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To the Frinton-on-Sea Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for your consideration. It will gratify you to know that the hygienic condition of the district has been extremely satisfactory. It is with pleasure that I record a very marked decrease of diseases of an infective nature compared with the previous year; indeed it is noteworthy that the district has been entirely free of infectious disorders for more than five months past.

General Review of the District.

In my report last year I drew the Council's attention to the large amount of surface water lying stagnant owing to the heavy rainfall. There has been no such complaint to make this year. Aided by a dry season and the Council's efforts in making up new roads and sewerage, this ground for complaint is speedily diminishing.

Improvements.

The improvements carried out in the district have been both considerable and important. It seems probable that the making up of the Esplanade completed in the previous year has to some extent tended to prevent the falling away of the Greensward; whether this be so or not, the fine open roadway is of inestimable benefit to those in the vicinity.

The right-of-way between Harold Road and Harold Grove, hitherto a constant source of complaint owing to the accumulation of stagnant water and the frequent deposit of refuse has been sewerage and the roadway made up.

The completion of the roadway between the Esplanade and Station Road is an important improvement, as formerly it was very little else than a quagmire. Both the Raglan and Oxford Roads have been sewerage, and the Cambridge Road sewerage and the road made up. And lastly Connaught Avenue, the main thoroughfare, has been completed.

All these are improvements of the first order which must and will be of material benefit to the inhabitants generally.

New Buildings.

With the making up of new roads it was only to be expected that there should be a considerable addition to the number of houses building. The future of a place greatly depends upon the manner in which building operations are conducted; it is necessary, therefore, that the Council should strictly enforce their bye-laws.

Scavenging.

There have been no complaints under this heading, and I think the more frequent removal of refuse during the summer months has been entirely satisfactory.

The Drainage.

The district may be certainly considered efficiently drained. The drains have been flushed periodically.

Water Supply.

The water supply has been both abundant and of good quality.

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Ventilating Columns.

As complaints have been made from time to time as to these being a nuisance, the matter has been brought to the notice of the Council, and the opinion of Dr. Thresh taken in the matter. He suggested among other expedients the heightening of the columns where complaints were made. This course was adopted by the Council and the result so far is satisfactory. It is further under the consideration of the Council to take similar steps if other complaints occur

It should be borne in mind that the system of sewer ventilation in Frinton is that which is generally adopted and though complaints are by no means uncommon it must not however be condemned on that account. It is only necessary to point out in mitigation that our thoroughfares are wide and open and fresh breezes are the rule, so that danger to health from this source is reduced to a minimum.

Zymotic Diseases.

It is very satisfactory to report that with the exception of a few cases of Chicken Pox—several of which were imported—and Whooping Cough, the district has been entirely free from all infectious disease. The cases of Chicken Pox occurred chiefly among the school children, but by means of isolation I think what threatened to be an outbreak was prevented.

Vital Statistics.

In turning to the Vital Statistics there is again every reason to be satisfied. If we take the estimated population at 850—which as is known is more than trebled during the summer months, there have only been seven deaths during the year, which gives a total death rate of 5·95 per 1,000 ; there should be deducted from this number the death of a visitor and a premature birth, which gives a mean death of 4·2 per 1,000.

The Zymotic death rate is nil. The Zymotic cases rate 11·9 per 1000.

There have been 19 births registered which gives a birth rate of 22·3 per 1,000. The above facts and figures prove conclusively that the locality is an extremely healthy one and gives us every reason to believe that Frinton-on-Sea in the very near future will hold an enviable position as a health resort. The climate is excellent, sunshine abundant, and rainfall small. In conclusion I think the Council are to be congratulated upon the steady progress that has been made in the advancement of the district and the advantages of the general public. The improvements carried out during recent months—as I have pointed out previously—will prove to be of permanent benefit.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

H. Wm. GODFREY, M.D., M.R.C.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

January 26th, 1905.

