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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR,

FOR THE

BOROUGH OF TODMORDEN,

BY

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BOROUGH OF TODMORDEN.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Todmorden.

Gentlemen,-

For the thirty-third time I have the privilege to make you an annual report on the sanitary condition of the Borough of Todmorden, which has an area of 12,755 acres, and a population estimated at the middle of 1910, to be 26,100.

The district is hilly, composed of three main valleys with minor ones running into them. The sides of the valleys are precipitous, more especially in the Burnley Valley, and moorland reaches to the top nearly all around. The sub-soil is mainly clay with a proportion of sandstone grit, many faults running through the locality, more especially on the northern The climate is naturally cold and damp, and many of the deaths recorded are in a measure due to that fact. occupations of the population are various, viz., cotton weaving, cotton spinning, machine making, bobbin and shuttle manufacture, picker works, ready-made clothing manufacture, block printing, tinplate works, and various other minor manufactures. The houses of the working classes are generally good and kept clean and tidy, with as a rule plenty of air spaces, although a small number of old back-to-back houses still remain. The 58 new houses which were built during the year 1910 are decidedly of better stamp than those formerly built. According as this better class of houses spring up many of the old houses in the district become uninhabited. Many new houses are now in course of construction. They are supervised by the Borough Surveyor whilst being built, and he gives a certificate when he thinks they are fit for habitation. Bakehouses are inspected twice a year, and conform to regula-The Slaughter-houses, of which we have 20 in the borough, are frequently inspected by the Sanitary Inspector, who draws my attention to anything found wrong. They are, with few exceptions, in a very satisfactory condition, but a better supervision of all slaughtered cattle could be kept if we had a public abattoir, which would not be objected to by the general run of butchers when they got used to it. During the year 15 carcases were found to be tuberculous, portions of these were destroyed, the remainder being passed by me as fit for food.

The milk is generally good, samples are taken from time to time, and sent to the County Laboratory for analysis. The condition of the cow sheds is referred to in the Sanitary Inspector's report. We have no dairies or milk shops in our district, the milk being delivered from house to house morning and evening by the farmers.

The Factories, Workshops, and Work-places were periodically inspected in accordance with the Factories and Workshops Act, and found to be generally in a satisfactory state. Where faults have been found they have been remedied. Particulars will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

SCAVENGING.

All the work done under this heading is fully described in the Sanitary Inspector's report and C form appended to this report. It is done well and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

DRAINAGE.

Many of the faults complained about in my previous reports have been remedied during the year 1910; but a large number yet remain to be done, and are receiving attention in rotation as circumstances will admit. In all I mile and 1,478 yards of sewers were laid in 1910, with which connections are daily being made. The condition of the sewers is good, and is being yearly improved. The Sewerage Works are working well without any complaints from those who live in their vicinity. The streams in the locality are still polluted by many drains which discharge into them and by trade refuse, but all efforts are being made where possible, to pick up drains that discharge into the water-courses and connect them with our system of sewerage. A great proportion of the excrement is collected from the tub closets and taktn on to the land round about, but water closets are coming into more general use, and where connection with the main sewers is possible they are being insisted upon.

WATER SUPPLY.

The public water supply continues to give every satisfaction, and its lead solvent properties are corrected by the filtration through limestone sand, which has to be periodically renewed.. 72 additional houses were connected with this supply during 1910.

VITAL STATISTICS.

During 1910, 483 births were registered in the Borough of Todmorden, being 20 fewer than in the year 1909, and showing a birth-rate of 18.50 per 1,000 of the population in 1910, as against 24.8 per 1,000 for all England and Wales in the same

period, and 19.20 per 1,000 in Todmorden in 1909. average birth for the previous decade in Todmorden was 20.57 per 1,000. 365 deaths were recorded in Todmorden in 1910, a decrease on the numbers registered in any of the preceding 10 years, showing a death-rate of 13.5 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 16.15 per 1,000, the average rate for the previous decade, and 13.4 per 1,000, the 1910 death-rate for all England and Wales. There was a slight decrease in the number of deaths of those under I year of age, as well as a marked decrease in the number of deaths of people over 65 years of age, compared with the figures for 1909. The rate of mortality among infants I year of age to 1,000 registered births is 132 per 1,000, as against 137 per 1,000 births in our district, in 1909, and 106 per 1,000 births in all England and Wales in 1910. Taken as a whole the children of the operatives in this district are well cared for so far as feeding and clothing are concerned, although we occasionally come across children who suffer from the want of mother's milk, but I fear if any steps were taken to prevent mothers returning to work during lactation it would not have the desired effect, and in some cases only tend to further decrease the birth-rate. No health visitors are employed.

The following tables will show the number of deaths from Phthisis and Cancer in 1910, as compared with previous years:—

Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases.

1902-31	DeathsRate	per	1,000 of	popula	tion1.21
1903-51	,,	,,	,,	"	1.99
1904-30	,,	,,	,,	,,	1.17
1905-34	,,	,,,	**	,,	1.32
1906-39	,,	,,	**	,,	1.49
1907-41	,,	,,	,,	,,	1.58
1908-37	,,	,,	,,	,,	I.42
1909-39	,,	,,	**	,,	1.48
1910-28	,,	,,	**	,,	1.07
		Cano	er.		
1902-13	DeathsRate	per	1,000 of	popula	tion0.51
190324	,,	,,	,,	,,	0.94
1904-26	,,	>>	,,	,,	1.01
1905-20	,,	,,	,,	,,	0.78
1906-34	,,	,,	,,	,,	1.30
1907-25	,,	,,	**	**	0.99
1908-23	,,	,,	,,	,,	0.88
1909-29	,,	**	,,	,,	I.II
1010-24	11	**	**	,,	0.91

TABLE I.—VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1910 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

	Popula-	BII	BIRTHS	Total Des UNDER	otal Deaths regist	Total Deaths registered in the District UNDER I YEAR AT ALL AGES	District	1	Deaths of	Deaths of	NETT DEATH	DEATHS AT
	tion tion				Rate per			Deaths in	Re	register'd	Belonging to the District.	nging to the District.
	to Middle of each Year	Number	Rate	No.	Births Regis- tered	No.	Rate*	Institu- tions in the District	in Public Institu- tions in the District	Institu- tions beyond the District	N umber	Rate.
	25,350	571	22.56	84	143.6	425	16.77	37	100	13	435	17.15
	25,419	583	22.94	83	138.9	431	16.95	35	63	11	442	17.89
	25,450	543	21.33	69	127.0	370	14.53	64	13	-	2.64	14.30
	25,520	556	21.78	06	161.8	449	17.55	43	16	00	441	17.28
	. 25,590	501	19.57	49	8.76	370	14.45	43	12	13	371	14.49
	25,590	488	19.06	51	104.5	397	15.51	28	17	00	888	15.16
	26,140	470	17.98	61	129.7	463	17.71	.63	19	10	454	17.86
	26,000	527	20.27	63	119.6	411	15.81	47	17	19	413	15.89
	26,050	551	21,15	70	127.0	410	15.73	99	16	16	410	15,73
	26,200	503	19.20	69	137.1	430	16.41	43	11	12	431	16.45
					531							- 4
	25,730,9	529.3	20.57	68.7	129.8	415.6	16.15	48.4	12.5	11.6	414.9	16.12
	26,100	483	18.50	4	132,5	365	13.98	49	13	10	363	13.90
		Area o	* Rates ca Area of District	alculated t in acre	l per 1,0 s (exclus	Rates calculated per 1,000 of the estimated District in acres (exclusive ef area covered	estimat ea cover	ed popu	iculated per 1,000 of the estimated population. in acres (exclusive ef area covered by water), 12,755.	755-		
	41 41 41	Nu	Total population at all ages Number of inhabited houses	ation at inhabite	ation at all ages inhabited houses				6,266	At Cer	At Census of 1901.	.106
-	Average number of persons per house	Av n the Dis	Average nui	imber of	persons	uber of persons per house	sons fro	m outsi	de the Di	strict:-	Fielden	Fever
(0) 4	Hospital, Todmorden Workhouse and Infirmary, Sourhall Smallpox Hospital.	morden	Workhou	ise and I	nfrmary	y, Sourha	Il Small	pox Hos	spital.	Institutio	Institutions outside the	le the
100	Abstract receiving sick and multin persons from the District .— Wakeneld Asylum, Hamlas Innimary,	Mar Mar	Manchaeter	Infrant	Burn	in persons from the District; We	ria Hoes	vital	ree man	um, rran	194 1	(C
		11.40	Is the 1	Union W	orkhous	Is the Union Workhouse within the District?	the Dist		Yes.			

TABLE II. VITAL STATISTICS OF SEPARATE LOCALITIES IN 1910 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1900	25,350	571	435	84
1901	25,419	583	442	81
1902	25,450	543	364	69
1903	25,520	556	441	89
1904	25,590	501	371	49
1905	25,590	. 488	388	51
. 1906	26,140	470	454	61
1907	26,000	527	413	65
1908	26,050	551	410	70
1909	26,200	503	431	69
Averages of Years 1900-1909	25,730.9	529.3	414.9	68.7
1910	26,100	483	363	65

TABLE III. CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1910.

		Cases	Notifi	ied in	whole	Distr	ict.
NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	s.		At A	ges-	Years.		
	At all	Under	1 to	5 to	15 to	25 to	65 &
	ages.	1	5	15	25	65 1	ıp'wd
Small-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria (including							
Membranous croup)	27	0	8	18	1	0	0
Erysipelas	24	1	0	0	2	20	1
Scarlet fever	273	4	72	168	22	7	Õ
Typhus fever	0	o.	ñ	0	0	Ó	0
Enteric fever	13	0	0	2	1	7	0
Relapsing fever	0	0	0	ő.	0	6	0
Continued fever	0	0	0	0	0	U	0
	U	0	0	. 0	0	0	0
Puerperal fever	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Plague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	338	5	80	188	29	35	1

Total cases removed to Hospital:—Diphtheria 11, Scarlet Fever 201, Enteric Fever 7. Total, 219. Total available Beds: Fielden Hospital 62, Sourhall Hospital 35,

total 97. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated: Fielden Hospital 3, Sourhall Hospital 1, total 4.

TABLE IV.

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1910.

7.7							
Causes of Death. All	der	1 & un-		15& und 25		65&th	Resident or Non-Resid- ent in Public Institutions.
	0 0		0	0	0	0	0
	2 0		0	0	0	0	4
	7 0	1		0	2	0	4
Whooping-cough 1	0 6	4	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria (including		0	,		0	_	
	3 0		1	0	0	0	0
	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fever—	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	$egin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		0	0	0	0	0
	0 0	-	0	0	4 0	0	3
	7 0		0	0		0	0
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	0 0	0	0	0	0		0
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The tradition	$\stackrel{2}{6}$ $\stackrel{1}{5}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-1-1:	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0
D 1 C	0 0		0	0			
T2	3 1	0	0	0	0 2	0	0
Phthisis (Pulmonary	0 1	U	U	U	2	U	U
	9 0	0	1	2	13	3	0
Other tuberculous	0	U	7	2	10	0	6
Diameter (9 1	3	1	1	3	0	0
Cancer, malignant	0 1	9	1	1	9	U	U
disease 2	4 0	0	0	0	16	8	3
Bronchitis 30		0	0	0	11	17	8
Pneumonia 24		3	1	0	13	0	0
	1 0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other diseases of Res-		0	0	0	1	0	U
	2 0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Alcoholism (Cirrhosis	- 0	U	U	U	U	- 2	U
	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1 0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Premature birth 13	_	0	ő	. 0	0	0	0
Diseases and accidents	10	0	0		U	0	0
	4 0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Heart diseases 27		ő	1	3	13	10	2
	9 2	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	0	3
	5 0	0	0	2	1	2	0
All other causes 151		6	0	3	48	67	18
				-	10	0,	10
All causes36	3 65	21	11	12	140	114	49

TABLE V.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1910.
DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES IN WEEKS AND MONTHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

MOI	NIHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.	
		year:
Total Deaths	2-0 0488 4 0-1485-1-	65 the
11-12 Months	HOO 9000 0 00H00000	in in
sdinoM :1-01	100 0000 0 00000100	1 Births
9-10 Months	800 8000 0 HOODOOO	03
8-9 Months	HOO 0000 0 00000HOO	26,100.
7-8 Months	800 0000 0 00010001	0 0
8-7 Months	000 0000 0 0000000	of 1910 363.
sdraoM 8-6	400 0000 0 8000HH00	dle or
4 -5 Months	пон оооо н ооооонос	B Pid
8-4 Months	0000000 H H0000000	0 0 0
2-3 Months	mon 0000 0 0000000	3 ses at
1-2 Months	300 1100 0 00001100	12 3 estimated Causes a
Total under	2-0 -EB 24 0 E00800-0	
8-4 Wеекв	800 H800 0 0000000	Population the from a
3-3 Меекв] 1
I-S Meeks	000 0000 0 00000000	orough 21. J
Under I Week	710 0891 0 10010010	n Boate,
ATH	nteri- eritis. ts ingritis	District of Todmorden Borough
CAUSE OF DEATH	All Causes— Certified Uncertified Whooping Cough Enteritis, Muco-enterity, Gastro-enterity as Gastro-enterity at Birth Congenital Defects Injury at Birth Want of Breast-milk Starvation Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus Tuberculous Mening Erysip-las Convulsions Bronchitis Suffocation, overly Other causes	of To 62; i
E 0.	All Causes— Certified Uncertified Whooping Coul Enteritis, Muc- tis, Gastro- Premature Bir- Congenital Def Injury at Bir- Mant of Breas Starvation Atrophy, Debil Marasmus Tuberculous M Erysip-las Convulsions Bronchitis Suffocation, Other causes	rict e, 4
usi	All Causes-Certific Uncert Whooping Enteritis, I das bis, Gas Premature Congenital Enjury at Want of B Starvatio Atrophy, D Marasmu Erysip-las Convulsions Bronchitis Pneumonia Suffocation Other cause	Nistr
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TABLE VI.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES DURING THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

Causes of Death. 190	3 1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Small-pox	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	8 3	0	20	2	1	1	2
Scarlatina 1	4 11	1	5	4	4	0	7
Whooping-cough 1		0	0	9	3	1	10
Diphtheria and							
	14 8	8	17	6	9	7	3
Croup	0 2	2	0	0	1	3	0
Fevers—							
Typhus	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric	5 5	3	6	3	5	1	4
Other Continued	0 0			0	0	0	0
Epidemic Influenza	3 5	15	4	3	6	6	7
Cholera	0 0			0	0	0	0
Plague	0 0			0	0	0	0
Diarrhœa	1 1			0	3	0	2
Enteritis	2 3			7	7	3	6
Puerperal Fever	1 0			0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0 2			1	1	0	3
	33 18			35	28	26	19
Other Tubercular	00 10	20	20	00	20	20	10
Diseases	18 12	2 11	14	6	9	13	9
Cancer, Malignant	10 12	. 11	14	U	0	10	0
	24 26	20	34	25	23	29	24
	46 30			45	37	47	30
				29	22	37	24
	31 14			1	1	4	1
Pleurisy	0 1	. 0	1	1	1	4	1
Other Diseases,	0 0			0	0	0	0
Respiratory Organs	3 8	3 1	4	2	6	6	2
Alcoholism, Cirrhosis	-				0	0	
of Liver	7 3				3	2	0
Venereal Disease		3 2		1	2	3	1
	20	3 16	12	12	16	17	13
Diseases and Accidents of	100					-	
		1 2			2	2	4
Heart Diseases					51	40	27
Accidents	8 9				14	7	9
Suicides	7 (1	4	. 5
All other Causes1	33 136	3 137	132	155	155	172	151
All Causes 4	41 371	388	454	413	410	431	363

TABLE VII.

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

	Under	1 and	5 and	15 and	25 and	25 and	60 and	65 and	Tota
	1	under	under	under	ander	under	up-	up-	
	Year.	5	15	25	60	65	wards	wards	
1877	111	84	21	29	140	101	130		515
1878	107	80	33	30	128		118		496
1880	82	75	37	17	123		127		461
1881	101	61	27	20	123		I51		483
1882	92	83	21	14	112		115	Here	437
1883	76	50	19	30	110		139		424
1884	74	73	23	17	110	1	149		446
1885	72	34	18	23	138	100	135	1999	420
1886	91	56	24	17	123	000	128		439
1887	123	86	38	23	123		135		528
1888	78	44	22	36	124	100	156	1989	460
1889	108	67	36	15	108	0.00	136		470
1890	57	46	18	22	117		142		402
1891	103	55	22	21	155	- 111	204		560
1892	81	57	12	24	114		141		429
1893	106	24	24	13	144		134		445
1894	74	34	14	20	117		132		391
1895	87	38	17	18	128	1 11	154		442
1896	101	66	20	20	136		134	766	477
1897	75	26	20	21	138	- 055	138	1000	418
1898	96	39	17	17	167		169		505
1899	78	40	19	24	154		146		463
1900	84	37	20	16	181		87		425
1901	81	38	14	10	166		122		431
1902	69	25	9	12	1	150		99	364
1903	89	63	10	19		120		140	441
1904	49	45	7	12		137		121	371
1905	51	22	10	15		155		135	388
1906	61	40	21	14		181		137	454
1907	65	24	14	12		162		136	413
1908	70	29	9	21		161		120	410
1909	69	22	7	17		174		142	431
1910	65	21	11	12		140		114	363

TABLE VIII.

COMPARATIVE DEATH-RATE SINCE 1877.

Year.	Number of Deaths.	Estimated Population.	Rate per 1,000	for same period in England and Wales.
1877	515	23,000	22.3	20.4
1878	496	23,085	21.4	21.7
1879	Not acting as	Medical Office		
1880	461	23,255	19.3	20.4
1881	483	*23,861	20.2	18.9
1882	437	24,014	18,16	19.6
1883	424	24,000	17.66	19.5
1884	446	24,142	18.47	19.6
1885	420	24,280	17,28	19.0
1886	439	25,093	17.09	19.3
1887	528	25,200	20.95	18.8
1888	460	25,420	18.09	17.8
1889	470	25,580	18.37	17.9
1890	402	25,750	15.61	19.2
1891	560	+24,725	22.64	20.2
1892	429	24,750	17.33	19.0
1893	445	24,850	17.90	19.2
1894	391	24,975	15.64	16.6
1895	442	25,075	17.62	18.7
1896	477	25,200	18.92	17.1
1897	418	25,062	16.68	17.4
1898	505	25,150	20.8	17.6
1899	463	25,230	18.39	18.3
1900	425	25,350	16.77	18.3
1901	433	125,419	16.95	16.9
1902	364	25,450	14.3	16.3
1903	441	25,520	17.28	14.6
1904	371	25,590	14.49	16.2
1905	388	25,590	15.16	15.2
1906	454	26,140	17.36	15.4
1907	413	26,000	15.89	15.0
1908	410	26,050	15.73	14.7
1909	431	26,200	16.45	14.5
1910	363	26,100	13.90	13.4

^{*} According to Census 1881. † According to Census 1891 ‡ According to Census 1901.

TABLE IX.

THE RATE OF INFANT MORTALITY MEASURED BY THE PROPORTION OF DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR TO REGISTERED BIRTHS.

1877	141	per 1,	ooo births	s registered.	England an	d Wales.
1878	131	,,	,,	,,		
1880	125		,,	,,		
1881	146	,,	,,	,,		
1882	141	,,	,,	,,	141 per	1,000
1883	108.9	,,	,,	,,	137	,,
1884	125.2	,,	,,	,,	147	1)
1885	119.8	,,	,,	,,	138	,,
1886	157.8	,,	,,	,,	150	,,
1887	184.6	,,	,,	,,	145	,,
1888	108.8	,,	,,	,,	137	"
1889	165.8	,,	,,	,,	144	,,
1890	93.9	,,	,,	,,	151	,,
1891	172.8	,,	,,	,,	149	,,
1892	147.0	,,	,,	,,	148	,,
1893	174.3	,,	,,	,,	159	,,
1894	141.2	,,	,,	,,	137	,,
1895	146.0	,,	,,	,,	161	,,
1896	174.1	,,	"	,,	148	,,
1897	122.6	,,	,,	,,	156	,,
1898	162.7	,,	,,	,,	161	,,
1899	131.3	,,	"	,,	163	,,
1900	143.6	,,	,,	,,	154	,,
1901	138.9	,,	,,	,,	151	,,
1902	127.0	,,	,,	,,	133	,,
1903	161.8	"	,,	,,	132	"
1904	97.8	,,	,,	,,	146	,,
1905	104.5	,,	,,	,,	128	,,
1906	129.7	,,	"	,,	133	,,
1907	119.6	"	,,	,,	118	25
1908	127.0	,,	,,	, ,,	121	,,
1909	137.1	"	"	,,	109	,,
1910	132.5	"	"	"	106	,,

TABLE .X.

RATE OF MORTALITY AMONGST PERSONS AGED 60 YEARS AND UPWARDS.

	1877	 5.6 per	1,000 of	the	population.
	1878	 5.1	,,	"	,,
	1880	 5.4	,,	"	"
	1881	 6.3	"	,,	,,
	1882	 4.7	,,	,,	,,
	1883	 5.7	,,	,,	"
	1884	 6.1	,,	"	, ,,
	1885	 5.5	,,	,,	"
	1886	 5.1	,,	,,	"
	1887	 5.3	"	"	,,
	1888	 6.1	"	,,	,,
	1889	 5.3	,,	,,	,,
	1890	 5.5	"	,,	"
	1891	 8.2	,,	,,	"
	1892	 5.2	,,	,,	,,
	1893	 5.3	"	"	,,
	1894	 5.2	,,	,,	"
	1895	 6.1	,,	,,	,,
	1896	 5.0	,,	,,	,,
	1897	 5.5	,,	,,	"
	1898	 6.72	,,	,,	,,
	1899	 5.8	"	,,	"
	1900	 5.6	,,	,,	,,
	1901	 6.3	"	,,	,,
*	1902	 3.8	,,	,,	,,
	1903	 5.5	,,	,,	,,
	1904	 4.7	,,	,,	,,
	1905	 5.2	,,	,,	,,
	1906	 5.2	,,	,,	"
	1907	 5.2	"	,,	,,
	1908	 4.8	22.00	,,	,,
	1909	 5.4	,,	,,	"
	1910	 5.3	,,	,,	,,

^{*} From 1902 the rate given is for persons aged 65 and upwards.

TABLE XI.—COMPARATIVE BIRTH-RATE.

Year.	Number of Births.	Estimated Population.	Rate per 1,000	England and Wales Birth Rate.
1877	783	23,000	34.04	36.1
1878	845	23,085	35.3	35.9
1879		No return		
1880	664	23,255	28.5	34.6
1881	688	*23,861	28.8	33.9
1882	652	24,014	27.15	33.7
1883	698	24,006	26.09	33.2
1884	599	24,142	24.81	33.5
1885	601	24,280	24.75	32.5
1886	583	25,093	23.63	32.4
1887	668	25,200	26,42	31.4
1888	625	25,420	24.58	30.6
1889	651	25,580	25.44	30.5
1890	607	25,750	23.57	29.7
1891	596	†24,725	24.10	31.4
1892	551	24,750	22,126	30.5
1893	608	24,850	24.46	30.8
1894	524	24,975	20.98	29.6
1895	594	25,075	23.68	30.3
1896	577	25,200	20.50	29.7
1897	612	25,062	24.42	29.7
1898	590	25,150	23.48	29.4
1899	594	25,230	23.54	29.3
1900	571	25,250	22.56	28.9
1901	583	‡25,419	22.94	28.5
1902	543	25,450	21.33	28.6
1903	556	25,520	21.78	28.4
1904	501	25,590	19.57	27.19
1905	488	25,590	19.06	27.2
1906	470	26,140	17.98	27.0
1907	527	26,000	20,27	26.3
1908	551	26,050	21.15	26.5
1909	503	26,200	19.120	25.6
1910	483	26,100	18.50	24.8

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

1910 was remarkable for the epidemic of Scarlatina, which prevailed throughout the Borough. It was most prevalent during the months of September, October, November, and December. 273 cases were notified during the year, but I have reason to believe there were many missed cases. The type of the disease was generally so mild that experienced medical men had sometimes a difficulty in deciding on its presence. No one could be surprised to find parents and guardians who have failed to recognise mild cases. In one case your Health Committee were compelled to prosecute, where the fact of the child having had scarlatina was purposely concealed, the child being allowed to go and mix with other children whilst still in an infective condition. In the month of October, on the advice of the School Medical Officer and myself, the Health Committee closed the Roomfield Council School for 3 weeks. Our isolation hospital for infectious diseases did little in my opinion to check the spread of scarlatina, and being much overcrowded during the height of the epidemic accounted for many of the complications that arose amongst so many of the cases treated therein. The number of return cases were also due to the same cause. No one has as yet availed himself of the privilege granted by the Health Committee of having diphtheria antitoxin gratis for necessitous cases. During 1910 there were 2 deaths from measles, 7 from scarlatina, 10 from whooping cough, 3 from diphtheria and membranous croup, 4 from enteric fever, and 3 from erysipelas. A large mortality from enteric fever for the number of cases notified.

TABLE XII.—TYPHOID FEVER.

	1111	LIL MIL			LIVER.	and the same of th
	I.	No. of Case	19	No. of		ent. of Deaths to
		Notified.		Deaths.	Ca	ses Notified.
1891		54		8		14.81
1892		29		7		24.13
1893		63		12		19.04
1894		29		7		24.13
1895		44		13	sere.	29.54
1896		44		7		15.09
1897		35		8		22.85
1898		41		II		26.83
1899		121		18		14.88
1900		36		9 -		25.00
1901		26		4		15.37
1902		23		6		26.08
1903		18		5		27.77
1904		27		5 -		18.51
1905		26		3		11.53
1906		12		6		50.00
1907		10		3		30.00
1908		16		5		31.25
1909		10		I		10.00
1910		13		4		30.77

TABLE XIII.

ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 FROM ALL CAUSES
AND FROM SEVERAL ZYMOTIC DISEASES
YEAR 1010.

							04			
	All Causes	Diseases in Columns 3-9	Smallpox	Measles	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	. Fevers	Diarrhœa	Deaths under
	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
England & Wales 77 Great Towns Boro. of Todmorden	13.4 13.4 13.9	0'99 1'23 1'07	0.00	0.02	0.56	0.11	0.38	0.12	0.30	106 115 132 .2

TABLE XIV.

COMPARATIVE RATE OF MORTALITY FROM THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

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	Smallpox.	· s	17 31 43 13 6 20	1 1 0 1 2 8 6 Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhœa.	Continued Fever.		5	Rate ber 2.6 3.32 2.24 2.32 2.73 2.26 2.29 1.86 2.22 2.14 1.90 2.00 2.52 1.81 2.17 2.18 2.15 2.22 2.21 2.10 2.00 2.10 2.10 2.10 2.10
	II p	sle	lat	th	opo	rb	ev ev	-i	Rate per 1,000.	Rate per 1,000 for England Wales.
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Year.	Su	Measles.	Sc	Di	3	D.	S	T		KE! R
1877 1878 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890	0	0 2 2 3 20 1 8 3 18 13 9 34 1 16 16 5 5	17	9	4	9	15	54 61 79 47 69 44	2.3 2.6 3.3 1.9 2.87 1.23 1.69 0.78	2.6
1878	0	2	31	3	4 1 5 26	16 13	5 18	61	2.6	3.32
1880	0	2	43	2	1	13	18	7.9	3.3	2.24
1881	0	3	13	1	5	15 12	10	47	1.9	2.32
1882	0	20	6	0	26	12	5	69	2.87	2.73
1883	0	1	20	1	7	8 11	14	44	1.23	2.20
1884	0	8	11		7	11	3	41	1.69	2.64
1885	0	3	1	0	8 2 9	4 14	3	19 62 90 29 57 15 48 37 37 27 34 66 36 47 59	0.78	2.10
1886	, 0	18	20	0	2	14	8	62	2.47	2.26
1887	0	13	46	6	9	11	5	90	2.47 3.56 1.14 2.22 0.58	2.29
1888	3	9	3	1 0 0 0	1	4 6 8 11 2 9 1 7 6 9 10	8	29	1.14	1.86
1889	0	34	6	1	10	6	0	57	2.22	2.22
1890	0	1	6 2 2 0 2 5 6 5 2 2 10 11	0	10 1 11 12 8 8 8 7 14 3 10	8	3	15	0.58	2.14
1891	0	16	2	0	11	11	8	48	1.94	1.90
1892	0	16	0	0	12	2	7	37	1.94 1.49 1.48 1.08 1.35 2.61 1.43 1.87 2.33 1.69 1.17 0.82	2.00
1893	1	5	2	0	8	9	12	37	1.48	2.52
1894	1	5	5	0	8	1	7	27	1.08	1.81
1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900	0	1	6	0	7	7	13	34	1.35	2.17
1896	0	33 4 13 6 10	5	1 10 1	14	6	7	66	2.61	2.18
1897	0	4	2	10	3	9	8	36	1.43	2.15
1898	0	13	2	1	10	10	11	47	1.87	2.22
1899	0	6	10	0	19	6 5	18	59	2.33	2.21
1900	0	10	11	3	5	5	9	43	1.69	2.00
1901	0	9	5	1	3	6	6	30	1.17	2.05
1902	0	6 8 3 0	4	1 14	0 17	4	6	30 21 59	0.82	11.04
1903	0	8	14	14	17	1	5	59	$\frac{2.31}{1.56}$	1.46
1904 1905	0	3	11	7 8 17	13	1	5	40 17	1.56	1.94
1905	0	0	1	8	0	5	3	17	0.66	1.52
1906	0	20	5 4	17	0	1 5 3 0 3 0	10 5 14 3 8 8 5 8 0 3 8 7 12 7 13 7 8 11 18 9 6 6 5 5 3 6 6 6 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	51	1.95	1.73
1907	0	2	4	6	9	0	-3	24	0.92	1.26 1.29 1.12
1908	0	1	4	9	3 1 10	3	5	25	0.95	1.29
1909	0	1 2	0	10	1	0	1 4	13	0.49	1.12
1910	0	2	7	3	110	2	4	28	1.07	0.99

TABLE XV.

The total number of notifications received during 1908

			all- Scar- ox la- latina				Puer- s peral Fever	Ery-	Tot'
January		0	2	4	0	I	0	I	8
February		0	9	5	0	2	0	2	18
March		0	18	2	I	0	0	2	23
April	:	0	9	I	I	0	0	2	13
May		0	15	0	3	0	I	2	21
June		0	12	2	0	1	0	I	16
July		0	II	0	0	0	0	2	13
August		0	15	2	0	I	0	I	19
September		0	34	I	0	2	0	I	38
October		0	63	2	0	0	0	2	67
November		0	43	0	0	4	0	5	52
December		0	42	2	I	2	0	3	50
		-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_
			273	21	6	13	I	24	338
		_	-	-	- Table -	-	-	100	1

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dical Notification.	Med	53	53	63	53	44	44	55	120	36	56	23	27	56	12	10	10	13
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		1891	2601	1093	1004	1995	807	8681	6681	0061	1901	1902	1904	1905	9061	2061	996	016

The following cases from the Borough of Todmorden have been treated in Hospital during the year 1910:—

		(Cases.	D	eaths.	
Fielden	Hospital—Diphtheria		II		0	
	Hospital—Typhoid Fever					
	Hospital—Scarlatina					
Sourhall	Hospital		0		0	

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES W. THORP, F.R.C.S.I., etc.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE C. 1910.

BOROUGH OF TODMORDEN SANITARY DISTRICT.

Water Supply-

Any development during 1910?-72 houses connected to public supply.

Developments still needed?—A good many more houses would be much better if supplied with the public water.

Any complaints as to (a) insufficiency?—Yes; where private supplies are intermittent and short in dry times.

- (b) Unsatisfactory quality?—Public water supply excellent
- (c) Plumbo solvent action?—None at present.

Sewerage-

Developments during 1910?—1 mile 1,478 yards of sewers laid.

Developments still needed?—Many houses yet remain to be connected with main sewers—are being taken in rotation.

Sewage Disposal—

Any complaint as to outfall works?-No.

Scavenging-

Any inadequacy, and where?-No.

By-Laws and Regulations—

Any adopted or sanctioned during 1910?—No.

Adoptive Acts—

Any steps taken for the consideration, adoption, or application of:—

- (a) Notification of Births Act, 1907?—No.
- (b) Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907?—Yes.

What sections?—15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, comprised in Part II.; Sections 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, 50, and 51, comprised in Part III.; Sections 58, 61, and 65, comprised in Part IV.; Part V., Part VI.; and Sections 81 and 86 of Part VII.; and Part VIII.

(c) Other Adoptive Acts?-None this year.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in District.	No. on Register	No. In- spected	General Conditions.	Legal proceedings (if any,
Common Lodging Houses	5	5	91	Fair	
Canal Boats			24	Generally satisfactory.	
Slaughter Houses	20	20	315	Mostly good; a few	
Cowsheds	223	223	170	unsatisfactory Generally in fair con- dition.	
Milk Purveyors	93	93		dition.	
Offensive Trades 4 Tripe Boiling					
1 Gut Scraping	5	5	30	Fairly satisfactory.	

Cowsheds-

Any special inspection made during 1910?—No. Cowsheds inspected annually.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of Dairy Cows?—None.

Infectious Disease-

Any suspected spread by rats, dogs, cats, fowls, flies, or fleas?—No.

What arrangements for supply of Antitoxin?—Diphtheria Antitoxin supplied free for necessitious cases.

Isolation Hospital-

Any observation on adequacy or efficiency?—Overcrowded during height of epidemic of scarlet fever.

Is any part used for other purpose than that originally intended?—No.

Schools-

Any investigations undertaken by M.O.H.?-No.

Prevention of Consumption-

What system of notification?—Only such as Poor Law requires.

Its success?—Has no effect so far as I can see.

What arrangement for treatment of Patients on sanatorium lines?—None.

Any Sanitary Inspection of Patients' Houses?-No.

Any Disinfection of ditto?—Yes, by request. Any Distribution of Advice?—Not this year.

Any Action re Spitting?-No.

Any Disinfection of public rooms, vehicles, etc. ?- No.

Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act-

No. of houses inspected during 1910?-647.

No. of houses represented as unfit for habitation?—5: dealt with under section 15 of H.T.P., etc., Act, 1909.

No. of houses dealt with by Closing Orders?—None.

Are there any other houses unfit for habitation?—A few blocks scheduled for inspection.

Is House-to-House Inspection systematically made?—Yes. Are records kept in accordance with the "Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910"?—Yes.

Are there any working-class dwellings erected by the Sani-

tary Authority?—No.

Any special activity in house building?—No. No. of new houses built during 1910?—58. General character?—Cottages.

Infantile Mortality-

What organised effort to control it?—None. Is Health Visitor appointed by S.A.?—No. By other body?—No.

Nuisances-

Total number of Nuisances in hand at close of 1909?—23. At close of 1910?—45.

Reported during 1910?-361.

Abated during 1910?-339.

Total No. of Legal Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances during 1910?—169.

Total No. of Summonses and other Legal Proceedings?—2. No. of Sink wastes disconnected during 1910?—11.

Trapped?—3.

No. of Closets newly constructed during 1910?-70.

Kinds?—Water-closets 66; tub-closets 4.

No. of Closets reconstructed during 1910?—168. Kinds?—Tub-closets converted into water-closets.

Miscellaneous-

Mean Temperature for 1910?-Not known.

Rainfall?—Fielden Hospital 46.59 ins., Sourhall Hospital 60.61 ins.

What mortuary accommodation (a) for accidents, etc.?—One. (b) for infectious cases?—Two at hospitals.

No. of burial grounds?-10.

Seizures of Unsound Food?—12. Prosecutions?—None. No. of Samples of Food and Drugs analysed in 1910?—19. Prosecutions?—None.

No. of Smoke observations taken?—38. Legal Notices?—7. Summonses?—1.

Births during 1910-

Males?—229. Females?—254. Total?—483.

No. illegitimate, included in above?—21. No. of Still Births (not included)?—No record.

Deaths during 1910-

- (1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the district, without any correction?—365.
- (2) Nett Deaths, on which the rates are calculated, Males 180; Females 183; Total 363. Number uncertified, included in the above?—3.

Sanitary Requirements of District, and Suggestions of Medical Officer of Health:—Only what is above referred to.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORK-PLACES, AND HOMEWORK.

I.—INSPECTION

I.—INSPECTION.		
	No. of V Inspec- N tions.	
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	24	6
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)		4
Total		
10tai	119	10
II.—DEFECTS.		
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:-		
		Reme
Went of Cleanliness		d died
Want of Cleanliness	-	5
Other Nuisances	I	0
Sanitary Accommodation:—		
Insufficient	. 5	4
Unsuitable or Defective		8
(2 from previous year).		
Not Separate for Sexes	. 1	1
Total		18
1 Ocal	. 10	10
III.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS	· .	
Workshops on Register at end of year		. 81
Domestic Workshops		
Bakehouses		
Total Number of Workshops on Re	gister	126

IV.—OTHER MATTERS.

Matters Notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:-	
Failure to Affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshops Act	0
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act:—	
Notified by H.M. Inspector	8
Underground Bakehouses:—	
Certificates granted during the year In use at the end of the year	0

Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report for 1910.

Town Hall, Todmorden,
April, 1911.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Todmorden.

Gentlemen,-

I beg to submit my report for the year ending December 31st, 1910, being my Fifteenth Annual Report.

SCAVENGING.

The work of scavenging the Borough has proceeded on the usual lines during the past year. The emptying of a large proportion of the nightsoil into the tank near the Gas Works, from which it is gradually delivered into the main sewer, has proved of great advantage. Since the system got into proper working order, no complaints have been made as to any nuisance arising therefrom, and the saving in the cost of team labour is considerable.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION IN THE BOROUGH.

The Health Committee is to be congratulated on having at last seriously taken in hand the conversion of tub-closets to the water carriage system. During the last six months of the year, after the re-sewering of the streets on the Roomfield Estate, notices were served for the conversion of 193 tub-closets on this estate into water-closets. Of this number 104 conversions had been carried out by the end of the year, and others were in progress.

In addition 37 conversions have been carried out in other parts of the Borough, chiefly in the Cornholme district, where new sewers have been laid in the streets, and notices have recently been served for the conversion of many others in the same locality.

Practically all the new property erected within the last few years has been put on the water carriage system, so that by continuing the present policy of converting the existing tubclosets to water-closets a great improvement in the sanitary condition of the Borough may be anticipated within the next few years.

The number and kind of existing closets in the Borough are approximately as follows:—

Tub Closets	
Water Closets	
Waste Water Closets	415
Trough Closets	126
	5,064
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SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under the above Acts, 19 samples of new milk were taken and forwarded to the Public Analyst for the West Riding, who reported that all the samples were genuine.

The average percentage of fat in the nineteen samples was 3.63, and of non-fatty solids 9.12. The variations were from 3.01 to 4.71 per cent. of fat, and from 8.59 to 9.47 per cent. of non-fatty solids. (The standard fixed by the Board of Agriculture is 3 per cent. fat, and 8.5 per cent. non-fatty solids).

The figures show the milk supply of the Borough generally to be of good quality.

SMOKE OBSERVATIONS.

Forty-one observations, of one hour's duration each, were taken of factory chimneys. In six instances the amount of black smoke emitted during the hour exceeded the limit of six minutes allowed by the Council. In each case notices of abatement were served, and subsequent inspections were for the most part of a more favourable character. In the case of one mill, however, no improvement resulted, and other unfavourable observations having been taken and reported to the Council, legal proceedings were taken against the firm, and an order of abatement with costs, was obtained.

CANAL BOATS.

The number of canal boats inspected during the year was twenty-four.

The following two contraventions of the Canal Boats Act or Regulations were met with:—

One boat needed renewal of paint in both cabins.

One boat with no date on certificate.

In both cases the infringements were brought to the notice of the owners of the boats, and have been remedied.

No legal proceedings have been found necessary in respect of the infringements met with.

With the exception of the cases mentioned, the general condition of the boats was satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

During the year, the sanitary accommodation at twentyfour factories was inspected; and ninety-five inspections of workshops (including bakehouses) were made.

The defects met with may be classified as follows:	_
Factories with insufficient closet accommodation	
Factories with defective or unsuitable closet ac-	W.
commodation	2
Factories with dirty sanitary conveniences	3
***	5
Workshops requiring repairs	I
Workshops with no separate closet accommoda-	
tion	1
Workshops with no closet accommodaion	
Workshops with defective sanitary conveniences	1

In two cases no action was taken by the Health Committee. In the remaining cases the various defects have been remedied with the exception of two, which are having attention.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A total of 278 inspections were made with respect to the occurrence of 260 cases of Scarlet Fever, 12 cases of Typhoid Fever, 24 cases of Diphtheria, and 3 of Membranous Croup. In only a few of the cases of typhoid fever and diphtheria were any insanitary conditions found at the houses occupied by the patients, and in these cases the defects, relating chiefly to drainage and in one case to water supply, have been made good. The cases of these two diseases were scattered over the Borough, and in no case could a connection with a previous one be traced.

Of the scarlet fever cases, a large proportion occurred amongst the scholars attending the Roomfield Elementary School, over 70 cases being notified amongst these scholars during the four months ending 31st December, 1910.

This and other schools were regularly fumigated during the epidemic by the staff of the Health Department.

In one case proceedings were taken against the parents of a child who was sent to school and otherwise exposed, whilst in the peeling stage of scarlet fever, and a conviction obtained.

HOUSE DRAINAGE.

During the year practically all the old sewers on the Roomfield Estate were abolished, or, where fit for the purpose, retained for surface water only, and new sewers provided in their place. Several of the streets in the Cornholme district were similarly dealt with. As a result, in both districts, a large number of defective drains have been relaid, properly trapped, and connected to the new sewer.

In addition the conversion of the existing closet accommodation to the water-carriage system made good progress in the latter half of the year, as previously mentioned.

This question is having my attention, and at the end of another year I hope to be able to report still further progress in this direction.

The sewering of Hollins Road in Walsden, where no sewer previously existed, has also been carried out during the year, and the connection of house drains to the new sewer is at present having attention.

As a result the nuisance caused by the discharge of sewage on to the hillside will soon be a thing of the past.

A considerable amount of routine work in the cleansing and repairing of drains for the abatement of nuisances has been also carried out during the year under my supervision.

UNSOUND FOOD.

The unsound food condemned and destroyed during the year included the fore-quarters of two cows, and several diseased organs of pigs, cows, etc. In all cases the animals were tuberculous. In some instances the diseased carcases were met with in the course of my visits to the slaughter-houses on killing-days; in others I was sent for by the butchers to examine the slaughtered animals.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

During the year 170 farms have been visited, with 279 shippons, and 80 cellars, or other places, used for the storage of milk.

The defects met with in the course of these inspections may be classified as follows:—

Cowsheds	in d	irty state			 	 	9
Cowsheds	with	interiors	in bac	l repair	 	 	2

The works carried out during the year in pursuance of notices served under the Dairies and Cowsheds Orders (including a few standing over from the previous year) have been as follows:—

Cowsheds	with	floors	relaid	with	proper	fall	to	
trapped	drain	s						3
Cowsheds								7
Cowsheds	provid	ded wit	h prope	er ligh	iting and	d ven	itil-	
ation								
Cowsheds	provid	ded wit	h prop	er dra	inage			I

Amongst the farmers generally, the necessity for cleanliness, both in the cowsheds and in connection with the storage and distribution of milk, is becoming more and more recognised. In a few cases I noticed the adoption of the very desirable practise of wearing clean overalls when milking.

The attention which has been drawn to the milk question in recent years has undoubtedly had a good effect in raising the standard of cleanliness in the premises from which milk, etc., are supplied to the public.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACTS.

The powers conferred by section fifteen of the above Act have been found very useful in securing the removal of defects and the improvement of conditions which it was difficult to effect under the powers previously possessed under the Public Health Acts. The general character of most of the cettage property in the Borough is good, especially that erected in recent years, but in some parts of the Borough houses of an old type occur, and it is in regard to these more especially that the new powers are likely to be of the greatest service.

A total of 647 inspections were made during the year in the course of a systematic house-to-house survey, chiefly in the Roomfield, Hollins Road, and Cornholme districts. The laying of new street sewers in these districts made it possible to remedy many defects arising from faulty house drains, and to secure the conversion of a large number of tub-closets to the water-carriage system, as already reported. Towards the end of the year, a group of cottages in Cobden, which had been allowed to fall into very bad internal repair, was inspected and notices served on the owner to make the houses reasonably fit for habitation.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. ROGERS, A.R.San.Inst.,

Sanitary Inspector.

BOROUGH OF TODMORDEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR 1910.
Inspections of Premises:—Total
SUMMARY OF WORKS CARRIED OUT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICES, etc., DURING THE YEAR 1910.
House Drainage—
I. Waste pipes disconnected from house drains
Sanitary Conveniences—
1. Tub closets converted into water-closets
6. Urinals repaired, cleansed, etc I

Factories, Workshops, and Bakehouses—	
1. Existing sanitary accommodation in factories im-	
proved	4
2. Factories provided with succeent and suitable closet	
accommodation	4
3. Workshops ditto	3
4. Workshops cleansed, limewashed, etc	2
Cowsheds and Dairies—	
1. Cowsheds provided with improved ventilation	I
2. Cowsheds provided with improved drainage	1
3. Cowsheds cleansed, limewashed, etc	7
4. Shippon floors relaid	3
Miscellaneous—	
No. of schools disinfected	25
No. of seizures of unsound food	12
No. of houses cleansed, repaired, limewashed, etc	14
No. of cases of overcrowding abolished	9
No. of accumulations of manure, house refuse, etc.,	
removed	25
No. of yards repaired, flagged, ashphalted, etc	I
No. of ash-pits closed	2
Water supplies properly piped	4
mater supplies property pipet	- 1

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