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RINGWOOD RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

MEDICAL OFFICER' OF HEALTH'S REPORT.

AREA OF DISTRICT 35548 acres.

POPULATION. 1901 Census 6220. Estimated to middle of 1905, 6498.

BIRTHS.

184. 28.8 per 1000 population.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. per 1000 births 65.2.

DEATHS REGISTERED. 81 or 12.4 per 1000, but deducting deaths of non residents (in the Linford Sanatoriur) the corrected nortality is 75 or 11.5 per 1000. They are distributed as follows :-

> 55. Ringwood. ..

Burley. 8

Broomy. 7.

Ellingham. 1.

Harbridge.

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5. Workhouse.

THE NATURAL INCREASE OF POPULATION is 103.

THE AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH 47 years 7 months.

Of these 81 deaths, 12 were under 1 year, 40 were under and 29 over 65.

.4 per 1000. ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE.

81. a decrease of 31. DEATHS REGISTERED.

12.6 from premature birth, 1 Croup, 1 Enteritie, INFANTS. 1 Erysipelas, 1 Pneuronia, & 2 from other causes.

2. 1 See Enteritis, & 1 from Marasmus.

4. 1 Scarlet Fever, 1 Diphtheria, 1 Epilepsy. & 1 Diabetes Melditus.

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- 15 to 25. 2. 1 Phthisis & 1 Diabetes Mellitus.
- 25 to 65. 32. 9 Phthisis, (6 of these at Sanatorium ) 3 Cancer,
  2 Pneumonia, 2 Heart Disease, 1 Influenza, 1
  Diarrhoea, 1 Cirrhosis of liver & 12 from other
  causes.
- Over 65. 29. 5 Bronchitis, 5 Heart Disease, 1 Influenza, 1

  Enteritis, 1 Cancer, 1 Pnedmonia, 1 Cirrhosis of

  Liver & 14 from other causes.
- ZYMOTIC DISMASMS. There were 33 cases notified during the year & 3

  deaths occurred. 1 Scarlet Fever, 1 Diphtheria & 1 Erysipelas. The

  Scarlet Fever case was imported from London & the Diphtheria was

  also not due to any local causes but likewise imported.
- SCARLET FEVER. 9 cases have occurred during the year, 8 being in

  Ringwood & 1 at Burley. The Death occurred at Ringwood. Burley School

  was closed owing to this outbreak, and an area in the Hightown

  District was declared infected for 6 weeks.
- Harbridge. Of these 1 proved fatal. Owing to this epideric the

  Town Schools were closed from the 10th to 20th of November, & the

  spread of the disease was checked. Some defects in Sanitary arrange—

  -ments were found and remedied.
- ENTERIC OR CONTINUED FEVER. 2 mild cases of Enteric were reported. No local cause could be found.
- PHTHISIS. 10 deaths occurred. ( a decrease of 1 on the previous year ) 6 at Broomy, 2 Ringwood, 1 Burley, & 1 Harbridge.
- CANCER. 4 deaths from Cancer, 3 being at Ringwood & 1 at Burley, as compared with 12 in 1904.

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- THE YEAR 1905. There were epidemics of Diphtheria, & Scarlet Fever in different parts of this District. There were also 2 cases of Erysipeles and 2 of Enterio Fever. There was a slight increase in the number of births and a decrease of 31 in the number of deaths, while the deaths of Infants decreased from 18 to 12. 6 of these deaths were due to premature birth.
- water SUPPLY. The supply of water is very good. The waters of several new wells have been tested and found to be satisfactory, and so far to my knowledge no disease has come under my notice caused by insufficient or impure supply.
- SEWERAGE, DRAINAGE & EXCREMENT DISPOSAL. The Sewerage and Drainage are good & precautions have been taken to prevent stoppages. The Earth Closet System is still successfully adopted and arrangements for carrying away the soil have been satisfactorily carried out.
- SLAUGHTER HOUSES, BAKEHOUSES. DAIRIES & COWSHEDS. These are inspected and reported on if defective, but they are as a rule well kept and in good order and also the
- FACTORIES & WORSHOPS, and the Sanitary Inspector has no difficulty with them requiring special action or report.

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