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KNARESBOROUGH

Rural District Council.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended December 31st, 1911.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Knaresborough Rural
District Council.

GENTLEMEN,-

I have pleasure in laying before you my Thirteenth Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the Knaresborongh Rural District, for the year ended December 31st, 1911.

The population of the district at the census 1911 was **Population.** 8,143. This is less than the estimated population for the previous year. As there have only been 19 houses built during the year the increase of population is slight. The estimated population up to the middle of 1911 is 8,200.

The number of births registered in the district during Births. the year was 184. This gives an annual birth rate of 22'4 per thousand of the estimated population. You will see that this is much higher than that of last year, viz., 18'7. This is due to the population of 1910 having been overestimated. The birth rate for England and Wales for the same period was 24'4.

The number of deaths of residents in the district and Deaths. of residents in places outside the district, was 102. This

is I more than the previous year. The annual death rate for the year was 12'43 per thousand of the estimated popuation. This compares favourably with that for England and Wales, viz., 14.6.

Deaths under one

The deaths in children under one year of age were 14 year of age in number. One half of these were in premature and debilitated infants. Four were due to convulsions, one to phthisis, one to measles, and one to obstruction of the bowels. The infantile mortality for the year was 76 per thousand births registered. For England and Wales during the same period the infantile mortality was 130.

Causes of Death at all ages.

Between the ages of I and 5 the number of deaths was 10; between 5 and 15 there were 2; between 15 and 25 there was 1; between 25 and 65 there were 26; and over 65 there were 49 deaths. The principal causes of death were: - Heart Diseases, 14; Cancer, 5; Phthisis and other tubercular diseases, 5; Bronchitis, 4; Pneumonia, 3; Diarrhœa 3; Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Influenza, one each.

Zymotic Diseases.

Zymotic diseases (Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Diarrhoea) caused 7 deaths. This gives a zymotic death rate of o'85 per thousand per annum of the estimated population. The zymotic death rate for England and Wales was 1.88, being more than double that of your district.

Cancer.

There were 5 deaths registered as due to Cancer. These cases occurred in the following parishes:—Pannal, 3; Scotton 1; and Scriven, 1.

Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases.

Phthisis and other tubercular diseases caused 5 deaths. The number of deaths due to this cause in previous years was:-1902, 5; 1903, 9; 1904, 11; 1905, 14; 1906, 13; 1907, 14; 1908, 5; 1909, 10; and 1910, 8. The means adopted in the district to prevent the spread of this disease are:—The voluntary notification of Phthisis by the medical practitioner in attendance on the patient to the Medical

Officer of Health; the compulsory notification of the disease by District Medical Officers under the Poor Law to the Medical Officer of Health; the compulsory notification of patients in or attending public institutions; the distribution of leaflets (to cases notified) giving instructions to prevent the spread of the disease; the disinfection of rooms and clothes of patients after death; and the inspection of meat and milk supplies. During the year the Local Government Board have issued an Order making Tubercular Disease of the Lungs a notifiable disease. Three or four years ago I advised you to make this disease compulsorily notifiable. The Local Government Board refused Their principal objection was that your application. notification would involve publicity. In order to prevent this publicity and to avoid any annoyance to patients or their friends, the Local Government Board in their new Regularions say that "The Register to be kept by the Medical Officer of Health is to be open to inspection only by a person duly authorised by resolution of the Council, by the Medical Officer of Health for the County, by any School Medical Inspector acting within the area of the Sanitary Authority, and by Officers of the Local Government Board, and of the Board of Education."

Three deaths from Diarrhœa occurred during the year. Diarrhœa. Two were in children over 2 years of age and one a child over 3 years.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified to me Infectious during the year was 24. In previous years the numbers Notified. were: -1904, 58; 1905, 36; 1906, 51; 1907, 32; 1908, 30; 1909, 18; and 1910, 13. They were as follows: -Scarlet Fever, 13; Diphtheria, 6; Enteric Fever, 2; Continued Fever, 1; and Ervsipelas, 1.

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Scarlet Fever occurred in the following parishes: ---Pannal, 12; and Follifoot, 1. There were 7 different outbreaks of the disease, none of which could be traced

to any other. There was one death, all the other cases were of a mild narure.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria occurred in the following parishes:—Pannal, 4; South Stainley, 1; and Knaresborough Outer, 1. The source of infection, except in the latter case (which was due to infection from a neighbouring district where the disease was prevalent at the time) was impossible to trace.

Enteric Fever. Two cases of Enteric Fever were notified, viz.:—

I Nidd, and I Brearton. The source of infection was pollution of the same well by the river Nidd during the hot summer weather.

Whooping Cough.

Whooping Cough was very prevalent during the year. The disease was generally of a mild nature; one death was due to this cause.

Measles.

There were several outbreaks of Measles in different parts of the district, but on the whole the number of cases was small.

Small Pox.

No case of Small Pox was notified during the year.

Sewage Disposal. Sewage Disposal Works and 1,400 yards of Sewer were completed during the year at Follifoot. In Pannal 820 yards of sewer have been laid. In Knaresborough Outer the completion of the sewerage of Forest Moor has been effected by the further addition of 620 yards of sewer. The most insanitary portion of your district (the Pannal end of Follifoot) still requires urgent attention. At Hampsthwaite the conditions are the same as in my previous reports. The sewage filters away to a great extent in its passage along the stone culvert (which constitutes the main sewer), and very little reaches the river except when it is in flood. The disposal of the sewerage at Goldsborough is being attended to by Lord Harewood's agent. This will remedy a serious pollution of the river. The remaining portions of the district which

require sanitation are Kettlesing, Burton Leonard, Brearton, Scotton, and Ferrensby. I am glad to say the insanitary areas of the district are being gradually dealt with.

A Supply of Water is needed at Hampsthwaite, Water Supply. Farnham, Scotton, Goldsborough, and Kettlesing. During the dry summer there was a great shortage of water in In Kettlesing the inhabitants had to these villages. resort to the water from the beck, which was more or less sewage. At Goldsborough the supply was not only short, but was very discoloured and impure.

There are 13 Slaughter Houses registered in the Slaughter district. Your Meat Inspector has visited these places regularly. There were 14 seizures of unsound food made, viz.: Sheep, 5; livers, 12; parts of meat, 4.

There are 80 Cowsheds registered in the district. Cowsheds. These have been regularly inspected. A marked improvement has taken place during the last year in the cleanliness of the cowsheds and the milking. Many improvements in buildings have been effected, but there are many more requiring attention.

Under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regula-Housing. tions 750 houses have been inspected during the year. In addition to these 305 other house-inspections have been made. The inspection of dwelling-houses was to determine the state of the dwelling-house in relation to the following matters, namely:-(1) The arrangements for preventing the contamination of the water supply. (2) Closet accommodation. (3) Drainage. (4) The condition of the dwelling-house in regard to light, the free circulation of air, dampness, and cleanliness. (5) The paving, drainage, and sanitary condition of any yard or outhouses belonging to or occupied with the dwelling-house. (6) The arrangements for the deposit of refuse and ashes. (7) The existence of any room which is so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation. (8) Any

defects in other matters which may tend to render the dwelling-house dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitant.

During the inspection numerous defects were found under these different heads. These have in the great majority of cases been readily dealt with by the owners of the property. The number of houses represented as unfit for habitation was 11, but no closing order was made. There does not appear to be any scarcity of houses in the district, and no cases of overcrowding of persons in houses has been found.

Factories

The number of Factories and Workshops in the Workshops district is 72, viz.: Factories (including Factory Laundries) 17; Workplaces (including Workshop Laundries), 12; Domestic Workshops, 5; Retail Bakehouses, 2; and other Workshops, 36.

Sanitation

No defect of Sanitation of Workshops as regards Workshops cleanliness, air space, ventilation, or drainage of wet floors was found.

Retail Bake Houses.

There are 2 Retail Bakehouses in the district. These comply with the Factories and Workshops Act as regards closets, drains, water cisterns of w.c.'s, sleeping places, and limewashing.

Under-Home Work.

There are no Underground Bakehouses in the district.

There is no "Home Work" in the district within the meaning of the Factories and Workshops Act.

I am pleased to be again able to place such a favourable report before you.

I have the honour, Gentlemen, to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

W. J. FORBES, Medical Officer of Health. TABLE II.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1911.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1911 and previous years. TABLE I.

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OL DE	Iges.	Rate.	11-69	11.48	12.46	9.45	10-35		12.43
SELONGIN TRICT.	At all Ages.	No.	106	106	117	16	101		102
NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	Year	Rate Per 1000 Nett Births.	67.1	59.4	76.5	6-86	81.9		76.0
NETT D	Under 1 Year	No.	17	=	16	19	15		14
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DEATHS		Rate.	12.35	12.13	12-24	9-53	10.00		12:43
TOTAL DEATHS	THE DISTRICT.	No.	112	112	115	68	86	0	102
	ct.	Rate.	27-9	20.0	22-5	19-9	18.7		22.4
BIRTHS.	Nett.	No.	:	:	. I.				184
		Uncor- rected No.	253	185	500	192	183		183
iddle r.	noite In Mi Year	Popul estimated dosed	9065	9230	9390	9620	9750		8200
YEAR.			1906	1907	1908	1909	1910		1911

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 37,495. Total population at all ages—8.143. Number of inhabited houses, 1809. Average number of persons per house, 4.5. (At census of 1911). Isolation Hospital—Harrogate and Knaresboroughjoint, Forest Moor. Total available beds, 50. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated, 3. Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the district—W.R. Lunatic Asylums; Leeds Infirmary. The Union Workhouse is not within the district.

TABLE III.

Knaresborough Rural District.

Causes of and Ages at, Death during the Year 1911.

CAUSES OF DEATH		Nett Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occuring within or without the District.								
CAUSES OF DEATH.	All ages.	Un- der 1 year.	un- der 2	2 and un- der 5 years	un- der 15	un=	25 and un- der 45 years	un-	65 and up- wards	Total Deaths in Public Institutions in District.
All causes	102	14	3	7	2	1	16	10	49	5
Measles	1	1								
Scarlet Fever	1				1					1
Whooping Cough	1		1							
Diphtheria and Croup	1			1						3
Influenza	1								1	
Phthisis Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1			***			2		
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2		1			1				
Cancer, malignant disease	5						1		4	
Bronchitis	4								4	
Pneumonia	3						2		1	
Diarrhœa and Enteritis	3			3						
Cirrhosis of Liver	2							1	1	
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	4						1	1	2	1
Parturition Diseases, &c	1						1			
Congenital and Premature Birth	7	7								
Violent Deaths	2			1			1			
Suicides	6						4	1	1	
Organic Heart Diseases	14				1		1	2	10	
Other Defined Diseases	41	5	1	2			5	3	25	

TABLE IV.

KNARESBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1911.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year of age.

				7						
CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1-3 months.	3-6 months.	6-9 months.	9-12 months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes— {Certified	8	1			9		1	3	1	14
Measles	1								1	1
Phthisis								1		1
Premature Birth					3					3
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus					4					4
Convulsions		1			2		1	1		4
Other causes										1

Nett Births in the year, 184. Nett Deaths in the year of Infants, 14.

TABLE C.

Medical Officer of Health.-W. J. FORBES, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Sanitary Inspector - WILLIAM LUPTON.

WATER SUPPLY-

In what parts is there a piped supply laid on?—Pannal, Follifoot, Plompton, Knaresborough Outer, Scriven, Burton Leonard, Ripley, Killinghall, Bilton, and Starbeck.

Any developments during 1911?-No.

Any insufficiency, and where?—Hampsthwaite, Farnham, Kettlesing, Scotton, and Goldsborough.

Any curtailment during drought?-No.

Any unsatisfactory quality, and where?—No.

Any unchecked plumbo solvent action?—No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Pannal and Starbeck into Harrogate Sewers; Knaresborough Outer into Knaresborough Sewers; Scriven, Farnham, Ripley, Killinghall, and Follifoot into works; Hampsthwaite and Goldsborough into rivers.

Any developments during 1911?—Follifoot village, 1400 yards; Pannal, 820 yards; and Knaresborough Outer, 620 yards.

Developments still needed?—Kettlesing, Scotton, Brearton, Ferrensby.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints as to smells?—As previous question.

No. of sink-wastes disconnected during 1911?—2. Trapped—9.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION-

No of Privies with open or covered middens?—1427.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets?-Very few.

No. of Water Closets?-520.

No. of Closets re-constructed during 1911?—(a) as w.c.'s, 17; (b) other, 7.

No. of Additional Closets newly constructed for old property in 1911 (a) w.c.'s, 3; (b) other, 3 pail.

No. of Closets constructed in 1911 for new houses (a) w.c.'s, 18; (b) other, 1 privy.

SCAVENGING—

In what parts do the Council undertake public scavenging?

- (a) By Sanitary Staff?—None. (a) By Sanitary Staff ?—None.(b) By Contractors?—None.

Is there any inadequacy, and where?-Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, and Killinghall.

NUISANCE INSPECTION—

Total No. of inspections made in 1911?—990.

Informal notices served—179. Complied with—161.

Statutory notices served—12. Complied with—2.

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1910-13. close of 1911-41.

Total No. of Nuisances reported during 1911-215. Abated The second of the second of during 1911-187.

Total No. of summonses or other legal proceedings.—None.

Knackers' Yards (Fellmongers)-2.

Inspections made ?—Numerous.

General condition?—One frequently unsatisfactory.

Legal proceedings (if any)?—None.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades, e.g., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, &c.?-No.

SCHOOLS—

No. of visits to Schools.—6.

Action taken.—Schools closed.

MILK SUPPLY—

No. of samples taken by officers of S.A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts—3. No. adulterated—None.

No. of samples taken by officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination.—2. when I was the the total the said

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?-None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1911?—No.

No. of cowkeepers in district—74. No. registered—74.

No. of milk sellers—49. No. registered—49.

Total No. of cowsheds-80. No. of inspections in 1911-102.

MILK SUPPLY .- Continued.

General condition ?—Fairly good.

Approximate No. of milch cows in district.—1,100.

Any insufficiency in milk supply?-No.

Legal proceedings under D.C.M. orders?—None.

Any inspection or other action by districts to which milk is sent?—No.

OTHER FOODS-

No. of samples (other than milk) taken by officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts.—None.

No. of seizures of unsound food.—14.

Kind and quantity.—5 sheep, 12 livers, and 4 parts of meat.

No. of prosecutions.—None.

No. of slaughter-houses—13. No. registered—10. Kind and condition—Private; good.

No. of prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs—None. (b) Unsound food—None. (c) re Slaughter-houses—None.

HOUSING-

Is there any scarcity of houses, and where ?—No.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses?-No.

Any special activity in house building, and where ?-No.

No. of new houses built in 1911.-19.

General character?—Residential, 8; cottages, 9.

Are there any working class dwellings erected by the S.A.?—No.

Any Town Planning Scheme contemplated?—No.

Who has been designated as the Inspecting Officer under Article II. of the Housing Regulations, 1910?—Sanitary Inspector.

No. of houses inspected during 1911—(a) Statutory (house to house)—750. (b) Other house inspections—305. Total—1,055.

No. of notices served as result of house inspections.—30.

Legal proceedings.—None.

Are the records regularly submitted to the S.A. at each ordinary meeting?—Yes.

HOUSING .- Continued.

No. of houses represented as unfit for habitation?—11.

No. dealt with by Closing Order.-None.

Any compulsory demolition ?—No.

Are there still any occupied houses unfit for habitation, and where?—Inspections proceeding.

Any cellar dwellings?-No.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS-

Any smoke nuisance, and where ?-No.

No. of smoke observations taken.—None.

Legal notices.—None.

Summonses.—None.

Inspections.—72.

Defects found.—None.

Home Work.—None.

No. of Factories (including Factory Laundries)-17.

No. of Workplaces (including Workshop Laundries)-12.

No. of Domestic Workshops—5.

No. of Retail Bakehouses—2.

No. of other Workshops—36.

Total No. of Workshops on Register-72.

ADOPTIVE ACTS-

What parts or sections of the following Acts are in force in the district:—

Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1890?—Part 3, Sec. 50, whole district, 1897.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907?—Application being made.

Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890?—No.

Notification of Births Act, 1907 ?-- No.

Private Street Works Act, 1892?-No.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.—Date of the current By-Laws in each case.—Private Scavenging, 30th August, 1879. Prevention of Nuisances, 20th August, 1879. Common Lodging Houses, 20th August, 1879. Houses let in Lodgings, None. Offensive Trades, None. Mortuaries, None. New Streets and Buildings (P.H. Act, 1875), 29th June, 1898. Slaughter Houses, 30th August, 1879. Regulations under Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, May, 1887; amended April, 1911. Does the M.O.H. possess a printed copy of each of the By-Laws which are operative?—Yes.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1911?— Whooping cough.

What special action to combat same ?—School closure.

Is hospital accommodation adequate and sufficient ?—Yes.

What arrangements for the supply of antitoxin ?—M.O.H. keeps stock.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list?—No.

Any influences threatening the health of the district?-No.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS—

Any subjects which have been specially investigated and reported on during the year?—None.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Particulars as to Institutional Treatment of Phthisis.

Any sanitary inspection of patient's houses?-Yes.

Any disinfection?—Yes.

Any distribution of advice?-Yes.

Any action re spitting?-No.

Any disinfection of public rooms, vehicles, &c.?-No.

INFANT MORTALITY-

What organised effort to control it?—Distribution of leaflets to parents of each child registered.

Is Health Visitor appointed by S.A. ?—No.

By other body?—No.

Causes of any excessive infant mortality in 1911.-None.

VITAL STATISTICS—

Births during 1911—Males, 102; Females, 82; total, 184.

No. illegitimate included in above.—No information.

No. of Still Births (not included).-No information.

Deaths during 1911—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., total actually registered in the district without any correction, 102.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated (Males 53, Females 49), 102.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above).--None.

MISCELLANEOUS—

What Mortuary accommodation?

- (a) For accidents?—None.
- (b) For infectious cases?—Isolation Hospital.

No. of Burial Grounds.—14.

Any need for extension ?—No.

Are there any Maggot breeding establishments in district?—

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Any nuisance therefrom or action in relation thereto ?-No.

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present annual salary of the M.O.H.?-£100.

Does the above include any recent increase in respect of added work?—No.

Amount of such increase?—None.

Name of Sanitary Inspector.—William Lupton; salary, £120. Other appointments held—Surveyor; salary for such other appointments, £65.

Any assistants?—Meat Inspector and Surveyor.

Is staff sufficient?—Yes.

PHTHISIS: SANATORIUM AND HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION—

Have the Council, or any Private Body, provided a Dispensary?—No.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.—See body of report.

Other Matters.—None.



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