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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WARING'S REPORT TO THE MAYOR.

A Remarkably Low Death Rate During the Summer—The New Garbage System Was Well Carried Out, but Various Changes Are Recommended—A District Where Public Sewers Are Needed—City Hall News.

Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Waring yesterday submitted to Mayor Cowherd a report on the sanitary condition of the city for the fiscal year ending April 17, 1893, and for the present year from that date to December 1.

In his report, Dr. Waring says: "It is true that nature has blessed our city with a good climate, a natural drainage and a current of pure air from the Western prairies, but I think our low death rate is largely due to the extra efforts made by this department in cleaning up the city, in having nearly 5,000 vaults cleaned, 1,000 built, sewer connections made, cellars, alleys and yards cleaned, and the garbage system removing nearly 7,000 loads of garbage.

The death rate from April, 1892, to April, 1893, was 12.20 per 1,000 inhabitants, and from April, 1893, to December, 1893, 11.5 per 1,000. The death rate for the summer, always the most fatal season of the year, was remarkably low, and Dr. Waring thinks the lowest of any city in the country.

The new garbage system, which was first tried last summer, was much better carried out than the Board of Health expected, says Dr. Waring. At first there was trouble between the garbage collectors and householders, but the system was soon running smoothly.

There was much difficulty in abating nuisances on the property of non-residents, and Dr. Waring recommends that either the Legislature pass a law or the charter be so amended, that abatements of nuisances could be charged as special tax bills against the property.

Dr. Waring estimates that there are 12,000 vaults in the city which have to be constantly watched to prevent unsanitary conditions. They are the greatest source of danger to the public health that the board has to contend with. Many of them have no sewer connections and are difficult to clean.

The report recommends the construction of a system of public sewers east of Prospect avenue, and in the southern part of the city where there are long rows of wooden houses whose drainage empties into gullies and cesspools. This is a constant menace to the public health.

The report complains of the small force of sanitary officers furnished the board. It has only four men in winter and six in summer, which is the smallest force in the sanitary department of any city in the country, and the sanitary officers of Kansas City do more work than those of any city in the country.

The report recommends that a change be made in the garbage collecting system. The districts should be changed, and instead of the boundaries corresponding with the ward boundaries, they should be laid out according to the level of the ground and ending at certain bluffs and gullies so that all places in the district could be reached in the shortest time possible in a direct line without driving around gullies, bluffs and railroad tracks. The city should own its garbage teams so that a man could be held directly responsible for hauling in his district.

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