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WALSINGHAM

RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

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 VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1909.
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Area of Rural Sanitary District	73,837 acres.
Estimated Population	17,500

Births.

			Males.		Females.		Total.
Legitimate	...	...	158	...	166	...	324
Illegitimate	...	...	12	...	24	...	36
							360

Birth-rate = 20·6 per 1,000 of the population.

Increase of Births over Deaths = 129.

Deaths.

			Males.		Females.		Total.
			114	...	118	...	232

Death-rate = 13·2 per 1,000 of the population.

Zymotic Death-rate = 0·4 per 1,000 of the population.

Death-rate at and over 65 = 7.6 per 1,000 of the population.

„ from Cancer = 1.25.

„ „ Tubercular Diseases = 0.8.

„ „ Heart Disease = 2.4.

„ „ Non-Tubercular Diseases of the Respiratory
Organs = 1.4.

Infantile Mortality = 75 per 1,000 Births.

Deaths according to Ages.

Under 1 year	27
From 1 to 5 years	7
„ 5 „ 15	„	...	3
„ 15 „ 25	„	...	8
„ 25 „ 65	„	...	53
„ 65 and upwards	134
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The Principal Causes of Death.

Whooping Cough	4
Diphtheria	1
Influenza	2
Phthisis	10
Other Tubercular Diseases	...	...	...	2
Cancer	...	...	...	22
Bronchitis	...	...	...	16
Pneumonia	...	...	...	8
Premature Birth	...	...	...	5
Heart Disease	...	...	...	42
Accidents	6
Suicide	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage	15
Senile Decay	39
All other causes	58
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Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1909.

Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether
occurring in or beyond the District:—

CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and up- wards.
Whooping Cough	4	2	2	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Fever (Continued)	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
Epidemic Influenza	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
Diarrhœa	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	10	—	1	—	4	5	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases..	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Cancer, Malignant Disease ..	22	—	—	—	—	14	8
Bronchitis	16	1	2	—	—	1	12
Pneumonia	8	3	2	—	—	2	1
Alcoholism	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Premature Birth	5	5	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases and Accidents of Parturition	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Heart Diseases	42	1	—	—	—	9	32
Accidents	6	1	—	—	1	3	1
Suicide	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
Epilepsy	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Cerebral Hemorrhage	15	—	—	—	—	1	14
Senile Decay	39	—	—	—	—	—	39
Convulsions.. .. .	3	2	—	—	1	—	—
All other causes	46	8	—	2	1	9	26
All causes	232	27	7	3	8	53	134

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1909 and Previous Years.

YEAR. 1	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. 2	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.			
		Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.		Rate.* 8	
		Number. 3	Rate.* 4	Number. 5	Rate per 1,000 Births registered. 6		Number. 7
1899.	17,346	436	25.1	74	169	259	14.9
1900.	17,346	452	26.05	52	115	281	16.1
1901.	17,117	445	25.7	46	104	242	14.1
1902.	17,117	426	24.8	38	89	250	14.6
1903.	17,117	403	23.5	28	69	195	11.3
1904.	17,117	431	25.1	50	116	222	12.8
1905.	17,117	411	24	35	85	221	12.9
1906.	17,307	397	23.1	35	88	204	11.8
1907.	17,500	387	22.1	46	119	222	12.6
1908.	17,500	361	20.6	31	87.9	208	11.8
Averages for Years 1899-1908.	17,243	414	23.7	43	104	230	13.5
1909.	17,500	360	20.6	27	75	232	13.2

* Rates in Columns 4 and 8 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1909 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	FAKENHAM.			WALSINGHAM.			WELLS.		
	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.
1906	7,440	163	76	6,592	174	87	3,094	74	40
1907	7,440	159	86	6,592	167	102	3,094	63	34
1908	7,440	165	81	6,592	150	95	3,094	44	32
1909	7,440	146	104	6,592	162	101	3,094	52	27

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1909.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.		
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.						Fakenham District.	Walsingham District.	Wells District.
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.			
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	18	5	12	1	—	—	8	—	10	
Erysipelas ...	6	—	—	—	6	—	3	2	1	
Scarlet Fever ...	30	4	19	5	2	—	6	19	5	
Enteric Fever ...	3	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	1	
Tuberculosis ...	6	—	—	2	4	—	2	4	—	
Totals ...	63	10	32	9	12	—	21	25	17	

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Isolation Hospital: Name and Situation—Thursford.

Total Beds available = 2. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated = 1.

Infantile Mortality during the Year 1909.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.											Total Deaths under One Year.		
	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	4-5 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	9-10 Months.		10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.
ALL CAUSES—Certified ...	6	3	1	1	11	4	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	27
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Enteritis ...	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal Catarrh ...	—	—	—	—	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Premature Birth ...	4	1	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Congenital Defects ...	1	1	—	—	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
Injury at Birth ...	1	—	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus ...	—	—	1	1	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Convulsions ...	—	—	—	—	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Bronchitis ...	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Suffocation, overlying ...	—	1	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Causes ...	—	—	—	—	...	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	3

Population (estimated to middle of 1909) = 17,500. Births in the year { Legitimate = 324. Illegitimate = 36.

Deaths in the year of { Legitimate Infants = 23. Illegitimate Infants = 4.

Deaths from all Causes at all Ages = 231.

Infectious Diseases.

		Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric.	Erysipelas.	Tuber- culos.
Fakenham	...	3	—	1	2	—
Melton Constable		18	—	—	2	—
West Raynham	...	1	7	—	—	—
Blakeney	... ..	5	—	1	—	—
Stiffkey	... ..	—	10	—	1	—
Great Snoring	...	—	—	1	—	1
Swanton Novers	...	1	—	—	—	1
Sculthorpe	...	—	1	—	—	—
Egmere	... ..	—	—	—	—	1
Hempton	...	—	—	—	—	2
Great Ryburgh	...	1	—	—	—	—
Helhoughton	...	1	—	—	—	—
Wighton	... ..	—	—	—	1	—
Bale	... ..	—	—	—	—	1
		<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

Total 63

REPORT.

Reviewing the vital statistics the death-rate of 13·2 is about the average for the last ten years; the birth-rate of 20·6 is the same as last year, but has only retained this position at the expense of 36 illegitimate births, at the rate of 10 per cent. of the total number of births. The birth-rate still represents the lowest recorded in the district.

The Infantile Mortality of 75 per 1,000 births is slightly lower than last year, and is satisfactory.

The death-rate from Tubercular Diseases is about the same as it has been for the last few years, namely 0·8; while the death-rate from Cancer is slightly higher, 1·25, compared with 0·9. Again no instances have come under my notice of any special distribution of Cancer in the district.

The death-rate at and over 65 increases yearly, and is now 7·6 per 1,000.

The general health of the district during the year has again been good, there having been no great contrast in heat and cold and no severe epidemic of influenza.

Zymotic Diseases were less prevalent than in the previous year, 57 cases occurring in 10 different parishes, and 6 cases of Tuberculosis in 5 parishes.

Scarlet Fever occurred in seven parishes, the majority of the cases being in Melton Constable, where, during the year, there have been eighteen cases of a very mild type, and, in consequence, do not come under observation at the onset of the disease, with the result that the epidemic has been prolonged by cases that probably have never been recognised; the school has several times been inspected and suspicious cases investigated.

Enteric Fever.—There were only three cases notified during the year, this being the lowest number ever recorded in the district.

Diphtheria.—There were several cases in the early part of the year remaining from the long drawn-out epidemic in West Raynham, and in October there was an outbreak in Stiffkey, which was the subject of a special report made to the Council in November; with the aid of a nurse, who was able to help the enforcement of the isolation of the patients and contacts, I am glad to say that the epidemic was confined solely to the original centre of five houses.

A small isolation cottage would have been of great assistance and simplified precautionary measures, but none was obtainable.

The Schools were not closed, but the children from outlying villages were kept away.

I still maintain that it would be feasible for the larger towns and groups of villages to have a cottage in reserve for the isolation of suitable cases, and that this would be preferable to an Isolation Hospital for the whole of the district. In an average year we have to deal with about eighty cases of Infectious Disease.

The same measures for disinfection have been observed as in the last year, namely, gas evolved from Formic Aldehyde cones, and the wall sprayed with the same disinfectant.

Compensation has been paid in four instances for infected articles destroyed.

The Council now defray the cost of Anti-toxin in all pauper cases and also in those who are unable to afford the heavy expense. All the Diphtheria cases are verified by swabbing, and none are allowed free from isolation until certified free; contacts also are swabbed to discover "carriers," who are the chief source of the continuance of an epidemic of Diphtheria.

Vaccination.—

NUMBER OF VACCINATION EXEMPTIONS.

District.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	Av'r'ge.
Fakenham ..	16	13	15	8	5	13	20	19	49	38	19.6
Walsingham ..	23	22	24	25	18	15	18	19	31	26	22.1
Wells	3	4	—	—	5	4	3	4	26	27	7.6
	42	39	39	33	28	32	41	42	106	91	

The number of exemptions is slightly less than last year, but is still more than double of previous years—25 per cent. of the children remaining unvaccinated.

Tuberculosis.—Only six among pauper cases have been notified during the year, all occurring in late middle life. In these, special instructions have been given as regards disinfection of sputum and the use of separate sleeping rooms.

The death-rate from Tubercular Diseases, 0.8, has remained about the same for the last five years.

The cockle and mussel beds at Stiffkey and Blakeney have again been inspected, and the mussel-lay holders at Blakeney have been circularized, drawing their attention to the dangerous practice of storing the mussels within the neighbourhood of the sewer outfall in the harbour.

Systematic inspection of the district has been carried out during the year.

Cow-sheds and Dairies have been visited and inspected during the year. I think it would be more satisfactory if

the Council would appoint a Veterinary Surgeon, who would periodically inspect and report on the cows.

Sewerage and Drainage.—The main sewers in the various parishes have been examined and repaired when necessary.

About 2,000 yards of new sewers have been laid in the following parishes:—

Wighton	..	..	..	..	..	66 yards.	
Field Dalling	..	..	..	..	..	12	„ extension.
„	„	..	..	..	..	45	„ relaid.
West Raynham	..	..	..	..	..	600	„
Hempton	..	..	..	..	..	20	„
Fakenham	..	..	..	..	..	1,379	„

A complete system of sewers with a small purification plant was installed in West Raynham, and this has worked satisfactorily.

As the result of my report on the sanitary condition of the village of Stiffkey in November a scavenger has been appointed for the village, now making the fourth parish in which the scavenging is undertaken by the Council under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector. I would like to see the parishes of Blakeney, Melton Constable, Great Ryburgh, and the Raynham District adopt the plan of dealing with the accumulation of house refuse which invariably takes place when left to individual effort.

The replacement of the privy middens and vaults by the pail system is steadily going on in the district.

The scheme for the sewerage disposal at Fakenham is still in abeyance, owing to the great objection taken to the proposed site of the sewerage farm, and negotiations are now taking place for the purchase of fifteen acres of land on a site within the parish boundaries.

A scheme for the sewerage disposal at the workhouse is under consideration.

The Melton Sewerage Works have been in good working order during the year, and instructions have been given to

the Sanitary Inspector to prepare plans and estimates for the remodelling of filter No. 2.

Nuisances.—In dealing with 533 nuisances no legal proceeding has so far been necessary.

Water Supply.—Twenty-eight samples of water were submitted to analysis during the year; eight showed signs of contamination, six of these wells were cleaned out and the water passed on subsequent analysis, and two were closed and new wells sunk. The excessive rainfall of the past year caused the surface wells, on which the district depends for its water supply, to be very full, and in the majority of the cases the analysis was undertaken at the request of the tenants.

The public water supply of Fakenham still remains under consideration.

There are no common lodging-houses in the district. The bye-laws framed to control and supervise the erection of new buildings have been in force since June, 1908. Twenty-four plans of buildings have been submitted and approved; in ten instances some slight alterations as regards drainage were necessary.

Several cases of insanitary property have been dealt with under the Housing of the Working Classes Act. There remain in Stiffkey several properties with which the Council will have to deal under this Act.

Seven cases of overcrowding have come under notice during the past year. Insufficient accommodation for the labouring man with a large family still exists. The problem is difficult to solve, as he is unable to pay the rent for a larger house, and the outlay required to build such a house does not yield, at the rent that can be obtained, sufficient interest to recoup the builder.

Schools.—The Gunthorpe Schools were closed from October 18th to November 12th on account of Measles, and the

Barsham and West Raynham Schools for Influenza and Measles from December 15th over the Christmas holidays.

At the Stibbard and Field Dalling Schools the sanitary conveniences have all been remodelled.

The Medical Officer of Health is now notified by the teacher of the school of any known or suspected case of Infectious Disease occurring among the scholars.

Slaughter-houses.—The slaughter-houses have all been visited in the course of the Inspector's work. Any suspicious carcasses are reported to the Medical Officer of Health. There are some 105 slaughter-houses in the district. It is impossible in a district of this size to visit them all at the time of slaughtering. The Sanitary Inspector does not hold a special certificate in meat inspection. No carcasses have been found to be tuberculous.

The Notification of Births Act has not been adopted in the district.

The existing factories are the same as last year, and have all been inspected and found in a satisfactory sanitary condition. Appended are details of visits paid to workshops and work-places.

W. H. FISHER,

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1909,
on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in
connection with

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

I.—INSPECTION.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Writt'n Notices (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	10	1	—
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	98	10	—
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report)	92	2	—
TOTAL.. .. .	200	13	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecu- tions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—*</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	10	10	—	—
Want of Ventilation	1	1	—	—
Over-crowding	1	1	—	—
Want of Drainage of floors	1	1	—	—
Other Nuisances	30	30	—	—
Sanitary accommo- dation. { insufficient	—	—	—	—
{ unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	—	—	—	—
Breach of special sanitary require- ments for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)	—	—	—	—
Other Offences (Excluding offences relating to out- work which are included in Part 3 of this report)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	43	43	—	—

* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8, of the Factory and Workshop Act as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SANITARY AND BUILDING INSPECTOR.

Herewith I have much pleasure in placing before you my Third Annual Report of the work done in the administration of the Public Health Act, 1875, and other Acts, together with the Council's Bye-laws, with respect to slaughter-houses, tents, vans and sheds, new buildings, etc.

In the abatement of Nuisances, enquiries into cases of infectious diseases, and in the general discharge of the duties devolving upon this office, much useful work has been carried out, and again it is gratifying to note that though 165 preliminary notices and 27 statutory have been served for various reasons, it has not been found necessary to take legal proceedings for the enforcement of the Council's authority.

Sixty-three cases of infectious disease were notified to me by the Medical Officer of Health, and necessitated 265 visits for the purpose of making enquiries with a view to ascertaining the cause of the disease, to see that isolation of the patients was maintained throughout the period of infection, to give advice or caution so as to prevent the spread of infection, and to make an inspection of the sanitary condition of the premises; and when certified free from infection by the medical attendant, attention is paid to the disinfection of the bedding, clothing, and various apartments in the dwelling, also to the cleansing and stripping of the walls where necessary.

Infectious
Disease.

Disinfection of
Premises and
Bedding.

Disinfection of premises and bedding is carried out by the application of Formic Aldehyde, and the Council possess an up-to-date portable appliance for carrying on this important work, viz. :—Schering's Double Formalin Spraying Machine, together with two Alformant Lamps (for use with dry formalin tablets), and in this manner 195 rooms in 65 houses, including one caravan dwelling, the lying-in ward at the Workhouse, and one public school on two occasions have been disinfected.

Reports to
Medical Officer
of Health.

All information obtained is submitted to the Medical Officer of Health, and the matters contained therein dealt with according to his instructions.

School Books.

All books belonging to the Public School Libraries are collected from the infected houses and destroyed by burning, as we do not possess any other sure means for their disinfection, some ten books have been dealt with in this manner.

Cases of
Phthisis.

The fatal cases of Phthisis occurring in this district are reported to me, the houses are subsequently visited and arrangements made for the special disinfection of the rooms which have been occupied by the patients. In only one instance has my services in this direction been declined.

Compensation.

Clothing and Bedding have been destroyed in four instances by order of the Medical Officer of Health, and compensation to the value of £3 12s. 6d. paid to the owners.

Disinfectants.

Disinfectants and soap are supplied free during the period of isolation.

Public
Elementary
Schools.

In the course of my village inspections the sanitary conveniences and drains are frequently inspected. During the year the sanitary conveniences of the Field Dalling and Stibbard Schools have been remodelled. In the last-named school the "Improved Dry Excreta System," which you will remember I suggested to the Norfolk Education Committee last year, has been installed.

The systematic collection of house-refuse in the parishes of Fakenham, Hempton, Walsingham and Stiffkey is being carried out under my supervision, and I should like to see the system extended to other parishes. With the advent of the village scavenger is seen the abolition of a great number of foul privies and ash-pits, and the adoption of the less objectionable pail closet and portable ash-bin. During the year under observation 45 pail closets have taken the place of 32 insanitary privy midden closets, and 10 built ash-bins and 14 portable bins have been provided for house refuse.

Village
Scavenging.

Closet
Conversions.

Twenty-eight complaints have been received by letters, which, on investigation, were found to relate principally to closets, defective drainage and overcrowding, and the necessary steps required in each case were taken to remove the cause of complaint.

Complaints.

One hundred and sixty-five preliminary and 27 statutory notices have been served for the abatement of 533 nuisances and other causes, and in the supervision of the work required by the before-mentioned notices I estimate that over 1,500 visits have been made.

Nuisances.

Ten stores are now licensed by the Council, being an addition of one over the number under observation last year.

Petroleum
Stores.

During the year 70 houses have been connected up to the Council's sewers in various parts of the district. Thirty-four premises have been examined and the smoke test applied in 18 instances, and it was found necessary in 10 instances to entirely reconstruct the drains.

Drains.

The hydraulic test is applied to all new systems of drains, and the smoke test to existing drains only, and in this way many defects have been revealed which it were impossible to observe from a superficial inspection.

Drain Tests.

At West Raynham the whole of the private drain work

and connections were carried out by the Council's workmen by arrangement with the Marquis of Townsend's agent.

Piped Sewers. Repairs and extensions of piped sewers have kept me very busy during the year, the most important of which are :—

West Raynham.—The main portion of this village was entirely reseeded by direct labour under my supervision. Some 750 yards of pipes were laid, together with manholes, inspection eyes and vent columns, and a small purification works, consisting of a septic tank and gravel filter, was installed to purify the sewage before discharging into the Park Lake, at a cost of £120.

Fakenham.—The drainage of "The Heath" was next put in hand and carried out by contract. Some 438 yards of pipes were laid, together with manholes and vent columns, and a small purification works installed, consisting of settling tank and land drainage, at a cost of £45 7s. 3d.

In the reseeded of Sculthorpe Road, Hempton Road, and part of Hayes Lane, some 706 yards were laid, together with other works, at a cost of £213 5s. 2d. A new sewer was also laid through Butcher's Lane, and some 90 yards taken up and relaid on the Wells Road, as was also the sewer at the back of Rosemary Terrace.

Piped Sewers. A further extension to the *Wighton* sewer was made of 60 yards to permit of Mr. G. Potter's farm premises being connected up.

At *Little Walsingham*, owing to the very shallow depth of the existing sewers, continual repairs have to be made on account of their being broken in by heavy traffic.

At *Field Dalling* the main sewer was extended some 12 yards, and 45 yards were taken up, cleansed, and relaid.

At *Great Snoring* the main sewer had given way and caused a block, and on examination was found in a very defective condition. This was immediately remedied.

The open sewer drains, which are cleansed and mudded Open Sewers.
out twice during the year, are as follows:—

Fakenham	..	2,040 yards	..	6	collecting tanks for solids.
Sculthorpe	..	565	..	2	„ „ „ „
Hempton	..	310	..		„ „ „ „
Tatterford	..	250	..		„ „ „ „
Helhoughton	..	637	..		„ „ „ „
Field Dalling	..	957	..		„ „ „ „
Ryburgh	..	120	..		„ „ „ „
Wighton	..	150	..		„ „ „ „

In addition to the above work, many minor improvements, repairs, and slight reconstructions are always being required, and an occasional flushing, by means of a tank cart, would do much to prevent the silting up of some of the sewers.

One hundred and four cottages in the parish of Stiffkey were inspected in November owing to an outbreak of Diphtheria, and a special report on the sanitary condition of the parish was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health to the Council. The work of remedying the defects therein reported is in progress at the time of making this report.

Special
Inspections,
House to
House.

A village scavenger was appointed, and commenced his work at the beginning of the year 1910.

Twenty-eight samples have been taken for analysis, and in the first instance submitted to the Medical Officer of Health; six suspicious samples were submitted to the County Analyst. New wells were sunk to each of the new properties erected, and a water certificate granted before occupation.

Water Supply.

Twenty improved water supplies have been carried out, and in ten instances the wells were cleansed and repaired.

The village well in the *parish of Hempton* has been deepened and repaired, and a new iron column pump with gun-metal working barrel has been put down, and the whole surface around the dome of the well concreted, an access chamber being provided for repair purposes.

Village Wells.

The village well in the *parish of Great Snoring* has also been put into proper repair.

Insanitary
Property.

9 cottages in the Parish of Sculthorpe,
7 " " " " Sharrington,
2 " " " " Stibbard,
2 " " " " Fulmodestone,
4 " " " " Walsingham

have been reported upon, and the owners have carried out the orders of the Council and made the same fit for habitation. In the enforcement of these orders I have always endeavoured to give as much time as possible for the carrying out of the works, rather than ask for a closing order, because the housing accommodation is not all that one would desire by any means, and great hardship would be inflicted upon tenants of such houses by their being unable to find in the time at their disposal suitable houses in place of their old ones.

It has not been necessary to close any house during the year.

Cowsheds and
Dairies.

Inspection of these premises are made from time to time during the year. Three cow-keepers and purveyors of milk have been added to the register. Lime-washing and cleansing is regularly carried out.

Factories and
Workshops.

These premises are inspected from time to time as opportunity permits. Two cases of overcrowding have been dealt with. Verbal notice is all that is required in many instances to have the necessary cleansings carried out.

Slaughter-
houses,
Knackers'
Yards,
Fellmongers.

These premises have been regularly inspected, removal of garbage regularly, and the lime-washing of the premises have been insisted upon. Repairs to floors and drainage have been required in two instances.

Van-dwellers.

As mentioned in my last year's report the nuisance caused by van-dwellers camping on Hempton Green has been prevented, and the vans are not permitted to stay

on the Green except at Fair-time. But further trouble was experienced on some land on the Heath, Fakenham, and on notices being served on the persons letting the land for such a purpose to provide an wholesome supply of water and sufficient approved closet accommodation, they declined to allow the van-dwellers any further occupation of the land. During their stay four cases of overcrowding were discovered, but no cases of infectious disease.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON BUILDINGS, &c.

Parish.	Plans.	Houses.	Public buildings	Factories, workshops, &c.	Alterations, additions and various.	Totals.
Walsingham ..	1	—	1	—	—	1
Fakenham	6	3	2	2	1	8
Wighton	1	1	—	—	—	1
Stibbard	2	—	—	—	3	3
Helhoughton ..	1	—	—	—	1	1
Blakeney	4	3	1	—	1	5
Langham	1	1	—	—	—	1
Wiveton	1	—	—	—	1	1
Field Dalling ..	1	—	1	—	1	2
Briningham ..	2	—	—	—	4	4
Melton Constable	4	6	1	—	1	8
Totals	24	14	6	2	13	35

TABULATED REPORT AND SUMMARY OF WORK SENT IN
TO COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Population	17,500
Complaints received	28
Nuisances detected without complaint	497
Nuisances abated	385
Notices served	Preliminary 165, Legal 27
Summonses taken out	0
Convictions	0
Cottages inspected	327
Slaughter-houses inspected	(75 visits) 12
Bakehouses inspected.. .. .	(80 ,,) 32
Dairies and Milkshops inspected	} (124 ,,) { 38
Cowsheds inspected .. .. .		35
Workshops inspected	(220 ,,) 135
Filthy houses cleansed (including floors and bedding)	10
Houses disinfected (rooms 195, 1 school twice)	65
Overcrowding abated	7
Houses placed in habitable repair	24
Houses closed	0
Houses erected or rebuilt for which water certificates sought	24
Certificates granted	24
Certificates deferred	0
Wells sunk and improved supplies of water	20
Wells cleansed or repaired	10
Wells closed	2
Houses connected with sewer	70
Earth, pail or improved closets	45
Privies and w.c.'s repaired	14
W.c.'s supplied with water	8
Cisterns cleansed, repaired or covered	2
Animals improperly kept	5
Samples of water for analysis	28

Compensation paid for destruction of bedding, etc., £3 12s. 6d.

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