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MAP SHOWING INCIDENCE OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN PORTSMOUTH DURING THE YEAR 1893.



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# Borough of Portsmouth.

# REPORT

#### ON THE

# HEALTH OF PORTSMOUTH

FOR THE YEAR 1893,

BY

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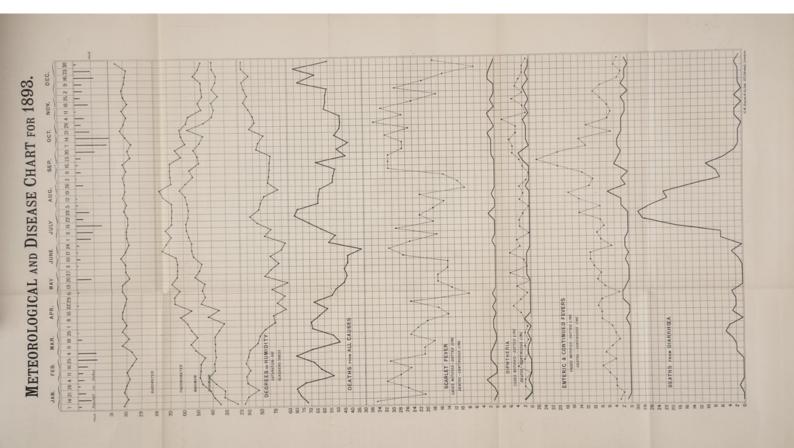
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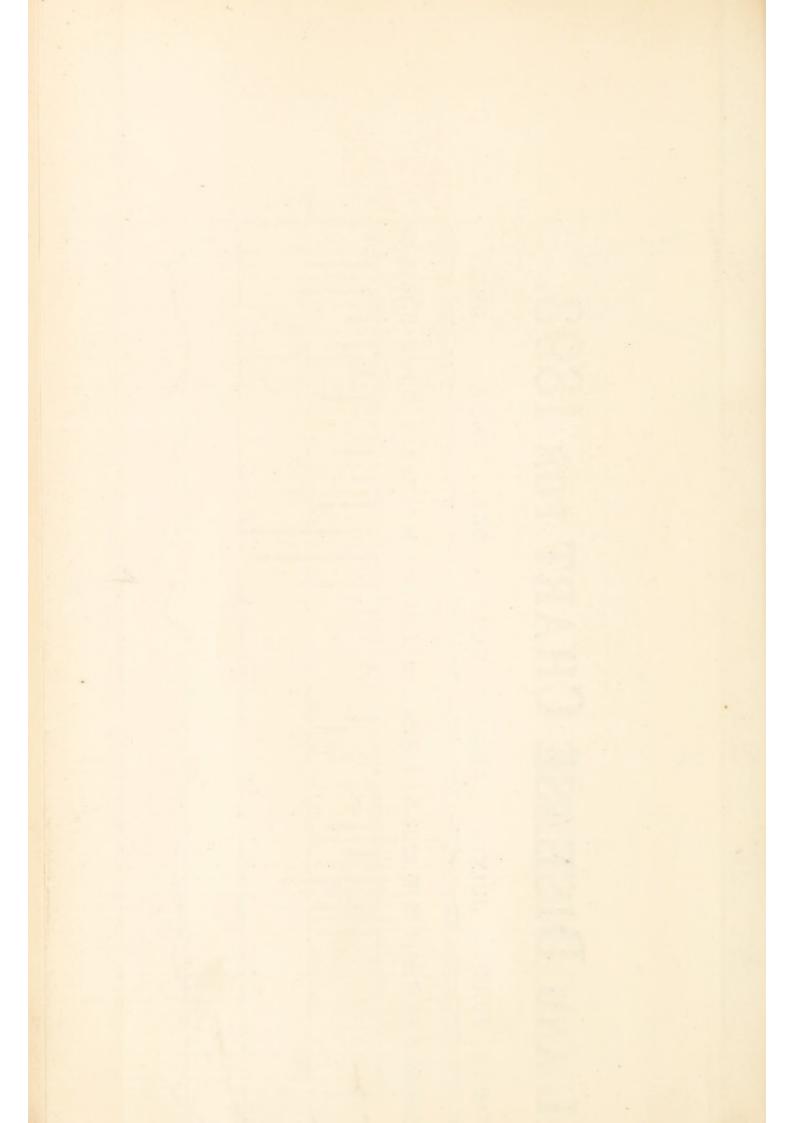
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ABSTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at Milton Hospital during the Year 1893.

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## Report

of the

## Medical Officer of Ibealth

to the

# Arban Sanitary Authority

of the

# Borough of Portsmouth,

for the Pear ending the 31st day of December, 1893.

## GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you my report upon the Health of Portsmouth, for the year 1893, I am pleased to be able to say that the health of the town was good. In comparison with the previous 10 years, the death-rate is a trifle lower, and when compared with the 33 large towns, Portsmouth in the lowness of its death-rate stands fourth, ranking after Croydon, Huddersfield, and Halifax. From the public health standpoint, the most noticeable event of the year was a mild but extensive epidemic of Scarlet Fever, and an increased prevalence of Autumnal Diarrhœa, the latter, no doubt, induced by the unusual heat of the season. Owing to the excellent water supply, which was not in any way affected by the drought, Portsmouth suffered very little from the unusual want of rain which was experienced. More water was necessarily used for flushing the sewers, but this was readily supplied by the Water Company.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

#### B. H. MUMBY, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

### Statistics.

The area under the control of the Sanitary Authority is 4,486 acres of land, of which 881 acres are water and foreshore. The average number of persons per acre is 37.2, but the population is not by any means equally distributed, as a large part of the area is still agricultural land, whilst in other parts there is considerable overcrowding.

The population, estimated after the method of the Registrar General, was 167,285 in the middle of the year, and it is upon that number that the death-rates of the year are calculated. The populations of the sub-districts are estimated after a similar method, but also taking into consideration the growth or decrease of each district; they are as follows: — Portsmouth, 6,987; Portsea, 15,398; Kingston, 61,212; Landport, 69,888: Southsea, 13,798.

During the past year the sub-district of Landport had a portion detached from it and added to the Portsmouth sub-district, which, with its enlarged area, is now known as the Portsmouth and Southsea sub-district. The lower part of the district known as Southsea, is still included in the Landport sub-district.

## TABLE I.

Table, showing the Population, Marriages, Inhabited Houses, Births and Deaths, for the year 1893, and the 10 preceding years.

	Estimated	No. of			Correct No. of Deaths.							
Year.	Population	Inhabited Houses.	Marriages.	Registered Births,	Total all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	Under 5 Years					
1893	167,285	30,984	1,459	4,708	3,058	763	1,171					
1892	163,667	30,305	1,464	4,563	3,026	719	1,068					
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1890	156,667	28,875	1,318	4,881	2,847	648	1,143					
1889	153,279	28,206	1,460	4,943	2,565	697	941					
1888	149,966	27,539	1,385	4,976	2,614	671	1,036					
1887	146,724	26,873	1,395	5,004	2,681		988					
1886	143,552	26,204	1,471	4,918	3,257	725	1,053					
1885	140,448	25,537	1,322	4,592		885	1,461					
1884	137,412	24,870	1,316	4,675	2,676	608	945					
1883	134,441	24,203	1,345	4,648	2,587 2,446	$592 \\ 643$	1,023 927					
Average ten years 1883-92	148,628	27,215	1,390	4,799	2,776	685	1,059					

#### GROSS NUMBERS.

NOTES.

1.—Population at Cen	sus, 1891		 159,255
2.—Area in Acres			 4,486
3.—Average number o	f persons in each l	nouse at Census	 5.4
4.—Average number o	f persons per acre a	at Census	 35.5

## TABLE II.

## Table showing the Annual Birth Rate, Rate of Mortality, and Death Rates among Children for the Year 1893 and 10 Years preceding.

Years	Birth Rate per 1000 of the Population	Annual Rate of Mortality per 1000 living from all causes.	Annual Rate of Mortality per 1000 living from 7 principal Zymotic Diseases.	Deaths of Children under 1 year. Percentage of Total Deaths	Percentage of Deaths of Children under 1 year to Registered Births	Deaths of Children under 5 years Percentage of Total Deaths.
1893	28.14	18.28	3.09	24.9	16.4	38.3
1892 1891 1890 1889 1888 1887 1886 1885 1884 1883	$\begin{array}{c} 27 \cdot 88 \\ 29 \cdot 90 \\ 30 \cdot 15 \\ 31 \cdot 25 \\ 33 \cdot 18 \\ 34 \cdot 10 \\ 34 \cdot 26 \\ 32 \cdot 91 \\ 34 \cdot 11 \\ 34 \cdot 57 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 18{\cdot}49\\ 19{\cdot}06\\ 18{\cdot}16\\ 16{\cdot}71\\ 17{\cdot}43\\ 18{\cdot}27\\ 22{\cdot}68\\ 19{\cdot}05\\ 19{\cdot}22\\ 18{\cdot}19\end{array}$	1.89 2.49 1.69 1.95 1.33 2.24 4.87 2.24 2.89 2.04	$\begin{array}{c} 20{\cdot}4\\ 21{\cdot}7\\ 22{\cdot}5\\ 27{\cdot}1\\ 25{\cdot}6\\ 27{\cdot}0\\ 27{\cdot}1\\ 26{\cdot}4\\ 22{\cdot}9\\ 26{\cdot}3\end{array}$	$15.5 \\ 13.8 \\ 13.5 \\ 14.1 \\ 13.4 \\ 14.3 \\ 17.0 \\ 13.2 \\ 12.7 \\ 13.8 $	$\begin{array}{c} 35 \cdot 3 \\ 37 \cdot 4 \\ 32 \cdot 7 \\ 40 \cdot 3 \\ 37 \cdot 5 \\ 39 \cdot 2 \\ 44 \cdot 6 \\ 35 \cdot 2 \\ 39 \cdot 6 \\ 40 \cdot 0 \end{array}$
Average of 10 years 1883-1892	32.23	18.73	2.36	24.7	13.8	38.1

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TABLE III.- (Continued).

## SUMMARY OF TABLE III.

CLASS	DISEASES.	NUMBER OF DEATHS
I.	ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	
	1. Miasmatic Diseases	324
	2. Diarrhœal Diseases	247
	3. Malarial Diseases	4
	4. Zoogenous Diseases	3
	5. Venereal Diseases	15
	6. Sceptic Diseases	40
п.	Parasitic Diseases	-
III.	DIETIC DISEASES	15
IV.	CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES	508
V.	DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES	304
VI.	Local Diseases	
	1. Diseases of the Nervous System	358
	2. " Organs of Special Sense	3
	3, Circulatory System	250
	4. " Respiratory System	472
	5. " Digestive System	187
	6. " Lymphatic System	2
	7. " Gland-like Organs of Uncertain Use	2
	8. " Urinary System	79
	9. " Reproductive System : …	
	(a) Organs of Generation	7
	(b) Parturition	19
	10. " Bones and Joints	5
	11. " Integumentary System …	6
VII.	VIOLENCE.	
	1. Accident or Negligence	64
	2. Homicide	1
	3. Suicide	13
VIII.	ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES	130

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### TABLE Y.

Table showing the number and Death Rates per 1000 of Population from the Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases, from Lung Diseases (excluding Phthisis), from Phthisis, and from all Causes during each quarter of the year 1893, and for the whole year 1893.

	The Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases		(exc)	Diseases luding nisis).	Phtl	nisis.	From all Causes		
	Num- ber	Rate per 1000	Num- ber.	Rate per 1000.	Num- ber	Rate per 1000	Num- ber	Rate per 1000	
Quarter ending April 1	111	2.65	188	4.49	66	1.58	876	20.05	
Quarter ending July 1	97	2.32	75	1.79	61	1.46	650	15.54	
Quarter ending Sept. 30	243	5.81	38	0.91	58	1.38	792	18.94	
Quarter ending Dec. 30	67	1.60	143	3.42	69	1.65	740	17.69	
THE WHOLE YEAR	518	3.10	444	2.65	254	1.52	3058	18.28	

### TABLE VI.

Showing the number of Deaths from all ages from certain groups of diseases, and proportions of deaths of 1000 of Population and to 1000 deaths from all causes.

Infants under one year of age from other groups of diseases, and proportions to 1000 Births, and to 1000 Deaths from all causes under one year.

Diseases.	Total Deaths.	Deaths per 1000 of Population at all ages.	Proportion of Deaths to 1000 Deaths.
1.—Principal Zymotic Diseases	518	3.09	169
2.—Pulmonary Diseases (exclud- ing Consumption)	372	2.22	121
3.—Principal Tubercular Diseases	315	1.88	103

DIVISION I.

#### DIVISION II.

Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.	Deaths per 1000 Births.	Deaths per 1000 of Total Deaths under 1 year.
4.—Wasting Diseases	224	47:5	293
5.—Convulsive Diseases	133	28.2	174

#### NOTES.

- Includes Small Pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Typhoid or Enteric Fever, Continued Fevers, and Diarrhea.
- (3) Includes Phthisis (or Consumption), Scrofula, Tuberculosis, Rickets, and Tabes Mesenterica.
- (4) Includes Marasmus, Atrophy, Want of Breast Milk, and Premature Birth.
- (5) Includes Hydrocephalus, Infantile Meningitis, Convulsions and Teething.

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Showing the number of Deaths in the Years 1861 to 1892, from the Seven principal Zymotic Diseases, and the Number in 1893.

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## TABLE VIII.

Table showing the Death Rates per 1000 Inhabitants from the chief Zymotic Diseases, Consumption, and other Diseases in the Sub-Districts, and in the whole Borough.

DISEASE	cs.	Ports- mouth.	Portsea.	King- ston.	Land- port.	Southsea	Whole Borough.	
Small Pox								
Measles		0.72	0.71	0.80	0.77	0.06	0.72	
Scarlet Fever			0.32	0.32	0.08	0.06	0.19	
Diphtheria			0.06	0.27	0.13	0.13	0.17	
Whooping Cough		0.14		0.36	0.19		0.21	
Fever		0.14		0.20	0.22	0.18	0.32	
Diarrhœa		0.57	1.42	1.83	1.49	0.33	1.47	
Principal Zymotic	Diseases	1.57	2.51	4.08	2.93	0.76	3.08	
Consumption		1.29	1.17	2.25	1.19	0.40	1.52	
Other Tubercular 1	Diseases	0.28	0.06	0.52	0.34	0.13	0.36	
Lung Diseases		2.72	2.92	3.12	2.79	1.43	2.82	
FROM ALL CAU	ses	13.03	16.17	21.49	17.01	12.66	18.28	

**BIRTHS.**—The number of births registered numbered 4,708, giving a birth-rate of 28.14 per 1000, which is slightly higher than that of 1892, but much lower than the average for the last 10 years.

The illegitimate births numbered 179, or 3.8 per cent. of the total number registered.

D'				Legitimate.	Illegitimate		
First Q	uarter	endin	g April 1st	 1241		45	
Second	,,	,,	July 1st	 1076		51	
Third	,,	,,	September 30th	 1076		51	
Fourth	,,	,,	December 30th	 1136		32	

And in the various sub-districts thus :--

Portsmouth	 122	equal to	a birth-rate of	17.48 p	er 1000
Portsea	 353	,,	, enant	12.92	,,
Kingston	 1952	,,	,,	31.89	,,
Landport	 2094	,,	,,	30.14	,,
Southsea	 187	,,		12.46	,,

Portsea Island Union is situated in the Kingston sub-district.

**MARRIAGES.**—Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine marriages took place in 1893, which thus numbered 5 less than the previous year.

The marriage rate was 17.44.

The marriages were distributed in the four quarters thus :---

First Quarter	 	 298
Second Quarter	 	 382
Third Quarter	 	 367
Fourth Quarter	 	 412

**DEATHS.**—The deaths registered numbered 3,058, which is equal to a death rate of 18.28 per 1000, which is lower than that of the previous year, and also than the average of the previous ten years.

The rates for the four quarters were as follows :--

First Quarter	 	 20.95 per 100	00
Second Quarter	 	 15.54 ,,	
Third Quarter	 	 18.94 ,,	
Fourth Quarter	 	 17.69 ,,	

The rate for the first quarter was raised owing to the number of deaths from diseases of the organs of respiration (188) and from measles (56), whilst in the third quarter 190 deaths were registered to be due to Diarrhœa.

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**—There occurred 164 deaths for every 1000 children born. This number, though a large one, is much below the average of the 23 large towns, and is much below that which generally occurs in Portsmouth, the excess this year being due to the heat and dryness of the summer.

**ZYMOTIC MORTALITY.**—The year 1893 suffered from an epidemic of Measles in the Spring, and from great prevalence of Diarrhœa in the Autumn, whilst there was excess of mild Scarlet Fever for almost the whole year. It is to the Diarrhœa and Measles chiefly that the high zymotic death rate of 3.09 is to be attributed.

**SMALL POX** was present to a very slight extent. Six cases in all were reported; none of them originated in the town; 2 contracted the disease at Southampton, 1 in London, 2 were tramps who had only been in the town a few hours, and the remaining case was that of a visitor who brought the disease with him. They were all isolated at the Milton hospital. The rooms in which they were discovered were disinfected with sulphur, and in no case did the disease spread.

There has not been a death from Small Pox in Portsmouth since 1889. This must be attributed to the satisfactory way that vaccination is, on the whole, carried out in Portsmouth, which is largely due to the energetic action of Mr. Lancaster, the vaccination officer. Table IX, relating to vaccination, was kindly prepared by him, and given to me, for the purpose of this Report.

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VACCINATION. Return for the Period, January-June, 1893

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on the 31st itered in the account of	Removed to		11	5	1	27	#	1st, 1892, incl	42	9	7	44	66
No. of these Births which on the 31st Jan., 1893, remained un-entered in the Vaccination Register on account of	Removed to Districts the	Vacc. Officer of which has been apprized	5	:	:	1-	12	. 1st to Dec. 3	6	5	:	10	24
No. of these Jan., 1893, r Vaccinatio	Postnone-	ment by Med. Cert.	24	3	2	30	59	trict from Jan	5	61	1	20	28
t Jan., 1892, ccination viz.—	13	Dead un- vaccinated	107	19	8	104	238	ed in this Dis	184	26	16	209	435
ths duly entered by 31st Jan., 1 0, 11, and 13 of the Vaccination " Birth List Sheets "), viz.—	st Sheets "), The st Sheets "), Had Small Pox.			:	:	:	:	were Register	:			:	:
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and the second s	No. of those Birt in columns 10 Register ( 10 Successfully Vaccinated, Vaco		856	146	60	966	2028	CHILDREN	1675	272	- 26	1943	3987
No. of Births returned in Birth List	No. of Births returned in Birth List Sheets so registered from 1st Jan. to 30th June, '93		1006	174	11	1150	2401	VACCINATION OF CHILDREN whose Births were Registered in this District from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1892, inclusive.	1923	311	121	2245	4600
	DISTRICTS.			Portsea	Portsmouth	Landport	Totals	VACCIN	Kingston	Portsea	Portsmouth	Landport	Totals

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**SCARLET FEVER**.—The mild epidemic of which I spoke in my last Report, as existing in 1892, continued with increased numbers throughout the year 1893. The weekly return, which forms Table XII.of this Report, shows how prevalent throughout the entire year Scarlet Fever has been. The total number of cases notified was 1170, and the number of deaths 32, a mortality of 2.73 per cent. Six hundred, or rather more than half, were admitted to the Milton hospital : of these, 6 died—a mortality of 1 per cent.

Owing to the very mild nature of this epidemic, the nature of the disease in many cases was not recognised until late in the attack, and in many I fear it was never discovered. These mild and unrecognised were not, of course, notified, and no precautions were taken to prevent the spread of infection; they thus very materially aided in keeping up the epidemic.

Writing this Report early in 1894, I am able to state that there is now a very great decrease in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever.

In 333 cases, or 28.4 per cent., some sanitary defect was found to exist on the premises.

**DIPHTHERIA.**—In this disease there was also a slight increase of cases notified, there being 130 cases in 1893, and 121 in 1892. The 130 cases resulted in 29 deaths, a mortality of 22.30 per cent. Only 12 of these cases were removed to the hospital. This was owing to the fact that for several months the hospital contained so many Scarlet Fever patients that Diphtheria patients were refused admission. Towards the end of the year a few urgent and severe cases were admitted : these had a high mortality—33.3 per cent.

In 56 cases, or 43 per cent., some sanitary defect was found to exist upon the premises.

**MEASLES.**—Of this disease, 849 cases came to my knowledge, most of them being reported by the school board attendance officers, who unfortunately do not become aware of the existence of the cause of the children's absence from school for the first few days of their illness. It is in these few days that most mischief is done, and the only remedy I can see for the prevention of spreading the disease in this early stage is by educating the parents in the

symptoms of Measles, and the many evils which result from Measles, not only possible a fatal end, but the many sequala which follow recovery. This information, as well as the best methods of preventing the spreading the disease, was given by means of placards and handbills, but, I feel, with little effect, owing to the confirmed and popular idea that an attack of measles is almost harmless. How far wrong this idea is may be gathered from the fact that Measles has caused 819 deaths during the last ten years in Portsmouth, of which 120 occurred in 1893. During the last forty years Measles, as a cause of death has been almost stationary in Portsmouth; there has practically been no improvement: it remains in each decade about 4 per 10,000 per annum.

**FEVERS.**—Typhus Fever was entirely absent during the year 1893, as it has been indeed for many years; but other forms of continued fever continue to be far too prevalent. In 1893, 361 cases of Typhoid Fever were reported; of these, 54, or 14.95 per cent., proved fatal; 103 were admitted to the Milton Hospital, of which 3 or 2.9 proved fatal. There were 68 cases of continued fever reported, none of which terminated fatally. These cases of fever were reported almost equally throughout the year, with the exception of the last two weeks in July, and throughout August and September, when they were more frequent.

In 160 cases, or 36.7 per cent., sanitary defects were found upon the premises where patients were suffering from fever.

**WHOOPING COUGH.**—This is another of the so-considered milder forms of infections which we always have with us, more or less. Parents, for the most part, take little trouble to prevent its spreading from one member of a family to another; in consequence, cases grow and multiply. In 1893 there were fewer than the average fatal cases, largely due, no doubt, to the warm and genial weather in the Spring, when it was prevalent.

**DIARRHEA.**—There were 247 deaths caused by this disease, which, as usual, was most fatal in infancy and early childhood. The autumnal increase of Diarrhœa did not show itself in the death returns until some weeks after the "critical temperature," viz. 56° registered by the thermometer four feet below the surface of the ground, had been reached for some weeks, and it subsided again some weeks before the four feet earth thermometer fell to 56°

## TABLE X.

Wala			Temperat	nre of Air	Tempera- ture by	Tempera- ture by	Rainfall	Deaths	
Week	ending	;	Maximum	Minimum	earth Ther- mometer. 1 ft.	earth Ther- mometer. 4 ft.	in inches.	from Diarrhœa	
May	13		67.7	44.7	57.7	52.8			
,,	20		64.7	51.7	60.5	54.1	0.07		
,,	27		65.4	49.4	60.0	55.1			
June	3		64.0	46.4	60.5	56.0	0.01		
,,	10		66.9	51.2	63.0	56.6	0.28	1	
"	17		75.8	53.5	63.5	57.6	0.03	3	
,,	24		71.1	53.3	68.4	59.6	0.12		
July	1		68.0	55.4	63.4	59.9	0.89	6	
,,	8		72.3	57.7	68.0	60.4	0.98	6	
,,	15		67.3	57.2	65.5	61.0	1.48	19	
,,	22		67.2	56.7	63.6	61.0	0.44	28	
"	29		68.8	56.1	65.1	61.0	0.72	29	
Aug.	5		68.6	57.1	64.4	61.0	0.11	26	
,,	12		. 74.1	59.3	67.0	61.2	0.02	21	
,,	19		. 77.3	61.8	61.3	62.5		22	
,,	26		. 69.8	58.3	66.6	63.5	0.43	14	
Sept.	2		. 69.0	52.3	62.7	62.6	0.02	6	
,,	9		. 69.9	54.1	63.5	62.0	0.32	7	
,,	16		. 68.3	49.7	59.7	61.5	0.14	10	
,,	22		. 61.4	49.8	58.0	60.9	0.31	5	
,,	30		. 63.1	50.3	55.6	59.4	1.11	2	
Oct.	7		. 57.7	47.8	54.0	59.0	1.78	1	
,,	14		60.5	46.7	54.4	57.6	1.94	1	
"	21	10	61.1	51.6	55.8	57.0	0.86	1	

**INFLUENZA.**—This disease, though not so prevalent as in previous years, still lingered in the town in 1893, resulting directly or indirectly in 53 deaths. This is the number in which "Influenza" appears upon the certificate of cause of death. No doubt it indirectly caused more deaths, especially some of those attributed to diseases of the respiratory organs.

**PUERPERAL FEVER.**—Twenty-five cases of this disease were reported, of which thirteen proved fatal. In all cases, besides the usual enquiries and examinations as to the sanitary condition of the premises, care was taken that the nurse or midwife, and her clothes, were properly disinfected before attending other confinements.

In twelve cases, or 42.8 per cent., sanitary defects were found upon the premises.

**NOTIFICATION.**—In the year 1893, no less than 1,754 notifications of infectious disease were received by me. This large number was due to the mild epidemic of scarlet fever already referred to. The accompanying tables show the number of cases of each disease notified, the districts in which they occurred, and the weeks in which they were notified. It will be noticed that the excess of scarlet fever and typhoid fever cases were reported to exist at Landport and Kingston.

Some opponents of compulsory notification of infectious disease affirm that such notification leads to an increase of infectious disease. It is difficult to have this effect at Portsmouth, for Table XIV. shows that, comparing the ten years notification has been in force here, with the previous ten years, the mortality from those diseases which are notifiable under the Portsmouth Corporation Act, 1893, has decreased by more than one half, whilst the mortality from those infectious diseases which are not notified has only been reduced from 1.78 to 1.74 per 1,000, a most regretably small reduction.

## TABLE XI.

Cases of Infectious Diseases coming to the knowledge of the Portsmouth Urban Sanitary Authority during the year 1893.

	-				-		-	-	-	-	-	
	01	0—5	5—15	15-25	25—35	35-45	45—55	55-65	65—75	75-85	85 and over	Total
and an DOM						1						
SMALL POX			1			1						1
Portsmouth												
Portsea Kingston				1			1					2
Landport				2	1							3
Southsea												
Courses												
Total				3	1	1	1					6
SCARLET FEVER												
Portsmouth		3	10	4								17
Portsea	1	15	45	5	3							69
Kingston	26	184	234	32	12	3	2					493 516
Landport	12	202	264	25	6 4	4	2	1				75
Southsea		7	49	14	+							
Total	39	411	602	80	25	7	5	1				1170
DIPHTHERIA												
Portsmouth		1	1			1						3
Portsea		3	2		4	3		1				13
Kingston		8	21	10	6	8	1					57
Landport	1	6	19	15	12	2	1	1				57
Southsea		1	1	2		5	1					10
Total	4	19	44	27	22	19	3	2				140
ENTERIC FEVER			-									
Portsmouth			1	1			1					3
Portsea		1	11	1	2	3						18
Kingston		23	96	14	20	14	3	2	2			175
Lanpdort		15	72	13	25	9	8	4	2	1		149
Southsea			4	6	3	2		1				16
Total	1	39	184	35	50	28	12	7	4	1		361
CONTINUED FEVER												
Portsmouth				1								1
Portsea			1			1						2
Kingston		17	14	4	8	2	1					46
Landport		5	5	3	1	2						16
Southsea		1	1			1						3
Total		23	21	8	9	6	1					68
PUERPERAL FEVER												
Portsmouth				1								1
Portsea						1						1
Kingston				5	4	1						10
Landport				2	8	4						14
Southsea					2							2
Total				8	14	6						28

## TABLE XII.

WEEKLY RETURN of Cases of Infectious Diseases reported in accordance with the Portsmouth Corporation Act, 1883, during the year 1893.

			Scarlet	Diph-	Fev	ers.	Puer-		
Week	ending		Pox	Fever	theria	Enteric.	Con- tinued.	peral Fever	Total
18	93								
January	7th			35	2	3			40
	14th			21		1			23
"	21st			26		4			
"	28th			32	$\frac{2}{2}$	4			33 40
February	4th		2	28		5			
	11th			25		7	1	1	36
,,	18th			31	$\frac{4}{2}$	3	1		37
"	25th			21	1	4	3	2 2	39
March	4th			21	2		1		31
march	11th			18		4			28
"	18th				$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$     \frac{2}{2}     2 $		22
"	25th			25	2	$\frac{2}{3}$	2		31
April				23	1	5			29
April	1st			20	$\frac{2}{3}$	7	1	2	32
>>	8th			14	3	6	$\frac{2}{3}$		25
,,	15th		;	17	5	6	3		31
74	22nd		1	25	3	6	2		37
	29th			8	1	3	;	2	14
May	6th		1	13	4	6	1		25
"	13th	••••		17		7	$\frac{2}{2}$		26
"	20th			17	6	6	2		31
_ ))	27th			14	1	8	2		25
June	3rd			14	2	8	3		27
,,	10th			27	6	9	2		44
"	17th			31	3	4	1		39
,,	24th			25	4	7	1		37
July	1st			17		7	2		26
>>	8th			29	3	4	$\frac{3}{2}$		39
"	15th			18	3	6		2	31
,,	22nd			22	2	13	1		38
,,	29th			18		7	1		26
August	5th			15	3	14		1	33
"	12th			22	2	15	2		41
"	19th			9	3	10	1	1	24
	26th			11	1	9	1		22
September	2nd			15		12	1		28
,,	9th			31	2	17	3		53
"	16th			31	$\frac{2}{3}$	24	2		60
"	23rd		1	31	5	19	1		57
	30th			27	5	11	1		44
October	7th			27	6	11	3	3	50
"	14th			32	4	4	1		41
"	21st			25	4	11	1	2	43
"	28th			35	8	6			49
November	4th			27	1	5			33
"	11th			33		6			41
	18th			24	$\frac{2}{5}$	7	1	1	38
"	25th			17	2	6	4		29
December	2nd			29	$\frac{2}{4}$	6	2	4	45
	9th			21	3				27
"	16th			15	2	$\frac{3}{2}$			19
,.	23rd			6	$\overline{2}$	4			12
"	30th			18	ĩ	3		1	23
Tor	TALS		6	1153	135	366	69	25	1754

## TABLE XIII.

Showing the number of Cases of Infectious Diseases reported to the Medical Officer of Health under the Portsmouth Corporation Act.

				Fev	ers.	Puer-		
Year.	Small Pox.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Enteric.	Con- tinued.	peral Fever.	TOTALS.	
1885	8	314	173	762		2	1259	
1886	7	343	232	1249		14	1845	
1887	23	647	260	554		11	1495	
1888	3	465	128	313		11	920	
1889	6	728	126	317		6	1183	
1890		573	212	457	125	4	1371	
1891		350	138	265	52	15	820	
1892		1023	121	330	76	2	1552	
TOTALS	47	4443	1390	4247	253	65	10445	
AVERAGE	6.7	555.4	173.7	530.9	84.3	8.1	1345.6	
1893	1	1153	135	366	69	25	1754	

XIX TABLE

Showing the Death Rates of the 7 Principal Zymotic Diseases during the 18 years, 1875-1892, distinguishing between

those which are compulsory notified and those which are not.

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## TABLE XY.

Table showing the number of cases of **Scarlet Fever** notified, the number of deaths, and the percentage of deaths to cases notified for the years 1884-1893.

Year.	Cases Notified.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of deaths to notified cases.
1884     1885     1886	266 314 343	9 5 18	3.37 1.59
1887 1888 1889		$     \begin{array}{r}       18 \\       26 \\       12 \\       11     \end{array} $	$5.24 \\ 4.01 \\ 2.58 \\ 1.51$
1890 1891 1892	573 326 1023	19 9 18	3.31 2.76 1.75
1893	1170	32	2.68
	5855	158	2.70

Table showing the number of cases of Scarlet Fever admitted to the Milton Hospital,

the number of deaths, and the percentage of deaths to number of cases of Scarlet

Fever admitted for the years 1884-93.

Year.	No. of Cases admitted.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of deaths to cases admitted.
$1884 \\1885 \\1886 \\1887 \\1888 \\1889 \\1890 \\1891 \\1892 \\1893$	$     \begin{array}{r}       13 \\       16 \\       29 \\       56 \\       120 \\       278 \\       384 \\       180 \\       532 \\       600 \\     \end{array} $	$     \begin{array}{c}                                     $	$\begin{array}{c} \dots \\ 1.78 \\ 0.88 \\ 0.36 \\ 2.60 \\ 1.66 \\ 1.10 \\ 1.00 \end{array}$
	2208	29	1.31

### TABLE XVI.

Table showing the number of cases of **Diphtheria** notified, the number of Deaths and the percentage of Deaths to cases notified for the years 1884 to 1893.

Year.	Cases Notified.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of deaths to cases notified.
1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893	$174 \\ 173 \\ 232 \\ 260 \\ 128 \\ 126 \\ 212 \\ 140 \\ 121 \\ 140 \\ 121 \\ 140 $	$\begin{array}{r} 41 \\ 42 \\ 65 \\ 47 \\ 17 \\ 33 \\ 47 \\ 23 \\ 26 \\ 29 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 23.44\\ 24.35\\ 26.72\\ 19.08\\ 13.28\\ 26.19\\ 22.69\\ 16.42\\ 21.48\\ 21.48\end{array}$
	1706	370	21.74

Table showing the number of cases of **Diphtheria** admitted to the Milton Hospital, the number of Deaths, and the percentage of Deaths to cases of Diphtheria admitted for the years 1884 to 1893.

Year.	Cases admitted.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of deaths to cases notified.				
1884	4	1	25.00				
1885	6						
1886	11	1	9.09				
1887	27	8	23.70				
1888	23						
1889	18						
1890	64	18	28.12				
1891	51	4	7.84				
1892	27	6	22.22				
1893	12	4	33.33				
	243	42	17.28				

### TABLE XVII.

Table showing the number of cases of **Typhoid Fever** notified, the number of Deaths, and the percentage of Deaths to cases notified for the years 1884 to 1893.

Year.	Cases Notified.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths to cases notified.
- 1884	539	58	10.76
1885	762	93	11.48
1886	1249	124	9.90
1887	554	53	9.52
1888	313	27	8.60
1889	317	32	10.01
1890	457	50	10.94
1891	265	33	12.40
1892	330	38	11.51
1893	361	54	13.85
	5147	562	10.91

Table showing the number of cases of Typhoid Fever admitted to the Milton Hospital,

the number of Deaths, and the percentage of Deaths to cases of Typhoid

Fever admitted for the years 1884 to 1893.

Year.	Cases admitted.	No. of Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths to cases admitted.
1884	2 6		
1885		••;	
1886	66	4	6.06
1887	37	1	2.70
1888	35		
1889	48	6	12.50
1890	108	5	4.63
1891	51		7.84
1892	81	$\frac{4}{6}$	7.41
1893	103	3	2.91
	557	29	5.40

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, MILTON.**—During the year, 732 were under treatment in the Hospital; it was at times overcrowded, the Committee therefore recommended the Sanitary Authority that increased accommodation should be provided, which recommendation was adopted, and it has been decided to build a two-storey block, giving accommodation for 26 beds, and to enlarge the present administrative block by adding 10 cubicles for purses, a large kitchen, a nurses' dining room, and other offices. This will be a great improvement to the Hospital, which has been urgently needed.

From many churches and chapels flowers have been sent to cheer the sick children and enliven the wards for the convalescent; they have given great pleasure to the patients. The Penhale Road Flower Mission sent baskets of flowers almost every Sunday during the spring, summer, and autumn, and I should like the children comprising the Mission to know that their kindness was very much appreciated by the little children suffering in the Hospital.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of, and my gratitude for, the services rendered by the matron and nurses to the patients under their control.

The average daily number of patients was 95'8.

	AGES.									
DISEASES.	0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and over	Total.
Scarlet Fever	3	120	395	65	11	4	2			600
Enteric or Typhoid		5	58	28	7	3	1		1	103
Diphtheria		2	5	3	1	1				12
Measles		2	1	2	1					6
Small Pox				3	2		1			6
Continued Fever				1		····				1
Tonsillitus				1						1
Laryngitis				1						1
Pneumonia					1					1
Adenites				1						1
Totals	3	129	459	105	23	8	4		1	732

#### Cases under Treatment at the Hospital.

## Number of Patients admitted to the Hospital

DISEASES.		1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893
Scarlet Fever		1	13	16	29	56	120	278	384	180	532	503
Enteric or Typh	oid		2	6	66	37	35	48	114	51	81	94
Diphtheria			4	6	11	27	23	18	69	51	27	12
Measles		1	2	1	11	4	8	5	1	22		6
Small Pox		5	1	8	7	20	4	6	1			6
Other Diseases					1	3	8	8	7	18	5	5
					-							
Totals		7	22	37	125	147	194	363	576	322	645	626

## for the Years 1883 to 1893.

**WATER SUPPLY**—The water supplied by the Water Company still maintains it high state of purity from organic matter. Appended are the results of the monthly analysis of that water made by me, and also the results of other analysis of some waters obtained from private wells, which were quite unfit for drinking purposes. Owing to the action taken, all the private wells which had been used for drawing drinking water were closed.

Date	Where taken	Grains p	er gallon	Grains per gal.	Total	Parts pe	r Million	Poisonous
when taken.	from.	Total Solid Residue.	Chlorine	Nitrogen as Nitrates	Hard-	Free Am- monia.	Al- bum'oid Am- monia.	and the second second
1893 Jan 11	Corporation } Laboratory }	22.3	1.5	0,170	16.8	0.02	0.04	Slight deposit of sand.
Feb 20	,,	21.8	1.3	0.182	15.6	0.03	0.04	Clear.
Mar 20	"	21.0	1.1	0.140	17.9	0.06	0.08	Slightly turbid of a greenish brown color.
Apl 17	,,	22.1	1.5	0.127	18.1	0.04	0.06	-
M'y 15	"	22.6	1.6	0.143	18.7	0.04	0.03	Clear.
Jun 19	"	22.4	1.4	0.101	16.2	0,00	0.08	do.
Jly 17	"	21.6	1.1	0.097	16.1	0.00	0.06	do.
Aug 11	"	21.8	1.4	0.099	15.8	0.06	0.04	Color, greenish grey.
Sep 18	••	23.9	1.7	0.103	16.7	0.06	0.04	-
Oct 13	"	23.8	1.6	0.215	17.8	0.08	0.06	-
Nov 8	Well, Penny st.	42.7	16.1		18.7	0.16	0.18	Not used for drinking
Nov 20	Corporation Laboratory } WELLS.	21.7	1.1	0.199	17.1	0.00	0.02	Pure.
Nov 24	St. James' rd.	58.8	12.7		23.8	0.28	0.63	Unfit for drink- ing purposes.
"	St. Vincent st	84.7	10.6		31.8	1.14	0.86	do.
"	Catherine row	182.7	36.9		38.9	0.37	0.58	do.
Nov 30	Fyning st.	53.9	5.3		23.4	0.89	0.67	do.
"	Lake rd.	51.1	5.7		25.9	0.68	0.76	do.
"	Hyde Pk. cor.	135.8	8.9		28.3	0.48	0.79	do.
Dec 18	Corporation Laboratory	23.8	1.4	0.040	17.3	0.00	0.01	Pure.

#### WATER ANALYSIS.

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HOUSES UNFIT FOR HABITATION.—Under the Bye-laws in force, 15 houses have been certified by me as unfit for human habitation, they have been so declared by the Sanitary Authority, and have been closed.

	Situa	tion of Prei	nises.			Date.
No. 2, Ne	elson Cotta	ge, Trafalga	r Plac	e		January 17th
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,, 5, Al	fred Buildi	ngs, Maryle	bone S	treet	1	March 21st
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,, 10, Bu	ckland Str	eet, Landpo	rt -		]	July 15th
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Premises Condemned in 1893.

PROSECUTIONS.-In all the prosecutions of the Authority, in which my

evidence was wanted, I have been a witness; they are as follows :---

Initials	Charge.	Result.
E. G.	For having deposited in slaughter- house two sides of beef unfit for	Case dismissed.
W. A.	the food of man. Having deposited 50 pieces of beef	Fined 8/- each piece, and 13/- costs.
E. P.	unfit for food. For exposing for sale at the Fish Market Boint bloctors unfit for	Final 65 and costs 61 Total 66
G. A.	Market, Point, bloaters unfit for the food of man. For having decomposed meat deposited	Fined $\pounds 5$ , and costs $\pounds 1$ . Total $\pounds 6$ .
J.H.T.	and exposed for sale. For exposing patient in street whilst	Fined 12/- and 10/- costs.
0.11.1.	suffering from a dangerous infectious disorder, viz.:-Scarlet Fever.	Fined £1.
J.G.S.	Non-compliance with the Slaughter- house bye-laws Nos. 11 and 15.	Fined £1 and 10/- costs.
R. J. A. M.	Do.	Case dismissed.
C. C.	Do. (No. 15) Do. ,,	Fined 10/- including costs. Do.
H. M. E. G.	Do. " Non compliance with Nuisance bye-	Do.
	law No. 11	Fined £2.
W. B.	Non-compliance with Slaughter-house bye-law No. 15	Fined 10/- including costs.
P.A. W.A.E.	Slaughtering on unlicensed premises For letting premises which had been	Case dismissed.
	declared unfit for habitation.	Fined £1 including costs.
Do. F. S.	Do. 5 other cases. Non-compliance of Nuisance notice	Fined, costs amounting to £1 15s. Fined 10/- including costs, and ordered
M. W.	Do.	to abate nuisance in 14 days. Case dismissed.
С. Н.	Do.	Fined £1, and ordered to abate nuisance in 14 days.
R. H. T. W.	Do.	Ordered to abate nuisance in 14 days.
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J.S.C.	Do. 3 cases.	Withdrawn. Work being done.
H. L.	Do.	Ordered to abate nuisance in 14 days,
J.H.C.	Do.	and costs 10/6. Withdrawn. Work being done.
C. H.	Do.	Ordered 14 days, and costs 9/6.
J.W.T.	Do.	Case dismissed.
G. H.	Do.	Case withdrawn. Work being done.
H. L.	Do.	Ordered to abate nuisance in 14 days, and costs 16/-
H.C.H.	Do.	Withdrawn. Work being done.
C. D.	Do.	Ordered to abate nuisance in 21 days, and costs 9/6.
С. В.	Do.	Ordered to abate nuisance in 14 days, and costs 13/-
E. L.	Do. 2 cases	Withdrawn. Work being done.
G. G.	Do. 5 cases	Do.
G. H.	Do.	Fined 10/- including costs, and ordered
		to abate nuisance in 14 days.

**THE DISINFECTING APPARATUS** was in constant use at the Hospital. It has been decided by the authority to erect a disinfector of a more modern type, viz. one which will disinfect by means of super-heated steam under pressure, instead of the one in use, which does its work by hot air alone.

**SLAUGHTER HOUSES.**—In 1893 there were 125 licensed and registered slaughter houses to be inspected, to these 6821 visits were paid, but owing to the large number of slaughter houses it is quite impossible, with any reasonable staff of sanitary inspectors, to see all the carcases of animals slaughtered, yet it cannot be denied that it is advisable to have every carcase carefully examined; such inspection will not be possible in Portsmouth until a public abattoir is in use, to the exclusion of private slaughterhouses.

One license has been transferred to new premises, in this case an annual license has been granted, and the permanent license given up.

**COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, AND MILKSHOPS.**—The number of these registered are as follows :—52 cowsheds, 213 dairies and milkshops. There were 2613 visits paid to these places by the sanitary inspectors during the year. They are kept in a much more satisfactory state than formerly, yet there are some dairymen who will never see the advisability of keeping their cowsheds and dairies clean, unless by order of the Sanitary Authority.

**INSPECTION OF WORKSHOPS.**—This work, which was commenced last year, has been continued with good results, 2071 visits of inspection have been paid, which have resulted in 199 notices being served to remedy conditions injurious to health, such as overcrowding, (57 cases) repair sanitary defects, (30 cases) to cleanse and limewash, (61 cases) to cleanse water closets and drains, (25 cases). Of these, 176 have been complied with, and the remaining work will probably soon be accomplished.

The same inspector who looks after workshops is appointed inspector under the Shop Hours Act; he reported 14 instances of infraction of that Act, in some of which proceedings have been ordered.

**SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT** has been carried out more efficiently than at any previous time during my tenure of office. The courts and alleys have received particular attention, especial care being taken to remove all accumulation of filth, to repair sanitary defects, and to insist upon the paving being properly kept.

## MEASLES.

Showing the Districts in which cases occurred, the Schools attended, and the weeks in which they were taken ill.

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## TABLE

Showing the Population, Birth Rates, Death Rates, Zymotic Rates, and Deaths under 1 Year to 1000 Births in the 33 large towns.

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NAME OF TOWN.	Popula- tion.	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Small Pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Fever	Diarrhœa	Total	Deaths under 1 year to 1000 Births.
London Brighton	117,833	$31.00 \\ 25.4$	21.3 18.4	0.05	0.39	0.37 0.10	0.76	$0.54 \\ 0.47$	0.16 0.13	0.80	3.1 1.8	164 169
PORTSMOUTH	167,277	28.2	18.2		0.67	0.19	0.17	0.22	0.31	1.23	2.8	164
NORWICH	104,184	30.9	19.2		0.58	0.19	0.22	0.63	0.35	1.06	3.1	195
PLYMOUTH	86,781	29.9	21.2		0.48	0.25	$0.16 \\ 0.22$	0.53	0.11	0.73	2.8	169
BRISTOL WOLVERHAMPTON	225,028 84,298	30.4 34.6	$18.9 \\ 23.3$	0.08	$0.11 \\ 0.25$	0.15	0.22	0.34 0.05	$0.11 \\ 0.33$	$0.63 \\ 1.82$	1.7	142 209
BIRMINGHAM	487,891	32.7	23.3	0.01	0.25	0.13	0.13	0.65	0.35	1.67	3.02	199
LEICESTER	184,547	32.6	20.0	0.08	0.28	0.44	0.11	0.62	0.25	2.19	4.0	219
NOTTINGHAM	220,551	30.2	18,4	0.02	0.11	0.37	0.07	0.26	0.31	1.47	2.6	169
DERBY	97,341	32.2	18.2	0.07	0.17	0.14	0.07	0.45	0.22	0.93	2.1	156
BIRKENHEAD	103,817	33.1	20.5	0.01	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.67	0.26	1.46	2.81	197
LIVERPOOL	510,514	36.0	27.3	0.02	0.53	0.45	0.12	0.54	0.53	1.69	3.9	211
BOLTEN	117,278	33.1	24.1	0.06	1.41	0.29	0.10	0.41	0.31	1.81	4.7	200
MANCHESTER	515,598	33.5	24.9	0.09	0.57	0.27	0.32	0.47	0.25	0.73	3.70	203
SALFORD	203,431	34.7	24.1	0.11	0.45	0.20	0.29	0.49	0.49	2.09	4.12	211
OLDHAM	136,469	28.6	21.0	0.48	0.21	0.12	0.13	0.40	0.19	0.94	2.5	186
BLACKBURN	124,005	30.9	23.3	0.03	0.41	0.04	0.01	0.27	0.24	2.29	4.1	243
Preston Huddersfield	110,225	35.1	$26.4 \\ 17.2$		1.63	0.24	0.12	0.42	0.46	3.12	6.0	268
HALIFAX	97,549 91,918	$23.7 \\ 24.6$	17.2	0.38	0.23	0.26	$0.03 \\ 0.25$	$0.13 \\ 0.35$	$0.12 \\ 0.14$	$0.46 \\ 0.50$	$1.23 \\ 1.70$	141 173
BRADFORD	221,611	24.0	21.0	0.58	0.05	0.03	0.20	0.50	0.14	1.46	3.42	196
LEEDS	382,093	32.4	22.3	0.05	0.89	0.08	0.16	0.44	0.28	1.56	3.5	206
SHEFFIELD	333,922	34.8	22.3	0.01	0.52	0.27	0.17	0.38	0.27	1.87	3.5	192
HULL	208,709	34.2	21.8	0.04	0.61	0.16	0.11	0.38	0.48	2.35	4.13	207
SUNDERLAND	134,515	35.6	22.5	0.04	0.12	0.19	0.08	0.18	0.98	1.76	3.4	188
NEWCASTLE	196,997	33.7	21.0		1.08	0.11	0.15	0.17	0.12	0.90	2.53	174
CARDIFF	142,435	36.1	19.7		0.71	0.27	0.69	0.28	0.19	1.16	3.30	179
WEST HAM	227,405	35.6	18.9	0.24	0.16	0.35	0.42	0.68	0.30	1.24	3.4	172
SWANSEA	93,816	35.1	19.6		0.18	0.35	0.05	0.32	0.20	0.72	1.82	170
BURNLEY	93,462	33.9	21.8	0.06	0.29	0.55	0.15	0.36	0.30	2.08	3.8	223
GATESHEAD	90,938	36.4	19.3	0.02	0.78	0.09	0.21	0.58	0.23	1.53	3.5	172
CROYDON	108,997	26.2	16.3	0.01	0.18	0.10	0.78	0.24	0.11	0.77	2.2	154

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Table of New Cases of Infectious Sickness

Coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1893, in the Urban Sanitary District of Portsmouth, classified

# Report of the Public Analyst.

#### GENTLEMEN,

During the year 1893 I analysed 218 samples of food and drugs, of which 211 were taken by your Inspectors under my direction, and seven samples submitted by private individuals.

Of the total number of samples 31, or 14.22 per cent. were found adulterated. The percentage of adulterated articles taken by the Inspectors was 12.32, and the percentage of adulterated articles submitted by private individuals was 71.43.

The following is a list of the samples analysed :--

Milk				141
Butter				8
Margarine				I
Coffee				6
Bread				9
Flour				I
Pepper				6
Whiskey				7
Rum				5
Gin				2
Lemonade				6
Soda Water				6
Vinegar				6
Spirits of Amm	onia			4
Cream of Tarta	ar			2
Citric Acid				2
Sweet Spirits o	of Nitre			2
Tincture of Qu	iinine			2
Compound Tin	cture of	Campho	r	2

The following table shows the articles which were adulterated, by whom they were obtained, the amount of adulteration, and the amount of fines which were imposed by the magistrates, viz. :--

Nature of Sample.	By whom obtained.	Amount of Adulteration.	Remarks.
Milk " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	Inspector "," "," "," "," "," "," "," "," "," ",	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	No prosecution Fined £2, including costs Prosecuted. Case dismissed Fined £1, including costs No prosecution """ Fined £5 including costs No prosecution """ Fined £1 and 13s, 6d, costs No prosecution Fined £2 and £1 2s, 6d, costs No prosecution Fined £1 and 13s, 6d, costs No prosecution Fined £1 and 8s, costs Fined £1 and 8s, costs No prosecution Case withdrawn No prosecution Prosecuted. Case withdrawn No prosecution
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### TABLE

# Showing the number of Samples Analysed during the last Ten Years.

Year.	Total.	Milk.	Butter.	Bread and Flour.	Gro- ceries.	Wine and Spirits.	Sundries	No. of Samples found adulterated.
1884	125	101		8	8	6	2	18
1885	141	74	18	8	19	14	4	16
1886	131	68	24	2	24	11	2	17
1887	169	143	5		7	8	6 .	35
1888	200	106	42		34	9	9	17
1889	206	102	11	5	64	22	1	35
1890	187	121	25	1	33	7		16
1891	206	110	11	11	48	25	1	40
1892	203	124	24	6	24	18	7	30
1893	218	141	9	10	12	14	32	31

# Port Sanitary Authority.

#### GENTLEMEN,

During the year 6085 vessels have arrived at this port; they have been boarded and examined by Mr. Meades in his double capacity of Harbour Master and Port Sanitary Inspector, and many of them I have visited myself.

The nationalties of the various vessels entering the port from outside the Isle of Wight, were as follows--

British (coastwise)	1197	German	 7
,, (foreign ports)	302	Dutch	 6
French	54	Swedish	 3
Norwegian	31	Spanish	 2
Danish	13	Austrian	 I
Russian	8		

Owing to the prevalence of Cholera on the continent of Europe, a careful inspection has been made of every ship coming from any infected country; in no case, however, was any cholera discovered. The water in all ships coming from infected countries was discharged outside Portsmouth Harbour, and the vessel supplied with water from the Portsmouth Company's mains.

During the year, this Authority has been constituted a permanent Port Sanitary Authority, a distinction which was defined in the Local Government Board orders as follows :—

"The jurisdiction of the said Port Sanitary Authority shall extend to so much of the said Port of Portsmouth as in hereinafter described; viz :-- So much of the Port of Portsmouth as lies to the east of a line drawn due south from the most southerly point of the pier of the London and South-Western Railway Company at Stokes Bay to a point 50° 45' N. lat.; to the west of a line drawn due south to the same parallel of latitude from the south-eastern extremity of the common boundary of the parishes of Havant and Warblington, and to the north of a line drawn due west along the same parallel of latitude from the point at which the line lastly hereinbefore mentioned meets the said parallel to the point secondly hereinbefore mentioned;

together with the waters of the said Port of Portsmouth within such limits, and the place which may from time to time be appointed for the Customs Boarding Station for such part of the said Port, and the place which may from time to time be appointed for the mooring or anchoring of ships for such part of the said Port, under any regulations for the prevention of the spread of diseases issued under the authority of the statutes in that behalf, and the place which may from time to time be appointed, with Our Consent, for the mooring or anchoring of any floating hospital provided by the said Sanitary Authority; and for the purposes of any such regulations as aforesaid, shall also extend to any ship which, in pursuance thereof, or of any directions given thereunder, shall be moored or anchored at the place appointed thereunder as aforesaid, or which shall be on its way thither, together with the docks, basins, quays, wharves, rivers, creeks, streams, channels, roads, bays, and harbours within the aforesaid limits."

The Portsmouth Port Sanitary Authority fixed, with the approval of the Queen's Harbour Master, the position to be taken by an infected ship, and also the position for the Floating Hospital; the consent of the Local Government Board was given to that on the 27th October last.

I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently,

### B. H. MUMBY, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health to the Port Sanitary Authority.

# Report of the Inspector of Huisances

FOR THE YEAR 1893.

## NOTICES SERVED.

To Cleanse	Cesspits			49
"	Dwellinghouses			 118
,,	Bakehouses			6
,,	Drains			 397
,,	Water Closets			169
,,	Yards, Stables, Sti	es, &c.		 93
,,	Slaughterhouses			3
,,	Rain Water Tanks			 4
,, and	Limewash Worksh	ops		43
To Remove	Animals			 3
,,	Manure			94
"	Refuse			 91
,,	Bones			I
,,	Rags			 I
,,	Human Excrement			9
,,	Stagnant Water			 19
,,	Entrails			I
To Repair	Cellar Coverings			 51
,,	Drains			612
,,	Soil Pipes			 4
,,	Rain Water Spout	s		136
"	Water Closets			 2
,,	Water Closet Fitti	ngs		195
,,	Manure Pits			 5
,,	Dwellinghouses			72
,,	Sanitary Defects in	n Dwelling	ghouses	 831
,,	Sanitary Defects in	Worksho	ops	18
To Construct	Smoke Consuming	Apparatu	S	 2
"	Yard Traps			11
.,	Ash Pits			 3

To Construct	Water Closets			2
,,	Scullery Sinks			3
,,	Waste Pipes			2
To Provide	Rain Water Spouts			10
,,	New Water Closet Pans			6
To Repave	Yards, Stables, &c			602
To Ventilate	Workshops			10
,,	Drains			44
To Repair or	Raise Ventilating Shafts			39
To Drain Yar	ds, Stables, Sties, &c.			30
To Comply w	ith Slaughterhouse Bye-laws			44
,, ,,	Nuisance ,,			159
To Tank Urin	nals			5
,, Man	ure Pits			13
To Fill in De	ad Well			I
To Lay on W	ater for Use of Tenants			II
To Connect F	remises with Main Sewer			I
To Discontinu	e Overcrowding in Dwelling	ŗs		3
,,	,, ,, Worksho	ops		32
To Disconned	t Waste Pipes from Drains			3
			Total	4063

## NUISANCES REMOVED.

Cesspits	Cleansed		57
Drains	,,		394
Cellar	,,		I
Slaughterhouses	,,		8
Dwellinghouses	,,		88
Yards, Stables, Sties, &c.	,,		99
Water Closets	,,		181
Bakehouses	,,		3
Rain Water Tanks ,,			3
Bedding	,,		I
Workshops Cleansed and Li	mewashed		60
Manure	Removed		91
Animals	,,		4

Refuse	Removed		79
Human Excrement '	,,		12
Stagnant Water	,,		14
Rags	,,		6
Bones and Fat	,,		7
Entrails	,,		I
Water Closet Fittings	Repaired		192
Water Closets	,,		2
Drains	· ,,		606
Rain Water Spouts	,,		158
Cellar Coverings	,,		41
Dwellinghouses	,,		78
Waste Pipes	,,		2
Soil Pipes	,,		7
Urinals	,,		5
Sanitary defects in dwelling	houses ,,		781
,, ,, Worksl	hops ,,		13
Yard Traps	Constructed		18
Ash Pit	,,		I
Rain Water Spouts	Provided		22
New Water Closet Pans	,,		23
Waste Pipes	,,		5
Scullery Sink	,,		I
Ventilating Shafts Raised a	and Repaired		78
Drains Ventilated			68
Workshops Ventilated			3
Water Laid on for Use of 7	Cenants		17
Yards, Stables, Sties, &c.,	Repaved		633
Stables Drained			II
Overcrowding Discontinued	d in Dwellings		2
	Workshops		87
Slaughterhouse Bye-Laws	Complied with		41
Nuisance ,,			58
Manure Pits Tanked			10
Waste Pipes Disconnected	from Drain		12
Smoke Nuisance Abated			I
		Total	4094
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The undermentioned Articles have been destroyed during the year, as unfit for the Food of Man:-

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Carcase of Ox				I
Carcases of Cows				3
,, Sheep				12
,, Pigs				78
Carcase of Calf				I
,, Lamb				I
Quarters of Beef				4
Pieces of Beef		cwt. I	o, qrs. 2	e, lbs. 27
,, Pork				28
Pigs' Plucks				28
,, Entrails				cwt. 1
Set of Lungs				I
Livers				4

### FISH.

Herrings		 (Boxes	of 700 Fish) 3
,,		(Barrels	of 600 Fish) 17
Bloaters			Boxes 562
Kippers			,, 149
Haddock			,, 133
Whiting			,, 7
,,			cwt. 1
Hake			,, 9
,,			Barrels 5
,,			4
Mullet			Boxes 4
Ling			Barrels 2
Codlings			Boxes 41
Cod Fish			cwt. 8
,,			Barrel 1
,,			21

Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Smelts			Bushels 14
,,			Boxes 9
Shrimps			Baskets 6
Plaice			cwt. $5\frac{1}{2}$
,,			Barrels 2
,,			Boxes 3
,,			160
Mackerel			720
Escalops			Вад 1
Sprats			Barrels 22
Gurnet			cwt. 2
Mixed Fish			Barrel 1

#### FRUIT.

Pears			Bushels 9
······			Boxes 49
Plums			Baskets 54
Greengages			,, 21
Peaches			Boxes 6
Tomatoes			,, 19

### INSPECTION.

During the year, 4063 notices were served to abate nuisances, and 4094 nuisances were removed.

10648 dwellinghouses have been examined.

6821 visits have been made to the various slaughterhouses.

2613 visits have been made to the various dairies, cowsheds and milkshops.

1009 visits have been made to the common lodging houses, of which number 294 were night visits.

1601 visits have been made by the Sanitary Inspectors to the different Bakehouses, and 290 visits have been made by the Workshop Inspector.

2202 visits have been made to the various workshops.

1159 complaints, relative to nuisances have been made at the office, and received attention.

#### INFECTIOUS AND ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

2819 cases of Infectious and Zymotic Diseases have been visited and investigated.

1931 rooms have been disinfected, and disinfectants supplied at all houses where cases of Infectious Diseases have occurred.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

During the year 211 samples of Food and Drugs have been obtained by the Inspectors, and submitted to the Public Analyst for analysis.

#### DRAINS TESTED.

During the year, 3284 Drains have been tested or re-tested, of which number 1316, or 40 per cent. were found defective. A large portion of the Inspectors' time is occupied by this work, as too often the repairs are entrusted by the owners to utterly incompetent men, who require almost continual watching on the part of the Inspectors to obtain sound joints. Thus, it frequently happens that a small job will require half-a-dozen visits from the Inspector of the district.

#### PROSECUTIONS AND FINES.

Proceedings have been taken under the Public Health Act for non-compliance with notices to abate nuisances in 29 cases. Orders to abate nuisances were made by the Magistrates in 10 instances, and Fines and Costs amounting to  $\pounds 7$  os. 6d. inflicted. In two cases the summonses were dismissed, the work being done before the hearing of the cases, and the remainder were withdrawn on the necessary repairs being carried out to the satisfaction of the Authority.

Proceedings were also taken under the Public Health Act against four persons, for having in their possession, or exposed for sale, Meat and Fish which was unfit for the Food of Man. Convictions were obtained in three cases, when Fines and Costs to the amount of  $\pounds 27$  15s. were inflicted.

One person was fined  $\pounds_1$ , including costs, for exposing a patient in the public street, whilst suffering from scarlet fever.

Under Section 30 of the Building Bye-Laws, six informations were laid against one person for letting premises which had been declared by the Local Authority to be unfit for human habitation. He was fined  $\pounds_I$ , including costs, in one case, and the costs in the remaining cases, amounting to  $\pounds_I$  15s. 11d.

Six persons were summoned for non-compliance with the Slaughterhouse Bye-Laws, five were convicted, and Fines, amounting to  $\pounds_3$  10s. inflicted, and one case was dismissed.

One person was fined £,1 14s. 6d., including costs, for carrying on the trade of Purveyor of Milk, without being registered in accordance with the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order.

Proceedings were taken against one person, under the Towns Police Clauses Act, for using as a slaughterhouse premises which were not licensed for the purpose. The case was dismissed.

Under the new Bye-laws made with respect to Nuisances, one person was fined  $\pounds_2$  for keeping swine within 100 feet of a dwellinghouse.

Under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, twelve Dairymen were summoned for selling to the Inspectors adulterated milk. Eight were convicted, and Fines and Costs amounting to  $\pounds_{17}$  2s. imposed; two cases were dismissed and two withdrawn.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

### FRED. L. BELL,

Cert. Sant. Inst. Inspector of Nuisances.

# Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878.

## INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1893.

#### INSPECTION OF CATTLE.

The undermentioned Cattle have been inspected during the year, the majority arriving at the Railway Station from different markets and other places :--

Beasts	 		7,329
Sheep	 		39,634
Calves	 		4,634
Pigs	 		13,364
		Total	64,961

No Foreign Animals have arrived at the Foreign Animals' Wharf during the whole of the year.

2,214 cattle trucks, 1,268 horse-boxes, and 468 tow boats have been inspected, and in every case I found them cleansed and lime-washed, as required by the Board of Agriculture orders.

**SWINE FEVER.**—Four outbreaks of the above disease have occurred in different parts of the Borough; 38 animals have been slaughtered by order of the Local Authority, one was killed by the owner, and six have died, making a total of 45 animals attacked by the disease.

I am pleased to report that the Borough has not been visited by any other Contagious Disease during the whole of the year; this is due in a great measure to the prompt action taken by the Board of Agriculture in making an order directly a case has become known to them, and in so doing have stamped out the disease before it had spread over a very wide area.

> I remain, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

### GEO. W. MONKCOM,

Inspector under the C. D. (A.) Act.



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