

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 15, 1910.

To the Reeve & Municipal Council,
Burnaby Municipality.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit my annual report as Medical Health Officer for the year 1910.

As must inevitably follow the large increase in the resident population especially children. The number of cases of infectious diseases has been considerable Hooping Cough and Measles being the chief ones. 25 cases of the former and 18 cases of the latter disease having come to my notice. In this connection I should like to state that the Medical Practitioners are extremely lax in notifying me of cases of infectious diseases which occur in their practise. Only one medical man having sent me any notices in the past year, all other cases were either in my own practise or were reported by the teachers in the Schools. I am inclined to think that many other cases existed of which I know nothing. This is to be regretted as much can be done to prevent the spread of these diseases if the cases are reported at once. The Edmonds water system has been regularly established and must be a great boom to them who are able to avail themselves of it. Doubtless other sections of the Municipality will be establishing water systems at an early date. Where a notable water supply can be obtained. In every case these proposed systems should be reported than by a competent Engineer before the Council sanctions their establishment.

With the establishment of a water system. A proper system of sewerage becomes almost a necessity and I think that it will be necessary to consider this matter during the coming year in some of the most settled parts of the Municipality.

A number of minor matters have come to my notice I have been dealt with as occasion required. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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