

as follows: To the reeve and members of the municipal council, Burnaby, Gentlemen: I beg to present my report as medical health officer for 1908. Considering the very large increase in the population of the municipality I think it is a matter for congratulation that the health of the municipality has continued so satisfactory. During the past year only three cases of infectious diseases have been reported to me. Two cases of diphtheria and one of smallpox. The first case of diphtheria occurred in the latter part of 1907. The other case of diphtheria was in August, 1908. Neither case caused the disease to spread to any other family. The case of smallpox was reported in July in one of the logging camps. The case was removed to the isolation hospital in Vancouver, and there was no further spread of the disease.

I visited the various schools in the municipality on several occasions, and I found the health of the children satisfactory. One or two cases of scabies or itch were discovered, but beyond this the children were all in a healthy condition.

As must necessarily occur, where the population of the municipality is growing so rapidly, most of the schools have become overcrowded, notably the Central Park school and the school on Hastings road. In both localities, however, new schools are being built as rapidly as possible. The water supply at the Hastings road school is still very defective. The well being useless, the water has to

be supplied in pails from the neighbors' wells.

The slaughter house on the Vancouver road, immediately outside the city limits of New Westminster, still continues to create a nuisance during the hot months, although the proprietors do their best to prevent a nuisance in carrying on what is of necessity a rather offensive business. As I have stated in previous reports, I consider that the location of this business in its present locality should not be allowed, as residences are crowded so close about it, that it is impossible to continue it in a way which will not be offensive to them living near by.

The appointment of an inspector has been of material help in minimizing, as far as possible, the trouble from this business. All of which is respectfully submitted.