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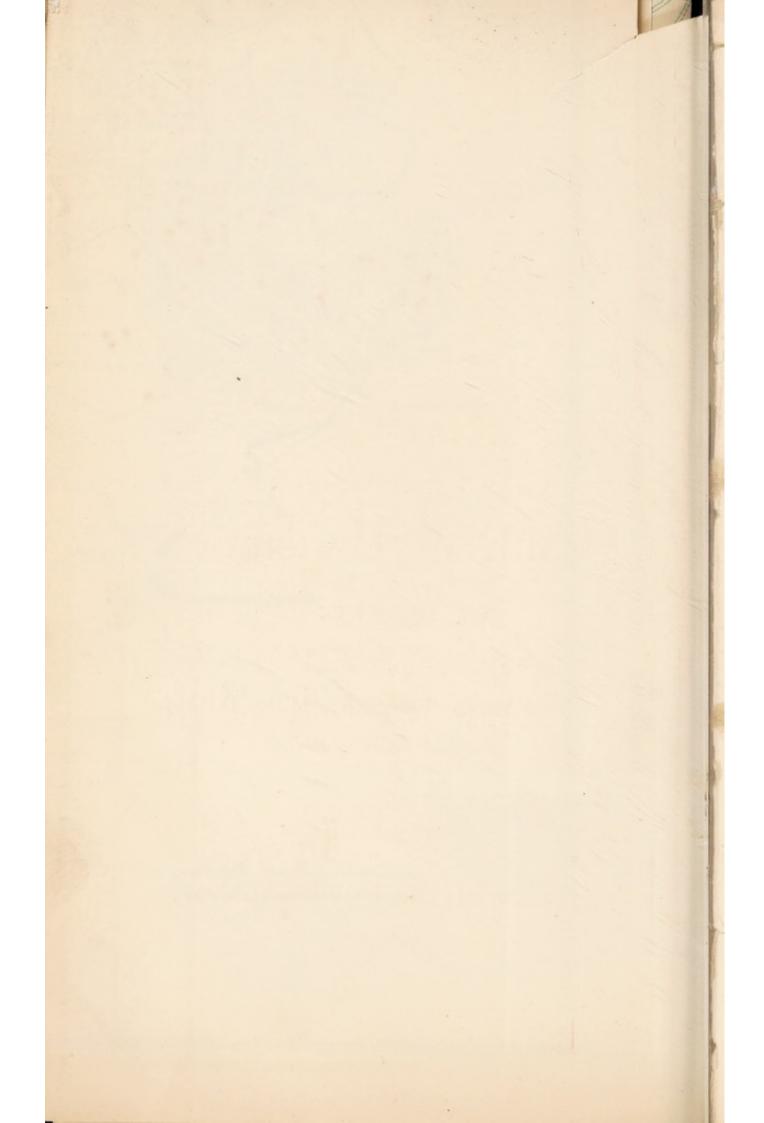
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# REPORT

ON THE

# Health of Portsmouth

FOR THE YEAR 1900

BY

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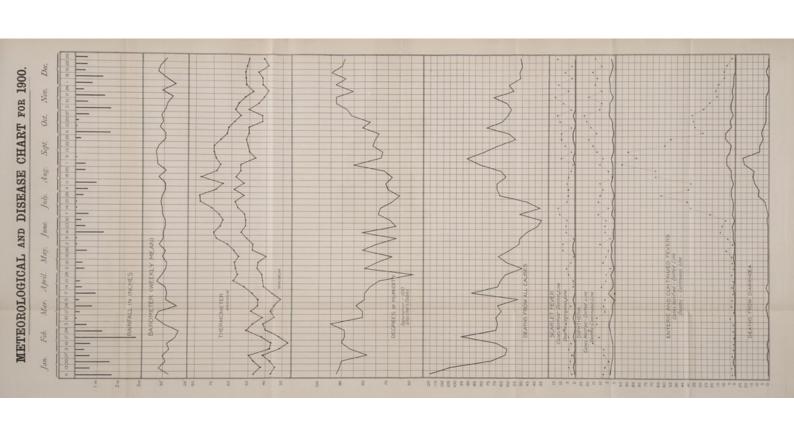
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# Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29TH DECEMBER, 1900.

To the Members of the Portsmouth Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the past year, containing statistical returns of deaths and infectious diseases, the measures adopted for the prevention of disease, and an account of the work done by the Health Department.

The general health of the town shows a marked improvement on that of the previous year; marred somewhat, however, by an increased prevalence of typhoid fever during the latter half of the year, and also by a heavier incidence of diphtheria.

I desire to express my appreciation of the continued kindness I have at all times experienced from the members of the Drainage and Sanitary Committee during the five years I have occupied my present position. Also to acknowledge frequent and cordial assistance from the Borough Engineer, Mr. Murch, and his staff. The whole of my Sanitary staff have performed their duties with efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER, M.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

# STATISTICS.

Population.—The population of the Borough of Portsmouth for 1900 is estimated by the Registrar General at 194,955. The census returns for this year (1901) are as yet not available; when they are published these figures may be found to be slightly inaccurate. They are obtained by assuming that the population from 1891 onwards has gone on increasing at the same rate of increase as from 1881 to 1891. Although possibly the census returns may be issued before this report can be published, the above estimated population is the one on which all death-rates, etc., have necessarily been based.

The density of the population is 43'4 persons to the acre, an increase of 7.9 per acre since the census of 1891.

The population of the various sub-districts is estimated to be as follows: Portsmouth, 7,000; Portsea, 14,000; Kingston, 77,473; Landport, 77,568; Southsea, 18,714.

**Births.**—There were during the year 4995 births registered, compared with 4819 in the previous year, which gives a birth-rate of 25.6. The birth-rate for the 33 large towns of England and Wales was 29.8. The steady decline in the birth-rate in Portsmouth and throughout the country is thus being continued.

The births occurred in the different quarters of the year as follows:—

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First quarter, ending March 31st ... 1354 births
Second ,, ,, June 30th ... 1281 ,,
Third ,, ,, September 29th ... 1177 ,,
Fourth ,, , December 29th ... 1183 ,,

Total 4995
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Marriages.—1711 Marriages took place during the year, a decrease of 8 on the previous year, giving a marriage-rate of 17.5.

First quarter	 307
Second "	 464
Third ,,	 417
Fourth "	 523

**Deaths.**—During the year 3,359 deaths were registered, giving a death-rate of 17.28 per 1000; in the previous year there occurred 3,737 deaths, and the death-rate was 19.6.

The death-rates for the four quarters of the year were as follows:—

First quarter	 20.4
Second "	 15.4
Third "	 17.3
Fourth "	 16.0

It will be seen in Table III., in which the death-rates of the 33 large towns of England and Wales are given, that Portsmouth occupies the sixth place, the first being taken by Croydon, with a corrected death-rate of 15.22, and the last by Salford, of which the corrected death-rate was 28.22 per 1000. In the table for the previous year Portsmouth occupied the eleventh position. The corrected death-rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.31 per 1000; that for England and Wales, less the 33 large towns, was 17.33, and for the 33 large towns it was 21.11.

In Table IV. are given the principal causes of death. There has been a considerable decrease in the infantile mortality, the number of deaths of children under one year being 771, compared with 986 in the previous year, and corresponding to a rate of 155 per 1000 births. The rate for 1899 was 197, and the average for the previous ten years was 155.

Zymotic Death-rate.—In the zymotic death-rate also (small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough, fever, and diarrhoea) there is a decrease on the previous year, the rate being 2.38, compared with 3.38 per 1,000 in 1899. That for the 33 large towns was 2.50. The principal factors of this rate were diarrhoea 0.85, diphtheria 0.53, fever 0.47, and whooping cough 0.46 per 1000. The chief cause of the improvement in this rate was the reduction in the deaths from diarrhoea, these numbering 159, or 157 less than in the previous year. Unfortunately, during the latter part of the year there was a considerable increase in the deaths from typhoid fever; this, however, will be referred to further on in my report.

# TABLE I.

Table showing the Population, Marriages, Inhabited Houses, Births and Deaths, for the year 1900, and the ten preceding years.

## GROSS NUMBERS.

	Estimated	No. of		Registered	Total 1	Number of Deaths						
Year	Population	Inhabited Houses	Marriages	Births	Total, all ages	Under 1 year	Under 5 years					
1900	194,955	37,007	1,711	4,995	3,359	771	1,123					
1899	190,741	35,851	1,719	5,000	3,737	986	1,419					
1898	186,618	34,967	1,684	4,971	3,048	681	1,036					
1897	182,585	34,193	1,589	4,897	2,974	819	1,129					
1896	178,612	34,739	1,581	5,006	3,030	785	1,156					
1895	174,751	34,230	1,432	4,868	3,129	856	1,169					
1894	170,973	31,377	1,462	4,709	2,593	611	967					
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					
1891	160,128	29,544	1,429	4,803	3,053	665	1,143					
1890	156,667	28,875	1,318	4,881	2,847	648	941					
Average ten years, 1890—99	173,202	32,506	1,513	4,840	3,049	753	1,191					

# NOTES.

1.—Population at Census, 1	891			159,255
2.—Area in Acres				4,486
3.—Average number of pers	ons in ea	ach house at	Census	5.4
4.—Average number of pers	ons per	acre at Cens	us	35.5

# TABLE II.

Table showing the Annual Birth-rate, Rate of Mortality, and Death-rates, among Children for the year 1900, and ten years preceding.

Year	Birth-rate per 1000 of the Population	Annual Rate of Mortality 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 r year to Registered Births	Deaths of Children under 5 years: Percentage of Total Deaths
1900	25.62	17:22	2.38	22.9	17.4	33.4
1899 1898 1897 1896 1895 1894 1893 1892 1891 1890	26·23 26·64 26·82 28·03 27·84 27·54 28·14 27·88 29·90 30·15	19·59 16·33 16·28 16·96 17·90 15·16 18·28 18·49 19·06 18·16	3·38 2·16 2·53 2·27 2·31 2·07 3·09 1·89 2·49 1·69	26·4 22·3 27·5 25·9 27·3 23·5 24·9 20·4 21·7 22·5	19·7 13·7 16·7 15·6 17·6 12·9 16·4 15·5 13·8 13·5	37·8 34·0 37·9 38·1 37·5 37·3 38·3 35·3 37·4 32·7
Average of 10 years, 1890—99	27.91	17:63	2:38	24.2	15.5	36.6

# TABLE III.

Showing the Population, Birth-rates, Recorded Death-rates, Corrected Death-rates, Zymotic Rates, and Deaths under 1 Year to 1000 Births in the 33 Large Towns for the year 1900.

Deaths of Children	r year of age to 1000 births	172	132	141	178	189	133	155	160	2007	175	144	203	174	132	100	132	175	169	961	183	170	171	183	172	100	220	200	199	200	230	186	202	
	Total	2.50	1.44	2.06	2.08	3.10	88.1	238	17.70	1.59	2.17	200	0.00	3,50	1.23	2.21	T.32	2,32	1.75	2,35	3.10	1.38	2,43	2,62	2.44	2,25	3.25	3.02	2.72	4.33	4.37	00.00	3.08	200
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DEATH-RATE	Whooping Cough	0.45	0.44	0,51	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.46	0.28	0.24	0.15	6000	0.30	0.48	0.10	0.42	0,00	0,12	95.0	0,42	0.31	0.33	0.53	0.38	0.28	0.51	0.45	64.0	0.28	0.22	0.27	0.00	0.00	to o
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ZYMOTIC	Scarlet Fever	0.13	0.04	90.0		0.02	0.12	90.0	0.10	0.03	20.0	0.23	0.48	0.13	07.0	0.08	000	10.0	0.02	0.55	91,0	20,0	0.12	0,12	0.36	0.27	19,0	60,0	61.0	6.17	0.50	61.0	0.17	0 +0
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rooo living	Recorded Death-rate	19.54	14.60	10,01	17.57	15.03	16.66	17.28	17.84	16.82	17.07	16.41	16.30	17.48	17.40	10.70	6/01	21 01	20.07	10.10	10.75	16.61	19,45	20,00	19,55	21,41	20.48	22.51	21.53	22,29	24.03	24.13	25.00	25 10
Per	Birth-rate	29.4	0.16	56.96	28.4	28.6	27.8	25.6	23.0	29.0	26.7	23.I	25.3	50.5	50.0	22.0	200	23.0	6,90	27.7	32.0	30.4	20,0	30.4	24.5	35.00	25.1	33.5	32.7	34.1	29.0	32.3	36.0	33 I
	Estimated Population middle of 1900	11,610,296	186	151,100	174,24/	314.472	324,073	194,955	124,148	117,170	105,472	291,535	116,730	219,109	166,701	104,484	4,599,129	100,710	102,101	242.676	238.736	234,360	164,240	431,287	153,297	147,398	137,107	89,598	519,610	365,922	118,902	548,768	634,780	220,810
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TABLE IV.

Deaths Registered at several groups of ages from the different classes of Diseases during the Year ending December 29th, 1900.

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# Summary of Table IV.

Class	DISEASES	Number of Deaths
I.	Zymotic Diseases—	
	1. Miasmatic Diseases 2. Diarrhœal Diseases 3. Malarial Diseases 4. Zoogenous Diseases 5. Venereal Diseases 6. Septic Diseases	363 159 — 1 21 21
II.	Parasitic Diseases	1
III.	DIETIC DISEASES	20
IV.	Constitutional Diseases	578
V.	Developmental Diseases	366
VI.	Local Diseases          1. Diseases of the Nervous System          2. ,, ,, Organs of Special Sense          3. ,, ,, Circulatory System          4. ,, ,, Respiratory System          5. ,, ,, Digestive System          6. ,, ,, Lymphatic System          7. ,, , Gland-like Organs of Uncertain Use         8. ,, ,, Urinary System          9. ,, , Reproductive System—          (a) Organs of Generation	342 560 199 1 1 91
	(b) Parturition 10. ,, ,, Bones and Joints 11. Integumentary System	9
VII.	VIOLENCE—         1. Accident or Negligence          2. Homicide          3. Suicide	. —
VIII.	ILL-DEFINED OR NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES	. 134

TABLE V.

Deaths Registered at several groups of Ages from different Classes of Diseases during

# Quarter ending March 31st, 1900.

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	CAUSE OF DEATH	Class I.—Zymotic Diseases Order 1.—Miasmatic Diseases Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Enteric or Typhoid Fever Other Miasmatic Diseases (Influenza)	Order 5.—Venereal Diseases Syphilis Gonorrhea	Order 6.—Septic Diseases Erysipelas Pyæmia, Septicæmia	II.—PARASITIC DISEASES III.—DIETIC DISEASES IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES VI.—LOCAL DISEASES VII.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE VIII.—NOT SPECIFIED OR ILL-DEFINED	TOTALS

TABLE VI.

Deaths Registered at several groups of Ages from different Classes of Diseases during

Quarter ending June 30th, 1900.

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	CAUSE OF DEATH	Class I.—Zymotic Dirases— Order i.—Miasmatic Diseases. Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Enteric or Typhoid Fever Other Miasmatic Diseases (Influenza)	Order 2.—Diarrhaal Diseases Diarrhaa, Dysentery	Order 5.—Venereal Diseases Syphilis Gonorrhæa	Order 6.—Septic Diseases Erysipelas Pyæmia. Septicemia Puerperal Fever	II.—PARASITIC DISEASES III.—DIETIC DISEASES IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL, DISEASES IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL, DISEASES VI.—LOCAL, DISEASES VII.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE VIII.—NOT SPECIFIED OR ILL, DEFINED	TOTALS

TABLE VII.

Deaths Registered at several groups of Ages from different Classes of Diseases during Quarter ending September 29th, 1900.

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	CAUSE OF DEATH	Class I.—ZYMOTIC DISEASES— Order 1.—Miasmatic Diseases Scarlet Fever— Whooping Cough Diphtheria Enteric or Typhoid Fever Other Miasmatic Diseases (Influenza)	Order 2.—Diarrheal Diseases Diarrhea, Dysentery	Order 5.—Venereal Diseases Syphilis Gonorrhæa	Order 6.—Septic Diseases Erysipelas Pyamia Septicamia Puerperal Fever	II.—PARASITIC DISEASES III.—DIETIC DISEASES IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES VI.—LOCAL DISEASES VII.—DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE VIII.—NOT SPECIFIED OR ILL-DEFINED	TOTALS

TABLE VIII.

Deaths Registered at several groups of Ages from different Classes of Diseases during

Quarter ending December 29th, 1900.

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	CAUSE OF DEATH	Class I.—Zymotic Diseases— Order 1.—Masmatic Diseases— Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Continued or Ill-Defined Fever Enteric or Typhoid Fever Cother Miasmatic Diseases (Influenza)	Order 2.—Diarrhaal Diseases— Diarrhaa, Dysentery	Order 4.—Zoogenous Diseases— Cowpox	Order 5.—Venereal Diseases— Gonorrhæa	Order 6.—Septic Diseases— Erysipelas Pyæmia, Septicæmia	II.—Parasitic diseases III.—Dietic diseases IV.—Constitutional diseases V.—Developmental diseases VI.—Local diseases VII.—Deaths from Violence VIII.—Not Specified or Illi-defined	TOTALS

# TABLE IX.

Table showing the Numbers 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 1900, and for the whole Year 1900.

Quarter ending	Pri Zy	Seven ncipal motic seases	Dis (exc	ung seases luding hisis)†	Ph	thisis		m all
	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000	No.	Rate per 1000
March 31st	94	1.93	245	5.04	78	1.60	994	20.4
June 30th	57	1.16	133	2.73	72	1.48	747	15.4
September 29th	210	4.31	55	1.13	52	1.07	840	17.3
December 29th	101	2.07	110	2.26	80	1.64	778	16.0
THE YEAR 1900	462	2.38	543	2.78	282	1.45	3359	17.2

\*Includes Small-Pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Enteric or Typhoid Fever, and Diarrhœa.

†Includes Emphysema, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, and other Diseases of the Respiratory System.

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TABLE X.

Shewing the Death Rates per 10,000 persons living, from the Seven Zymotic Diseases for each of the three Decennial periods: 1851-1860, 1861-1870, and 1871-1880, and for the four Quinquennial periods: 1881-1885, 1886-1890, 1891-1895, 1896-1900, and for the year 1900.

Deaths from all Causes        228.0       211.9       198.8       194.9       186.5       177.57       172.7       172.9         Zymotic Diseases        49.0       43.6       37.2       29.40       25.69       23.71       25.5       23.3         Small-pox        4.6       2.4       5.0       0.00       0.70       0.04       —       —         Measles        4.1       4.0       5.20       3.64       6.68       3.1       0.1         Scarlet Fever         4.8       8.8       5.5       1.46       1.20       0.95       0.9       0.5         Diphtheria         4.8       3.6       4.1       3.18       4.4         Fever         13.8       8.8       7.4       6.02       4.06       2.33       2.9       4.7         Diarrhoca and         13.1       13.1       11.7       8.1	Diseases			1851 to 1860	1861 to 1870	1871 to 1880	1881 to 1885	1886 to 1890	1891 to 1895	1896 to 1900	Year 1900
ases 49-0 43-6 37-2 29-40 25-69 23-71 25-5 2  4-6 2-4 5-0 0-00 0-70 0-04 —  r 4-1 4-0 4-0 5-20 3-64 6-68 3-1  r 8-8 8-3 5-5 1-46 1-20 0-95 0-9  ugh 0-6 1-5 1-0 6-38 2-90 1-55 3-3  d 13-8 8-8 7-4 6-02 4-06 2-33 2-9  d 13-1 13-1 10-1 7-14 9-58 8-91 11-7  28-1 25-5 21-9 21-10 19-35 15-45 14-81 1	Deaths from all C		1 :	228.0	211.9	198.8	194.9	186.5	177-57	172.7	172.2
r       4.6       2.4       5.0       0.00       0.70       0.04       —         r        4.1       4.0       4.0       5.20       3.64       6.68       3.1         r        8.8       8.3       5.5       1.46       1.20       0.95       0.9         uugh        0.6       1.5       1.0       6.38       2.90       1.55       3.3         d        13.8       8.8       7.4       6.02       4.06       2.33       2.9         d        13.1       13.1       10.1       7.14       9.58       8.91       11.7             0.9       0.2              28.1       25.5       21.9       21.10       19.35       15.45       14.81       1	Zymotic Diseases		:	49.0	43.6	37.2	29.40	25.69	23.71	25.5	23.3
r       4·1       4·0       4·0       5·20       3·64       6·68       3·1         r        8·8       8·8       5·5       1·46       1·20       0·95       0·9         nugh         0·6       1·5       1·0       6·38       2·90       1·55       3·3         d        1/3·8       8·8       7·4       6·02       4·06       2·33       2·9         d        1/3·1       1/3·1       10·1       7·14       9·58       8·91       11·7            1/3·1       1/3·1       10·1       7·14       9·58       8·91       11·7	Small-pox		:	4.6	2.4	5.0	00.0	0.70	0.04	1	-
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ough       4·8       3·6       4·1       3·18       4·26       3·12       3·3         d        13·8       8·8       7·4       6·02       4·06       2·33       2·9         d        13·1       13·1       10·1       7·14       9·58       8·91       11·7            0·9       0·2              28·1       25·5       21·9       21·10       19·35       15·45       14·81       1	Diphtheria		-:-	9.0	1.5	1.0	6.38	2.90	1.55	3.3	5.33
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Whooping Cough	:	1	4.8	3.6	4.1	3.18	4.26	3.12	3.3	4.46
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	Consumption		:	28.1	25.5	21.9	21.10	19.35	15.45	14.81	14.52

# TABLE XI.

### DIVISION I.

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

DISEASES	Total Deaths	Deaths per 1000 of Population at all ages	Proportion of Deaths to 1000 Births
(1) Principal Zymotic Diseases	457	2.33	136
(2) Pulmonary Diseases (excluding Consumption)	543	2.78	162
(3) Principal Tubercular Diseases	381	1.95	114

#### DIVISION II.

Deaths of infants under one year of age from Wasting and Convulsive Diseases; also proportion of deaths under one year per 1000 births, and per 1000 Deaths from all causes under one year.

Infants under one year	Total Deaths	Deaths per 1000 Births	Deaths per 1000 of Total Deaths under one year
(4) Wasting Diseases	211	42.2	274
(5) Convulsive Diseases	68	13.6	88

#### NOTES.

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

# TABLE XII.

Showing the number of Deaths in the Years 1861 to 1900 from the Seven principal Zymotic Diseases.

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YEAR	POPULATION		DISEASES	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Fever	Diarrhœa		Totals
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# TABLE XIII.

Table showing the Death Rates per 1000 Inhabitants, from the chief Zymotic Diseases, Consumption and Diseases of the Lungs, in the Sub-Districts and in the whole Borough. Deaths from Zymotic Diseases occurring in Public Institutions are entered in the Districts from which the patients who died were removed. Deaths from the other diseases occurring in Public Institutions are distributed to the various Sub-Districts in accordance with the population for the year 1900, and also the means of the ten years1890-1899 for the whole Borough.

DISEASES		Portsmouth	Portsea	Kingston	Landport	Southsea	Whole Borough	Means of ro years r890—99
Small-pox								0'00
Measles		0.14		0'14		0.02	,o,o1	0.49
Scarlet Fever			0'14	0'09	0'02		0,00	0.00
Diphtheria			0'21	0.74	0'51	0,19	0'53	0'21
Whooping Cough		1'43	0'42	0'32	0,21	0'37	0.46	0,30
Fever		0'14	0'49	0'72	0.32	0'05	0'47	0'25
Diarrhœa		1'14	0.77	0.84	0'90	0'27	0.82	1,01
Principal Zymotic Disease	s	2.85	2.03	2.73	2.29	0,00	0.38	2'49
Consumption		0.43	1'76	1.80	1'40	o.48	1.46	1.28
Other Tubercular Diseases		0'57	0'49	0127	0.65	0.35	0.48	0*37
Lung Diseases		2'00	3.11	3.00	2.81	1.46	2.80	2'94
FROM ALL CAUSES		11.28	17.48	20*74	15'78	10.74	17*23	17.84

**Small-pox.**—No case of Small-pox occurred in the Borough during the year. I enclose a table showing the number of infant vaccinations during the year.

Owing to the private enterprise of Councillors Gillett and Gill the Authority have been able to secure at the Locks, Milton, at very little expense, four houses in five acres of ground, which may be used for isolating any cases that may be brought to this town. Probably not more than nine or ten cases could be isolated there under present conditions, and should we be called upon to deal with an epidemic of any size, temporary structures would have to be relied upon. There have, however, only been seven cases in the Borough since 1894, so possibly these premises may be sufficient for some time to come. On the acquisition of these houses in which to treat Small-pox, the Local Government Board withdrew their objection to the borrowing of money to enlarge the present Infectious Diseases Hospital at Milton, which is now being proceeded with, with as little delay as possible.

TABLE XIV.

VACCINATION RETURNS-1st January to 30th June, 1900.

Number of these Births remaining on 31st January, 1901, neither	duly entered in the Vaccination Register (columns 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	of this Keturn) nor temporarily accounted for in the Report Book (columns 8, 9 and 10 of this Return)	ш	40000	12
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Kingston and East Southsea     Portsmouth and Mid-Southsea     S. Portsea and Landport      A. North End and Buckland	Totals

VACCINATION RETURNS FOR PAST TEN YEARS.

No, in respect of which Certificates of conscientious objections have been received	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1	19	23	22
No. of these births remaining	67	П	œ	4	4	6	4	80	10	2	12
Removed to places unknown	81	7.2	66	94	85	69	20	18	36	21	12
Removed to Districts the Vacc. Officer of which has been apprised	23	23	24	24	18	28	35	89	46	36	19
Postpone- ment by Medical Certificate	27	20	28	30	46	31	31	31	32	18	54
Dead un- vaccinated	444	387	435	483	412	547	476	473	518	645	263
Had Small-pox	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Insuscep- tible to vaccination	:	00	19	37	20	29	25	22	37	09	4
Successfully Vaccinated	4220	4315	3987	4034	4147	4183	4329	4303	4243	4171	2250
Number of Births returned in birth sheets so registered from 1st January to bo	4797	4826	4600	4706	4729	4896	4920	4924	4973	4981	2636
Year	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900

Scarlet Fever.—During the year only 348 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and of these 11 proved fatal; 198 or 56 per cent. only of the cases were removed to Milton Hospital, and amongst these the mortality was slightly less than amongst those treated at home, the figures being 3.03 against 3.3 per cent.

# TABLE XV.

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 1884-1900.

Year	Cases notified	No. of Deaths	Percentage of deaths to notified cases
1884	266	9	3.38
1885	314	5	1.59
1886	343	18	5.24
1887	647	26	4.02
1888	465	12	2.58
1889	728	11	1.51
1890	573	19	3.31
1891	326	9	2.76
1892	1023	18	1.76
1893	1176	32	2.73
1894	458	14	3.06
1895	311	7	2.25
1896	524	19	3.62
1897	699	11	1.57
1898	710	27	3.80
1899	578	22	3.80
1900	348	11	3.16
Total (17 years)	9489	270	2.84

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.

Year	Cases admitted	No. of Deaths	Percentage of death to cases treated	
1884	13			
1885	16			
1886	29			
1887	56	1	1.78	
1888	120	1	0.88	
1889	278	1	0.36	
1890	384	11	2.86	
1891	180	3	1.66	
1892	532	6	1.12	
1893	503	6	1.19	
1894	238	8	3.36	
1895	177	2	1.13	
1896	352	11	3.15	
1897	413	9	2.17	
1898	436	23	5.27	
1899	333	6	1.80	
1900	198	6	3.03	
1300	130	0	5 05	
Total (17 years)	4258	94	2.20	

In 96 cases, or 27 per cent., sanitary defects were found upon the premises where scarlet fever occurred.

Diphtheria.—This disease was again more than usually prevalent during 1900, the total number of cases notified being 568, of which 104 were fatal. Only 211 or 37 per cent of the cases notified were removed to Milton Hospital. This is the more to be regretted when the evident advantage of hospital treatment is considered, the chance of recovery as I pointed out in my last report being far greater under the former than under the latter. For purposes of comparison I have drawn up the following table:—

Year	Patients treated at Home	Patients treated at Hospital	Percentage of recovery amongst  Patients at Home   Patients at Hospital				
1896	83	41	80.7	90.2			
1897	111	37	82.9	91.9			
1898	165	118	78.8	83.9			
1899	341	225	72.7	88.0			
1900	357	211	78.7	86.7			
Mean	211	126	78.7	88.1			

From the above it will be seen during the past five years the recoveries amongst hospital treated patients have been ten per cent in advance of those treated at home, and it must be borne in mind that the cases that are removed are usually the worst cases. There is little doubt that the more favourable result of hospital treatment is largely due to antitoxin, which is more extensively used there, than in private practice.

Every house in which a case of diphtheria occurred was visited and examined for sanitary defects which were found in 195 or 34 per cent.

### TABLE XVI.

Table showing the number of cases of DIPHTHERIA notified, the number of Deaths, and the per centage of Deaths to cases notified, for the years 1884 to 1900.

Year	Cases notified	No. of Deaths	Percentage of Deaths to cases notified
1884	174	41	23.44
1885	173	42	24.25
1886	232	65	26.72
1887	260	47	19.08
1888	128	17	13.28
1889	126	33	26.19
1890	212	47	22.69
1891	140	23	16.42
1892	121	26	21.48
1893	140	29	21.48
1894	139	34	24.46
1895	124	18	14.51
1896	124	20	16.12
1897	148	22	15.07
1898	283	54	19.08
1899	566	120	21.20
1900	568	104	18:30
Totals (17 years)	3658	742	20.28

Table showing the number of cases of DIPHTHERIA admitted to the Milton Hospital, the number of Deaths, and the per centage of Deaths to cases of Diphtheria admitted, for the years 1884 to 1900.

Year	Cases Admitted	No. of Deaths	Percentage of Deaths to cases admitted
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		33.33
1894	38	8	21.05
1895	46	5	10.87
1896	41	4	9.80
1897	37	3	8.11
1898	118	19	16.10
1899	225	27	11.90
1900	211	28	13.27
Totals (17 years)	959	136	14.18

Enteric or Typhoid Fever.—During the latter half of 1900 this disease became very prevalent in the Borough, in connection with which I presented the following report:—

Public Health Department,

Town Hall, Portsmouth,

September 22nd, 1900.

To the Chairman and Members of the Drainage and Sanitary Committee.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the following report on the prevalence of typhoid in the Borough.

Portsmouth, as you are aware, is one of the towns in which typhoid fever is endemic, but the disease is more prevalent now than in any year since 1886. The disease began to make its presence marked in June, during which month 55 people were attacked; this increased by 197 in July, 297 in August, and 125 up to the 22nd of this month, giving a total of 674 cases up to the present.

The areas attacked first, which have also suffered most severely, are Portsea, and that part of Landport between Sultan Road and the Railway; and there are also a considerable number of cases in the small streets just South of the Railway, and in the streets on the West side of Twyford Avenue.

The cases occurred in the various districts as follows:—Portsmouth 27, Portsea 82, Kingston 273, Landport 281, Southsea 11, being an attack rate per ten thousand population as follows:—Portsmouth 38, Portsea 57, Kingston 35, Landport 36, Southsea 5. It is noticeable that the disease has selected for the most part the poorest, oldest, and most over-crowded areas.

Of those attacked 110 or 16 per cent. were under 5 years of age, 164 or 24 per cent. were between 5 and 10, 151 or 23 per cent. were between 10 and 15, 58 or 9 per cent. were between 15 and 20, the remainder, 191 or 28 per cent., being over 20 years of age. From which it will be seen 72 per cent. of the cases were under 20 years of age.

The percentage of deaths to cases cannot be accurately ascertained at present, as of course in a large number of cases the disease has not yet run its course, but the number of deaths registered up to the 22nd inst. are 46, giving a case death-rate of 7 per cent. The percentage death-rate in cases of typhoid in the last 10 years has been 12·8, and the death-rate in the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the last 23 years was 17·4 per cent., from

which it will be seen that the typhoid is of a particularly mild type. From my own experience and that of the Inspectors, on visiting the houses in which cases of fever occurred, I was early convinced that this was the case; in a large number of cases, especially among children, apparently the whole course of the disease had consisted of four or five days diarrhœa, and sometimes the patients were actually up, dressed, and playing about when the Inspector arrived there on the same day that the notification was received.

#### CAUSES OF THE EPIDEMIC.

Water.—Any increase in the prevalence of typhoid at once directs attention to the water supply. In this town, as you are aware, the water is frequently analysed by me, and the springs, reservoirs, and collecting basins frequently inspected, and I am of opinion that the water supplied to Portsmouth is perfectly pure and has no share in the causation of the disease. Special enquiries were made in the case of every patient and only 41 of the cases, or 6 per cent., had partaken of specially large quantities of water. Moreover, if the water were the cause of the disease the whole Borough would be equally affected with the disease; we should also expect a preponderance of adult females over adult males, which is not the case. Again, one would expect large institutions like the workhouse, the Asylum, and the Prison, where a large quantity of water is drunk, to be specially affected, but up to the present there have only been one case among the inmates at the Workhouse, none at the Prison, and a small outbreak of 12 cases at the Asylum, mostly in one ward. As at the beginning of the epidemic the centre of Landport, and Portsea were principally affected, I made enquiries to ascertain if these were supplied by separate mains which might possibly have been polluted in their course, but I was informed by Mr. Smith, the Engineer to the Water Company, that examinations are constantly made for leaks, and he is satisfied the mains are in perfectly good order; moreover, the whole of the mains are connected with each other by open stop-cocks at Kingston Cross and at other points. The later development of the disease showed that it did not correspond so much with the Water Company's mains as with the poorer parts of the town. For these reasons, therefore, I have come to the conclusion, as stated above, that the present is not a water-borne epidemic.

Milk.—The milk supply in every case was ascertained, but it was soon evident that there was no marked incidence of cases among the customers of any particular milk-seller; milk may therefore also be excluded as the cause of the disease.

Shell Fish.—Enquiries were instituted from the commencement of the epidemic as to the ingestion of shell fish, and it was found that 86 or 13 per cent. of the patients had had either cockles or mussels within a fortnight

of being attacked by the disease. Still, even if we allow that all these cases were actually caused by eating shell fish, the latter cannot be considered as one of the principal causes, although I have little doubt that they were the cause in a certain proportion. My opinion on this point is strengthened by visits to Emsworth and Chichester, from which quantities of cockles are sent to this town, by noting that the sewage from these towns discharges over the mud from which the shell fish are collected.

Sanitary defects.—I have stated before that the epidemic has made itself felt in the more insanitary dwelling houses. The principal defects have been as follows:—There were defective drains in 195 or 29 per cent. of the cases; no flush to the water closets in 306 or 45 per cent. of the cases; no ventilation to the drains in 385 or 57 per cent. of the cases; defective paving round the houses in 129 or 19 per cent. of the cases. Complaints from Man-holes and Buchan traps in 67 or 10 per cent. of the cases.

It must be borne in mind also that the majority of these cases were in houses under and around which the soil in the past has been extremely polluted from old cess-pits and other methods of soil pollution.

It seems to me therefore that the cause of the epidemic must be found in Sanitary Conditions and Soil Pollutions in connection with dwelling houses. There are doubtless other causes for individual cases.

Other causes.—Two or three of the cases were soldiers who had contracted the disease in South Africa. Seventy of the children or 10 per cent. had partaken of ice cream previous to being ill, and this may also possibly account for some of the diseases; possibly some also are caused by the ingestion of water cress from polluted water courses.

Preventive measures.—Every house where a case of the disease occurred was immediately visited by an Inspector, enquiries instituted and notice served on the owners to remove any insanitary defects which could be moved. Steps are being taken to enforce a flush to all water closets which are at present without one. Particular attention has been paid to the flushing with disinfectants of courts and narrow streets, sewers, and street gulleys. Special attention is paid to places where ice cream is made, and cleanliness in the vehicles of the ice-cream vendors enforced as far as possible. As many of the cases as it was possible to accommodate were moved to Milton Hospital, but of course we were unable to take in all who wished removal. Disinfectants were also left at every house where needed.

In dealing with the prevention of this disease, the cause, if my views on the causation are correct is a very difficult one to remove entirely; so far as regards Sanitary Defects in dwelling houses, these are being dealt with by notices under the Public Health Acts, but as regards soil pollution we are unable to effect much improvement. It must be borne in mind that a number of the houses affected by the fever used in past years to have no system of drainage except leaking cess-pits, and the soil must be a very suitable one for the growth of the typhoid bacillus; the pollution of the soil around houses is being prevented by the enforcing of impervious paving, but nothing except covering the site of the house with cement (which we have at present no power to enforce) will prevent the absorption into the house of the polluted ground air from the soil directly under the houses.

The only other practical step I could suggest would be the distribution of leaflets, similar to those issued for the prevention of Summer diarrhoea, urging particular precautions to be taken as to diet and to the cleanliness and sanitary condition of dwelling houses; but the quarters affected by typhoid fever are also these affected by Summer diarrhoea, and in these quarters the diarrhoea leaflets have already been distributed.

There is only one other possible cause of the disease that occurs to me, and that is that although the Water Company are convinced that no leaks occur in any of their principal mains, yet it is possible that some of the smaller supply pipes may, through taking up roads, repairing drains, &c., have become leaky and so carry infection to certain houses, but even this theory is not well supported by facts, for it is not probable that this would have happened only in the houses of the poorer classes and not in the case of the better class houses.

I submit a full table of the 674 cases which have occurred in June, July, August, and up to the 22nd of September.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER,

Medical Officer of Health.

Since presenting this report 374 cases occurred in the last three months of the year, bringing the total cases notified in the year up to 1,048. This is the largest number notified in one year since 1886, when there were notified 1,249, of which 124 or 9'9 per cent. proved fatal.

There were altogether 92 deaths registered from this disease; this gives the very low case mortality of 8.49. Only 157 cases were removed to Hospital, of which 18 or 11.46 per cent. proved fatal. The higher mortality amongst the cases treated at the Hospital is undoubtedly due to the fact that the

Information relating to TYPHOID FEVER in Portsmouth during June, July, August, and up to September 22nd, 1900.

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	Districts	PORTSMOUTH	PORTSEA	KINGSTON	LANDPORT	SOUTHSEA		

cases removed were the most severe, and to the large number of cases, to which I referred in my report, treated at home, which were of so slight a character as to be well again in four or five days.

Since presenting the above report every case has been visited, but subsequent enquiry led to no fresh light being thrown upon the cause of the attack. I append, however, a table giving particulars of the facts elicited in connection with each of the cases, from which it will be seen that the later cases were apparently due to the same influences as the first 674, and occurred in the same areas.

It will be seen that in proportion to its size Portsea suffered far more heavily than any other part of the Borough, but that Southsea almost entirely escaped. The attack rate per 10,000 population for the various districts was:—Portsmouth 45, Portsea 96, Kingston 55, Landport 56, and Southsea 8. The attack rate per 10,000 of the whole Borough was 53.

In taking the whole of the cases it will be found that there is a slight variation in the prevalence of insanitary conditions among the later cases from the first 674 on which the above report was based; it will be seen that defective drains were found in 28 instead of 29 per cent., no flush to the water-closets in 28 instead of 45 per cent., and no ventilation to the drains in 44 instead of 57 per cent. of the cases.

I am still unable to point to any one particular cause of the epidemic, but the incidence of the disease in the poorest and most insanitary parts of the Borough points to the necessity of persevering in sanitary reform in these districts and doing all in our power to get rid of the old and badly built streets and houses which are probably more than anything else responsible for the endemicity of typhoid in this Borough.

The opportunity of obtaining a bacteriological examination in cases of typhoid was not very largely taken advantage of by medical men, only 60 cases being sent in to me; of these 35 gave a positive result with Widal's reaction and 25 were negative.

Information relating to TYPHOID FEVER in Portsmouth during the year 1900.

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	Offen- sive man- holes		:	10	23	30	18	60	67	98	8.3
n houses	No water to w.c.		9	43	90	95	11	35	14	294	28.0
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Sanitary	Defec- tive paving		ಣ	21	61	44	25	10	4	168	16.8
	Defec- tive drains		5	21	59	89	29	19	10	211	20.1
s who	Large amount of water		:	2	38	32	4	:	1	77	7.3
No. of Patients who have had	Ice		22	5	33	34	19	က	1	97	9.5
No. 0	Cockles and shell- fish	OR NOW	က	8	54	32	12	4	:	113	10.7
	and over		œ	24	49	64	37	17	10	209	:
ales	10 15	9	5	30	27	34	16	4	4	120	:
Females	5 to 10		C2	25	33	41	20	13	ಣ	137	:
	Under 5		5	17	24	21	10	8	ಣ	88	:
	and over		9	30	48	55	25	11	4	179	:
les	0 0 0 1		7	10	29	34	16	9	Н	139 103 179	
Males	to 10		П	28	31	37	24	11	7	139	:
	Under		33	12	19	22	4	10	3	73	:
×	Females Under		21	96	133	160	82	42	20	554	1
Sex	Males		17	80	127	148	69	38	15	494	:
	Deaths		67	11	17	31	19	13	1	94	:
			June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	Percentage
	Deaths			:		2 11 st 17	2 11 st 17 ember 31	2 11 st 17 mber 31	2 11 st 17 smber 31 mber 13	2 11 st 17 smber 31 mber 13 mber 13	2 11 st 17 smber 31 mber 13 mber 13 s 94

Number of cases of TYPHOID reported each day during the months of June to December.

		CAS	SES REI	PORTED			
Day of month	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6$	4 8 2 6 8 9 9 3 3 1 6 10 10 15 6 5 8 13 14 7 8 6 5 13 16 17 4 18 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	10 12 11 15 18 10 16 4 11 9 10 24 7 7 12 10 8 8 6 8 15 11 9 9 12 9 9 6 6 8 7 	11 6 4 3 4 5  4 10 10 4 3 5  5 6 10 2 2 7  8 7 8 4  7 8 6  8 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	5 7 3 2 4 2 3 4 3 2 6 4 3 2 5 6 3 1 1 1 4 2 2 3 2 1 4 2 2 3 2	1 2 5 2 3 1 3 2 3 2 3 1 1 3 1
	38	176	260	308	151	80	35

### 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 1900.

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	14.96
1894	201	25	12.44
1895	258	33	12.74
1896	235	27	11.49
1897	320	42	13.08
1898	305	43	14.10
1899	531	75	14.12
1900	1083	92	8.49
Totals (17 years)	8080	899	11.12

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 1900.

Year	Cases admitted	No. of Deaths	Percentage of Deaths to cases admitted
1884	2		
1885	6		
1886	66	4	6.06
1887	37	1	2.70
1888	35		
1889	48	6	12.50
1890	114	5	4.38
1891	51		7.84
1892	81	6	7.41
1893	94	3	3.19
1894	53	3	5.85
1895	83	4	4.82
1896		6	
	83		7.23
1897	102	11	10.78
1898	92	14	15.31
1899	96	12	12.50
1900	157	18	11.46
Totals (17 years)	1200	97	8.09

Measles.—This disease was practically absent from the Borough during the past year, only three deaths occurring from it.

Influenza.—There was a considerable decrease in the prevalence of influenza during the year, 65 deaths being registered against 120 in the previous year.

**Puerperal Fever.**—Twenty cases of puerperal fever were notified, of which 5 or 25 per cent. proved fatal. In every case the premises were examined for insanitary conditions, and steps taken for disinfection of the nurse or midwife in attendance. Sanitary defects were found upon 4, or 20 per cent., of the premises in which puerperal fever occurred.

**Diarrhœa.**—This disease I alluded to at some length in my last Annual Report, and the usual steps indicated therein were taken during the year, such as the issue of disinfectants, the flushing of courts and alleys, the distribution of leaflets, etc. The number of cases showed a very distinct decrease, there being only 159 deaths against 347 in the previous year. This is rather unexpected, inasmuch as the prevalence of typhoid fever is usually accompanied by an increased diarrhœa deathrate. In the 33 large towns the death-rate per 1,000 from diarrhœa was 0.94 and in Portsmouth 0.85.

**Tuberculosis.**—During the year 381 deaths were caused by tuberculosis; of these 286 were from tubercle of the lung or consumption, 33 from tubercle of the intestine, 42 from tubercle of the brain, and 20 from other forms of tuberculosis. The death-rate per 1,000 from consumption is 1.46, that for the previous year was 1.54. The deaths from this disease have shown a steady decline for a number of years. This decline in the consumption death-rate is due to one of two reasons, or most probably to each in part: firstly to the gradually improving sanitary condition of homes and workshops and the conditions of life generally rendering the race stronger and more able to fight successfully against the tubercle bacillus; and secondly it is suggested that owing to the ravages of the tubercle bacillus in the past a very large

number of those specially susceptible to consumption have been weeded out, so that the race is now composed of a far larger proportion of individuals less susceptible to the disease. Whichever may be the true cause of the decline, our duty according to present knowledge is to spare no pains in enforcing better sanitation and inculcating the doctrine of fresh air.

In connection with this disease an attempt is being made to erect a sanatorium by voluntary subscriptions for the treatment of consumptives. If this attempt is successful it will doubtless be of considerable value, but if not surely it is the duty of the Sanitary Authority to take the matter up and see that it is thoroughly carried out. Thousands of pounds are being spent in this and other towns on hospitals for the cure and prevention of scarlet fever, typhoid and diphtheria, yet the deaths from these three diseases taken together only amounted last year to 207, or very little more than half those caused by the tubercle bacillus. Taking into consideration the relative cost of maintenance of an open-air sanatorium and an infectious diseases hospital, I believe the former would be an even better investment for the Borough and give a better return in the shape of the prevention of death and disease.

As in the previous year every house in which a fatal case of tuberculosis occurred was visited to ascertain if any sanitary defects existed, and wherever permission could be obtained the premises were thoroughly disinfected.

Bacteriological investigations were made in 83 cases of suspected consumption, of which 20 gave a positive and 63 a negative result.

XVIII. Showing the relationship of TEMPERATURE and FATAL CASES of DIARRHŒA.

	Temperat	ure of Air	Temperatu Therm	ire of Earth ometer	Total	Deaths
Week ending	Mean of Maximum	Mean of Minimum	ı Foot	4 Feet	Rainfall in inches	from Diarrhœa
1900					7	
June 30th	65.6	53.5	62.3	57.0	0.15	1
July 7th	67.1	54.6	63.4	57.7	0.57	0
" 14th	71.8	56.3	65.5	58.3	0.05	• 1
" 21st	77.4	58.6	69.5	59.6	0.03	4
" 28th	78.5	54.6	70.3	61.0	0.38	10
Aug. 4th	69.6	59.0	66.6	62.5	0.51	9
" 11th	65.6	54.2	61.6	60.9	0.95	13
" 18th	77.6	57.4	65.6	60.5		15
" 25th	69.8	55.8	65.0	61.0	0.35	14
Sept. 1st	66.1	55.3	61.6	60.7	0.32	22
" 8th	69.4	46.7	59.8	60.1	0.05	24
" 15th	70.1	50.5	60.3	59.8		8
" 22nd	70.7	51.7	60.1	59.4		8
" 29th	66.5	53.1	58.8	59.0	0.22	5
Oct. 6th	63.1	50.2	56.3	58.4	1.53	7
" 13th	62.5	50.6	55.1	58.0	0.02	5
" 20th	57.4	44.5	51.9	56.8	0.13	1
" 27th	55.1	44.3	50.1	55.5	0.48	1
Nov. 3rd	58.7	50.1	52.3	54.7	1.59	1
" 10th	56.5	45.5	51.6	54.8	0.63	1
" 17th	53.4	42.9	48.0	53.8	1.33	1

# TABLE XIX.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES coming to the knowledge of the Portsmouth Urban Sanitary Authority during the year 1900.

AGES		to I	to 5	to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 to 75	75 to 85	85 and over	Totals
SMALL POX							1					8	
Portsmouth Portsea													
Kingston	::												
Landport													
Southsea										-			
Total							7			-			
Total				_	_								
SCARLET FEVER													
Portsmouth Portsea			3	4	1					3.			8
Kingston			50	15	5	1	1						25 180
Landport		2	31	72	13	3	Î	I					123
Southsea			5	8	3	3							19
			-	-	-	-		-		-			
Total		2	93	213	37	7	2	1					355
													CONTRACTOR
DIPHTHERIA													
Portsmouth				3	I	2	1						7
Portsea			8	I	2	2	I						14
Kingston Landphrt		2 2	68	155	19	9	4 3	I		I			259
Southsea			5	7	5	3		4 I		::		::	272 21
	-		-	-	-								
Total		4	147	324	55	27	9	6		I .			573
ENTERIC FEVER										- 1			
Portsmouth			1	15	9	-	2	2877	1	300			2.1
Portsea		2	17	52	46	5 8	3 7	4	1	2	::		34 139
Kingston		7	58	167	111	60	24	6	7	1			441
Landport		4	74	171	113	47	16	15	7	2	1		450
Southsea			4	7	6	I	1						19
Total		13	154	412	285	121	51	25	16	5	1		1083
									-				1-11
CONTINUED FEVER								1					
Portsmouth Portsea							1						I
Kingston			8	9	7		2						28
Landport			5	II	3	2			::		::		21
Southsea				I									1
Total			-		_	-		_	-	-	-	-	
Total			13	22	10	3	3			••			52
PUERPERAL FEVER													
Portsmouth							1						ı
Portsea					1			::			::	::	1
Kingston					5	5							10
Landport					2	4	1						7
Southsea					1								I
Total					9	9	2						20

## TABLE XX.

WEEKLY RETURN of Cases of Infectious Diseases reported in accordance with the Portsmouth Corporation Act, 1883, during the year 1900.

William There	NING.	Small-	Scarlet	Diph-	Fev	vers	Puer-	77-4-1
WEEK ENI	DING	pox	Fever	theria	Enteric	Con- tinued	peral Fever	Total
1900								
January	6		2	9	3			14
,,	13		5	8	3	1		17
**	20 27		4 3	5 8	3		::	11
February	3		5	8	2			15
11	10		4	17	2		2	25
**	17 24		5	12	1 2			18
March	3		9 8	14	2	::	1	25
11	10		7	14	5			26
"	17		7	8	I			16
**	24 31		7	9	4 3			17
April	7		12		2			14
,,	14		I	10	3	1		15
**	21 28		5	7 6	2 4		2	17
May	5		7	4	1		I	13
,,	I 2		4	9	3			16
,,	26		3 9	5	4 5	4	4	13 27
June	2		9	II	3			23
.,	9		1	4	7		I	13
,,	16		8	7	I 2 I 2	I	I	29 28
"	23 30	1	7	7 6	8	1		22
July	7		11	13	21	I		46
**	14		13	5	33	6		57 60
,,	28		5	13	41 60	3	· · ·	80
August	4		5	9	39	1	1	55
33	11		6	11	38	I		56
"	25		5 4	5	64	3	2 I	75 77
September	I		2	11	94	Í	1	109
,,	8		10	9	77	6		102
11	15 22		4 8	17	88 56	2 4	· ·	88
**	29		10	20	47	8		85
October	6		10	14	27	I		52
11	13		4	18	35 35	1	::	57 69
,,	27		13	24	36	ī		74
November	3		4	13	28			45
,,	10		9	10 20	22 16	I		42
"	24	1	5	10	17	1 ::		51 32
December	I		15	13	14	1		43
**	8		4 8	14	10			28
**	15 22		3	17	8	::	::	35 21
"	29		14	15	4			33
						-		
Tot	al		348	568	1083	52	20	2071

TABLE XXI.

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

Ī		6 11			Fer	ver	Puer-	m.s.l.
	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
1	1893	6	1153	135	366	69	25	1754
	1894	22	458	139	201	49	9	878
	1895		311	124	258	62	15	770
	1896	6	524	124	235	51	18	958
	1897		699	148	320	64	19	1250
	1898		710	283	305	44	15	1357
	1899	1	578	566	531	32	17	1725
	1900		348	568	1083	52	20	2071
	Totals	82	9224	3477	7546	676	203	21208
	Means	5.1	576.5	217:3	471.6	42.2	12.6	1325.5

TABLE XXII.

Showing the Death-rates of the 7 Principal Zymotic Diseases during the 28 years, 1873-1900, distinguishing between those which are compulsorily Notified and those which are not.

		B	EFO	RE	NO	BEFORE NOTIFICATION	ATI		ACT							AFTER	ER	NO	TEIC	NOTIFICATION		ACT		-	-	
DISEASE	5781	4781	1875	9/81	7781	8781	6281	0881	1881	2881	1883	\$881 \$881	9881	7881	8881	6881	0681	1681	z681	1893	4681	2681	9681	Z681	8681	0061
Small-pox	0'38 0'01	10.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0,03	:	:	:	:	:	:	0,03	- :	:	:	-	-
Scarlet Fever	0.10	0.30	0.38	3:78	0.50	0'10 0'30 0'38 3;78 0'29 0.13 0'08 0'06	0 80.		0.10 0.	0.30 0.	90.0 11.0	0.03	3 0'12	2 0'17	7 0.08	3 0.07	0.12	90.0	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.04 0	0,10	0.00	0.16 0.11	90'0 11
Diphtheria	0.13	91.0	6.14	60.0	0.04	0'13 0'16 0'14 0'09 0'04 0'01 0'03 0'	03 0	7	r.59 o	0.80 0.	0.14 0.	0.50 0.5	0.39 0.45	5 0.32	2 0'11	0.31	0.50	0.14	91.0	0.17	0,30	0 01.0	0.11.0	0,12 0	0.29 0.63	53 0'53
:	0.83	0.85	0.84	0.58	0.71	0'83 0'85 0'84 0'58 0'71 0'77 0'51 0'49	.51 0		0.46 0	0.81 0.	0.69 0.42	12 0.6	0.04 0.86	6 0'34	11.0 +	0.50	0,20 0.31	0.21	0.27	0.32	0.17	0,51 0	0.15	0.24 0.	0.23 0.39	39 0.47
TOTAL NOTIFIABLE.	1.44	1.32	1.36	4.43	1.07	1.44 1.32 1.36 4.45 1.07 0.91 0.62 0.69	.62 0	. 2 69	2.24 1.	.0 16.1	LL.0 +6.0	77 0.6	0.60 1.43	3 0.85	5 0.30	0.48	0.48 0.72 0.41	0.41	0.24	99.0	0.47 0.35	0.35	0.360	0.42 0.	0.68 1'13	13 1.06
:	0.14	0.47	0.44	06.0	60.0	0'14 0'47 0'44 0'90 0'09 0'29 0'07 0	0 10.	.29	0.02	1.18 0.	.1 20.0	1.12 0.04	1.37	2 0.0	0.05 0.33	0.03	0.02 0.03	1.39	0.23	0.72	0.81	0.22 0	0.20	.0 61.0	0.39 0.56	10,0 92
Whooping Cough	91.0	0.88	20.0	0.34	0.48	0'16 0'88 0'07 0'34 0'48 0'74 0'07 0	0 40.	34 0.	0.21 0.	0.27 0.	0.40 0.0	0.06 0'31	16.01	1 0.28	8 0.17		0.60 0'24	0.24	0.53	0.51	0.54 0.36	0.30	0.33	0.35 0.	0.22 0	32 0.46
Diarrhœa	16.0	1.36	51.1	20.1	1.25	0'91 1'26 1'15 1'07 1'25 1'37 0'59 1	1 65.	.36 0.	99	0.81 0.	0.29 0.82	85 0'87	7 1.13	3 I'03	3 0.65	98.0	0.80 0.67	0.46	09.0	1.47	0.24	1.360	0.87	1.26 0.	99.1 86.0	56 0.85
TOTAL NON-NOTIFI-	17.1	2.61	99.1	2,31	1.83	1.21 2.61 1.66 2.31 1.83 2.40 0.73 1		.1 66.	1.12 2.	2.56 I'	1.00 5.0	2.03 1.22	2 3*41	I 1'36 1	6 1.15	1.45	0,03	5.00	1.36	2.40 I.59	1.29	1,64 1	2 06.1	2.10 1.59	59 2.24	1.32
TOTAL ZYMOTIC   DEATH-RATE	59.2	3.93	3.02	92.9	2,00	2.65 3.93 3.02 6.76 2.90 3.31 1.35 2.68	35.		3.46 4.	4.17 2.	2,00 2,80	80 2.1	2.18 4.84	4 2.21	1.45		1.93 1.65		2.20 1.60	3.08	90.2	3.30 5	2.50 2	2.22	2.27 3.38	38 2.38

0001					
per					•
1.54	0,08	1 74	1.17	3.30	2.21
:	:	:	:	:	:
1 Notifiable Diseases for 11 years before the adoption of Notification	11		**	. 11.	**
e adoption	44	11	11	pefore	after
before th	after	petore	after	r 11 years	17 ,, after
II years	17 ,,	11 ,,	17 ,,	00	+
seases for	**	3.5		CI	
Notifiable Di		on-Notthable ,,	11	principal Zymotic	11
rate from 1	",	", Non	**	" the 7	
n Death-	33	11			
Mea					

# TABLE XXIII.

Cases under Treatment at the Milton Hospital during the Year 1900.

				Ac	SES				
Diseases	0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 and over	Total
Small-pox						1			• 1
Scarlet Fever	2	41	135	25	5	2			210
Typhoid Fever		13	80	30	24	10	1	2	160
Diphtheria		58	134	17	12	2		1	224
Measles				1		,			1
Totals	2	112	349	73	41	15	1	3	596

TABLE XXIV.

Number of Patients admitted to the Hospital for the Years 1883 to 1900.

499 569 662 657 567
569 662
569
499
346
383
626
645
322
576
363
194
147
125
37
22
7
Total

Water Supply.—The following are the results of the water in the Borough analysed by me during the past year:—

			Grains er gall		rees	mil	s per lion	metals	
Date when taken	Where taken from	Total Solid	Chlorine	Nitrogen as Nitrates	Hardness degrees	Free	Albuminoid	Poisonous me	Remarks
Jan. 3	Town Hall	. 20'5	0.87	0.22	16.0	0,00	0'02	Nil	Very faintly cloudy, well
,, 16	do.	. 20'2	1'00	0.28	15.8	0'00	0.03	,,	ærated. Very faintly cloudy.
,, 29	do.	. 20'5	0.00	0.35	15.8	0,00	0.03	**	Clear and colourless.
Feb. 14	do	. 20'0	0.95	0.36	15.8	0.00	0.03	,,	Clear and colourless.
,, 22	41 Taswell Road	. 20'	1,0	0.58	15.8	0,00	0.00	,,	Cloudy, amorphous deposit,
Mar. 5	Town Hall	. 21'	1,0	0,18	16.0	0,00	0'02	22	light orange tinge. Clear, faint blue tinge, well
,, 16	do.	. 20	1.0	0,30	15.8	0,00	0'02	,,	ærated. Clear, faint blue tinge.
,, 29	do.	. 20'	0.0	0.34	16.3	0'00	0'06	,,	Slightly cloudy, well ærated, faint yellowish tinge.
Apr. 10	do.	. 21'	0.8	0'24	16.0	0,00	0.04	,,	Clear, bluish tint.
,, 26	do.	. 22'	0'9	0.30	17'0	0,00	0'02	,,	Clear, colourless.
Мау 10	2 Redcliffe Garden	S 23'0	0.95	0.38	16.6	0'00	0.03	"	Clear, faint rust coloured amorphous deposit.
,, 14	Town Hall	. 22'0	0.0	0'34	16.2	0,00	0.05	,,	Clear, colourless, sparkling.
,, 22	do.	. 22'	0.0	0,30	16.0	0,00	0,01	22	Clear, bluish tinge.
May 30	Well, Southsea	. 75	8.3	5.1	28.0	0.15	0'24	"	Greyish tinge, considerable suspended matter, consider- able charring on ignition. Loss on ignition, 35'1 grs.
June 5	do.	74*	6.9	2'21	32'0	1.08	0,10	,,	per gall. Greyish tinge, considerable suspended matter, charring on ignition, slight organic smell, trace of nitrites. Loss
,, 6	do.	47	5'7	0.20	18.2	0,00	0.03	,11	on ignition, 38'4 grs. per gall. Faint yellow tinge, slight suspended matter, charring and fuming on ignition. Loss on ignition, 24'5 grs. per gall.
,, 7	Town Hall	. 19'0	1'4	0,50	16.2	0,00	0.05	,,	Clear, sparkling, faint bluish tinge.
July 3	do.	. 20'	0.9	0,51	16.0	0,00	0.03	,,	Clear, sparkling.
,, 9	do.	. 19'	1'0	0'27	16.0	0,00	0'02	22	Clear, sparkling.
,, 16	do.	. 18.	1,0	0,30	15.8	0,01	0'02	,,	Faint bluish tinge, slight amount of suspended veg- etable matter.
Sept. 5	do.	. 19	1'2	0,30	16.4	0'00	0'02	,,	Clear, faint bluish tinge.
Oct. 2	do.	. 19	1,5	0'27	16.8	0,00	0'02	,,	Clear, well ærated.
,, 16	do.	. 18	1'2	0'34	16.5	0,00	0.03	,,	Clear, faint bluish tinge.
Nov. 5	do.	. 18	3 1'2	0'28	16.3	0,00	0'02	17	Clear, colourless.
,, 16	do.	. 19	2 1.1	0.30	16,1	0,00	0.00	,,	Clear, colourless.
,, 24	do.	. 19	I.I	0.58	15'9	0,00	0.04	27	Clear, faint blue tint.
Dec. 10	do.	19	2 1'2	0.36	15'9	0,00	0'04	,,	Clear, faint bluish tinge.

Slaughter-houses, Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops, and Workshops.—These have all been thoroughly inspected during the past years; particulars as to the various nuisances removed and legal proceedings taken will be found in the Inspector's Report.

Refuse Disposal.—Practically no advance in the method of refuse disposal has been made. Negotiations are still in progress for the purchase of a site for rubbish heaps rather more on the outskirts of the Borough than the present sites. In connection with the plague of flies suffered by people in the vicinity of refuse heaps, it is of interest to note that in connection with the typhoid fever in South Africa special attention was directed to the prodigious number of flies that were present in the camps. I have been unable to trace any relationship in this Borough between the flies and typhoid fever; it is worth bearing in mind, however, that as a single female fly lays about 120 eggs, and as the cycle of changes from egg to fly is completed in about three weeks, it seems probable that one female fly may have 25,000,000 descendants in the course of a hot summer (G. V. Poore). These refuse heaps form apparently a most suitable bed for the deposition of the eggs, and the nuisance caused by the flies, apart from any relationship they may bear to the prevalence of typhoid, is sufficient to warrant the removal of the heaps, if rubbish heaps there must be, at any rate to a spot as far from dwelling houses as possible.

Systematic Inspection of the Borough. —
This has been efficiently carried out by the Inspectors. Every case of infectious disease has been visited and enquired into, and the sanitary conditions of the house in which it occurred examined. The same has also been done in each fatal case of diarrhœa and consumption.

An Inspector was again told off for the inspection of the ice cream stalls, and to visit the houses in which the ice cream is made. A considerable improvement in the cleanliness of these premises has followed the systematic inspection of these places.

Particular attention has also been paid to the paving around dwelling houses, and to the enforcing of the provision of a supply of flushing tanks to water closets. A large number of water closets in the Borough have no provision made for flushing, all the cleansing the pans obtain being effected by means of pails of water, and where the water-tap is some distance from the closet, the latter is, of course, very seldom properly flushed. The house-to-house inspection of some of the most insanitary streets was interrupted owing to the increased work thrown on the department by the prevalence of typhoid; it will, however, be proceeded with wherever possible.

The large amount of the work done by the Inspectors will be seen from the Chief Inspector's Report, altogether over 30,000 visits were paid and a detached list of the various defects remedied is included, together with the results of the legal proceedings taken under the Public Health and Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

**Bacteriology.**—Over 500 bacteriological examinations were made by me during the past year for medical practitioners in the Borough. The principal diseases in which examinations were made were diphtheria, typhoid fever and tuberculosis, the results being shown in the following table:—

Disease	Positive Reaction	Negative Reaction	Total
Diphtheria	174	122	296
Tuberculosis	20	63	83
Typhoid Fever	35	25	70
Other bacterial e	examinations		53
			502

As the advantages of bacterial examinations are being appreciated by medical men the demand for them is steadily increasing. Last year was the first in which I was asked to make examinations in tuberculosis and typhoid fever to any large extent.

### APPENDIX.

TABLE I.—For Whole District.

	Population	Birt	hs	Deaths one yea	under r of age	Deaths ages—	944 244	Deaths
Year	estimated to middle of each year	No.	Rate*	No.	Rate per 1000 Births regis- tered	No.	Rate*	in Public Institu- tions
1890	 156,667	4,879	30.12	648	132	2,871	18,1	504
1891	 160,128	4,803	29'90	665	138	3,053	19.0	433
1892	 163,667	4,563	27.88	719	157	3,026	18.4	446
1893	 167,285	4,708	28.14	763	162	3,058	18.3	438
1894	 170,973	4,709	27.54	611	129	2,593	15.1	429
1895	 174,751	4,868	27.84	856	175	3,129	17'9	477
1896	 178,612	5,006	28.03	785	156	3,030	16.0	518
1897	 182,585	4,879	26.82	819	167	2,974	16.5	520
1898	 186,618	4,971	26.64	681	137	3,048	16.3	502
1899	 190,741	5,000	26.53	986	197	3,737	19.4	560
Averages for years 1890-9	173,202	4,840	27'91	753	155	3,051	17.5	482
1900	 194,955	4,995	25.62	771	154	3,359	17'2	687

<sup>\*</sup>Rates calculated pe 1,000 of estimated population.

# APPENDIX.—TABLE II.

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	Deaths under	14	20	20	29	13	23	20	11	19	23	20	28
SEA	Deaths at all ages	141	148	197	160	145	206	203	186	154	189	172	201
Southsea	Births registered	147	167	169	:	:	:	170	173	186	:	168	:
So	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	:	13,612	13,442	13,798	14,958	15,691	17,169	17,500	18,107	18,500	15,864	18,714
	Deaths under	300	287	306	314	244	356	333	360	282	380	316	317
PORT	Deaths at all ages	1,108	1,199	1,220	1,174	935	1,146	1,090	1,052	1,075	1,326	1,132	1,224
LANDPORT	Births registered	2,211	2,139	2,066	:	:	:	2,078	2,048	2,063	:	2,100	:
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	:	70,578	69,204	69,888	60,519	71,247	71,363	72,978	75,181	76,268	71,802	78,568
	one year Deaths under	249	257	286	330	274	358	308	360	303	462	318	328
STON	Deaths at all ages	830	984	883	666	873	1,049	936	985	1,531	1,349	1,041	1,607
KINGSTON	Births registered	2,019	1,977	016,1	:	:	:	2,243	2,250	2,219	:	2,103	:
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	:	57,795	58,568	61,212	63,466	65,802	68,252	70,279	71,907	74,773	65,783	76,473
	Deaths under	÷.	20	41	42	35	63	57	32	53	62	84	70
SEA	Deaths at all ages	200	196	161	961	139	180	200	191	204	218	188	248
PORTSEA	Births registered	374	373	310	:	:	:	358	318	333	:	344	:
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	:	12,820	15,449	15,398	15,260	15,126	14,989	14,989	14,389	14,200	14,735	14,200
	Deaths under	21	24	52	61	14	23	18	13	24	3.1	21	28
юттн	Deaths at all ages	88	93	89	16	72	71	83	70	84	95	83	79
PORTSMOUTH	Births registered	126	147	811	:	:	:	157	108	170	:	137	:
P	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	:	5,323	7,014	6,987	6,933	6,685	6,839	6,839	7,039	7,000	6,739	7,000
н	Deaths under	648	665	719	763	119	856	785	819	189	986	753	771
OROUG	Deaths at all ages	2,847	3,053	3,026	3,058	2,593	3,129	3,030	2,974	3,048	3,737	3,051	3,359
Wноце Вокопсн	Births registered	4,879	4,803	4,563	4,708	4,709	4,868	900,5	4,897	4,971	2,000	4,840	4,995
WH	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	156,667	160,128	163,667	167,285	170,973	174,751	178,612	182,585	186,618	190,741	173,202	194,955
Names of Localities	Year	1890	1681	2681	1893	1894	1895	1896	7681	8981	1899	Averages of years 1890-99	0061

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APPENDIX,

Table III.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1900.

			100											
No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality	Total	:	:	211	:	:	198	:	157	:	:	:	:	999
Hospit	Southsea	:	:	6	:	:	13	:	9		:	:	:	80
removed to F	Landport	:	:	95	:	:	63	:	19	:	:	:	:	219
s remo each 1	Kingston	:	:	tot	:	:	108	:	71	:	:	:	:	283
of Case	Portsea	:	:	100	:	:	12	:	15	:	:	:	:	30
No. o	Ports- mouth	:	:	:	:	:	61	:	+	:	1	:	: \	9
ach	Southsea	:	:	21	:	:	61	:	61	:	H	:	:	19
Total Cases notified in each Locality	Landport	:	:	270	:	:	122	:	450	:	21	:	:	870
es notifie Locality	Kingston	:	:	256	:	:	174	:	441	:	28	:	:	606
al Case	Portsea	:	:	14	:	:	20	:	139	:	н	:	:	180
Tot	Ports- mouth	:	:	7	:	:	00	:	34	:	I	:	:	51
	65 and upwds.	:	:	1	:	:	:	:	9	:	:	:	: 1	7
istrict	25 to 65	:	:	+2	:	:	10	:	213	:	7	111	:	283
iole Dist	15 to 25	:	:	55	:	:,	37	:	285	:	10	6	:	396
d in Wh	5 to 15	:	:	319	:	:	206	:	412	:	22	:	:	959
Cases notified in Whole Di	" I to 5	:	:	147	:	:	93	:	154	:	13	:	:	407
Case	Under	:	*	+	:	:	64	:	13	:	:	:	:	19
	At all ages	:	:	568	:	:	348	:	1083	:	52	20	:	2071
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	Notifiable Disease	Small-pox	Cholera	Diphtheria	Membranous croup	Erysipelas	Scarlet fever	Typhus fever	Enteric fever	Relapsing fever	Continued fever	Puerperal fever	Plague	Totals
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TABLE IV.—Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1900.

CAUSES OF DEATH									200	Dearing in Pocarities (at an ages)			100	Deaths in
		All	Under	r and under 5	5 and 15 and under 15 under 25		25 and under65	65 and upwds.	Ports- mouth	Portsea	Kings- ton	Land- port	South-	Public Institu- tions
Small-pox	:	:	:		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Measles	:	10	н	64	:	:	:	:	I	:	I	:	I	
ever		II	:	w	107	:	н	:	:	04	7	69	***	00
mon		87	45	900	4				IO	9	25	30	1	2
Directionic and months are access	:	101	200	95	100		-			. e	200	40	. 0	30
Dipituleria and memoranous croup	:	tot	0	90	12			:	: '	0	00	0.0	0	64
Croup dnor	:	+	:	+	:	:	:	:	7	:	1	N		:
_	:	:	:	:	:	:		:				:	:	:
Fever Enteric	:	92	:	13	24	21	34	:	H	7	36	27	I	500
Other continued	:	1	:	:	:	:	I	:	:	:	I	:		:
	. :	99	10	60	4	**	34	91	10	I	29	100	7	7
		:	;	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
										:	:	:		:
	:	1,50	122	12	-			9	00	11	29	70	w	9
Datamitic	:	200	004			:			0 0		0.6	2.4	> 44	
Particular	:	5	25	7		: '	2 .	0	0	+	7		0	+
Fuerperal tever	:	0	:	: '	:	-	4	:	:	: '	01	4 1	:	: '
Erystpelas	:	12	3	1	:	I	+	5	:	N	7	0	:	0
Other septic diseases	:	+	I	53	:	ı		:	:	:	0.0	I		I
Phthisis	:	286	6	10	20	000	187	12	ro	25	140	100	6	99
Other tubercular diseases	:	95	40	29	14	9	9		+	1	27	51	9	13
Cancer, malignant disease	:	139	:	H	:	:	82	56	+	II	77	37	OI	23
Bronchitis	:	321	77	40	9	10	**	:	9	18	133	143	2.1	41
-	:	100	13	91	6	00	47	91	61	14	52	31	IO	34
Pleurisy	:	7	:	:	69	:	4	I	:	I	+	23	:	2
Other diseases of Respiratory organs	;	93	34	61	in		61	91	9	01	39	36	2	+
Alcoholism ,								(			O. C	21	l)	91
Cirrhosis of liver	:	ま	:		4	*	+2	6	4	+	0.9	64	o.	27
Venereal diseases	:	21	IO.	:	I	:	15	:	:	I	61	I	:	IO
		108	801	:		:	:	:	:	21	50	33	2	:
idents of 1	:	15	63	:	:	10	OI	:	;	:	11	60	×	2
Heart diseases		317	61	I	OI	25	159	120	**	26	154	toi	29	63
Accidents	:	16	24	15	7	00	15.51	15	4	9	48	29	1	37
	:	23	:	:	:	I	91	9		N	6	IO	Н	4
causes	:	6901	221	26	. 33	47	359	521	91	99	533	383	71	280
All causes	:	3359	771	352	190	185	1901	800	79	248	1607	1224	201	687



# Port Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

During the past year the vessels entering the Port of Portsmouth numbered 9,034, and were visited by Mr. Meades, the Port Sanitary Inspector, and when necessary by myself. The general sanitary condition was good; the majority, 6,707, were from the Solent, and 1,909 were coasting vessels.

The nationalities of the vessels from foreign ports were as follows:

French	 21	Norwegian	 19
Russian	 8	Spanish	 I
Swedish	 IO	Danish	 8
German	 13	British	 317
Italian	 I	Total	408
Dutch	 IO	1 Otal	 400

No case of infectious disease was reported on any of the above vessels.

As during the year several cases of plague occurred in British ports, steps were again taken to ensure the use of a hospital ship should any such cases be brought to this Port, and in September the following Report was submitted by me:

Town Hall,

September 11th, 1900.

To the Members of the Drainage and Sanitary Committee.

Gentlemen,

In view of the outbreak of plague in the United Kingdom, I beg to report to you the steps I have taken to protect this Port and Borough against the importation of the disease.

You will remember that last year, on the occurrence of plague in European ports, the following arrangements were made:—

First, by arrangement with the Collector of Customs and the Queen's Harbour Master, a boarding station was fixed outside the Harbour at Spithead, where all vessels coming from foreign infected ports were visited by the Customs officers, instead of being, as before, allowed to come into the Harbour before being visited.

Secondly, I arranged with the Queen's Harbour Master that the ship Edgar, which had previously been fitted as a hospital ship, but was then on the Admiralty sale list, should be put at my disposal for use as a hospital ship should a case of plague occur. Further, you authorised me, when needed, to engage the necessary nurses and ship caretakers, etc., and I held in readiness at Milton Hospital, for instant removal to the ship, sufficient furniture for any case that might have to be dealt with in an emergency.

This year, owing to the prevalence of plague in certain parts, I again wrote, on July 19th, to the Queen's Harbour Master, asking that the *Edgar* might still be kept at the disposal of the Port Sanitary Authority in case of need, to which I received the following reply:—

H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, 21st July, 1900.

Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 19th inst., addressed to Captain Rapson, I am directed by the Admiral Superintendent to inform you that the *Edgar* is now on the sale list and her accommodation ladders have been removed, but she is otherwise in much the same condition as last year.

I am, yours faithfully,

A. Mearns Fraser, Esq., Medical Officer of Health, Town Hall, Portsmouth. U. G. R. FROST, Secretary.

To this letter I replied as follows:-

The Town Hall, Portsmouth, July 23rd, 1900.

To the Admiral Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

Sir,—I am in receipt of your reply to my letter of the 19th inst. You do not, however, state whether in the event of plague being brought to this Port you will put the *Edgar* at my disposal for purposes of isolation. May I suggest that, in view of the very great importance of keeping this Port free from plague, the *Edgar* may be taken out of the sale list and kept for the purpose of isolating any cases of plague that may occur. As this ship has already been fitted and adapted for a hospital ship, it would seem a pity to allow it to be disposed of, when at any moment its use may prove of the utmost importance in keeping the Port free from infection.

I am informed from a reliable source that plague has again made its appearance in Oporto, and therefore is likely to spread to other Portugese and Spanish ports. Last year, as you are probably aware, the *Edgar* was withdrawn from the sale list and reserved in readiness for any cases of plague that might occur, and the need for this is as urgent now as then.

I am not without hope that the Port Sanitary Authority with this assistance would be willing to carry out their share of the responsibility, which, however, is small compared with the vital interests of the Navy in keeping the Port free from plague.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER,

Medical Officer of Health to the Borough and Port of Portsmouth.

In answer to this I received a reply on August 2nd, stating that my letter had been referred to the Admiralty. After receiving this letter I took no further steps until September, when plague, as you are aware, having broken out in Glasgow, I wrote to the Admiral Superintendent of the Dockyard as follows :-

Town Hall,

September 3rd, 1900.

To the Admiral Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

Sir,-Referring to your letter of the 2nd ult., in which you informed me that the question of removing the Edgar from the sale list and keeping her at the disposal of the Portsmouth Port Sanitary Authority had been referred to the Admiralty, may I ask if any decision has been arrived at in the matter.

I would point out that the outbreak of plague in Glasgow now renders the matter one of greater urgency, but although a month has elapsed since the matter was referred to the Admiralty, I have received no further communication on the subject.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER.

Medical Officer of Health to the Borough and Port of Portsmouth.

To this letter I received the following reply:-

H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, 4th September, 1900.

Sir,-In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., I am directed by the Admiral Superintendent to inform you that communication was received from the Admiralty yesterday which indicates that the question of the Edgar is receiving attention.

I am also to acquaint you that your letter of yesterday has been forwarded to their Lordships.

Yours faithfully,

A. Mearns Fraser, Esq., Medical Officer of Health, Town Hall, Portsmouth. EDW. FITZGERALD,

for Secretary.

On receipt of this letter I called on the Admiral Superintendent, pointing out that possibly the Admiralty would take some time to arrive at a decision, but in the meantime a case of plague might arrive, in which case I asked if he would undertake to let us have the *Edgar*. He replied that he could not do that on his own responsibility, but if I notified him of the occurrence of a case of plague he would at once telegraph to the Admiralty for permission to do so.

This is how the matter stood until this morning, when I received the following communication:—

H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, September 10th, 1900.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 19th July and subsequent correspondence, I am directed by the Admiral Superintendent to forward for your information the attached copy of an Admiralty letter, authorising the appropriation of the *Edgar* (old) for the purpose of isolating any cases of plague which might occur at Portsmouth.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

EDWD. FITZGERALD,

A. Mearns Fraser, Esq., Medical Officer of Health, Portsmouth. for Secretary.

(Copy of Admiralty letter enclosed.)

10,258-8th September, 1900.

Re Yard letter of the 2nd August, No. 6,336, forwarding a communication from the Portsmouth Medical Officer of Health, requesting that the Edgar (old) may be removed from the sale list and kept for the purpose of isolating any cases of plague which may occur at Portsmouth, the Admiral Superintendent is informed that in view of the recent developments of plague in the country, it has been decided to comply with the above, and the Medical Officer of Health is to be informed accordingly. He is, however, further to be acquainted that the arrangement is only to be regarded as temporary while cases of plague are still to be found in Europe.

(Signed) A. J. DURSTON.

I am glad, therefore, to report that without involving the Sanitary Authority in any expense we are now assured of the use of a hospital ship, splendidly suited for our purpose, which can be moored at the Quarantine Station on the Motherbank at six hours notice. With regard to the question of nurses, I am in communication with the Secretary of the Chief Petty Officers' and Pensioners' Society, and I have also consulted the Director-General of Haslar Hospital on the matter, but there is a great

scarcity of sick-berth men out of employ at present, and I am not hopeful of being able to obtain nurses from this source; I would, therefore, suggest that an arrangement be made with one of the London Nursing Societies to supply male nurses, if required. In addition to which there would be needed some ship caretakers, cook, laundrymen, etc., and the use of a small steam launch. There is a very small amount of shipping between this port and Glasgow, not more on an average than one vessel a month, the usual cargo being iron for the Dockyard.

With regard to the importation of plague in a vessel from Glasgow and other home ports, there is in the Port Sanitary Regulations no provision made for detaining coasting vessels, whether infected or not. I would, therefore, suggest that a communication be sent to the Local Government Board, asking that the Customs may have the same powers of detention over a coasting vessel as they have at present over a vessel coming from a foreign port. At the present time the Customs officers have the power to detain for twelve hours any vessel from foreign ports that they may suspect to be infected with plague, in order that the Medical Officer of Health may visit and inspect before anyone is allowed to leave the ship. In the case of coasting vessels (and this applies to vessels from Glasgow) no such power of detention exists, and a coasting vessel could not be prevented from coming into the harbour, and persons from the ship might be landed before she had been inspected by me. This would be prevented if the Customs had the same power over coasting vessels as over vessels coming foreign.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER,

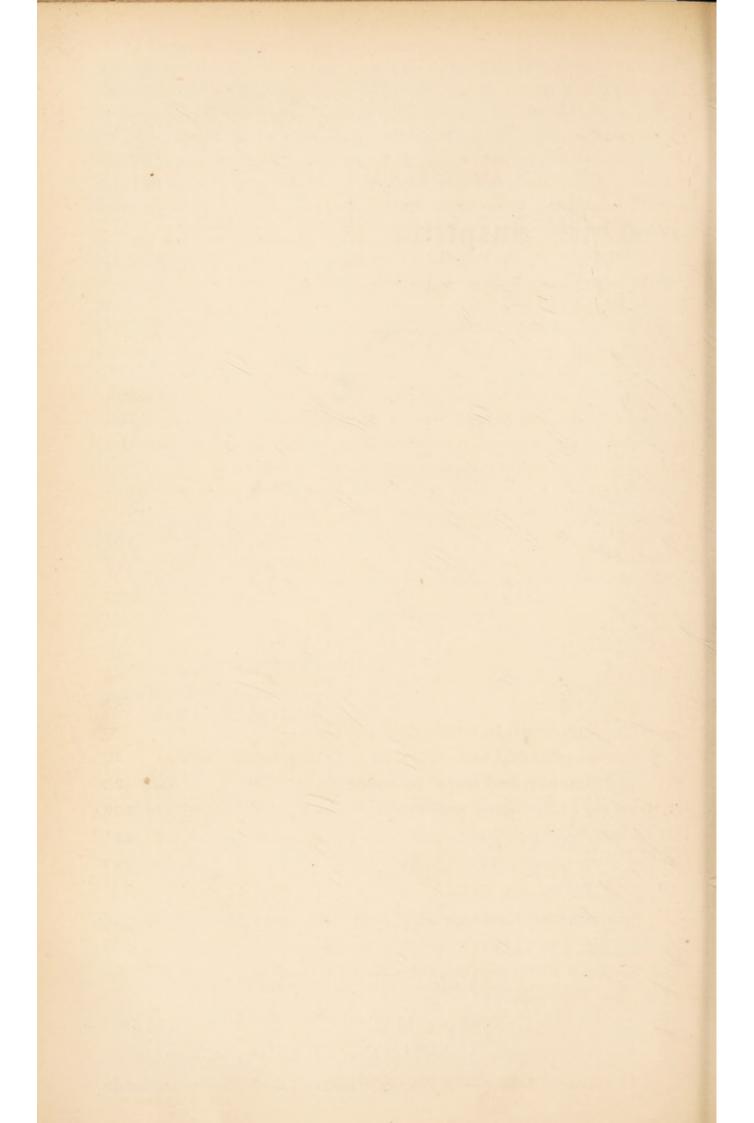
Medical Officer of Health to the Borough and Port of Portsmouth.

The above report was adopted by the Port Sanitary Authority; the Local Government Board, however, could not see their way to extend to vessels from home ports the same regulations that are in force with regard to vessels from infected ports.

Fortunately, no case of plague was brought to this port during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

A. MEARNS FRASER, M.B., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer to the Port of Portsmouth.



# Report of the Chief Inspector of Anisances

### FOR THE YEAR 1900.

### GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report that during the year 4,591 Notices have been served for the abatement of Nuisances, and that the following works have been carried out under the supervision of the Department, viz.:

### DRAINAGE DEFECTS.

BITATIVAGE DEFECTS.	
Drains cleansed	450
,, repaired with water-tight cement joints	2,337
" ventilated or ventilating shafts repaired or raised	1,079
" disconnected from the main sewer -	10
Sink waste pipes disconnected from drain -	48
Rain water stack pipes disconnected from drain	89
Soil pipes repaired	52
" removed to outside of houses -	9
Pan closets removed and replaced with approved closets	26
Bell and Bricklayers' traps removed -	22
New water closet pans provided -	192
Water closet fittings repaired -	425
Water closets repaired	27
,, cleansed -	102
Water laid on to water closets -	73
" " urinals -	2
Extra water closet accommodation provided -	26
Cesspits cleansed -	43
Waste pipes repaired or provided -	181
,, trapped	8
Glazed earthenware sinks provided -	158

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Houses connected with main sewer -	18
Yards drained -	46
DEFECTS IN CONNECTION WITH DWELLING-HOU	SES.
Roofs repaired	602
Outside walls repaired or protected -	88
Sashes and frames repaired or renewed -	217
Stairs and flooring repaired -	315
Space under floors ventilated -	36
Houses cleansed and lime-washed	587
Walls and ceilings repaired -	193
Rain water spouts repaired or provided -	797
Ashpits constructed	3
Yards repayed	858
Urinals repaired	6
,, cleansed	4
Water closets ventilated -	2
OVERCROWDING.	
Overcrowding in dwelling houses abated -	19
" workshops " -	42
OFFENSIVE MATTER.	
Manure removed	62
Refuse ,,	55
Bones and rags removed	II
Human excrement ,, -	3
Stagnant water ,,	18
Dead wells filled in	10
ANIMALS.	
Animals removed	8
Allimais removed	0
SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, COW-STABLES, STABLES,	&c.
Slaughter-houses cleansed -	37
Cow-sheds cleansed	5
Stables cleansed	57
drained	2.1

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" paved Sties cleansed

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Sties drained	- 91		4
Manure pits provided			6
,, repaired			4
WORKSHOPS.			
Workshops cleansed	-		64
Ice cream stores and ute	ensils cleansed -		5
Bakehouses cleansed			81
" utensils cle	ansed -		I
Workshops ventilated			I
Laundries cleansed			9
Flooring repaired			13
Ceilings ,,			4
Roofs "			22
Smoke Nuisances abated			3
Smoke shafts provided	•		3
BYE-LAWS.			
Notices under Slaughter-house Bye-laws complied with 24			
" Nuisance " " 26			
,, Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Bye-laws 4			
,, Commoh Lodging house Bye-laws			
		Т-4-1 -	-0-
		Total 9	787
The following Aut	isles of Food have sit	har haar nai	and.
The following Articles of Food have either been seized			
by the Inspectors or given up by the owners for the purpose of destruction as unfit for the food of man, viz.:			
	of the food of man, viz.	·	
Carcases of beef -			
" mutton -			4
11.			2
,, lamb -			2 I
" pork -			2 1 6
,, pork - Leg of beef -		1he	2 I 6 I
,, pork - Leg of beef - Pieces of beef -		lbs.	2 1 6 1
,, pork - Leg of beef - Pieces of beef - ,, pork -		cwt.	2 1 6 1 130 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
,, pork - Leg of beef - Pieces of beef - ,, pork - Pigs' chines -		cwt.	2 1 6 1 130 1½ 2
,, pork Leg of beef Pieces of beef ,, pork Pigs' chines ,, plucks		cwt.	2 1 6 1 130 1½ 2 1
,, pork Leg of beef Pieces of beef ,, pork Pigs' chines ,, plucks ,, kidneys		cwt. ,, cask	2 1 6 1 130 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 2 1
,, pork Leg of beef Pieces of beef ,, pork Pigs' chines ,, plucks		cwt.	2 1 6 1 130 1½ 2 1

Bloaters			boxes	28
Haddock	-		,,	47
,,	_	-	kit	I
Herrings	-		barrel	I
,,	-	-	boxes of 400	6
Soles	-	-	boxes	2
Bream	-		,,	2
Whitebait	-	-	box	I
Plaice	-	6 0 0 0 0 0	kits	3
Mackerel	-	-	boxes	38
Mixed fish	-	-	kits	3
,,	-		cwts.	9
Codling	-		boxes	10
Mullet	-		,,	2
Smelts	-		,,	9
Shrimps	-		baskets	19
,,	-		gallons	4
Dabs	-		stones	9
Sprats	-		barrels	2
,,			bushels	
Winkles	-		bags	2
Rabbits	-	-		116
Geese	-	-		4
Pears			cases	40
Cherries			baskets	2
Plums	1,83 mm	SEEC ISONS AK	Packages	939
Greengages		-	,,	245

### INSPECTION.

During the year 6,453 Dwelling-houses were inspected, and where necessary, Notices were served for the abatement of Nuisances found to exist.

14,202 Re-inspections of property under Nuisance Notices were made.

719 Complaints were made at the Office and received attention.

4,645 visits were made for the Inspection of Slaughter-houses, and 24 Notices under the Slaughter-house Bye-laws were issued.

1,651 inspections of the various dairies, cowsheds, and milkshops were made.

820 visits, of which 320 were night visits, were paid to the common lodging houses.

2,014 visits were made to the different bakehouses.

4,728 visits were made by Inspector Benjamin, the Workshop Inspector, to the various workshops in the district.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 2,246 cases of infectious diseases were investigated; in addition to which, particulars were taken of 231 fatal cases of consumption.

1,362 infected rooms were disinfected by the disinfector.

#### DRAINAGE.

6,240 suspected drains were tested or re-tested, of which number 2,161 or 34 per cent. were found to be defective.

Inspector Turner also tested the drains of 1,763 new houses.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

During the year your Inspectors obtained 251 samples of Food and Drugs, and submitted the same to the Public Analyst for analysis.

### PROSECUTIONS AND FINES.

Public Health Act.

Under the Nuisance Clauses of this Act, proceedings were taken in five cases.

Magistrates Orders were made for the necessary work to be done in 4 cases, and fines and costs amounting to £3 were inflicted. One case was adjourned for a month, the work in the meantime being done to the satisfaction of the Authority.

An appeal was lodged by Mr. J. H. Street, the defendant in one of these cases, against the order of the magistrates to erect a 4 inch ventilating shaft. The appeal was heard before Mr. Temple Cooke, Deputy Recorder, on April 7th, when judgment was given in favour of the appellant.

### Food and Drugs Act.

Under this Act proceedings were taken against 32 persons for selling adulterated articles of food and drugs.

Convictions were obtained in 27 cases, and fines and costs amounting to £95 7s. were inflicted; one case was withdrawn and three cases were dismissed.

## Common Lodging House Bye-laws.

Three informations under these bye-laws were instituted against the keeper of a common lodging house. He was convicted on two of the informations and fined 19/- including costs, and was also convicted and fined under the Public Health Act 15/- for failing to lime-wash the premises in accordance with the Act.

## Slaughter-house Bye-laws.

Two informations were laid under these bye-laws. The defendant was convicted and fined 10/6 in one case and 7/6 in the other, the work having been carried out to the satisfaction of the Authority.

## Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order.

One person was summoned for selling milk without being registered as a purveyor of milk. As he had been fined £3 for adulteration, and when before the Court promised to give up the trade, the Justices suspended judgment.

### Nuisance Bye-laws.

Proceedings were taken against two persons with respect to pig keeping. Convictions were obtained in each case, and fines and costs amounting to £3 were inflicted.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

> FRED. L. BELL, Chief Inspector of Nuisances.

## The Diseases (Animals) Act.

### INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1900.

Inspection of Cattle.—The following is a list of animals which have been imported into the Borough during the year ending December 31st, 1900. The greatest number arrived at the Fratton Railway Station, from various markets.

	Total	65,712
Pigs	 	15,668
Calves	 	3,420
Sheep	 	38,170
Beasts	 	8,454

As compared with last year this list shows an increase in all animals. This is owing to the dead meat importation falling off considerably at the beginning of the year, as there was some difficulty in obtaining ships for that purpose owing to the War.

Inspection of Cattle Trucks, &c.—2,553 cattle trucks, 1,552 horse boxes, and 270 tow-boats have been inspected during the year, and they were all found to be properly cleansed and lime-washed in accordance with the Act.

**Swine Fever.**—There have been only two outbreaks of this disease during the past year, a number which must be regarded as very satisfactory, taking into consideration the large number of persons who deal in store pigs who have very little knowledge of the business, and who are very liable to be imposed upon by unscrupulous dealers. By order of the Board of Agriculture 30 animals were slaughtered, a sum of £26 14s. being paid by the Board to the owners as compensation.

The feeding of pigs is a matter which very possibly has some bearing on this subject; a large quantity of refuse from the barracks and ships in Harbour can always be obtained, but before use this often needs careful treatment, which in very many cases is not given.

In consequence of swine fever outbreaks being prevalent in the Borough and adjoining districts, the Board of Agriculture deemed it necessary to make a Swine Fever Infected Area Order, which came into operation on January 11th, 1900. In accordance with the Order, I issued 636 licenses from various markets, which licensed 6,317 pigs into the Borough, all of which had my supervision until they were slaughtered. Some slight infringements of the Act were committed, which were in all cases reported to the Town Clerk.

**Rabies.**—The seizure and destruction of dogs reported to me to have been suspicious of rabies by the Police were seen by the Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. F. E. Knott, M.R.C.V.S., who, after making a *post mortem*, was in no case able to certify rabies; the majority suffered from fits through teething.

Importation of Dogs Order, 1897.—Twenty-four licenses have been forwarded to me by the Town Clerk from the Board of Agriculture for dogs in various parts of the Borough. The greatest difficulty in our supervision, in seeing the Order rigorously carried out, occurs amongst Army officers who have no local residence, but are constantly shifting from place to place. This Order is carried out by Inspector Turner. All cases of infringements were reported to the Town Clerk.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chief Constable, and his staff, for the great assistance they have rendered me in carrying out the Act effectually.

> I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant.

> > G. W. MONKCOM,

Inspector under the Diseases (Animals) Act.

# Public Analyst's Report.

The Laboratory,

Park Road, Portsmouth.

Feb. 22nd, 1901.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

### GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present you my report for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

During the year 265 samples of Foods and Drugs were submitted to me for analysis. The population of the Borough in 1900 was estimated by the Registrar General at 194,955, thus the number of samples of all kinds examined was equivalent to one for every 735.6 persons, as compared with one for every 953.7 persons in the preceding year. The number of samples examined in proportion to the population more nearly approaches the minimum recommended by the Select Committee on food products adulteration.

Of the 265 samples sent in, 16, the majority of which were milk, were sent in by private persons.

Table showing the number of Samples examined, and the number found adulterated, during the last ten years in Portsmouth.

Year	Milk	Butter	Bread and Flour	Gro- ceries	Wines, Spirits and Beers	Drugs	Sun- dries	Total	No. of Samples Adul- terated
1891	110	11	11	48	25		1	206	40
1892	124	24	6	24	18		7	203	30
1893	141	9	10 12		14		32	218	31
1894	126	28	1	18	20	10	35	238	27
1895	165	33	3	30	18	8		257	38
1896	84	18		28	22	6	10	168	33
1897	101	32		47	6	12	4	202	42
1898	104	20	4	48	14	12		202	45
1899	108	32	15	9	14	22		200	47
1900	123	33	13	39	36	21		265	45

Table showing the number of Samples examined, the number and percentage adulterated, in the last three years in Portsmouth, and in 1899 in England and Wales.

	Year	Samples Examined	Samples Adulterated	Percentage Adulterated
PORTSMOUTH	 1898	202	45	22.2
,,	 1899	200	47	23.5
,,	 1900	265	45	16.9
England and Wales	 1899	53.056	4.970	9.4

From these figures it will be seen that the hopes expressed in the last annual report have some prospect of realization. The percentage adulterated is 6.6 below the number adulterated in 1899, and nearly three less than the lowest percentage for for the last five years. Of the 249 samples taken by your Inspectors, acting under the Foods and Drugs Acts, 42, or 16.8 per cent., were adulterated, whilst of the 16 samples sent in by private persons, 3, or 18.7 per cent., were adulterated. In 1899, of the 188 samples taken by the Inspectors 21.27 per cent. were adulterated.

Eleven of the private samples were milk, and, in one or two cases, samples were subsequently taken by your Inspectors under Section 3 of the Sale of Foods and Drugs Act, 1879, and Section 14, 1899, and convictions obtained against farmers who were sending adulterated milk into the town.

MILK.

Table showing the number of Samples examined, of inferior quality, of adulterated, and the percentage adulterated.

	Year	Samples Examined	Inferior Quality	Adul- terated	Percentage Adulterated
PORTSMOUTH	 1898	104	15	31	29.8
"	 1899	108	10	31	28.7
,,	 1900	123	10	30	24.3
England and Wales	 1899	21.964		2.314	10.5

It will be noticed that there is a reduction (4.4) in the percentage of adulterated samples. This reduction is more real than apparent. During last year all the milk samples were judged on a higher standard than in previous years. Judging the samples in 1899 on the same standard the adulteration was 34.2 per cent.; whilst, on the other hand, if the samples examined in 1900 had been compared with the standard used in 1899 the percentage adulteration would have been 18.7. Thus it is evident there has been a considerable improvement in the quality of the milk obtained by your Inspectors, for, whilst the standard of quality required has been greater, the amount of adulteration has decreased by ten per cent.

It has been suggested that the adulteration of milk is carried out in a more scientific way than formerly, when large quantities of water were indiscriminately added to milk. The form which adulteration now takes is the lowering of the quantity of fat in the milk, generally by the addition of separated milk to whole milk, until the amount of fat in the mixture is just sufficient to pass. This is borne out by a consideration of the results of analyses, for in 12 cases the amount of fat in the milk came between 2.75 per cent., the old standard, and 3 per cent. the new standard, whilst 10 other samples, which are returned as of inferior quality, only just reached the higher standard and gave indications of having been reduced in quality by the addition of separated milk.

During the year my attention was called to a cow which was giving abnormal milk. The proprietors found that at one milking it gave a very good milk, and at the next it gave a very poor milk; in fact, one which would be reported as having had part of the fat removed. As this cow was kept for the purpose of supplying children and invalids it caused some anxiety, more especially as the animal was in good condition and was being well kept.

After making several analyses of the milk given at various times, I came to the conclusion that the somewhat remarkable results were due to the cow being milked three times a day at very uneven intervals of time, and I informed the proprietors that I thought the cow would give normal milk if milked twice a day at more regular intervals. I have not heard whether this treatment was successful, but since then the results published of experiments conducted in London has confirmed my experience, for it has been shown that the fat is yielded very unevenly when there are three milkings a day, and more especially when the intervals between the milkings are unequal.

The practice of milking cows more than twice a day would appear to be growing, and it is apparent that if such milk is reported adulterated, any appeal to the cow would depend entirely upon the time at which the cow was milked. It has been shown that the milk of a cow is affected by the nature of the food eaten and that it is possible to feed a cow in such a way that it will give a poor milk, but a milk dealer would be just as responsible for the sale of such a milk as if he had added water to the milk. In the same way it would be no excuse for a low quality of milk to say that the cows are milked three times a day. The dairyman must exercise care to insure that his milk is not inferior in nature, substance, and quality, to the standard milk. It is evident there must be a limit to the number of times a day that a cow may be milked and that limit must be decided entirely by the quality of the milk produced. Experience teaches that more than twice a day reduces the quality of the milk, and any dairyman who exceeds this in order to increase the quantity of the milk must be prepared to meet the consequences of reducing the quality.

One gratifying feature of the milk trade of the town has been the growth, during the last two years, of the supply of sterilized milk. Of all foods milk has probably the greatest effect on the health of the people, and until such time as a tuberculous cow becomes a rarity the best way of resisting the ravages of tuberculosis will be by using milk the disease germs of which have been destroyed.

Table showing the amount of adulteration, the action taken, and the results of such action.

No.	By whom obtained			Adultera	tion		Result
I	Sent in	23 pe	r cent.	of added	water		
2	Inspector	20'5	**	,,			Fined £7 11s. 6d.
3	Sent in	16	,,	,,			
4	Inspector	23'3 D6	er cent.	of cream	abstracted a	and (	Things Co to 6d
		4.4	**	water		1	Fined £3 8s. 6d.
5	,,	70 '	**	cream	abstracted		Fined £3 8s. 6d.
6		48.3	,,	11	**		Fined Z3 14s.
	"	3.3	,,	,,	11		No prosecution.
7 8		30	,,	"	"		Fined £3 8s. 6d.
9	"	7'3	,,	water	added a		Fined £1 78. 6d.
10	"	1.6			uauea		No prosecution.
II	,,	5	***	cream	abstracted		Fined £1 9s. 6d.
12	"	8.3	"				Fined 7,1 8s. 6d.
13	,,	54'96	"	"	**	and (	
-3	,,	4'4	"	water	added'	and	Fined £1 3s.
14	No.	3'3	,,		abstracted		Fined 18/6 (4th conviction
15	,,	36.6	"	Cicani	abstracted	and )	
*3	"	6.9	"	water	added'	and	Fined £15 178. 6d.
16	100	13	"		abstracted	,	Defendant absconded.
17	"	36.6	"	70,000			Fined Cr
18	"	6.6	"	"	"		Fined £1. Fined £1 5s.
= 72	"	100000	**	"	"	and )	
19	"	13.3	"	mater.	added'	and	Fined £,2.
20		2'4	**		abstracted	,	Fined £5.
21	"		"			and i	
21	"	33,3	2.5	water.	added'	and	Fined £,1 17s. 6d.
22	Sent in	1000	"			,	
70(70)		4'4	"	**	,,		Judgment suspended;
23	Inspector	2'2	,,	,,	,,		defendant being fined for sample 24.
24	"	3'3	,,	,,	,,		Fined £4, including costs, £2 10s. 10d.
25	1 3 83 3 3 3	18		oream	abstracted	199	Fined £9 148. 6d.
26	"	8.3	2.5	Cicam	abstracted	and }	
20	23	2.2	23	worter.	added'	and	Fined £5 158.
27		8 8	11		abstracted	200	
27	***	8	**				Fined £3 1s.
Contract of	Cont'in	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	"	22	"		Fined £2.
29	Sent in	20	33	"	"		Fined 10/- and costs,
30	Inspector	5	"	,,	"		£4 5s. 6d.

### BUTTER.

Table showing the number of Samples examined, and the number and percentage adulterated.

	Year		Samples Examined	Samples Adulterated	Percentage Adulterated
PORTSMOUTH		1898	20	5	25
**		1899	32	9	28.1
,,		1900	33	2	6
England and Wales		1899	10.478	1.018	9.7

Most of the samples of butter were purchased by persons who could not be known to the vendors as acting under the Food and Drugs Acts, and it is very satisfactory, in comparison with previous experience, that only two of the samples were adulterated. Excess of water was the adulteration in each case, and, from the experience of other towns, it would appear that this form of adulteration is to take the place of adulteration with foreign fat. Excluding the two samples returned as adulterated, the maximum quantity of water found in any sample of butter last year was 15 per cent., whilst for the whole of the samples the average percentage was 11. Irish butters have always contained a considerable quantity of water, but other butters rarely exceed 15 per cent., and the average is considerably lower. The retention of this large amount of water places such a butter maker in undue competition with those who remove as much of the water as possible, for in the cases mentioned, where there was 20 and 19 per cent. of water present, the maker could offer his butter at from 5 to 8 per cent. less than the genuine butter maker, because, of every hundredweight of butter he sells, over seven pounds of it is unnecessary water, which costs him nothing.

Perhaps it is too soon to judge of the effect of the Food and Drugs Act, 1899, upon the adulteration of butter; but one cannot explain such a marked improvement other than by attributing it partly to the restrictions of that Act and partly to the heavier penalties inflicted for butter adulteration in the previous year. Owing to the requirements of the 1899 Act grocers have been warned "to handle margarine as if it were gunpowder"; and it is probable that, in consequence of the care which must be taken in fulfilling these requirements, many have given over dealing in margarine, for quite recently your Inspectors experienced some difficulty in obtaining samples of margarine.

### COFFEE AND GROCERIES.

Of twelve samples of coffee, five were mixtures of coffee and chicory; two of the latter being labelled in accordance with the Act as mixtures. The quantity of chicory in these mixtures ranged from 18 to 61 per cent. Five samples of bread were examined, one being adulterated with alum. Eight samples of flour, four of cheese, and three of sugar, all proved to be genuine; whilst of eight samples of baking powder two were adulterated. One sample of vinegar out of eight examined was adulterated with added water.

### DRUGS.

Eight samples of olive oil, four of castor oil, five of sodium bicarbonate, and four of magnesia ponderosa, were examined. Of these, one sample of olive oil consisted entirely of sesamé oil; whilst one of magnesia ponderosa consisted entirely of magnesii carbonas ponderosus, and another contained 13 per cent. of carbonate.

For some time there has been a difference of opinion as to whether the Pharmacopæia should be regarded as a standard for drugs. This difference has been definitely settled by a recent decision of the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, "that, if a drug to be found in the Pharmacopæia is asked for, this drug must be supplied; and if it is not sold with the ingredients and in the proportions prescribed by the Pharmacopæia there is at least prima facie evidence that what is sold is not of the nature, substance and quality which was demanded. The decision is of great importance, for it rejects what has hitherto been known as the "commercial standard," a standard varying according to the manufacturer, in favour of the standard fixed by the Medical Council.

No.	San	nple			Adult	eration		Result
I 2	Coffee			18.1 per	cent.	chicory	::	No prosecution. Fined 10/-, including costs.
3 4 5 6	Baking po Butter	wder	::	3'4 4'4	"	alum water	::	Fined £1 9s. 6d. No prosecution.
	Coffee	::	::	3°0 53°28	"	chicory	::	Labelled as mixture.
7 8	Baking po	wder	::	9'7	"	alum	::	Case dismissed, Authority paying costs, £5 18s.
9	Olive oil			100	,,	Sesamé oil		Fined £1.
10	Bread			.9	"	alum		Case withdrawn, Authority paying costs, £3 3s.
11	Magnesia	Ponder	rosa	100	,,	Mag. Carbo Ponderos		Dismissed.
12	0 11	,,		13	99	ditto		15
13	Coffee Vinegar			28.6 15	11	water added		Fined £2. Fined 15/-, including costs

## WINES, SPIRITS, AND BEER.

The following were examined:-

Hock 2 Whiskey 10 Gin 6 Rum 4 Beer 12 Porter 2

One sample of whiskey was adulterated to the extent of 8.9 degrees below the standard fixed by the Act of 1879, and in this case a fine of five pounds was inflicted. One sample of rum was 5.2 degrees below the same standard, but as there was a card exhibited in the bar no action was taken.

Table showing the number of Samples of Spirits examined and the number and percentage adulterated.

	Year	Samples Examined	Samples Adulterated	Percentage Adulterated
PORTSMOUTH	 1898	14	4	35.7
**	 1899	14	5	28.5
,,	 1900	20	2	10
England and Wales	 1899	4,724	611	12.9

The samples of beer were taken more particularly with the object of examining them for arsenic, but in no case could any be found. It would seem that the presence of arsenic in beer has been confined to those beers brewed from sugar obtained from one manufacturer; and judging from the experience of other analysts, the sugars used in the South of England have been free from this poison.

It has been proposed that it should be made illegal for these sugars to be used in making beer; but it must be remembered that the sugars can be prepared without containing arsenic, just as good beer can be brewed without using these substitutes for malt. Thus the whole question becomes one of finance, that is, whether the brewer can afford to give up using the cheaper substitute for malt. Probably the best solution of the difficulty would be to place the brewer in the same position as the grocer. If beers were labelled so that the purchasers could know whether they were buying beer brewed from malt alone, and thus avoid the cheaper qualities, it is probable the latter would die out, for it has evidently paid

those who do not use sugar substitutes to spend a considerable sum of money in advertising the fact.

But it is not the brewers alone who are concerned in the prohibition of these prepared sugars. They enter largely into the composition of confectionery and jams, and are used for adulterating other sweet substances, such as glycerine and golden syrup. The difficulty will only be half met by the proposals of the supporters of the Pure Beer Movement, for their object is to prevent the possibility of arsenic entering beer by forbidding the use of these sugars. But the arguments applied to beer apply equally to the other cases, so that any legislation to be effective must prohibit the use of all prepared sugars in all articles intended for human consumption. As with beer, so with confectionery, it is not necessary to use the sugars, and if they are used, the public should be made aware of the fact by sufficient labelling of the articles, just as the grocer tells his customers that his margarine is not made from milk or that his coffee is a mixture of coffee and chicory.

### PROSECUTIONS.

Prosecutions were instituted in 32 cases and convictions obtained in 28. Fines amounting in the aggregate to £95 7s. were inflicted. The average penalty inflicted was £3 8s. rd., as compared with £4 10s. rd. in the previous year; whilst the highest penalty enforced was £15 17s. 6d., and the lowest ten shillings.

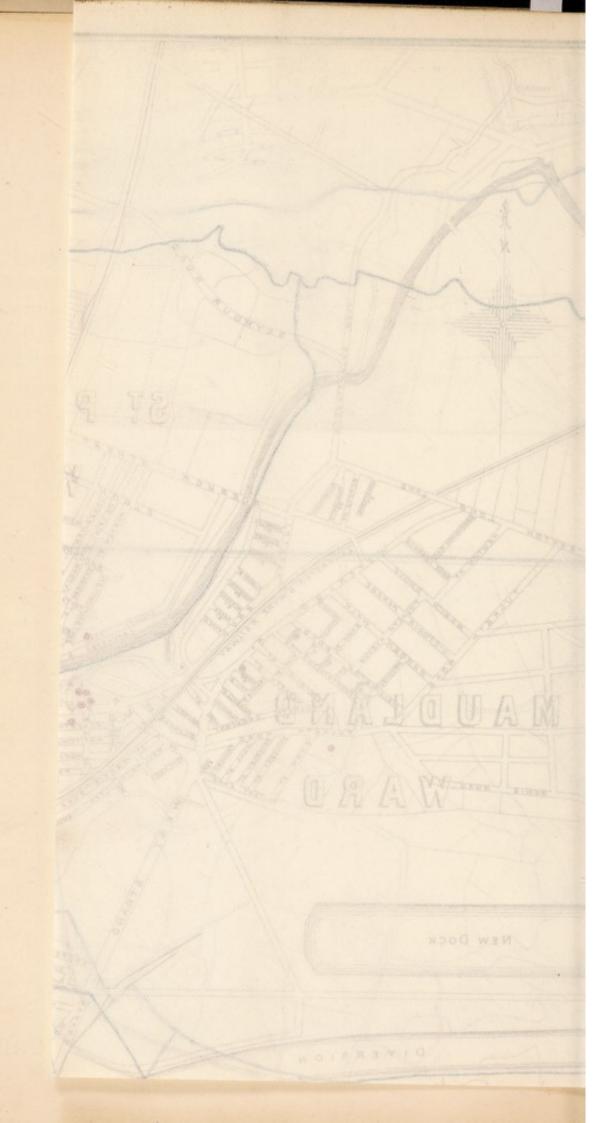
The greater penalties inflicted in cases of food adulteration have undoubtedly helped towards the improvement to be noticed during the last twelve months, and so long as the adulterator is made to recognise that adulteration will not pay so long will the improvement continue.

> I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

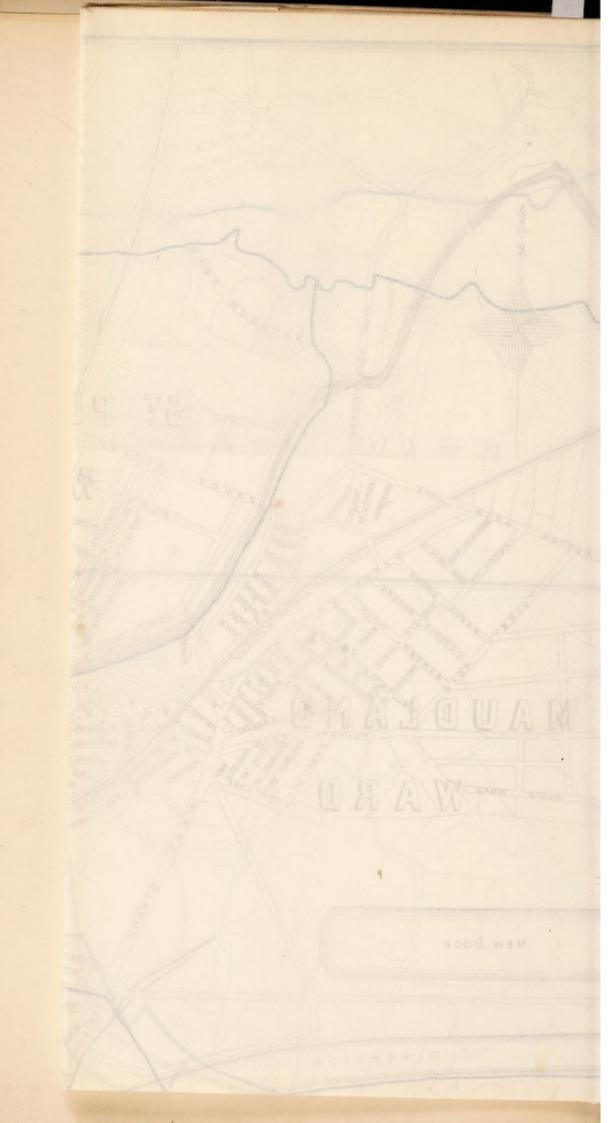
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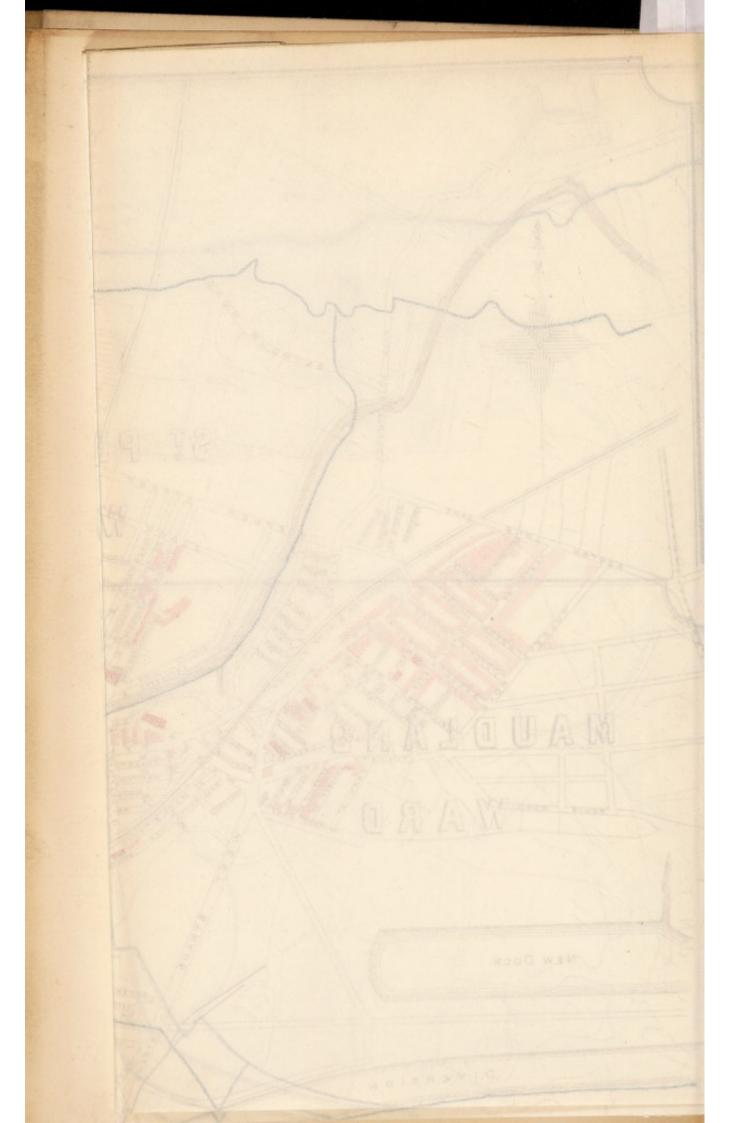


TABLE IA.

For	 -	2 -4	4 - 4

	Population	Bra	rns.	DEATES 1 YEAR	OF AGE.	DEATHS AGES.	TOTAL.	Deaths	Deaths of itesidents	DEATHS AGES.	
YEAR.	estimated to Middle of each Year.	Number	Rate.*	Number	Rate per 1,900 Births registered.	Number	Rate.*	Public Instit u- tions.	registered bayond District. (Work- house.)	Number	Rate.
1890.	105,163	3718	35.35	923	245	2726	25.92	82	144	2870	27-29
1891.	107,864	3830	35.50	892	227	2807	26.02	61	177	2984	27:66
1892.	109,038	3686	33 80	805	216	2481	22.75	55	190	2671	24.49
1893.	110,225	3809	34 55	1032	268	2753	24.97	48	150	2903	26.88
1894.	111,425	3545	31.81	770	217	2186	19 61	56	129	2315	20 77
1895.	112,638	3702	32.95	927	249	2528	22.44	81	161	2689	23.87
1896.	113,864	3673	32 25	760	204	2191	19 24	58	151	2342	20.56
1897.	115,103	3687	32.03	954	263	2687	28 34	63	166	2853	24.78
1898.	116,356	3559	\$0.58	812	221	2107	18:10	81	138	2245	19 29
1899.	117,622	3492	29.68	889	255	2492	21:18	85	181	2673	22.72
Averages for years 1890-1899.	111,929	3670	32.85	876	236	2495	22:35	67	158	2654	23 7
1900.	118,902	3410	28.67	814	236	2636	22 16	66	200	2836	23.8

\*Rates calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of Area covered by water) 3,721.

Total population at all ages....... 107864 |  $\frac{g}{2}$   $\frac{g}{2}$ 

TABLE 2A.

Names of Localities.		ST PETE	ir's Wai	ED.	2	-PARK	WARD.		3-	Fishwi	CK WARE		4-	St. John	n's War	D.	5-C1	BRIST CE	EURCH V	VARD.	6	Maudla	ND WAR	D.	7	-Institu	TIONS.
Year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year,	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under r year.	Population est- mated to middle of each Year.	Births Registered	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under r year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1890	19,570	804	499	192	27,167	929	710	270	19,182	833	564	224	13,459	359	319	110	13.310	388	251	70	12,475	405	301	51		82	6
1891	20,145	798	601	211	27,892	937	740	227	19,782	882	570	214	13,582	413	301	101	13,510	351	274	52	12,953	449	260	85		61	2
1892	20,674	767	480	146	26,293	920	617	224	22,517	825	579	204	12,921	423	326	110	12,914	302	201	55	13,719	446	223	66	8	55	
1893	20,911	815	543	228	26,593	876	695	254	22,767	912	594	254	13,071	394	284	116	12,989	372	288	85	13,894	440	301	98		48	1
1894	21,151	772	412	166	26,903	813	531	188	23,037	802	479	206	18,171	385	289	91	13,109	358	231	62	14,054	411	190	54	4	56	3
1895	21,396	820	505	204	27,228	891	651	245	28,337	838	555	223	13,271	441	331	116	13,209	308	215	65	14,197	403	218	72	1	81	2
1896	21,606	794	417	158	27,892	905	617	232	23,597	798	439	160	13,426	413	275	95	13,314	348	212	56	14,376	412	193	57	3	58	2
1897	21,831	792	546	218	27,898	934	647	241	23,886	798	568	218	13,526	434	316	100	13,389	831	247	84	14,573	392	246	88	6	63	5
1898	22,081	758	362	155	28,203	905	567	251	24,186	805	446	188	13,679	395	248	82	13,464	300	188	53	14,743	393	215	77	3	81	6
1899	22,281	719	444	165	28,509	897	628	248	24,426	773	526	211	13,839	407	309	109	13,614	302	237	76	14,953	389	268	75	5	85	5
Averages of Years 1890 to 1899	21,164	783	480	184	27,457	900	639	238	22,671	826	532	210	13,394	406	299	103	13,282	336	284	65	13,993	414	241	72	2	67	3
1900	22,531	715	506	179	28,819	873	677	214	24,696	765	567	184	13,989	861	312	96	13,714	285	284	55	15,153	411	274	77		66	

TABLE 3A.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1900.

	Cases notified in \\ HoLE DISTRICT.								Total Cases Notified in each Locality.						No. of Cases removed to Hospital from Each Locality.					
Notifiable Disease.	.68.	At Ages—Years.					10	-			eb			ë			ch			
	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	65 and up- wards	St. Peter's Ward.	Park Ward.	Fishwick Ward.	St. John's Ward.	Christ Church Ward.	Maudland Ward.	St. Peter's Ward.	Park Ward.	Fishwick Ward.	St. John's Ward.	Christ Church Ward.	Maudland Ward.	
Small-pox																				
Cholera					***															
Diphtheria	108	4	49	39	7	9		21	16	38	18	7	8						1	
Membranous Croup	7	2	4	1					3	4										
Erysipelas	58	1	2	7	4	44		16	10	13	9	4	6							
Scarlet Fever	504	1	180	291	23	9		146	130	58	26	48	96	4	4	1	2			
Typhus Fever																				
Enteric Fever	162		13	45	45	59		33	30	35	31	19	14							
Relapsing Fever																				
Continued Fever	12	1	4	4		. 3		2		5			5							
Puerperal Fever	8								4	1	1	1	1							
Plague																				
Totals	859	9	252	387	79	124		218	193	154	85	79	130	4	4	1	2		1	

TABLE 4A. Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year, 1900.

	Deaths in whole District at subjoined Ages.								Deaths in Localities (at all ages).						
Causes of Death.	All Ages,	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25,	25 and under 65.	65 and up- wards.	St. Peter's Ward.	Park Ward.	Fishwick Ward.	St. John's Ward.	Christ Church Ward.	Maudland Ward.	Work- house.	Publi Institu
Small-pox Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria and Membranous Croup Croup Fever Enteric (Other continued Epidemic Influenza Cholera Plague Diarrhosa Enteritis Puerperal Fever Errsipelas Other Septic Diseases Phthisis Other Supplies Presumonia Pleurisy Puermonia Pleurisy Cirrhosis of Liver Venereal Diseases Premature Birth Diseases and accidents of Parturition	121 32 64 42 20  42 2 75  199 25 2 8 2 154 113 69 369 174  3 6 6 6 6 6 11	31 1 24 3 4 1 6 156 17 1 1 1 1 97 24 4 65	81 21 37 33 14 2 3 30 2 1 4 25 61 41 2 61 2	7 8 2 6 2 13 2 2 12 13 9 4 2 2 2 2	2 2 1			10 9 9 9 9 2 2 5 1 12 2 40 8 8 1 1 30 224 15 87 87 88 7 1 222 3	39 8 12 8 8 8  16  61 5 1 2 1 34 33 14 88 50  1 8	33 5 15 13 4 7 14 55 5 1 2 40 27 13 77 732 1 2 2 10 2	28 19 7 1 112 114 3 1 18 8 5 40 21 3 1 15	5 3 5 2 2 2 16 7 3 1 14 4 10 36 13 1 3 1 3 2 2 2	55 4 1 3 4 1 5 21 1 1 4 13 9 38 19 9	112 11 22 8 10 4	1 2 2 1
Heart Diseases Accidents Suicides Old Age All other causes	169 44 6 90 694	5 6  296	3 5  89	7 5 1  20	10 5 1  33	99 16 4 3 164	45 7  87 92	30 2 1 20 122	43 7 2 26 183	39 9 1 15 141	22 2  10 72	13 4  9 75	16 3 2 9 84	20  37 60	17  1 17
All causes	2636	805	454	115	125	748	389	509	673	565	313	234	276	200	66

