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Gentlemen

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the Wareham Rural Sanitary District for the year ending Dec. 31st 1908.

Area. The District comprises 93,098 acres, being the largest in Dorset.

Population. According to the Census of 1901 the population was 10,574 and is estimated to the middle of 1908 at 10,575, the same as last year.

Birth-Rate. There were 231 Births registered - a decrease of 15 on last year when the number was 246. This gives a Birth-rate of 21.8 per 1,000, that of the previous year being 23.2 per 1,000.


Death-Rate. There were 137 Deaths registered, including 11 which occurred outside the district, giving a death-rate of 12.9 per 1,000. The average age at death was 55 years, 5 months, 20 days.

Zymotic Disease. One death occurred from this disease.

Infant Mortality. There were 10 Deaths of Infants under one year, giving a rate of 43.2 per 1,000 births registered. This is a great improvement on former years.

General. Of the Deaths 11 were due to Malignant Disease, an increase of 4 on last year - 25 to Heart Disease - 7 to Pneumonia - 8 to Bronchitis - 5 to Premature Birth - 9 to Phthisis - 4 to Accidents - 3 to Suicide.

Of the Accidental Deaths 1 was by drowning - 2 by falls from waggons and breaking the neck - 1 from a fractured skull.



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Notification. I received 49 Certificates under the Notification of Diseases Act; viz. 39 from Scarlet Fever, a considerable decrease on last year - 4 from Enteric Fever - 3 from Diphtheria - 3 from Erysipelas.

12 of these cases occurred in No. 2. District - 9 in No. 1. - 11 in No. 3. - 7 in No. 4. The Scarlet Fever was of a mild type and two of the cases of Enteric were imported.

Water Supply. An improvement has certainly taken place in this matter. Many new wells have been dug or are in the course of construction. The supply at Corfe Castle has been taken in hand and I hope for a great improvement there.

Sewage & Drainage. Gradual improvements are being made each year. Earth closets are taking the place of Vault Privies whenever opportunities occur.

Cottage Accomodation. New cottages are being built but there is a great need for more in some districts.

Dairies, Slaughter-Houses Etc. I have made a particular inspection of Dairies. Since the passing of the Dairy Act many improvements have taken place and others are under way. When I have suggested alterations they have been willingly carried out.

General Character & Physical Features. This is a purely agricultural district. With the exception of the Clay Works and Cement Works there is little employment save on the land. It is a sparsely populated district and the system of drainage is the best that can be devised under present conditions. There is no public scavenger and the night-soil is dug into the ground.



The Water Supply at Corfe Castle gave some trouble during the summer months, partly due to the number of visitors in the village and partly to the springs running dry owing to drought. Steps are being taken to remedy matters.

More cottages are required in the district, some of those now inhabited being in bad condition.

The Isolation Hospital was open for about three months during the year owing to the outbreak of Scarlet Fever.

We have no Lodging-Houses or offensive trades in the district. The general condition at the end of the year was most satisfactory.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

Walter C. Courtenay

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Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

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Wareham

Feb. 1809

Gentlemen

I beg to submit for your perusal my Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the Borough for the year 1908.

AREA. The district comprises 251 acres.

POPULATION. At the last Census the population was 2,003 and is estimated to be the same to the middle of 1908.

DEATH-RATE. Including the Workhouse there were 35 deaths, 11 of which occurred among non-residents. This gives a death-rate of 12 per 1,000 - the lowest death-rate for the last nine years.

Of these deaths 4 were due to Heart Disease - 2 to Cancer - 1 to Pneumonia 1 to Bronchitis - 1 to Accident. The latter was due to a horse bolting and the man was a non-resident. The average age at death was 63 years.

INFANT MORTALITY. There was one death Under One Year due to Premature Birth. This gives a rate of 30.3 per 1,000 births registered - a great decrease on former years.

BIRTH-RATE. There were 33 births registered in the year, giving a birth-rate of 16.5. This is the lowest rate for the last ten years.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE. No death occurred from this.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. I received 7 Certificates under the Notification of Diseases Act viz. 5 from Scarlet Fever, 1 from Enteric, 1 from Erysipelas.

WATER SUPPLY. The water from the Water-works at Worgret is most satisfactory in every way.

condition of the country for the year 1917.

AREA. The district comprised 201 areas.

POPULATION. At the last Census the population was 4,000 and the increase

in the year to the middle of 1917.

DEATH-RATE. Including the deaths due to deaths, 13 of which

occurred among non-residents. This gives a death-rate of 12 per 1,000.

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the man was a non-resident. The average age at death was 46 years.

INFANT MORTALITY. There was one death under one year of age in

this district a rate of 50.5 per 1,000 births registered - 100 per 1,000

former years.

FIFTH YEAR. There were 65 births registered in the year ending 31st

rate of 10.5. This is the lowest rate for the last ten years.

SYMPTOM INDEX. No death occurred from this

INFECTION INDEX. I received 2 certificates under the notification

regarding Act No. 17 of 1917. I have received 1 from

WATER SUPPLY. The water from the water-works at

was in every way

SEWAGE & DRAINAGE. The drainage is still carried on by Vault Privies, but when opportunities occur Earth Closets are substituted. It would be an improvement if cesspools were emptied more regularly.

DAIRIES, BAKE-, SLAUGHTER-, & LODGING- HOUSES. An improvement has taken place and these are generally in a satisfactory condition.

GENERAL. Several alterations that were suggested have taken place in the workshops. It would be a great boon to the town if a public Slaughter-house were erected as I consider the present Slaughter-houses are too close to the dwelling-houses.

The new Alms Houses are now inhabited, but I should strongly advise the appointment of a resident Matron as there is no one at present to overlook the inmates.

The health of the town at the end of the year was quite satisfactory.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

*Katherine J. Conroy*

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