the Ribble Joint Committee.

CANAL BOATS ACTS.

The Council are exempted from the administration of the Canal Boats Act, owing to the short length of canal within the Borough.

The report of Mr. H. C. SUGDEN, Sanitary Inspector, is as follows :--

The number of notices served	was—	
Intimation notices		 376
Statutory notices		 37

These notices were served for the abatement of the following nuisances :--

Defective and insanitary	waste	water	closets	and	clean	
water closets						106
Defective dishbricks						373

Defective fall pipes		54
Defective slopstone pipes		223
Defective eaves		22
Defective ashpits		98
Defective ashbins		2
Defective roof		21
Defective drains		20
Defective privy closets		42
Defective backyards	····	20
Defective coal places		21
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Storage of fish tubs		3
Common Lodging-houses not limewashed		I
Houses-let-in-lodgings not limewashed		8
Insufficient privy accommodation	•••	2
Overcrowded house		2
Slopstone drains not properly connected to sewer	•••	32
Keeping animals so as to be a nuisance		3
Carting fish in open tubs to destructor		II
Miscellaneous		10
		1121

The staff of the department removed obstructions from, or repaired 674 waste water closets, 29 clean water closets, 79 drains and 73 tippers.

The number of sanitary conveniences in the Borough is :--

	1910.	1911.
Ashpits	4349	4356
Ashbins	324	474
Privy Middens	2	2
Waste Water Closets	3957	4100
Clean Water Closets	1120	1163
Pail Closets	470	47 I
Tank Closets	245	238

During the year the work of converting pail and tank closets under the powers of the Provisional Order of 1903 has been commenced, and the following convenience have been altered from pail and tank closets to waste water and clean water closets :—

28 Tank Closets to Water Closets.
11 ,, ,, Waste Water Closets.
1 Pail Closet to ,, ,, ,,

SMOKE NUISANCE.—The number of observations taken was 71, each of the duration of one hour, and excessive quantities of black smoke were emitted in 48 instances. In April the Health Committee resolved that there should be fixed a time-limit for the emission of black smoke from factory and workshop chimneys, and in cases where the limit was exceeded proceedings be instituted—

Where	1	boiler is	in us	e	Limit	of 5 1	minutes in	the hour.
,,	2	boilers a	are in	use	,,	6	. ,,	,,
,,	3		,,	····	••	7	,,	,,
,,	4	or more	,,		.,,	10	,,	,,

A copy of the above resolution was forwarded to all owners and occupiers of factories and workshops within the Borough. Since then 5 firms have been prosecuted for exceeding the time limit.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.—The number remains the same as last year: registered 7. licensed 4, public abattoirs 7. They are all regularly inspected and the only contravention met with was I defective refuse pail. The slaughter house purchased last year has been demolished.

The agreement for the removal of garbage by the Corporation has worked so satisfactorily that the butchers have renewed the lease.

There are now three permanent tenants of the public abattoirs and seven others kill there, but pay per head for animals slaughtered.

The quantity of unsound meat submitted for inspection and condemned was the carcases of 2 beasts, 2 sheep and 1 pig, and the internal organs of four beasts, No seizures were made of unsound meat or food exposed for sale.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.—The number of these trades carried on in the town is the same as last year, viz:—Two fellmongers, two tripe dressers, one tanner, one gut-cleaning. No contraventions were met with.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.—The number of these houses registered is still nine. They are regularly inspected, and only one contravention of the byelaws was met with, viz :—want of lumewashing.

HOUSES-LET-IN-LODGINGS.—These houses are in far better condition than heretofore; they are regularly inspected, and the following contraventions of the Byelaws were met with, viz :—Want of limewashing, 8.

The number of-houses registered remains the same as last year, viz :--54.

BAKEHOUSES.—The number of these premises in the Borough is 22; no contraventions were found.

FACTORIES.—The number in the town is 104, and during inspection the following nuisance was discovered :—1 sanitary accommodation insufficient.

WORKSHOPS.—The number in the Borough is 137. During the inspections the following nuisances were found :—2 insufficient ventilation.

PETROLEUM ACTS.—During the year 30 licenses were granted for the safe keeping of 14,970 gallons.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS ORDERS.—The number of farms in the district is 96, milksellers 5, dairy shop 1.

The Sub-Committee appointed to inspect the farms will continue their inspection during the spring of 1912, before the cattle are turned out for grazing. The following nuisances were found during the inspection :-Defective drainage and eaves 2, defective manure tank 1, defective privy 1, insufficient lighting 2, no drains or cesspool 1, defective slopstone pipe 1.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT AND ORDERS.—In accordance with the Sheep Dipping Order of 1907, 621 sheep and 466 lambs were dipped during the first period, and 601 sheep and 124 lambs during the second period.

During the year two horses were found to be suffering from parasitic mange, and duly recovered. No other outbreak of contagious diseases occurred within the Borough.

In accordance with the provisions of the Dogs Act, 1906, 14 stray dogs were received at the Destructor Works; 6 were sold, 3 destroyed, and 5 were returned to owners.

REFUSE DESTRUCTOR.—The quantity of refuse destroyed during the year was :-

		1910	1911
Loads of Ashpit Refuse		4119	 4264
Loads of Garbage	'	380	 376
		4499	 4640

The approximate weight of ashpit refuse per load was 21 cwts., the same as last year.

	Tons	0101		10	110	
	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	Tons	Cwts	Qrs
Ashpit Refuse	 4504	1 I	0	4294	18	2
Garbage	 361	12	0	371	4	0
	4866	3	0	4666	2	2
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During the year 25 tons 4 cwts. 1 qr. of waste tins, 7 tons 15 cwts. 1 qr. waste paper, 2 tons 11 cwts. 0 qrs. of scrap iron, and a quantity of glass, earthenware, etc., was disposed of.

The clinkers were removed to the Corporation Sewage Works,

I am again pleased to say that since the construction of the Dust Catcher we have not had any complaints about the fine dust which was occasionally emitted from the Destructor Chimney.

It will be necessary shortly for the Destructor cells to be reconstructed; this work will be commenced early in the new year.

NIGHT-SOIL REMOVAL.—The loads of excreta removed from privies and cesspools during the year were 1186, as against 1112 last year.

SMALLPOX HOSPITAL.—This building is kept in readiness for the reception of patients, and has been further extended by the erection of a discharging room, bathroom and scullery.

JERUSALEM FARM.—The farm land is still let for grazing, and the land at the Old Workhouse, Laneshaw Bridge, for the keeping of poultry.

PUBLIC URINALS.—The number of public urinals in the Borough is now 11.

Mr. T. H. HARTLEY, the Borough Surveyor, has submitted the following report :--

PLANS AND BUILDINGS.

During the year 74 plans of various buildings have been submitted to the Buildings and Plans Committee, of which 64 were approved and 10 disapproved. The plans represent the following buildings :--

204 Dwelling-houses, this being 70 more than last year.

1 Mill Extension.

1 Public Elementary Day School.

1 Anglican Church.

2 Estate Plans.

1 Farm Building.

2 Wooden Buildings.

1 Stable.

39 Alterations and Additions.

156 dwelling-houses have been completed during the year for which certificates of habitation have been granted, this being 24 more than last year. 211 notices have been given in by the various builders for inspection of buildings and alterations during the year, for which 948 inspections have been made.

MAIN SEWERS.

There have been laid during the year various lengths of sewers, the total length being 680 lineal yards 9in. diameter sewers with 15 manholes and 11 lampholes, making a total length of 30.38 miles, with 664 manholes and 455 lampholes.

SURFACE WATER DRAINS.

713 lineal yards of 9in. diameter surface water drains have been laid in vatious parts of the Borough with 8 manholes and 7 lampholes, making a total length of surface water drains of 9.34 miles with 162 manholes and 134 lampholes.

PRIVATE STREET IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

21 private streets have been paved, etc., during the year, at a cost of £5296 18s. od.

SEWAGE WORKS.

A commencement has been made with the scheme for the extension of the sludge pressing plant at the Sewage Works, which has been found necessary owing to the growth of the town. This scheme when completed is expected to cost about $\pounds 2145$.

Good progress has been made with the filling of the last pair of contact beds; when these are finished the total area of these beds will be about three acres.

A commencement has been made with the laying of the sewer extensions to Keighley Road from the existing sewer at the east side of Ball Grove. The sewer will make provision for the new property now being erected in that district. It is estimated to cost \pounds_{420} .

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TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXTENSIONS.

During the year these extensions have been completed at a cost of about $\pounds 4,000$, and were opened by Sir Swire Smith on the 9th of April last. Alterations have been made to the weaving shed and wood-working shop in the existing building and have much improved the premises at a cost of about $\pounds 250$.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

The widening of Cottontree Lane at a cost of £390 has been completed. Other widenings in Emmott Lane, Barrowford Road and the North Valley Road are about to be commenced, the sanction of the Local Government Board having been received, at an estimated cost of about £819.

It is proposed to make better means of communication between the foot of New Market Street and Stanley Street and the North Valley Road, complaints having been made as to the difficulty of access to these two streets. Arrangements have been made with the land and property owners whereby New Market Street will be formed, bouldered and metalled into North Valley Road. Stanley Street will be continued to North Valley Road, the stream culverted and the street properly paved and completed. Argyle Street will be continued from the foot of New Market Street into Stanley Street. The whole of this work is estimated to cost \pounds 940, and a commencement has been made.

SMALL POX HOSPITAL.

The Health Committee have arranged for better provision for bathing and discharging the patients, and the work has now been almost completed. The cost is estimated to be about $\pounds 100$.

For the purpose of clearing away insanitary property the slaughter house and adjoining buildings in Newhouse Street have been purchased at a cost of \pounds_{290} . The buildings have been taken down and the space left open for the present.

The Health Committee have proceeded with the conversion to the water carriage system of several tank closets which have been a great nuisance and injurious to health. The following have been taken in hand and completed during the year :---

No. 2 Walton Street			I
Nos. 42 to 55 Greenfi	eld Ro	ad	12
No. 113 Burnley Roa	d		2
Nos. 8 to 12, Little Q	ueen S	it	3
Nos. 3 to 13 Primet S	Street		6
Walton Street Shed			2
Garden Vale Mill			II
Great Holme Mill			4
	To	tal	41

Negretti & Zambra's Self-Recording Rain Gauge at the Cemetery Grounds.

SUMMARY OF READINGS, 1901 TO 1911.

				Depth in inches.	lo. of days on hich rain feil.
Total	Rainfall	for the year	1901	 26-29	 161
,,	,,	••	1902	 27.96	 213
,,	,,	,,	1903	 48.47	 240
,,	,,	"	1904	 33'99	 219
,,	,,	,,	1905	 29.89	 197
,,	,,	,,	1906	 40'25	 211
,,	,,	"	1907	 40.13	 208
,,	,,	,,	1908	 43.95	 212
,,	,,	,,	1909	 44'98	 196
,,	••	,,	1910	 49.23	 217
,,	,,	"	1911	 47'47	 199
					Inches.

Average	Annual	Rainfall 1901-1911	39'33
Heaviest	t rainfall	for 1 month, 1901-1911, Oct. 1903	8.53
,,	,,	1 day of 24 h'rs 1901-1911, 24th June, 1911	2.64
,,	,,	1 hour 1901-1911, May 13th, 1911	1.30
,,	,,	a short period (5 mins.) 1901-11, June 17th, 1911	.16

Month.	Depth in Inches.	No. of days on which rain fell.	Monthly average 3'92 inches.
January	 2.10	20	Haquiant minfall for one month
February	 7.70	16	Heaviest rainfall for one month
March	 3.31	16	7'70 inches, in Feby., 1911.
April	 3.04	16	Haquiast minfall for one day of
May	 3.14	14	Heaviest rainfall for one day of
June	 5.69	13	24 hours, 2.64 inches on June 24th, 1911.
July	 •25	7	2411, 1911.
August	 2.68	14	Heaviest rainfall for one hour
September	 4.20	17	1'30 inches, May 13th, 1911.
October	 3.29	20	1 30 menes, may 13m, 1911.
November	 3.29	19	On June 15th Louis out inches
December	 7.59	27	On June 17th, 1911, 0'16 inches fell in 5 minutes.
Total	 47.47	199	

SUMMARY OF RAINFALL FOR 1911.

The height of the rain gauge above sea level is 618.74 feet.

" " " " ground is 3 feet.

WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. J. F. BEDFORD, the Water Engineer and Manager, reports as follows :---

The past year has been a trying one on account of the hot and dry weather which was experienced. The Committee were able to do without curtailing the supply, but found it necessary to issue notices in June and again in September, prohibiting the use of water for swilling and garden purposes, and requesting consumers to be careful generally with the use of water.

Owing to the drought, a large number of houses in the Lenches district of the Borough which receive their water from a private Company, the Colne Water Estate Co., were for a time entirely without a supply, and 34 of them were coupled up with the town's supply on the request of the owners.

The sources of supply consisted mainly of three Springs and an upland gathering ground on the moors. These were all found satisfactory excepting one source, the Barnside Springs. After an examination and analysis, the water therefrom was not considered satisfactory, and the Committee decided to discontinue the supply. The water from the gathering ground is all filtered before being sent to the town.

The water has been analysed both chemically and bacteriologically and found to be soft, free from organic impurity, and of good quality for domestic use. The analysis also shows the presence of carbonates to prevent the water acting on lead. Furthermore, the complaints as to the objectionable taste and smell of the water which were formerly numerous, particularly in times of hot weather, have been entirely obviated, notwithstanding the exceptionally hot summer through which we have passed.

The rainfall recorded at Laneshaw Reservoir for the last six years was as follows :---

1906		 	38.11 ii	nches.	
1907		 	36.55	,,	
1908		 	36.63	,,	
1909		 	34.57	,,	
1910		 	39.85	,,	
1911		 	37.78	,.	
1	Average	 	37.25	17	

The average yield of water from the Springs was 268,574 gallons . and from the Reservoir 255,551 gallons, making a total of 524,125 gallons per day, a quantity for the requirements of the present population equal to 20 gallons per head per day.

Thanks are due to the heads of the different departments for willingly supplying the required Statistics for compiling this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. DOYLE, M.B.,C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health.

March 1st, 1912.

TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1911 and previous Years.

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o the	Ages.	Rate	Add.	14.81	14.34	14.28	12.94	12.25	15:45
longing to rict.	At all Ages.	Number		375	384	371	343	337	397
Nett Deaths belonging to the District.	I Year.	Rate per 1,000 Nott	Births.	175	120	142	201	145	151
Nett	Under I Year.	Number	DOUTINK	104	73	88	56	44	86
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Trans	Of Non-	residents registered in the District	District.	80	3	4	4	:	4
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Births.	Nett.		Number	593	604	119	531	528	566
		Un- corrected Number.		593	604	611	531	528	566
	Population estimated to	Middle of each Year.		24,500	26,150	26,190	26,725	27,493	25,693
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TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the Year 1911.

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