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To the Leebury Urban Council

Leebury
Jan 12/06

Gentlemen

I beg to report that there have registered in your district during the year, 1905, 75 Births (the same number as last year), 36 Boys and 39 girls - of which less than 7 were illegitimate; making a Birthrate of 22.8 per 1000 of the population; and 68 Deaths, of which 24 were in persons over 70 years of age and 11 over 80.

Twelve of the deaths occurred in non-residents, so that the death-rate per 1000 of those belonging to the Urban District is 17.0 -

The deaths under 1 year of age were 8 in number as against an average of 10 for the last ten years.

The chief causes of death, besides Senile decay, were Heart-disease 8, Tubercular disease 8, Pneumonia 7, Bronchitis 6, and Cancer 5.

There were notified to me during the year 8 cases of Diphtheria, 7 of Enteric fever (two of which proved fatal) and 3 of Scarlet fever.

The dairies, slaughterhouses, bakeries, workshops, and lodging houses have been regularly visited, and generally found satisfactory.

The cases of notified infectious diseases have been successfully isolated in the respective houses in which they occurred, and disinfection of the houses properly carried out.

The unsatisfactory condition of the sewage tanks and ditches which I drew attention to in my last year's report has been remedied and the tank in the Jubilee meadow, the odour from which was a nuisance, has been converted into a septic tank by being concreted over.

This alteration has worked so satisfactorily that it will be desirable to convert the tank in the adjoining field by a similar process.

I have on several occasions tested samples of well water, and when found unfit to drink, the wells have been cleaned out or the Town water laid on.

As regards the Town water supply, an analysis of which has ^{been} proved to be excellent, it has been wisely decided to increase the underground storage in the well to 20,000 gallons by sinking a new 14 ft diameter

well, 33 ft deep, near the existing one and joining the two wells at the bottom.

This, it is contemplated, will enable the pumps to raise sufficient water for the 24 hours in one continuous run, instead of having to wait frequently until the water rises in the well.

The Summary of sanitary work done in 1905 is as follows: -

Hours premises inspected	300
Plans submitted for new houses	20
Overcrowding abated	1
Infectious diseases acquired into	16
Houses disinfectant	13
New water services	9
Wells cleaned out or closed	3
Sundry nuisances abated	50
Dairies & cow sheds, regularly inspected	7
Flaupter houses	5
Bakeries	8
Lodging houses	4
Workshops	9
Schools	5

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With a wood fire
No. 1.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper. The text is mirrored across the page, suggesting bleed-through from the reverse side. A small horizontal mark is visible near the center.]