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GRANTHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1915.

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Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions from the Local Government Board, I have the honour to submit my Ninth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the Rural District, together with other information dealing with the administration of the various Acts for the maintenance of Public Health. The Board considers that this year, many of the details usually inserted in the Annual Report may be omitted, and I propose therefore to confine the subject matter herein to a record of what has taken place during the year.

In calculating the Vital Statistics for the District during the past year, I have followed the plan carried out in the previous year, that is to say I have made no deduction from the estimated population for the considerable number of males away from the district on active service, nor have I included in the statistics, either in Table I or in Table II any figures dealing with the military population at the present time in the district.

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SUMMARY.

Population Census 1911	12,257.
Population Estimated 1915	12,100.
Birth Rate per 1,000	21.15
Death Rate per 1,000	15.2
Death Rate of Infants under One Year, per 1,000	113,3
Number of illegitimate births	or 4.6 per cent.

VITAL STATISTICS.

A study of the figures compared with those of the preceding years shows that the birth rate has shown a very slight increase on the last two years, but on the other hand the death rate is higher than it has been on any previous occasion during the present century.

A reference to Table III shows that 38 of the deaths were due to respiratory diseases, the number of such deaths in 1914 being 22; 17 of the deaths in this Table were those of persons above the age of 65, whilst 10 were below the age of one year.

It is the experience of medical men in the district that the early months of 1915 showed a considerable incidence of illness, and particularly of disease of the respiratory organs, and consequently the increased mortality rate in these SINGRAMS.

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diseased is explained.

The deaths from various forms of Tuberculosis number ten, the figure for 1914 being 4.

The Death Rate of Infants under One Year is 113 per 1,000. This is a larger figure than has been recorded for several years. It is without doubt accounted for by the excess of deaths from respiratory diseases above the average. In 1915, there were ten such deaths, 1914, five only. The excess of five in the year represent a rate of about 20 in 1,000 births. The other figures in Table III call for no particular comment.

In connection with the birth-rate one comment may be made dealing with a fact of more than local interest and importance: The number of illegitimate births during the year was 12, -4.6 per cent. This number is considerably below the average for the last six years, the average number being about 18 illegitimate births in the district.

When it is remembered that a large military camp has been in existence in the district since September 1914, it becomes established by the clear logic of fact that the various sensational statements which were so prevalent months ago as to the enormous increase of illegitimacy which was to be expected owing to just such conditions as are found in this district, as in many others, are entirely without foundation. It is a pleasure to be able to bring forward statistics which remove a slur put upon a well-behaved body of men, and equally upon the younger female members of the community.

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In September of the year, The Notification of Births Act. 1915 required the early notification of every birth throughout the country, with a view to the adoption of measures in each area to minimize as far as possible the mortality amongst infants. The question is obviously one of national importance, especially at the present time. The measures so far adopted in your area are not complete. In several villages where a nurse regularly visits, the names of parents are communicated to her by the County Medical Officer of Health, and she visits any case where it appears that advice is required. In other parts of the district no regular scheme has been adopted. Your Medical Officer has made visits to some forty cases, and has with very few exceptions found that children were being brought up under favourable circumstances. The chief element militating against a healthy upbringing has been overcrowding, but this factor has very variable consequences, for many a large family has been brought up without infantile loss amid surroundings the reverse of hygienic.

The full working out of the Act is a large problem. The Authorities on Child Welfare tell us that there are two particular epochs of child life where the help thus adumbrated is required. The first is in the first few weeks of life, and the second is in the last months of the first year, i.e., in the period when as a rule artificial feeding follows natural. Hence the following up of the full purpose of the Act is not a small matter, but may involve attention for a very long time in any particular case, and in a widely-scattered Rural District it presents considerable difficulties.

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The total number of notifications during the year was 108. There were 47 cases of Scarlet Fever, 37 of Diphtheria, ten of Erysipelas, one case of cerebro-spinal fever, 7 of pulmonary tuberculosis, and six of other forms of tuberculosis.

Scarlet Fever.-The year was very disappointing with regard to this notifiable disease. In the first nine months only 5 cases were notified, but in the last three months no less than 42 cases occurred. There was an epidemic comprising ten cases at Woodnook in October, and a still larger outbreak involving 21 patients at Gonerby Hill Foot, most of which occurred during November.

The Woodnook epidemic remained limited throughout to three families. All the children in this hamlet were withdrawn from their attendance at School in the neighbouring village of Little Ponton, with the result that this School had also to be closed owing to the diminution of numbers attending. This secondary result was not desired by your Medical Officer.

The epidemic at Gonerby Hill Foot was undoubtedly started by children attending the school whilst suffering from a very mild form of the disease. Your Medical Officer found two children peeling freely who had never had medical attention, and who had attended school until within a day or so of their discovery. In cases of this kind one finds it usually impossible to decide whether the parent is to blame on the grounds of being wilfully careless or of being lacking in ordinary intelligence.

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The disease ran riot for four or five days, the number of cases notified being beyond that which could be nursed in the Isolation Hospital, and in consequence no steps were taken to open the hospital. By the end of the year the epidemic had ceased, with the exception that one case was notified in January, 1916.

The Gonerby Hill Foot Infants' School was closed during the epidemic. The School at Great Gonerby, which older children from the Hill Foot attend, remained open, and it is interesting to note that only one child in Great Gonerby contracted the illness.

Diphtheria. -37 cases were notified.

At Carlton Scroop nine cases occurred in the second and third weeks of July, with two associated cases at Honington. A special report was made to the Council on this occurrence, wherein it was stated that slight sore throats had been prevalent in the village amongst children for some weeks before the first case was notified, and that personal contact was in all probability the cause of the further notified cases.

In the same village in November there were six cases, five being in one family, and one case in December. Swabs were taken from children's throats with the object of ascertaining if there were any "carriers," but with negative results. The village has now been free from infection for four months.

In the early part of the year there were four cases at Stainby and Gunby, in which village there had been several cases in December, 1914.

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Cerebro-spinal Meningitis. -One case with very marked features of the disease was notified during the year, and made a surprisingly rapid and total recovery. A second case also occurred, although not actually notified. This was transferred to the Grantham Hospital, and a fatal termination occurred. Under the scheme of the Board this is a transferable death to be included in the statistics of this District, and has therefore a place in Table III.

Tuberculosis.-Thirteen cases, 7 of pulmonary tuberculosis, six of other forms, were notified. In the previous year only five cases were recorded, and a comment was made to the effect that a considerable increase was only to be expected.

The various cases were visited, and the usual recommendations given. In the majority of cases visited since the Tuberculosis Regulations of 1912 came into force, it has been found that the doctor's instructions are well carried out, and all precautions taken to prevent the spread of disease to other persons. There is, however, a minority where the desirabilities of good nursing

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and even of the affected person having a bed, much less a bedroom to himself, are most difficult to obtain, and where the chances of infection of others are enormous.

The segregation of this class of case is eminently desirable in the interest of public health, and this course is contemplated in the passing of the Regulations.

HOUSING.

During the year reports were made on 33 houses in the parishes of Colsterworth, Great Gonerby, Normanton, Stainby, and South Witham respectively.

The details of these are as follows:-

- (1) Number of dwelling houses found on) inspection to be in an unfit state) Nil for habitation.
- (2) Number of representations made with) a view to the making of Closing) Nul 18, Orders.
- (3) Number of Closing Orders made.) Nil.
- (4) Number of houses in which defects)
 were remedied without making Closing) 18.
 Orders.

The remaining 15 were dealt with under the Public Health Act, 1875.

The character of the defects found was similar to that recorded in former reports, viz, - general dilapidation, leaky roofs, defective spouting, damp walls.

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New Buildings were erected as follows:-

Farm Cottage - Londonthorpe.

Two cottages - Great Ponton.

Two cottages - Stroxton.

The number of buildings shows a considerable decrease on that of past years.

Each of the buildings has been constructed in accordance with the Building By-Laws.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT.

This has been carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector, both of whom have in conjunction and separately made many visits to various parts of the District during the year.

The military encampments in the district have been periodically visited, and means have been taken, in conjunction with the military authorities, to deal with various nuisances, such as the disposal of excrement and horse manure.

Details as to various nuisances dealt with during the year will be round in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

The condition of the District as regards public health was at the time of the writing of this Report good.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. D. ROBBS.

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Gentlemen,

During the year inspections and visits have been made of the whole district, and in addition to the ordinary routine, 69 visits in connection with Belton Park Camp are recorded.

NUISANCES.

House Drains have received attention at South Witham 1,
Great Gonerby 3, Gonerby Hill Foot 3, Aisby 1,
Cold Harbour 1, Stainby 2, Barrowby 1, Woodnook 10,
Honington 1.

Privies and Ash-holes attended to at Great Gonerby 5, Colsterworth 1, Little Ponton 10, Stainby 1.

Accumulations of Manure etc:-Harrowby Fields 2, Belton 1, Londonthorpe 1.

Dirty Houses: -Normanton 1.

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance: -Knackers yards,

Spittlegate Without and Colsterworth.

In all the above works were carried out, upon request, to abate the nuisance complained of, with the exception of three cases at Great Gonerby, in which the work was carried out by the Authority and charged to the owner.

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Ditches were cleaned in the parishes of Oashy, Aishy, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir, Great Gonerby, Ropsley, Humby, Barrowby, Harlaxton, Old Somerby.

Sewers.-In the parishes of Ropsley, Carlton Scroop, Brandon, Welby, Great Gonerby, Boothby, South Witham it has been found necessary to lay sanitary pipes or otherwise make good existing parish sewer systems, and put in such gulley traps, inspection pits and other works as were requisite.

Cowsheds.-Four new names have been added to the register, and one removed. The general construction of premises on the whole is not bad, but cleanliness of floors and fittings to cowsheds leaves much to be desired. A number of cowkcepers supplying regular milk vendors do not apply to register and your Inspector does not easily find out those who are evading the regulations.

Petroleum Licences.-Nine Licences have been taken out for storage. Each case is carefully considered before the licence is given.

Drawings, including sections, levels and data, have been prepared, shewing a suggested line both for Barrowby Water Supply and Welby Outfall Sewerage.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. RUDKIN.

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VITAL STATISTICS OF THOLE DISTRICT DURING 1915 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Name of DISTRICT: -- CRAMTHAM RURAL.

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Nett Deaths belonging the District:- nder 1 year At al ages:	Rate per 1000 net Births.	92.3	91.2	93.8	85.4	0.64	113.3	Number of Inhabited Houses	Number of Pors
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口口口口	or each year.	12540	12257	12250	12200	12150	12100	Area of district in acres,)	Total Population at all ages) at Census 1911.
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TABLE II.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING 1915.

Name of District:-GRANTHAM RURAL.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all ages.	NUMBER Under one year.	OF 1 to 5	CAS Z5 to 15	ES 15 to 25	NOT 25 to 45	IFIE 45 to 65	D. 65 and up- wards.
Diphtheria, includ- ing Membranous Croup.	37	0	11	22	3	1	0	0
Erysipelas.	10	1	0	0	1	2	5	1
Scarlet Fever.	47	1	6	34	3	3	0	0
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	7	0	0	1	2	3	0	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	6	0	1	1	2	1	С	1
TOTALS	108	2	19	58	11	10	5	3

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Measles	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	=	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-23
Diphtheria & Croup	6	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Influenza	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Phthisis (Pulmonary									
Tuberculosis)	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Tuberculous Meningitis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Tuberculous Diseses		-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1
	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	5
Rheumatic Fever	1	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Meningitis	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
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Other diseases of									
respiratory organs	3	1	-	-	_	_		7	7
Diarrhoea & Enteritis	4	2	-	-	_	_		2	1
Appendicitis&Typhlitis	1		-	_	-	_	_	-	ī
Nephritis & Bright's									-
disease	5	-	_	-	_	_	_	-	5
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diseases of Pregnancy									
and Parturition	3		-	-	-	3	3	_	_
Congenital Debility and									
Malformation, includ-									
ing Premature Birth	8	8	-	-	-	_	_	_	1
Violent Deaths,	6	1	-		1	1	1	_	2
excluding Suicide									4
Suicide	1	-	-	-	-	_	_	1	_
Other defined diseases 5	7	5	1	-	2	1	1	12	35
Diseases ill-defined or									
unknown	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub-Entries:-Cerebro-spinal Meningitis

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TABLE IV.

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1915. -Nett Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages Under One Year.

	Under one week.	to 2 wks	to 3 wk	4	Total under four weeks	to 3 mths	to 6 mh	6 to 9 mh	9 to 12 mh	Total deaths under 1 year.
All Causes:-Certified	6	2	1	1	10	6	6	2	5	29
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Convulsions	1	0	Q	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Bronchitis	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Enteritis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Castritis	0	0	. 0	0	0	1	1	С	0	2
Suffocation, overlaying.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Congenital Malformation	ıs l	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Premature Birth	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Atrophy, Debility and Maramis	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Other Causes	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
Totals	6	2	1	1	10	6	в	2	5	29

NETT BIRTHS IN THE YEAR: NETT DEATHS IN THE YEAR:

Legitimate 244 Legitimate Infants 24

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