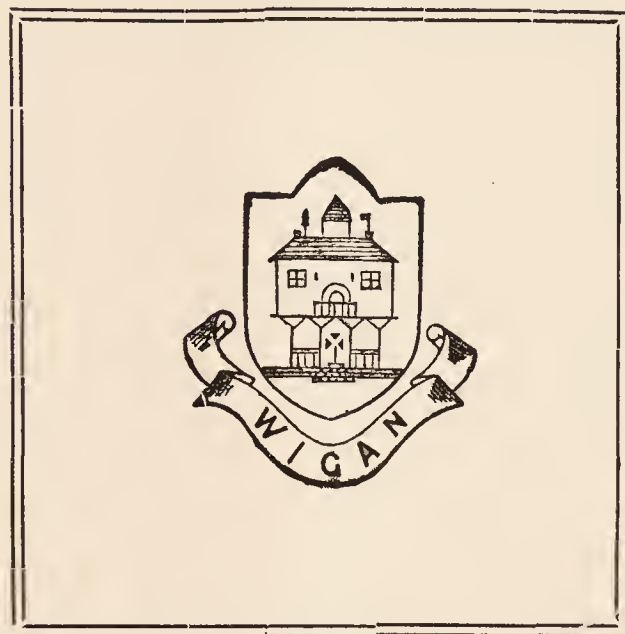


COUNTY BOROUGH OF WIGAN.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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# Annual Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector

SANITARY DEPARTMENT,

17, RODNEY STREET,

JANUARY, 1897.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Sanitary and Sewerage Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Sixth Annual Report of the work done by your Inspectors during the year ending December 31st, 1896.

The usual tabulated statements will be found to explain much of the work of the Department.

House to house inspection has been continued, but owing to the extra work involved by the more frequent visiting of infectious cases has not been so extensively proceeded with as beforetime; nearly the whole of the Borough has been gone through with the object of preparing a statement as to the condition of the yards and passages.

The large factories of the town have been visited during the year, and the sanitary conveniences are now, I am glad to say, in a very good condition.

The subject of unpaved yards has been further discussed, and a list of the whole of the yards in the Borough is in course of compilation; notices have been freely served, and in many instances the yards have been put into a much better condition.

## SUMMARY OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH DURING 1896.

Houses and Premises inspected ... ..	3,730
Nuisances discovered ... ..	1,868
,, abated... ..	1846
Notices issued (preliminary) ... ..	919
,, (formal) ... ..	180
Circular letters sent out ... ..	232
Re-inspections made (about) ... ..	5,350
Summonses taken out ... ..	9
Convictions or "orders to abate" ... ..	7
Dismissed or withdrawn... ..	2
Amount of penalties ... ..	Nil.
,, costs ... ..	£5 1 0
Nuisances on the book December 31st, 1895 ...	98
,,       ,,       December 31st, 1896 ..	126



## COMMON LODGING-HOUSES.

During the past year five of the old class of lodging-houses have been demolished, and two others have been given up, whilst two have been registered. With the exception of the three in Rylance Row, I don't think any town of the size of Wigan is supplied with better accommodation for promiscuous travellers. One prosecution has been undertaken for keeping an unregistered common lodging-house, and a fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

No. of Common Lodging-Houses in the Borough	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ Lodgers allowed nightly	...	...	...	...	...	583
„ Visits by day	...	...	...	...	...	1315
„ „ „ night...	...	...	...	...	...	553
„ Lodgers reported as being received	...	...	...	...	...	137593
„ Summonses taken out	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Convictions	...	...	...	...	...	1
Amount of fine	...	...	...	...	...	5s.
„ costs	...	...	...	...	...	19s. 6d.

## CANAL BOATS ACTS, 1877-1884.

During the year I have completed my inquiries respecting the boats on the register, and have had several communications from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector respecting boats which have been sold or disused. There are now 149 boats on the register, 5 new boats having been registered during the year; 6 other boats have been re-registered. On December 19th, J. Brydone, Esq., Chief Inspector of Canal Boats, paid his usual visit and inspected the books, registers, &c.

Number of Canal Boats on Register on December 31st, 1895	...	...	...	...	...	144
„ Applications for Registration	...	..	...	...	...	5
„ „ Re-registration	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ granted	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ Inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	207
„ Contraventions of Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ outstanding	..	...	...	...	...	1

The Contraventions were as follows :—No certificate, 4 ; certificate not identifying owner with boat, 2 ; dirty, 1 ; want painting, 2 ; dilapidated, 1 ; leaky, 1 ; intermixing of sexes, 1.

### SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, &c.

There are now 22 slaughter-houses, 2 fellmongery establishments, and 2 gut-scraping premises registered in the Borough, and visits have been made to them during the year.

The markets have also been regularly visited, and generally found satisfactory.

The following shows the unwholesome food seized :—

No. of seizures.	Articles.							Weight.
4	...	...	...	Beef.	...	...	...	2,128lbs.
1	...	...	...	Pork	...	...	...	280lbs.
7	...	...	...	Flat Fish	...	...	...	2,188lbs.
1	...	...	...	Shell Fish	...	...	...	340lbs.
1	...	...	...	Tinned Fish	...	...	...	1203 tins.
1	...	...	...	Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	30 tins.
1	...	...	...	Onions	...	...	...	10 barrels.
Number of Prosecutions								2
,, Convictions								2
Amount of Fine								£1 0 0
,, Costs								£1 12 6

One defendant was sent to gaol for a month with hard labour.

The undermentioned were destroyed at Miry Lane Depôt, where they had been taken by the tradesmen of the town after having been inspected and declared unfit for food :—

	Tons. cwt. qrs.					
Fish and Shell Fish...	...	...	...	20	10	1
Pork ...	...	...	...		5	0
Cheese	...	...	...		2	2
Rabbits	...	...	...		7	0

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES (PREVENTION) ACT, 1890.

The following statistics show the work done under the above Act during the year :—

Number of Houses disinfected	...	...	...	285
„ Rooms „	...	...	...	512
„ Beds „	...	...	...	254
„ Mattresses „	...	...	...	206
„ Blankets and Sheets disinfected	...	...	...	959
„ Other articles „	...	...	...	850
„ Houses limewashed and cleaned	...	...	...	202

## SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1875 AND 1879.

Number of Samples obtained	...	...	...	34
„ genuine	...	...	...	34
„ adulterated	...	...	...	Nil

The articles obtained were—

Milk	...	...	...	...	10
Butter	...	...	...	...	14
Whiskey	...	...	...	...	10

## COMMON LODGING-HOUSES.

No. on Register.				No. Registered for.
5	1, 3, and 5, Union Street	...	...	48
7	87, 89, and 91, Millgate	...	...	44
8	1, Hardybutts	...	...	24
10	31, Scholes	...	...	15
12	1, Swift's Yard, Millgate	...	...	38
14	7, Hardybutts	...	...	11
18	21, Rylance Row	...	...	9
19	22, Rylance Row	...	...	7
21	17, Rylance Row	...	...	22
24	28, Wiend	...	...	41
26	30, Hallgate	...	...	16
34	27, Hallgate	...	...	85
35	19, Warrington Lane	...	...	29
37	7 and 9, Union Street	...	...	52
38	36 and 38, Hardybutts	...	...	88
39	21, Hardybutts	...	...	17
40	5, 7, and 9, Scholes	...	...	37

## SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

No. on Register.						
1	Behind 8, Darlington Street...	...	...	...	...	T. Moore.
2	Behind 60, Darlington Street	...	...	...	...	J. H. Green.
4	Watmough's Yard, Scholes	...	...	...	...	W. McAvoy.
6	Upper Morris Street	...	...	...	...	W. Walsh.
7	Rigby's Buildings, Scholes	...	...	...	...	H. Smith.
8	Behind 124, Scholes	...	...	...	...	James Watts.
11	Wiend...	...	...	...	...	Henry Sawbridge.
12	Water Street	...	...	...	...	J. H. & W. Cordeaux.
14	Behind 75, Wigan Lane	...	...	...	...	James Jackson.
18	Bottom Croft...	...	...	...	...	Robert Johnson.
19	Shaw's Yard, Hallgate	...	...	...	...	John Smirk.
21	Marsh's Yard, Wallgate	...	...	...	...	R. Barlow.
24	Clayton Street	...	...	...	...	C. Sawbridge.
28	Hilton's Yard, Scholes	...	...	...	...	J. Hilton.
29	Mill Yard, Scholes	...	...	...	...	E. Hamill.
30	Behind 53, Birkett Bank	...	...	...	...	W. Hasleden.
32	Altham's Yard, Standishgate	...	...	...	...	L. Mynekyme.
35	New Square	...	...	...	...	F. Knorzer.
36	Silver Street	...	...	...	...	E. McAvoy.
39	Behind 133, Standishgate	...	...	...	...	Joseph Hill.
40	Lyon's Yard, Ironmonger Lane	...	...	...	...	G. Schofield.
41	Behind 122, Scholes	...	...	...	...	James Lowe.

## FELLMONGERS.

Millgate	...	...	...	...	T. E. Dix.
Water Street	...	...	...	...	Exors. of W. Brayshay.

## GUT SCRAPERS.

Shaw's Yard, Hallgate	...	...	...	...	Christopher Eckman.
Robin Hood Yard, Hallgate...	...	...	...	...	Carl Harder.

## OFFENSIVE TRADES.

These places of business have been regularly inspected during the year, and have been kept in such a good condition that the complaints respecting the premises, which are naturally numerous in warm weather, have this year been almost nil.

## SMOKE NUISANCE.

There has been a steady improvement in this during the year, and, with a little more care on behalf of the firemen, might be fairly satisfactory.

## INSANITARY PROPERTY.

Several blocks have been visited and dealt with, and are included in the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

## FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

Two hundred and twenty-two visits have been made to workshops during the year, and 25 premises have been limewashed. At several workshops extra closet accommodation has been provided, and several structural alterations have taken place. A number of official complaints have been made to your Sanitary Authority by Her Majesty's Inspectors, and in each case the work asked for has been done. I have visited the factories and several workshops with H.M. Inspectors, and a correspondence with Miss Anderson *re* Trencherfield Mill has been satisfactorily settled.

In conclusion I have to thank you, gentlemen, for your support during the past year, and Mr. Short, Mr. Bishop, and the others of my staff for their attention to their duties during a very trying year.

The larger portion of Mr. Short's time has been taken up with the Infectious Diseases Notification Act, with gratifying results, as shown by the Medical Officer of Health.

As an Inspector under the Shop Hours Act Mr. Bishop has been of valuable service, and the different workrooms are now in a very good state.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

**JOHN SUMNER,**

Chief Sanitary Inspector and

Inspector of Nuisances.