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REPORT

OF THE

Longbenton Urban District

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

JAMES ROBERT BURN,

M.B., B.S., Ph.C., Medical Officer.

To the Chairman and Members of the Longbenton Urban District Council.

Gentlemen.

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1913, upon the Health and Sanitary Condition of the District.

Area.

The area of the District is 5,349 acres, almost level, and practically no part covered by water.

Population.

According to the Census of 1911, the population was :-

1911 CENSUS.

Civil Parishes.	Nu	mber of Houses.	Population.	Average per House.
Longbenton		2,320	10,215	4.4
Burradon		278	1,310	4.7
Camperdown		185	918	4.9
Totals		2,783	12,443	4.7

Six new houses have been occupied during the year; and estimating on an average of 4.7 inhabitants per house, this makes an increase in population since last year of 28, of which 10 are assigned to Camperdown, and 18 to Longbenton Sub-District.

Thus the population as estimated to the middle of 1913 is:-

Civil Parish.	N	umber of Houses.	Population.
Longbenton		2,346	10,327
Burradon		278	1,310
Camperdown		187	928
Totals		2,811	12,565

By far the greater number of the inhabitants are miners, the residue consisting of tradesmen, residents engaged in business in Newcastle-on-Tyne, and on the banks of the Tyne, farmers, farmworkers and railway-employés.

The mining population and other workers in the District are mostly indebted to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Royal Victoria Infirmary for surgical operations and medical treatment, beyond that supplied by the local medical practitioners, whilst those in receipt of Poor-Law Relief are treated in the Tynemouth Union Infirmary, when necessary, as there are no Hospitals in the District, except that for Infectious Diseases at Scaffold Hill, Longbenton, which belongs to the Earsdon Joint Hospital Board. This Hospital Board is composed of representatives appointed by the Longbenton Urban District Council, and four other Councils.

The chief ailments of miners which can be ascribed directly to the nature and circumstance of their Occupation appear to be:—

Nystagmus—due to eyestrain in bad light and dusty, smoky atmosphere (assisted by Tobacco in excess).

Lumbago and Chills—owing to severe muscular work in cramped positions and in damp draughty places.

Indigestion (with headache and vertigo)—owing to vapours from explosives.

Chronic Bronchitis and Asthma—probably due to working in dusty atmosphere.

It is interesting to note how few miners are attacked by Tuberculosis. Out of 27 cases notified during the year (17 Phthisis included) only two were miners (Phthisis), whilst none following this occupation were affected by Tuberculosis of other parts of the body. The absence of Typhoid Fever, and the continued low deathrate, seem to testify to the greatly improved sanitary condition of the District.

Analysis of occupations of cases of Tuberculosis of Lungs (Phthisis) notified during 1913:—

Gardene	rs (one	from outsi	de Distr	ict)		 2
Newspay	per Rep	porter (from	outside	Disti	rict)	 1
Clerk						 1
		er (female)				 1
Civil En						 1
Commer	cial Tr	aveller				 1
Greengre						 1
Baby (ag	ged 2 y	ears)				 1
Home		***				 6
Miners		• • • •				 2
					Total	 17

Table X shews population, births, and deaths for the Sub-Districts.

Table X.

Sub-Distr	ict.	Population.	Births.	Deaths
Longbenton		 10,327	323	110
Burradon		 1,310	32	20
Camperdown		 928	44	15
Totals		 12,565	399	145

Of the Births 13 were returned as Illegitimate, of which 11 were in Longbenton, and 2 were from outside the District.

Note.—By an Order of the Local Government Board, dated the 2nd March, 1912 (56,450), confirming an Order of the Northumberland County Council, the Parishes hitherto known as Longbenton, Burradon, and Camperdown were united for all civil purposes under the name of the Parish of Longbenton.

Details of causes of death and ages at death for the Subdistricts of Longbenton, and of Burradon with Camperdown, are given in Tables IIIA, IIIB, IVA, and IVB.

Statistics of the whole District for 1913 and previous years are provided in Table I.

Births.

The total number of Births registered is 399, equal to a birthrate of 31.7 per 1,000 per annum, as compared with 31.3 per 1,000 for 1912, and 33.75 per 1,000 for 1911.

In Longbenton it is 31 3 per 1,000.

In Burradon with Camperdown it is 34 per 1,000.

Deaths.

The nett number of Deaths registered is 145 (as compared with 155 in 1912) equal to a death-rate of 11.5 per 1,000.

In 1912 it was 12:36, and in 1911 it was 18.

It will thus be noted that the death-rate for the year has been very low. In 1910, the rate was 11.5, the lowest recorded for 12 years.

In Longbenton Sub-District the death-rate was 10.6 per 1,000 per annum.

In Burradon with Camperdown it was 15 per 1,000 per annum.

Infant Mortality.

The Deaths of Infants under one year of age numbered 42, and the Births were 399, equal to an Infant Mortality of 105.3 per 1,000 Births registered. This is still too high, although much the lowest recorded since 1908. In 1912, the Infant Mortality was 112.

Deaths at under 5 years numbered 54, equal to a death-rate at this age-period of 4·3 per 1,000 of the population. In 1912 it was 4·3, and in 1911 it was 8·4.

TABLE B.—Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year 1913. Shewing Localities, Numbers and Months in which Notified.

NAR. DISECTIOUS In Pever	snewing Localities, numbers and more	ľ	-	-	
Nrectious Interest and Fever Longbenton. Burradon and Camperdown. Camperdown. Burradon and Camperdown. Ca	AR. APR. MA	AUG. SEPT	. OCT.	Nov. DEC.	
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yelitis					
•					
Plague					
Typhus Fever					
TOTALS 4 1 3 1 8 4 8 9 2 5	4 8 9 2	12 1 10	15 2 18	3 9 1	129

Zymotic Death-rate.

The number of deaths due to this cause is as follows :-

Epidemic Dia	rrhœa (i	including all	deaths fro	m Diarri	nœa	
	ritis une	ler 2 years)				8
Measles						1
Scarlet Fever						2
Diphtheria (in	cluding	Membrano	us Croup)			3
Small Pox						0
Whooping Co	ugh					1
						-
				Total		15

Equal to a Zymotic Death-rate of 1.11 per 1,000, as compared with .638 in 1912, and 3.21 in 1911; more than half being due to Epidemic Diarrhœa in summer and autumn.

Phthisis Death-rate.

Phthisis was responsible for 7 deaths, equal to a death-rate of .56 per 1,000. In 1912 it was .71, and in 1911 it was 1.04.

Respiratory Death-rate.

Deaths from Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy numbered 24, making the death-rate for Diseases of Respiratory Organs, other than Phthisis, 1·1.

In 1912 it was 1.5, and in 1911 it was 2.1.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

An examination of Table B will shew the number of cases of each Notifiable Disease notified in each Sub-District during each month of the year, and Table II shews the cases classified in ageperiods, e.g., one case of Scarlet Fever and one of Erysipelas occurred in patients under 1 year of age; also the number of cases removed to Hospital.

Typhoid Fever. No Cases. One case was notified; but was afterwards found to be a case of Pneumonia which proved fatal.

Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases

There were no severe epidemics of Non-notifiable Infectious Disease, but Epidemic Diarrhœa which caused 8 deaths, all during August, September, and October, 3 of which were in Longbenton Sub-District, and 5 in Burradon with Camperdown.

Sanitary Circumstances of District

All houses in the District are now supplied with water from Water the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company's Mains, except Supply. 10; for particulars of those see Report of Sanitary Inspector.

> Rivers and Streams.

There are no rivers and streams in the District, except a streamlet known as the Ouseburn, which is in no way contaminated, no sewage passing into it.

> Drainage Sewerage.

Most houses are now drained into a Main Sewer which joins the Ouseburn Sewer in Newcastle-on-Tyne area. About 80 houses in Burradon, one of which only has water-carriage system, are drained into a tunnel which carries water pumped from Burradon Pit, into the Seaton Burn. As this water is pumped 22 hours per day at the rate of 360 gallons per minute, or an average of 475,200 gallons per day, there is no perceptible pollution.

At West Allotment, the houses, without water-carriage system are drained into the Sewer belonging to Earsdon Urban Council which discharges into the North Sea.

Information concerning Closet Accommodation, Scavenging, Sanitary Inspection, Premises and Occupations controlled by Bye-laws or Regulations will be found in the Report of the District Sanitary Inspector attached hereto.

The sanitary condition of schools is satisfactory, all having the Schools. water-carriage system, viz.: the County Council Schools at Burradon, Westmoor, Benton Square, Holystone and Forest Hall; and the National Church Schools in Longbenton Village.

It was not found necessary to close any of the Schools, during the year, on account of Epidemic Disease.

The School Medical Inspector has periodically inspected the school-children, and reported any cases requiring attention to the medical practitioners.

No complaints have been received as to the quality of Food, Food. including Milk, supplied in the District. The Slaughter-houses and Cow-byres and Dairies have been periodically inspected.

Reference to the Report of the Sanitary Inspector will show Housing. that little or no provision is being made for increase of population amongst the working classes and other people of small means.

Workshops, Workplaces, &c.—See Report of Sanitary Inspector.

Sanitary Administration of the District.

Hospital ation.

A Nurses' Home has been built at the Scaffold Hill Hospital Accommod- for Infectious Diseases, and the Hospital itself is about to be enlarged to meet all requirements.

Bacteriological Investigations.

Have been carried out at the Laboratory of the Northumberland County Council, in Newcastle-on-Tyne, whenever required by the District Medical Officer and Medical Practitoners, free of charge and quite satisfactorily. This is found of great assistance in the Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases including Tuberculosis of Lungs and other parts.

Prevalence of and Control over Acute Infectious Disease.

Full advantage has been taken of Bacteriological Examination. hospital accommodation, isolation and disinfection to prevent the spread of Epidemic Disease.

Anti-Diphtheria Serum was supplied free by the District Council whenever necessary.

Prevalance of and Control over Tuberculosis.

Arrangements for the proper inspection, control, and treatment of Tuberculosis are not yet completed, but an endeavour is being made to systematize this work under a County Scheme with the assistance of a Chief Tuberculosis Officer to be appointed Meanwhile, instructions are conveyed through the Medical practitoner in attendance, and disinfection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector whenever necessary.

Means for Preventing Mortality in Childbirth and in Infancy.

The Northumberland County Council, being the local authority for the purposes of the Midwives' Act, 1902, has not delegated any of its powers to the Urban Council under S. 9 of the Act.

With regard to the Notification of Births' Act, 1907, the question of its adoption was carefully considered by me; and on the 9th September last, I made the following Report:—

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

- "On enquiry, I find that this Act has been adopted by four of the thirty-three Districts in the County of Northumberland, viz., Wallsend Boro', Ashington Urban, Cramlington Urban, and Hexham Urban.
- "In Cramlington and Ashington, the Distsict Nurses are employed as Health Visitors; in Wallsend a full time Health Visitor is employed.
- "A suitable Health Visitor can be had for about 30/- per week; but there would not be nearly sufficient work to keep her employed in this District, while the objection to a District Nurse doing the work, in a Country District, is that she has not the time to make the requisite number of regular visits, and, moreover, many District Nurses have not had sufficient training in the care of newly-born Infants to do the work efficiently.
- "In Wallsend, with a population of over 41,000, a Health Visitor is found of great value, but much depends upon the person employed.
- "I do not see that much benefit would accrue from the adoption of the Act at present; but, if adopted, means to carry it into effect might be afterwards employed, such as the sending of suitable leaflets with information for the guidance of mothers."

After consideration of this Report, the Council did not think it advisable at present to adopt the Act.

The Annual Report, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, is appended.

I am.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES ROBERT BURN.

TABLE 1.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1913 and Previous Years.

Longbenton Urban District.

	Population		BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.	TAL DEATHS STERED IN THE DISTRICT.	TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.	ERABLE THS.	NE	NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	DEATHS BELONGING THE DISTRICT.	TO
YEAR.	estimated to middle of each	Un.	Nett.	tt.			Of Non- residents	Of Resi-	Under 1 Y	Under 1 Year of Age.	At all Ages.	Ages.
1	Year.	corrected Number.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate 7	registered in the District.	registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1908	15,096	512	512	33.6	207	13.7	61	9	87	6.691	211	13.9
1909	15,856	536	536	33.3	183	2.11	I	6	58	108.5	184	9.11
1910	16,142	484	484	6.66	182	11.3	-	9	54	1111.5	187	11.5
1911	12,443	418	450	33.75	207	18.32	4	21	7.5	178.57	554	18
1912	12,537	393	393	81.8	150	12.8	9	11	44	112	155	12.36
1913	12,565	397	399	31.7	141	11.5	10	14	42	105.3	145	* 9.11

Area of District in acres (land and inland water)

... 12,443 At Census, 1911 0,783 (c.f. Census, 1911 0,783 (c.f. Census, Vol. V.) Total population at all ages
Number of inhabited houses
Average number of persons per house

* Corrected death rate (after having multiplied the nett death rate by 1.0140) = 11.6.

TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1913.

Longbenton Urban District.

			NUMB	ER OF C	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.	TFIED.			TOTAL NOTI	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.	Total
NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.				At	At Ages—Years.	ars.				Burradon	Re- moved
	At all Ages.	Under 1.	and under 5 years.	and under 15 years	and and and and and and under under under under under l5 years 45 years 65 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and up- wards.	Long- benton Sub- District.	and Camper- down Sub- District.	Hos-
Small-pox Cholera Elague Diphtheria (includ'g											
Membranons Croup)		,	01	13	н 0		ç		17	o	Π
Erysipelas Scarlet Fever	28		13	46	ю н	4 67	10		40	00 00	255
Typhus Fever Enteric Fever	-					1				1	
Relapsing Fever Continued Fever Puerperal Fever	-				1					П	
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis Poliomyelitis											
Pulmonary Tuber- culosis	17		-		00	Ξ	61		15	C1	
culosis	11			_	П	00			6	21	
Totals	129	01	16	67	10	25	12		97	35	36

Isolation Hospitals—Scaffold Hill, Longbenton, in the District.

The Grange, Earsdon, outside the District.

Both under Earsdon Joint Hospital Board.

Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE III.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the Year 1913.

		Net "Resi	dents	ths at '' whe	ther o	ceurri	ng wi	es of thin o	e	Total Death whether of
CAUSES OF DEATH.	All	Under 1 year.	1 & under 2 years.	2 & under 5 years.	5 & under 15 years.	15 & under 25 years.	25 & under 45 years.	45 & under 65 years.	65 and upwards.	"Residents" or "Non- Residents" in Institu- tions in the District.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Causes Certified		5								8
Enteric Fever										
Small-pox										
Measles		1								
Scarlet Fever	. 2				2					
Whooping Cough			1							
Diphtheria and Croup				1	2					
Influenza	. 2		1					1		
Erysipelas										
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis			1	1		2	3			
Tuberculous Meningitis			-				2			
Other Tuberculous Diseases		1					1			
Cancer, malignant disease							1		5	
Rheumatic Fever					1		-			
Meningitis							1	0		
Organic Heart Disease				- 5		1	3	8	3	
Bronchitis		1		2	1		- 5	- 5	5 3	
Pneumonia (all forms)		3		1	3		2	1	- 5	
Other diseases of respiratory organ			200							
Diarrhea and Enteritis		6	2							
Appendicitis and Typhlitis							1			
Cirrhosis of Liver	. 1						1			
Alcoholism								0		
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	- 1					1		2		
Puerperal Fever Other accidents and diseases o	6					1				
Pregnancy and Parturition Congenital Debility and Malforma										
tion, including Premature Birth		24								
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide		21				1	2		1	
Suicide						-	-			
Other Defined Diseases		6	2		1	1	6	8	14	
Diseases ill-defined or unknown										
	148	42	7	5	10	6	22	22	31	8

Sub-District of Longbenton in Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE IIIa.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the Year 1913.

			t Deat dents	" whe	ther o		ing wi		r	Total Death whether of
CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 & under 2 years.	2 & under 5 years.	5 & under 15 years.	15 & under 25 years.	25 & under 45 years.	45 & under 65 years.	65 and upwards.	"Residents or "Non- Residents" in Institu- tions in the District.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	-11
All Causes (Certified Uncertified										
Enteric Fever										
Small-pox										
Measles	1	1								
Scarlet Fever	1				- 1					
Whooping Cough	1		1							
Diphtheria and Croup	2				2					
Influenza	2		1					1		
Erysipelas										
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)			1	1		2	3			
Tuberculous Meningitis	270						2			
Other Tuberculous Diseases		1					1			
Cancer, malignant disease	6						1		5	
Rheumatic Fever	. 1				1					
Meningitis	1						1			
Organic Heart Disease	11					1	3	- 5	-2	
Bronchitis	8	1		2				2	3	
Pneumonia (all forms)	8	2		1	1		1		3	
Other diseases of respiratory organs	4									
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		3								
Appendicitis and Typhlitis										
Cirrhosis of Liver	1.74						1			
Alcoholism										
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	2							2		
Puerperal Fever										
Other accidents and diseases of										
Pregnancy and Parturition										
Congenital Debility and Malforma-										
tion, including Premature Birth	16	16								
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	3						2		1	
Suicide										
Other Defined Diseases	32	-4	1		1	- 1	- 5	8	12	
Diseases ill-defined or unknown										
	110	28	4	4	6	-4	20	18	26	

Sub-District of Burradon with Camperdown in Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE 1116.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the Year 1913.

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 & under 2 years.	2 & under 5 years.	5 & under 15 years.	15 & under 25 years.	25 & under 45 years.	45 & under 65 years.	. 65 and upwards.	Residents or "Non- Residents" in Institu- tions in the District.
1	2	3	4	-5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Causes (Certified Uncertified	35									
Enteric Fever										
Small-pox										
Measles										
Scarlet Fever					1					
Whooping Cough										
Diphtheria and Croup	1			1						
Influenza										
Erysipelas										
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)										
Tuberculous Meningitis										
Other Tuberculous Diseases										
Cancer, malignant disease										
Rheumatic Fever										
Meningitis										
Organic Heart Disease	4							3	1	
Bronchitis					1			1	2	
Pneumonia (all forms)		1			2		1			
Other diseases of respiratory organs										
Diarrhœa and Enteritis	5	3	2							
Appendicitis and Typhlitis										
Cirrhosis of Liver										
Alcoholism										
Nephritis and Bright's Disease										
Puerperal Fever						1				
Other accidents and diseases of										
Pregnancy and Parturition										
Congenital Debility and Malforma-										
tion, including Premature Birth		8				-				
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	1					-1				
Suicide	2						1		0	
Other Defined Diseases	6	2	1				1		2	
Diseases ill-defined or unknown										
						2	2		5	

Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE IV.

Infant Mortality.

1913. Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and inder 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes Certified Uncertified						n	= =	5		
Small-pox							_			
Chicken-pox										
Measles								1		1
Scarlet Fever								10.000		-
Whooping Cough										
Diphtheria and Croup										
Erysipelas										
Tuberculous Meningitis										
Abdominal Tuberculosis										
Other Tuberculous Diseases									1	1
Meningitis										
Convulsions										
Laryngitis										
Bronchitis								1		1
Pneumonia (all forms)				1	1		1	1		- 3
Diarrhœa							2	1	1	4
Enteritis							1	1		2
Gastritis										
Syphilis										
Rickets										
Suffocation, overlying										
Injury at birth										
Atelectasis										
Congenital Malformations										
Premature Birth	16		1	1	18	2	1			21
Atrophy, Debility and										
Marasmus			1	1	2	1				3
Other Causes			1	1	2		1	3		- 6
	16		3	4	23	3	6	8	2	42

Nett Births in the year		Legitimate 386	
	1	Illegitimate - 13	
Nett Deaths in the year of	1	Legitimate infants -	39
	1	Illegitimate infants -	3

Sub-District of Longbenton in Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE IVa.

Infant Mortality

1913. Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks,	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under I vear
All Causes Certified Uncertified										
Measles								1		1
Other Tuberculous Diseases									1	1
Bronchitis								1		1
Pneumonia (all forms)							1	1		2
Diarrhœa							2			2
Enteritis							1			1
Premature Birth	12		1	1	14		1			15
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus						1				1
Other Causes			1	1	2		1	1		4
	12		2	2	16	1	6	4	1	28

Nett Births in the year { Legitimate - 310 | Illegitimate - 13 | Including two transferred to District, not located. | Legitimate infants - 25 | Illegitimate infants - 3

Burradon and Camperdown Sub-District of Longbenton Urban District.

TABLE IVb.

Infant Mortality.

1913. Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks,	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths
All Causes $\left\{ egin{array}{ll} \mbox{Certified} & \dots \mbox{Uncertified} \dots \end{array} \right.$								4		
Pneumonia (all forms)				1	1					1
Diarrhœa								1	1	2
Enteritis								1		1
Premature Birth	4				4	2				6
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus			1	1	2			1		3
Other Causes								1		1
	4		1	2	7	2			1	14

Nett Births in the year

Legitimate - - 76

Illegitimate - - Nil.

Nett Deaths in the year of

Illegitimate Infants - - 14

Illegitimate Infants - - Nil.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1913 for the Urban District of Longbenton on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories. Workshops, Workplaces and Homework.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.

	Number of					
Premises.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions			
FACTORIES (Including Factory Laundries)	3	1				
WORKSHOPS (Including Workshop Laundries)	80	7				
WORKPLACES (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report)						
Total	83	8				

2.- DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

	Num	Number of Defects.				
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspect'r	Prosecu-		
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts: Want of Cleanliness Want of Ventilation Overcrowding Want of Drainage of Floors	2	2				
Sanitary accommodation. Sanitary accommodation. Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act: Illegal Occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100) Other offences (Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part	6	6				
3 of this Report). Total	8	8				

3.-HOME WORK .. Nil.

4.-REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year.	Number.
Bakehouses (none underground)	11
Blacksmiths, Tailors, Boot and Shoe Repairers, Builders and Joiners *	40
Workshop Laundry	1

5. OTHER MATTERS.

Class.							Number
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector Failure to affix Abstract of the F Action taken in matters referre as remediable under the Public under the Factory and Worksh	actory and ed by H.M c Health A	. Insp	kshop Act pector N ut not R	otified by eports (of	H.M. Insp	ten)	1
Other Underground Bakehouses (s. 101):			+ =				
Certificates granted during the ye							
In use at the end of the year				* *	**		

(Signature), JAS. ROBT. BURN,

February 25th, 1914.

Medical Officer of Health.

LONGBENTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report

OF THE

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES,

For the Year 1913.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LONGBENTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my second Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1913.

SCAVENGING OF HOUSE REFUSE.—This work was carried out regularly by the Council's employees during day time. The ashpits were cleansed 17 times during the year, ash-closets once every week and in some instances twice a week. Ash-bins were cleansed once a week. The quantity of refuse removed was 16,501 loads or 20,626 cube yards.

At Burradon and Camperdown the quantity per house = 12 cube yards.

At Benton, in the Grove district, the average per house $=3\frac{1}{2}$ cube yards.

The average per house for the whole district = 7.3 cube yards.

The total cost of Scavenging amounted to £868 6s. 8d. The average cost per house=6s. 2·2d. The average cost per cube yard=10·1d. Included in these expenses are £18 5s. 0d. rental for refuse depôts.

During the 12 months ending March 31st, 1904, the cost of scavenging 2,323 houses cost £928 3s. 6d., or an average cost of 7s. 118d. per house. This was under the contract system, and does not include rental for depôts.

Although we are scavenging 486 more houses now, the cost is £78 ls. 10d. less. The saving works out at ls. 9.6d. per house.

About 40% of the refuse was conveyed to the refuse depôts in the district, the remainder being tipped upon the land and ploughed in by the farmers.

REMOVAL OF TRADE REFUSE.—An arrangement was made with a few tradesmen to remove refuse from their premises. During the 8 months ending September 30th, 288 sacks of rubbish were removed at a cost of £1 16s. 0d. or 1½d. per sack.

REFUSE DEPOTS.—There are 4 depôts in the district, as follows.—Burradon (near colliery); Prospect Hill Quarry; Billy Pit, Benton; and Benton Square Quarry. An annual rental is paid for each of the first three. The latter, which is nearly filled up, is free. The dry-refuse, removed from Forest Hall and Benton where the water-closet system is chiefly in use, is tipped at Billy Pit, where a 6'0" wire fence is erected to burn paper in.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.—The following is a list, giving the number in existence in each Ward:—

	Water Closets.	Ash Closets.	Ashpits in combination with Privies.	Privies.	Separate Ashpits.	Galvanised Fron Dust Bins.	Other Receptacles.	Privy Pails.
Allotment Ward	7	110	148	315	. 6	1		
Benton Ward	343	71	40	50	122	182	39	
Burradon Ward	24	372	24	35	19	4	1	
Forest Hall Ward	268	348	69	102	102	157	9	4
Killingworth Ward	99	294	68	110	50	40	9	2
Totals	741	1195	349	612	299	384	58	6

NOTICES SERVED.—The following notices were served upon owners, occupiers, and agents, to abate nuisances under the Public Health Acts. Informal Notices 141. Statutory Notices 126. It was not found necessary to take legal proceedings. For summary of Notices, Inspections and Works affected see Tables I, II, and III.

DRAINAGE WORKS.—22 houses were found to have defective drains. With few exceptions the drains were entirely re-laid. The others were repaired and made smoke-tight. The work was carried out in accordance with the bye-laws of the late Tynemouth Rural District Council, such bye-laws being in use until the new ones are approved by the Local Government Board. In all 36 water tests and 57 smoke tests were applied and 148 inspections made while the work was in progress. See Table III.

DRAINAGE WORKS ON NEW BUILDINGS.—22 new systems of new drains were inspected, 16 of these were not quite completed at the end of the year. 8 extensions to existing drains were carried out and inspected. 94 water tests and 32 smoke tests were applied and 150 inspections made. See Table IV.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.—There are 7 in the district. 4 are of modern construction. 22 visits were made. During the year 1 Notice, which was served last year, has been complied with, the walls being cement-plastered up to a height of 4 feet. Bye-laws are now before the Local Government Board for their approval.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDER, 1885, AND THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1886.—Regulations have been made under the above Order and Act These are also at the Local Government Board for approval. There are 28 Cowsheds and Dairies and 3 Purveyors of Milk in the district. The total number of cows when last inspected was 282.

The various premises were inspected, a total of 63 visits having been made.

Nine informal notices were served to cleanse and limewash byres. These were speedily complied with. Structural defects were found to exist upon 3 premises, as follows:—Defective drains, 1; defective floors and want of ventilation and light, 2. Two sets of drains were re-laid and 4 byre floors have been laid with cement. Two new byres have been built and 2 were closed.

HOUSING (INSPECTION OF DISTRICT) REGULATIONS, 1910.—The houses inspected number 102. Insanitary and other defects were found in 94 cases. Informal notices were served upon the owners in each instance to carry out the repairs and alterations necessary.

The chief defects found were damp floors and walls, leaky roofs, defective rain water gutters and down pipes, defective stair-

cases, insanitary privy-middens, insufficient lighting area and ventilation, and unpaved areas. In connection with the 89 houses reported last year:—

- 212 Re-inspections were made during this year.
- 42 have been brought into compliance with the notices served.
- 35 are nearly completed.
- 11 are in the same condition as when first inspected.
- I has been closed after service of Closing Order.
- 4 houses reported this year have been put right and 20 reinspections made in connection with them.

INSANITARY HOUSES.—As reported last year, the owners of property at West Moor, Camperdown and Burradon are carrying out certain repairs and alterations, as requested by the late Council.

At West Moor, 14 houses have had new front room floors laid with wood, and the back kitchen floors were laid with cement after making provision for the ventilation of the former. Where necessary the walls were plastered with cement and sand.

At Camperdown, 27 houses have had new floors of wood laid on the ground floor, new attic floors, new staircases, larger windows, hinged skylights, and more ventilation provided. A cement area has also been laid at each side of 16 of these houses and the carriageway was penned and covered with clean boiler clinker.

At Burradon, 3 new floors were also laid.

New rain-water gutters were provided in Long Row, Short Row, Lane Row and Crank Rows, West Moor, and also at North Row, Burradon.

HOUSES WITHOUT A PROPER WATER SUPPLY.—
The following houses are without a proper supply from the water
mains:—

Prosperous Pit Cottages	 3
Paddock Hall or East Farm	 1
Hope Cottage and Hope Pit	 2
Holy Stone Gardens and Cottages	 4

The former 6 have to carry water a considerable distance from stand pipes. The latter 4 are supplied from a well, which is 22 feet deep. It is within 3 yards of a dwelling house and is 25 yards from a privy. It is liable to contamination from surface water. The adjoining land is manured, and the pail may also become fouled when in contact with the ground. The owner has been requested to provide a proper supply. The house reported last year has been provided with a supply from the water main.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—I received 101 notifications from the Medical Officer of Health as follows:—

Scarlet Fever	 63
Diphtheria	 16
Membranous Croup	 1
Typhoid Fever	 1
Erysipelas	 19
Puerperal Fever	 1
	101

Acting on his instructions 36 were removed to hospital. After removal to hospital and the recovery of patients at home, 56 rooms in 44 houses were fumigated with Formic-aldehyde. Five of this number were after cases of tuberculosis.

PETROLEUM ACTS.—One license has been renewed, and another granted during the year. These stores are in accordance with the regulations.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.—The following is a list of Factories and Workshops in this district:—

0					
Bakehouses	none u	inderg	round)		 11
Dressmakers			***		 18
34:11.					 2
Knitting-mad	chine w	orker			 1
Needle-work	ers (on	out-w	orkers'	list)	 1
Workshop L	aundry		4.4.1		 1
Blacksmiths					 5
Tailors					 2
Boot and Sh					 4
Builders and	l Joine	rs			 7
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Tot	al num	ber of	Works		 52
>1	, ,	,	Factor	ies	 3

55

These were inspected, a total of 83 visits were defects were found to exist and notices were served	ma de. :—	A few
To cleanse sanitary conveniences		1
*To limewash workshop		1
To provide a separate water supply to bakehouse		1
To provide an impervious floor to bakehouse		1
To provide a sufficient sanitary convenience		2
To remedy dampness in floor and walls and pro-	ovide	
more light and ventilation		2
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		8
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*This was notified by H.M. Inspector		

STREETS AND ROADS.—Street works at Newton Road were near completion at the end of the year, the cost being about £530.

New street works are required at:-

Forest Hall:—Forest Avenue, Crossley Terrace, Percy Street, Young's Road, Errington Terrace and Nicholson's Terrace back street.

South Gosforth:—Killingworth Road and Gallalaw Terrace.

West Allotment:—West Street, Earsdon Terrace, Holywell Terrace, and the paths in front of Eccles, Carlisle, Maude, Lamb, Buddle and Griffith Terraces.

Camperdown.—Back streets at Station Road, Atkin Street and Garden Terrace.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.—The following have been framed and are at present before the Local Government Board for their approval:—

- (1) New Streets and Buildings.
- (2) Slaughter Houses.
- (3) Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.
- (4) For the Prevention of Nuisances from the keeping of Animals, etc.
- (5) The Drainage of Existing Buildings.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1907.— The Council have been invested by the Local Government Board with the powers of the following Sections of this Act:—

Sections 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 33, comprised in Part II.;

Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 48, comprised in Part III.; and

Sections 53, 54, 57 and 67 comprised in Part IV.

The Order came into operation on the 20th day of December, 1913.

A large number of nuisances were abated forthwith on verbal notices to the persons responsible.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WM. BEAN, C.R.S.I.,

Inspector of Nuisances.

January 29th, 1914.

TABLE No. 1.

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'səsno	Вакећ	15	0.1	0.1	0.1	:	:
Honses.	Slaughter	22	П	1	C1	:	:
Cowsheds.	Dairies and	63	12	12	12	-	-
Sani- tary Conven- iences.	Insufficient.			133	19	106	56
age.	Insufficient.	181	55	98	88	9	9
Drainage	Choked.	141	71	7	51	-	-
Supply. Supply.		15	10	00	1	00	:
	Dampness.	27	10	10	9	-	
56	Over- erowding.	800	00	6	L-	œ	00
* Housing	Defective Spouting.	34	121	L-	119	-	=
•	Unfit for Human Habitation.	136	44	44	44	. :	:
ESTIMATED	Number of inspections made	Number of defects or contra- ventions of bye-laws found	Number of informal notices by Inspector	Number of defects or con- traventions remedied after informal notice	Number of statutory notices served by Local Authority	Number of defects or con- traventions remedied after statutory notice	

* These statistics do not include the houses inspected under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910.

TABLE II.

Details relating to certain works carried out in the abatement of nuisances.

Privies	Ashpits	Water Closets	Ash Closets
Abolished.	Abolished.	Substituted.	Substituted
59	30	7	62

TABLE III.

Details relating to certain works carried out in the Re-laying of Defective Drains.

Yards of Glazed Earthen- ware Pipes.	Gullies, Anti-Bell Traps and Disconnect- ing Traps.	Inspec- tion Chambers Provided.	Yards of Cast-Iron Soil-Pipes and Vent Shafts.	Water Closets Re-fixed.	Yards of Rain- Water Gutters Provided.	Water Tests Applied.	Smoke Tests Applied.	Visits Paid.
607	79	12	102	22	1364	36	57	148

TABLE IV.

Details relating to certain works carried out in the Provision of Drains to New Buildings.

Yards of Glazed Earthen- ware Pipes Laid.	Gullies, Anti-Bell and Disconnect- ting Traps Fixed.	Inspec- tion Chambers Provided.	Yards of Cast-Iron Drain Pip-s, Soil Pipes and Vent- Shafts.		Water Tests Applied.	Smoke Tests Applied.	Visits Paid.
577	77	31	78	17	94	32	150

Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910.

of ouses d.	ifit tion.	Closing	Orders.	s were thout ders de.	louses it for after osing	Ho	ber of uses lished.	
Number Inspecte mber for o be un	mber fo o be un Habita	Number of r presentation made to Loc Authority.	Number of Closing Orde made.	Number of I where defect remedied wi Closing Or being ma	Number of F rendered fi Habitation making Clc Order.	Under Demolition Orders.	Voluntary by Owners.	General Character of Defects found to exist.
102	62	94	1	42			3	Damp walls and floors. Insufficient light & ventilation Defective rain-water gutters. Defective staircases. Unpaved areas. Insanitary privy middens.

Remarks.—1 House was closed after Statutory Notice was served. 5 were closed voluntarily. The repairs of 35 Houses were nearly completed (see Report).

Newly occupied houses during 1912 :-		
Station Road, Camperdown	 	2
Lartington Gardens, East Gosforth	 ***	2
Nurses' Home, Scaffold Hill	 ***	1.
Brickyard, West Moor	 	1

