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SKEGNESS URBAN DISTRICT.

AREA 1,712 ACRES.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES IN	1891	*
" " "	1899	....	504
" " "	1900	....	533
POPULATION IN	1891	....	1,489
"	1899	....	2,000
"	1900	....	2,500

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH WITH REGARD TO THE YEAR 1900.

I.—Statistics for the Year: (Births and Deaths).

1. I have been informed by the rate collector Mr. W. P. Hiley, that he, together with others, took a census of the town in the month of August, 1900, which came out as follows, Visiting Population 5,142, Residential 2,440, Total 7,582.
2. The number of BIRTHS registered in the district during the year was 51 (9 more than in the preceding year) representing an ANNUAL BIRTH RATE of 20.4 per 1000.
3. The numbers of DEATHS registered in the district during the year was 45 (against 35 in the preceding year). Of these, 8 were visitors, so that there remain 37 deaths, representing an ANNUAL DEATH RATE of 14.8 per 1000.
4. The Deaths of INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR were 8 being at the rate of nearly 15.7 per cent. of the Births registered.
5. The Deaths from PULMONARY CONSUMPTION, were 3, this being at the rate of .83 per 1000 of the estimated population.
6. The Deaths from OTHER LUNG DISEASES (Pneumonia and Bronchitis), were 5, this being at the rate of 2 per 1000 of the population.

II.—Summary of Sickness and Mortality during the year from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases, and from certain other diseases to which the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act 1889 applies—

Seventeen cases of DIPHTHERIA, one Membranous case of CROUP, one case of ERYSIPELAS, one of SCARLET FEVER, one ENTERIC FEVER, one of PUERPERAL FEVER, making in all 22 cases out of which I regret to say 2 proved fatal which were Diphtheria Cases—The Diphtheria Cases I am of an opinion originated through the blockage of a private drain as previously reported, thus the total number of deaths from Zymotic Disease were 2, being .8 per 1,000 of the population.

* I regret I cannot obtain particulars of this item.

III.—Summary of other Proceedings which were taken during the year under the Sanitary Acts, &c.

1. The PUBLIC SEWERS throughout the District have been periodically flushed and the same have worked in a satisfactory manner except the Drummond Road and a portion of the Alexandra Road Sewer, and these I understand the Surveyor has already reported.
2. As to the removal of HOUSES REFUSE &c., the Ashbins throughout the District have been periodically emptied and disinfected. I would once more call your attention to the necessity of placing down a REFUSE DESTRUCTOR as in my opinion it is the only Sanitary manner to deal with the ever increasing amount of Refuse and Offal.
3. AS TO WATER and WATER SUPPLY I am pleased to say the water supplied by the Skegness Water Works has been of good quality during the past year. I have taken samples of the Well Water in those parts of the District where the Water Mains do not extend, and have submitted the same to an Analyst, and his report I am pleased to say was satisfactory.
4. A systematic Inspection has been made of the whole town and the Nuisances that were found to exist have been dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector.
5. AS TO DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES, &c., these have been periodically inspected, and I consider the same have been kept in a Sanitary condition.
6. I append to this Report the Annual Report of the Inspector of Nuisances.

C. J. BERNARD,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

SKEGNESS.

PEMBROKE HOUSE,

RUTLAND ROAD,

SKEGNEES.

JANUARY, 1901.

Appended to this Report are certain Tables of Sickness and Mortality.

To Dr. Bernard,

Medical Officer of Health,

For the District of Skegness.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I beg to submit to you my report of Nuisances dealt with by the Skegness Urban District Council for the year ended December, 1900.

Nuisance caused by undrained premises	...	2
" " accumulation of manures	...	5
" " pan closets	... ..	3
" " blockage in drain	... ..	10
" " flush tanks being out of repair		4
" " defective W.C. traps	...	2
" " pig sty kept in filthy condition		1
" " fowl runs kept in filthy condition		1
" " defective sink wastes		1
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Total number of notices served calling for abatement of nuisances .. 29

I am pleased to say I did not in any case have to resort to Legal Proceedings to enforce my requirements.

I remain, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

WALTER H. BRIDGES.

Estate Offices,

Skegness,

February 6th, 1901.

To Dr. H. H. ...

Medical College of ...

For the ...

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