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**Death-rate, Comparative** The actual death-rate was 14·7 per 1000 persons, or corrected, as for purposes of comparison it should be, for local variations from the normal standard as regards age distribution, 15·7, while in England and Wales, generally, it was 16·6, that being by a considerable difference the lowest rate ever recorded.

**Deaths at several Ages.** Table II. shows the rates of mortality during the several periods of *infancy*, *youth*, *maturity*, and *old age*. It will be observed that the conditions were especially favourable to the two first groups.

**Deaths of Infants.** Of the 309 children born, thirty-three or 10·7 per cent. died before completing a year of life. The corresponding proportion in the whole country was 13·7; and the difference affords, perhaps, the most trustworthy evidence of the good sanitary condition of the town.

**Age at Death.** The mean age at death was forty years, ten months.

**Zymotic Diseases.** The seven principal zymotic diseases account for ten deaths. This number is much below the average annual number in Windsor, and gives a rate of 0·8 per thousand persons—less than half the corresponding rate for England and Wales.

**Diphtheria.** *Diphtheria* was notified in five cases, of which two were fatal; and one other death was attributed to *croup*. In none of these cases, with one doubtful exception, could the source of infection be discovered. It was pretty clear that the disease was not communicated by personal contagion, and the premises at which the cases occurred were all in good or fair sanitary condition.

**Scarlet Fever.** *Small-pox* was entirely absent, and there was no death from *measles*, nor from *scarlet fever*. Of the



latter disease, ten cases were notified. They were sporadic, and, with one exception, unconnected with one another, and of unknown origin. During the four years since the Notification Act came into operation in Windsor, scarlet fever has invaded eighty-two houses. In ten instances, only, has a second case appeared in the same house after the notification of the first, and once only after the house had been disinfected. The record would not, probably, have been much better if we had been provided with an isolation hospital.

*Whooping cough* was mildly epidemic during the last quarter of the year, but caused only one death. **Whooping Cough.**

Of *enteric fever*, six cases were reported, of which three were fatal. Of these cases, three occurred in the Barracks, and of the others the cause could not be discovered. **Enteric Fever.**

*Influenza* was epidemic at the beginning of the year, and reappeared—for the sixth time in as many years—at the close of it. But one death, however, was attributed to the disease, and it seems to be a general rule that in persons (and they are, I suppose, now the great majority) who have suffered former attacks, the disease tends to assume a less acute form. **Influenza.**

Creditable progress has been made in the suppression of the more prevalent sanitary offences. For instance, since it was determined that the presence of water-closets without water-supply should no longer be tolerated, 440 of them have been provided with proper flushing apparatus, and nuisances of this class will soon have disappeared.

Of the shallow wells, to the danger of which I have yearly called attention, forty-one have been during the year replaced by a supply of water from

the public mains, leaving not more than forty or perhaps fifty houses still supplied from private pumps.

During a systematic inspection of the poorer quarters, which I made in company with the Sanitary Inspector, a certain number of nuisances, mostly of a minor character, were observed, and these were promptly remedied.

I had occasion to report, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, of four houses that they were unfit for habitation, on the ground of general dilapidation, or of dampness. Of these, three have been more or less satisfactorily improved.

Of over-crowding, two cases only have required notice.

No legal proceedings with regard to nuisances, or to unsound food, have been necessary.

#### **The Flood.**

The great flood which took place in November last does not call for much remark here, inasmuch as it was not the cause of any notable injury to the public health. It is, however, impossible to doubt that the consequent dampness of the houses affected must have an unwholesome tendency. Perhaps it may be worth while to point out that the inundation within the limits of the Borough was not so extensive as strangers are apt to suppose. The area flooded within the Municipal district was, according to my estimate, about thirty-six acres, and contains about 350 houses, all being of the smaller sort.

The Small-pox Isolation Hospital has been maintained in good order, and is available in case of necessity.



Seven new dwelling-houses were completed during the year.

Details of the routine Sanitary work are given in the accompanying report of the Inspector of Nuisances.

The usual tables are appended.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD CASEY, M.D., B.S. LOND.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

PARK STREET, WINDSOR,

*March 5th, 1895.*



**TABLE I.**

Showing the Number and Rates of Births and Deaths from all causes and from several causes in the year 1894, and during the preceding ten years.

	Year 1894.	Mean 1884-93.
Population (estimated) .....	12610	
Births, Number (M. 161; F. 148) .....	309	304
Rate per 1000 persons.....	24.6	24.4
Deaths, corrected Number .....	185	198
Rate per 1000 persons.....	14.7	15.8
Deaths of Infants, Number.....	33	33
Rate per 1000 births .....	107	109
Deaths from Principal Zymotic Diseases, Number	10	16
Rate per 1000 persons.....	0.8	1.3
Deaths from Phthisis, Number .....	21	21
Rate per 1000 persons .....	1.7	1.7
Deaths from other Pulmonary Diseases, Number	27	38
Rate per 1000 persons.....	2.1	3.1
Death from Diseases of Heart .....	12	15
Rate per 1000 persons .....	1.0	1.2
Mean Age at Death .....	40y. 10m.	39y. 7m.

**TABLE II.**

Showing the Number of Deaths and Rates of Mortality at several Life-periods.

AGES.	1894.			Mean 1884-93.
	Number Living.	Deaths.	Death Rate.	Deaths, Number.
0— 5 Years .....	1187	49	41.3	56.3
5—25 Years .....	5269	15	2.8	19.7
25—65 Years .....	5515	70	12.7	66
65 Years and upwards	640	51	79.7	56.7

**TABLE III.**

Number of Cases notified and of Deaths from principal Zymotic Diseases in the year 1894, and during the preceding ten years.

	1894.		1884-93.
	Cases.	Deaths.	Deaths.
Small Pox .....	0	0	3
Diphtheria .....	5	2	15
Croup .....	—	1	14
Measles.....	—	0	33
Whooping Cough.....	—	1	31
Scarlet Fever .....	10	0	5
Enteric Fever .....	4	3	9
Diarrhœa .....	—	4	60
Puerperal Fever .....	1	0	7
Erysipelas .....	7	1	9
Influenza .....	—	2	12

**TABLE IV.**

Showing the Number of Deaths during each month of the year 1894 and the preceding ten years.

	1894.	Ten Years. 1884-93.
January .....	25	219
February .....	18	162
March .....	23	206
April .....	10	167
May .....	10	161
June .....	12	166
July .....	13	159
August .....	16	160
September .....	11	127
October.....	24	132
November.....	14	152
December.....	14	189



**A.—TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1894, in the Windsor Urban District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.**

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics, pub- lic institutions being shown as separate localities.	Mortality from all causes at subjoined Ages.						Mortality from subjoined causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five years of Age.																			
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.		Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea & Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	TOTAL.		
Windsor Parish (excluding Barracks and Infirmary)	106	21	8	0	3	41	33	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	...	0	4	0	2	15	29	
Clewer Within (excluding Barracks)	47	10	6	3	4	14	10	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	0	5	0	0	10	16	
Barracks (Horse and Foot)	8	0	0	0	1	7	0	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	...	...	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1	5	8
Royal Infirmary	29	0	4	5	3	12	5	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	2	2	7	4
TOTAL	190	31	18	8	11	74	48	Under 5 5 upwds.	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	9	0	2	29	49	141	
The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality.																										
Deaths occurring out- side the district among persons be- longing thereto.	15	2	0	0	0	5	8	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	1	2	
Deaths occurring with- in the district among persons not belong- ing thereto.	20	0	2	2	2	9	5	Under 5 5 upwds.	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	2	0	2	

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## The Inspector of Nuisances

### For the Year 1894.

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TO THE NEW WINDSOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the following Report on the Sanitary Work done during the twelve months ending the 31st of December, 1894.

A house to house inspection has been made of the following localities :—

	Times inspected.		Times inspected.
Arthur Road .....	1	Distil House Row .....	2
Albany Road .....	1	Datchet Road .....	1
Alma Cottages.....	2	Garden Court .....	2
Acre Passage .....	2	Goswell Lane .....	1
Adelaide Square .....	1	Grove Road .....	1
Brook Street .....	1	Helena Road .....	1
Bridgewater Terrace ...	2	James Street .....	1
Bachelors' Place .....	2	Keppel Street .....	1
Charles Street .....	1	Keppel Row.....	2
Church Lane .....	1	King's Road.....	1
Church Street .....	1	Leworth Place.....	1
Clarence Clump .....	3	Love Lane .....	2
Clarence Road.....	1	Market Street .....	1
Dagmar Road .....	1	Oxford Road .....	2
Devereux Road .....	1	Peascod Street .....	1



	Times inspected.		Times inspected.
Peascod Place.....	1	Thames Side .....	1
Red Lion Row .....	2	Thames Street.....	1
Russell Street .....	1	Victoria Cottages .....	2
Sheet Street.....	1	Victoria Street.....	1
South Place.....	2	William Street .....	1
Spinner's Walk .....	1	River Terrace .....	1
Spital to Boundary.....	1	Round's Court.....	1
St. Alban's Street .....	1	Haines Court .....	2
St. Leonard's Road.....	1	Wellington Square .....	3
Sydney Place .....	2	Waterloo Square.....	2
Temple Road .....	1		

House to House Inspection as to the following number of	
premises .....	1642
Special visitation on complaint .....	73
Re-inspections .....	471

Works carried out to procure abatement of Nuisances, and  
improvement of Sanitary fitting, as follows :—

House drains unstopped .....	14
New drain provided .....	11
Drains ventilated .....	16
Intercepting traps inserted .....	30
Drains repaired .....	23
Drains re-constructed .....	11
Drains tested .....	13
Drains, inlets to, re-trapped .....	21
Bell traps abolished .....	8
Soil pipes, new, provided .....	9
Water Closets unstopped .....	28
„ ventilated .....	4
„ provided with water and flushing apparatus .....	371
„ re-instated and repaired .....	84
„ provided with new basins .....	318
„ new, provided .....	10
„ removed to a better situation .....	4
„ basins cleansed .....	30

Bath wash pipe disconnected from soil pipe	...	...	...	4
Lavatories and sinks	...	...	...	12
Rain water pipes disconnected from drains	...	...	...	21
Over-flow pipes of cisterns disconnected...	...	...	...	1
Drinking water cisterns cleansed and cover repaired	...	...	...	8
Damp walls of houses improved	...	...	...	9
Yard pavings amended	...	...	...	16
Rain water pipes and guttering	...	...	...	34
Roofs of houses repaired and walls pointed	...	...	...	17
Houses, interiors cleaned and ceilings whitened	...	...	...	80
Nuisances from foul deposits abated	...	...	...	2
Hog styes abolished	...	...	...	2
Keeping swine abolished	...	...	...	2
Foul ditches cleansed	...	...	...	2
Overcrowdings in houses abated	...	...	...	2
Slaughtering on unlicensed premises abated	...	...	...	1
Water butts abolished	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	...	...	...	19
Wells closed, water now supplied from main	...	...	...	11
Rooms and bedding disinfected after infectious diseases	...	...	...	16
Infected bedding destroyed	...	...	...	3
Canal boats inspected	...	...	...	4

The courts, squares and poor localities have been frequently inspected.

The dairies and milk sellers' premises have been inspected and were found clean.

The bake-houses have been inspected, and the annual lime-whiting has been done.

The slaughter-houses have been frequently inspected and found in good order.

The common lodging houses have been inspected frequently. There has been no contravention of the regulations.

The market and shops have been kept under supervision. No bad meat, fish, fruit, or any article of food intended for the food of man has been found exposed for sale.



It will be seen from the foregoing report, that during the past year I have made a house to house visitation of the greater part of the houses within your district, and reported to you as to the water closets not furnished with a supply of water and flushing apparatus. Under the 36th Section of the Public Health Act, 1875, Statutory Notices have been served in a number of cases, and a great improvement has been brought about in the sanitary condition of the cottages within the Borough.

Reports as to w.c.s not furnished with a supply of						
water and flushing apparatus	...	...	...	...	...	380
First notices	...	...	...	...	...	342
Statutory notices	...	...	...	...	...	312
Information as to other nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	11
Notices to abate nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	7
Letters written as to nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	37

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. W. MELLOWS, C.S.I.S.E.,

*Inspector of Nuisances.*











