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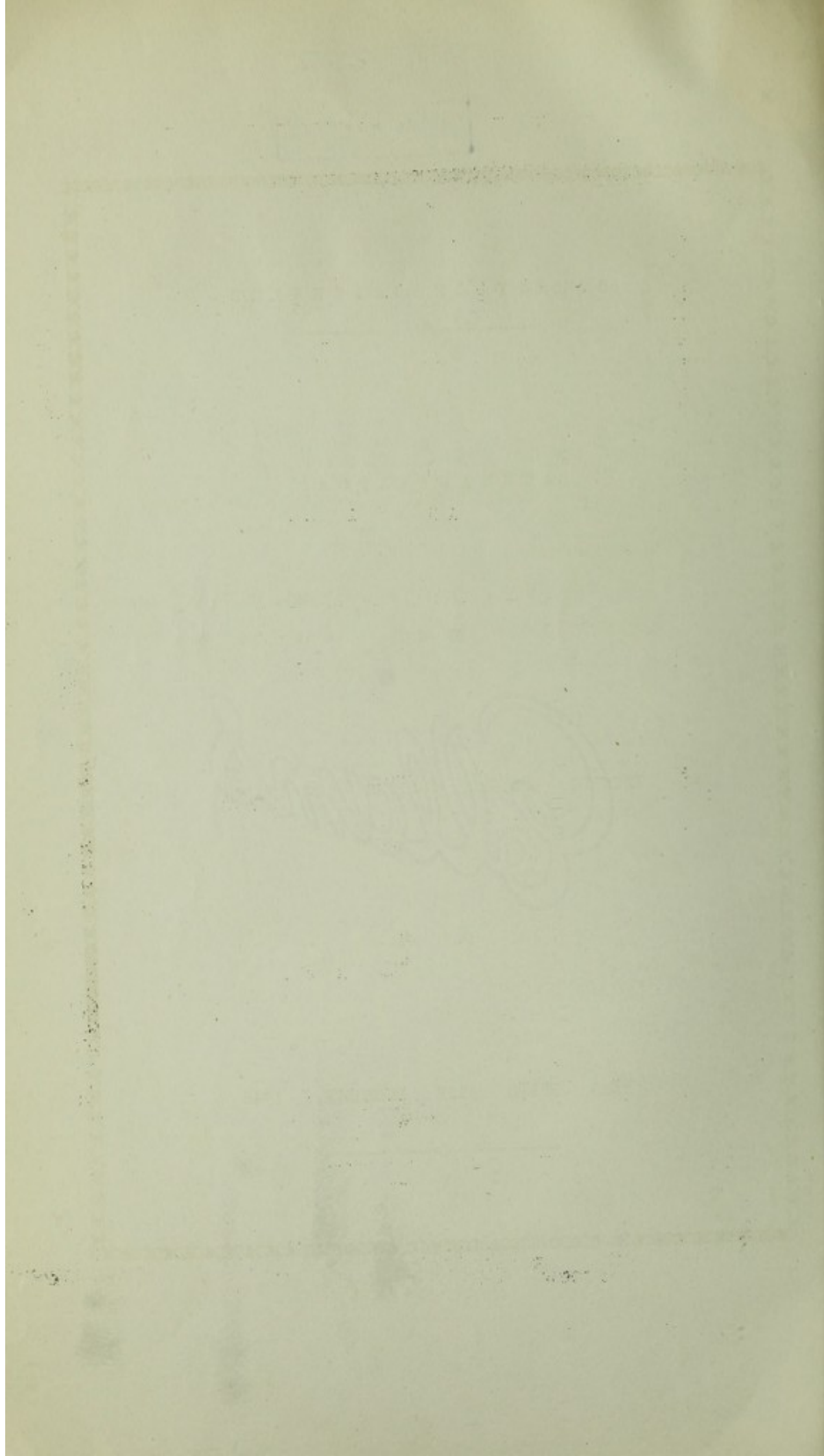
BY THE

INTERIM MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948

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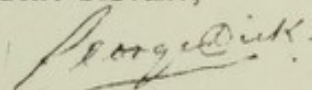
To the Department of Health for Scotland,  
and the County Council of the County of Caithness.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

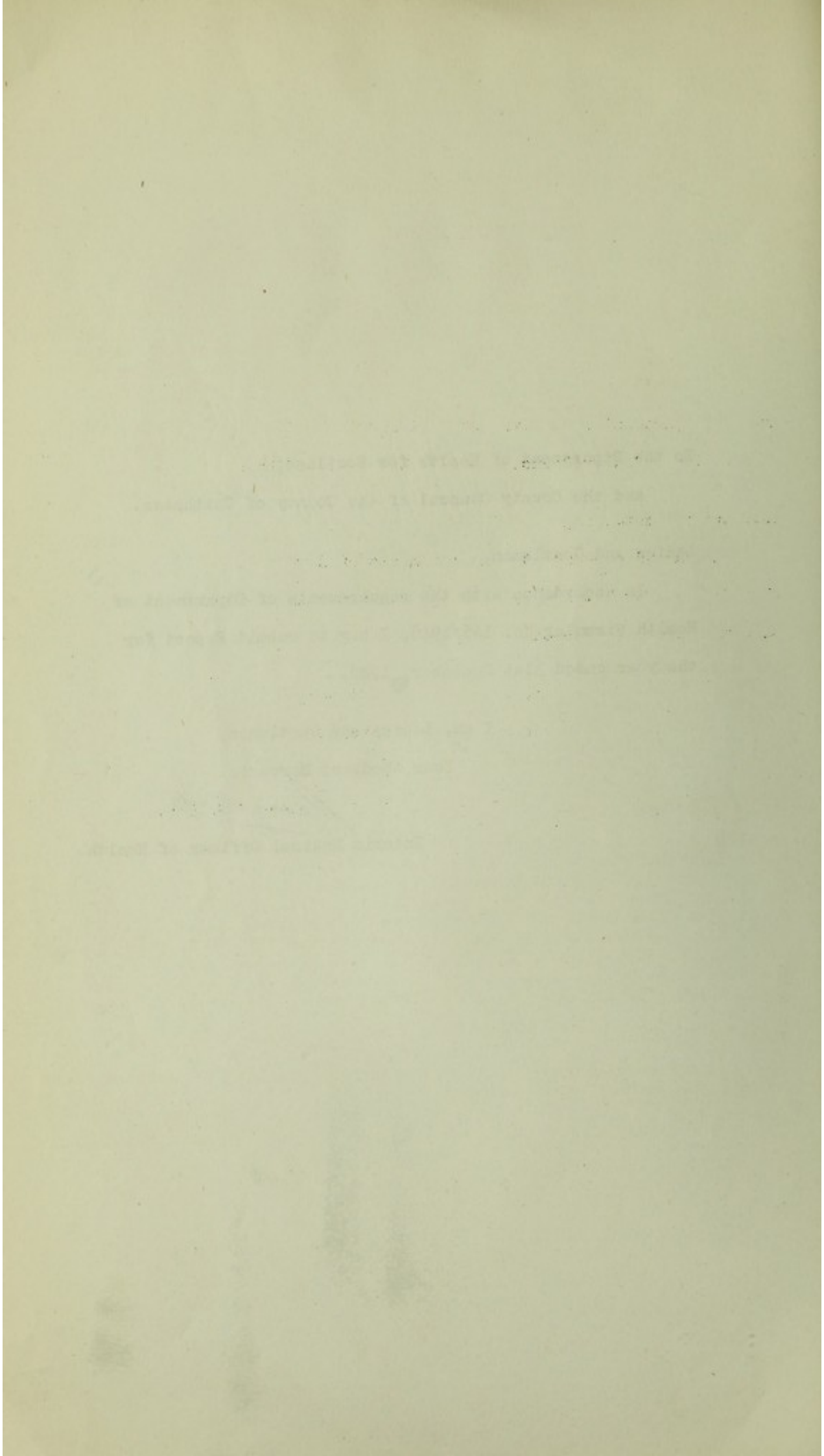
In accordance with the requirements of Department of Health Circular No. 146/1948, I beg to submit Report for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Dick", is written over the typed name.

Interim Medical Officer of Health.





# COUNTY OF CAITHNESS

## REPORT BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1948

### VITAL STATISTICS

**POPULATION:-** The Registrar General's Estimate of the Civilian Population in the County to the middle of 1948 (inclusive of the Burghs) was 23,664. The 1931 Census Population was 23,656. The Registrar General's Estimated Population of the Burghs is.- Wick 7,363; Thurso 3,140. The Census Population for 1931 was.- Wick 7,548; Thurso 2,946.

The number of Births, Marriages and Deaths registered in the County and in each of the Burghs, with corrected figures, is as follows.-

	<u>County.</u>	<u>Wick.</u>	<u>Thurso.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Total Births Registered (including illegitimate).....	203	216	23	442
Total Births - Corrected.....	241	163	57	461
" " " Males.....	134	88	27	249
" " " Females...	107	75	30	212
" " " Illegitimate	21	9	1	31
Still Births Registered (including illegitimate).....	5	4	-	9
Still Births - Corrected.....	2	4	3	9
Marriages Registered.....	59	82	43	184
Deaths Registered.....	187	85	29	301
" Corrected.....	181	94	42	317
" " Males.....	92	46	18	156
" " Females.....	89	48	24	161

### BIRTH AND DEATH RATES:-

Population estimated to middle of 1948.....	23,664
Birth Rate (corrected)(per 1000 Estimated Population).....	19.5
Illegitimate Rate per 100 Births.....	6.7
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Births.....	19.0
Death Rate (Corrected)(per 1000 Estimated Population).....	13.4
Death Rate (Adjusted for age and sex distribution per 1000 of Estimated Population).....	10.0
Marriage Rate.....	7.8
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1000 Births).....	41.0

### BIRTHS:-

The number of Births which has taken place during the past ten years is shown in the following Table.-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Number of Births.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 Estimated Population</u>
1948	461	19.5
1947	528	22.3
1946	505	21.3
1945	381	15.5
1944	475	18.9
1943	515	19.9
1942	549	21.1
1941	540	21.0
1940	461	17.9
1939	419	16.3
1938	458	17.8



CAUSES OF DEATH:-

	<u>County</u> <u>District.</u>	<u>Wick</u> <u>Burgh.</u>	<u>Thurso</u> <u>Burgh.</u>
Cerebro-spinal Fever.....	-	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	1	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System..	5	3	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	1	-	-
Influenza.....	2	-	-
Cancer, Malignant Tumours.....	27	13	6
Other Infectious or Parasitic Diseases.....	1	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus.....	2	-	-
Other General Diseases.....	2	1	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.....	25	9	6
Other Diseases of Nervous System....	2	-	-
Heart Disease.....	54	25	14
Other Circulatory Disease.....	10	2	3
Bronchitis.....	3	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4	3	1
Other Respiratory Diseases.....	1	4	4
Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer.....	2	1	2
Diarrhoea (All ages).....	1	1	-
Appendicitis.....	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Liver.....	3	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases.....	-	3	-
Nephritis, Acute or Chronic.....	1	8	-
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System.....	2	1	1
Other Puerperal Causes.....	1	-	-
Diseases of skin and organs of movement.....	1	1	-
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.....	3	5	2
Old Age.....	12	7	-
Suicide.....	2	-	1
Road Transport Accidents.....	2	1	-
Other Violence.....	5	2	-
Causes ill-defined or unknown.....	5	1	-
	181	94	42

MATERNITY SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1937.-

The County Council Scheme under this Act came to an end on 5th July, 1948, with the introduction of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947. From the beginning of the year to that date, 91 applications for maternity services were received.

BIRTHS:-

Midwifery Service.-

	<u>Before</u> <u>5/7/48.</u>	<u>Remainder</u> <u>of Year.</u>
(a) Total number of births (including Still Births) notified in the area during year - that is before correction for mother's residence..	221	218
(b)/		





Of the total live births, 31 were illegitimate, equal to a Rate of 6.7 per 100 live births, as compared with 13.6 in 1947.

#### STILL BIRTHS:-

There were 9 Still Births, giving a Rate of 19 per 1000 total Births, including Still Births, as compared with 15 in 1947, giving a Rate of 19.

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY:-

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 19, the same as last year. The Mortality Rate for the County was 41 per 1000 live births, 4 lower than the 1948 figure for Scotland - 45.

The following Table gives the causes of death.-

	Under 1-4 1 Wk.	4 Wks. Wks.	3-6 -3 Mths.	6-12 Mths.	Totals.
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	1	-	1
Bronchitis.....	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia.....	-	-	1	1	3
Other Respiratory Disease....	-	-	1	-	1
Diarrhoea.....	-	1	-	-	2
Congenital debility, premature birth, &c.....	7	-	2	1	10
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	-	-	-	1
	8	1	5	3	19

#### MARRIAGES:-

The Marriages numbered 184, equivalent to a Rate of 7.8 per 1000 Estimated Population. Last Year's figure was 195, giving a Rate of 8.2 per 1000 of Estimated Population.

#### DEATHS:-

Deaths from all causes, corrected for transfers, numbered 317, of which 156 were Males and 161 Females, giving a corrected and adjusted Rate of 10.0 per 1000 of Estimated Population. The figure for 1947 was 11.8.

#### MATERNAL MORTALITY:-

- (1) Number of deaths from miscarriage or childbirth..... 0
- (2) Number of deaths from Puerperal Sepsis..... 0
- (3) Number of deaths from Other Puerperal Causes..... 1

#### AGES AT DEATH:-

	County District.	Wick Burgh.	Thurso Burgh.
Under 1 year.....	7	9	3
1 - 5 years.....	-	1	-
5 - 15 " .....	2	2	-
15 - 25 " .....	6	2	1
25 - 45 " .....	12	8	2
45 - 65 " .....	32	23	5
65 - 85 " .....	92	41	22
85 years and over.....	30	8	9
	181	94	42

#### CAUSES OF DEATH:- /

On the 1st day of January, 1910, the following were the names of the persons who were present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Fish Commission, held at the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

LIST OF MEMBERS

The following were the names of the persons who were present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Fish Commission, held at the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., on the 1st day of January, 1910.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The names of the persons who were present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Fish Commission, held at the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., on the 1st day of January, 1910, are as follows:

The following table shows the names of the persons who were present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Fish Commission, held at the Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., on the 1st day of January, 1910.

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	Before <u>5/7/48.</u>	Remainder <u>of Year.</u>
(b) Number of Births in (a) classified to show type of case and whether doctor present at confinement.-		
(i) Cases dealt with under Maternity Services (Scotland) Act, 1937.-		
(a) Doctor present at confinement	59	-
(b) Doctor not present.....	26	-
(ii) Cases dealt with under Section 23(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947.-		
(a) Doctor engaged and present at confinement.....	-	52
(b) Doctor engaged but not present at confinement.....	-	34
(c) Midwife alone (no doctor engaged).....	-	-
(iii) Other Domiciliary Cases.-		
(a) Doctor engaged.....	27	31
(b) Midwife alone (no doctor engaged).....	-	2
(c) Conducted by outdoor staff of institution.....	-	-
(d) Without doctor or midwife...	-	-
(iv) Cases attended at institutions (including private maternity and nursing homes) in the area of the Local Health Authority.	109	99
	221	218

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN:-

(a) <u>Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics.-</u>	None.
(b) <u>Child Welfare Clinics.-</u>	
(i) Number of Clinics at end of year provided by Local Health Authority.....	2
(ii) Number of Clinics at end of year provided by Voluntary bodies.....	0
(iii) Total number of children under 5 years of age who first attended at the Clinics during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were	
(a) under 1 year of age.....	245
(b) over 1 year of age.....	102
(iv)/	



(a) Number of persons in (i) the household  
in each type of house and (ii) the  
household property as follows:

(b) Name of the person in the household  
(c) Name of the person in the household

(d) Name of the person in the household  
(e) Name of the person in the household

(f) Name of the person in the household  
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(as) Name of the person in the household

- (iv) Total number of attendances during the year made at the Clinics by children who, at the end of the year, were

(a) under 1 year of age.....	3476
(b) over 1 year of age.....	2473

(c) Dental Care.-

It has been found impossible to provide dental treatment for expectant and nursing mothers, and pre-school children, as there is only one Dental Officer, the School Dentist, employed by the County Council.

- (d) Mother and Baby Homes.- None.

- (e) Day Nurseries.- None.

- (f) Residential Nurseries and children's homes provided as part of Authority's arrangements under Section 22 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947.- None.

- (g) Nurseries and Child-minders Regulation Act, 1948.- None.

VISITATION BY HEALTH VISITORS DURING YEAR.-

	Number visited for first time, excluding cases visited during previous year and cases known to have previously been visited in another area.	Total Visits.
(a) <u>Local Health Authority Service.-</u>		
Expectant Mothers.....	104	151
Infants.....	419	4077
Children (1-5 years).....	453	5628
<u>Tuberculosis.-</u> Advisory visits...		117
Nursing visits....		210

HOME NURSING.-

- (i) Number of cases attended by home nurses under arrangements made by the Local Health Authority under Section 25 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, between 5/7/48 and end of year..... 1,225

- (ii) Number of visits paid by nurses to these cases..... 11,798

DOMESTIC HELP.-

This Scheme was not implemented during 1948 as there was no demand locally for help of this kind.

ULTRA-VIOLET RAY CLINIC.-

During the year twenty children under school age were treated at this Clinic.

FOOD AND MILK.-/





## FOOD AND MILK.-

By arrangement with the Ministry of Food, the welfare foods included in the Government's Welfare Food Scheme are distributed at the Child Welfare Clinics in Wick and Thurso. Irradex, Virol and Farex are supplied by the Local Authority.

The following are the quantities of Dried Milk and other preparations supplied during the year.-

National Dried Milk.....	12,551 lbs.
Irradex.....	112 lbs.
Virol.....	336 lbs.
Farex.....	90 lbs.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.-

Under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, and Regulations made under Section 72 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, the number notified was 51 as compared with 56 in 1947.

	<u>Landward</u> <u>Area.</u>	<u>Wick</u> <u>Burgh.</u>	<u>Thurso</u> <u>Burgh.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	14	13	1	28
Erysipelas.....	1	2	-	3
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	1	-	1
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....	4	4	-	8
Influenzal Pneumonia.....	3	-	-	3
Pneumonia (not otherwise notifiable).....	1	-	1	2
Polioomyelitis.....	1	-	1	2
Pneumococcal Meningitis.....	-	1	-	1
Malaria.....	1	-	-	1
Diphtheria.....	-	-	1*	1
Paratyphoid Fever.....	-	1*	-	1
	25	22	4	51
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\*Diagnosis not confirmed.

### Scarlet Fever.-

Twenty-eight cases were notified during the year - 14 in the District of the County, 13 in Wick Burgh and 1 in Thurso Burgh. Of these 15 were school children, 4 were under school age and 9 over school age. The cases were of a mild nature and were widely scattered.

### Diphtheria.-

One case was admitted to the Hospital for observation but the diagnosis was not confirmed.

### Polioomyelitis.-

Two cases were notified during the year - a male age 28 years and a female age 18 years. The former has made a complete recovery but the latter is still under the care of the Orthopaedic Surgeon.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.-/





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An arrangement has been made whereby the Registrar of Births and Deaths hands to every person registering a birth, a pamphlet prepared by the Medical Officer of Health, indicating the desirability of infant vaccination and urging that the operation be carried out before the child reaches the age of six months. The Local Authority has agreed to pay fees in respect of such vaccinations to the medical practitioners in the area on submission of the form prescribed by the Secretary of State giving details of the treatment carried out. So far the fees to be paid for those reports have not yet been fixed.

The number of vaccinations carried out during the period 5/7/48 to the end of the year was.-

Typical vaccinia greatest at 7th-10th day.....	14
No local re-action.....	2
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	16
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Immunisation against Diphtheria.-

The Scheme for immunisation against Diphtheria continues as formerly. Parents of children attaining the age of six months are notified of the desirability of having their children immunised and are advised of the times and places where the inoculations can be given.

The medical practitioners in the County are co-operating in the Scheme by returning the records of immunisation but, as in the case of vaccination, the scale of remuneration has not yet been fixed.

All children on entry to school are given a re-inforcing injection by the School Medical Officer.

The following are the numbers of school and pre-school children immunised during the year.-

Number of infants immunised.....	130
Number of school children immunised.....	330
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	460
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PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE.-

TUBERCULOSIS.-

The Clinics established at Wick and Thurso still continue to function. Cases of Tuberculosis report for investigation, observation and treatment at Bignold and Dunbar Hospitals as requested by the Medical Officer of Health.

Patients are visited in their homes by the Medical Officers of the Public Health Department and also by the Health Visitors.

Extra Nourishment supplied during the year.-/

SECTION 1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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SECTION 2. THE PROBLEM OF THE CHILD

The problem of the child is a complex one, and it is one that has attracted the attention of the public and the Government. The child is a person who is in a state of development, and who is in need of protection and guidance. The child is a person who is in a state of development, and who is in need of protection and guidance. The child is a person who is in a state of development, and who is in need of protection and guidance.

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SECTION 4. THE CHILD AND THE FUTURE



Extra Nourishment supplied during the year.-

Number of patients to whom milk was granted.....	33
Number of order forms issued.....	161
Number of patients to whom Cod Liver Oil was supplied....	23
Number of Jars issued.....	177

In 29 cases medicines were ordered on the prescription forms supplied by the Local Authority during the period from the beginning of the year to 5th July.

In all notified cases of Tuberculosis - Pulmonary and Non-pulmonary - routine investigation is made of the milk supply with a view to ascertaining the possibility of the milk being a source of infection. In these investigations the services of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture were readily available.

The following Tables show the number of cases notified in the County (including the Burghs) in 1948, the number in which diagnosis was confirmed, the number in institutions, the number in the area known to be suffering from tuberculosis as at 31st December, 1948, and the number of deaths during the year.-

I. RETURN OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.-

	Under								
	5.	5-10.	10-15.	15-25.	25-35.	35-45.	45-65.	65+.	Total.
<u>Pulmonary.-</u>									
Males.....	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	6
Females.....	-	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	7
Total....	-	1	-	8	1	1	2	-	13
<u>Non-Pulmonary.-</u>									
Males.....	-	2	2	4	1	1	-	-	10
Females.....	1	1	4	1	1	-	1	-	9
Total....	1	3	6	5	2	1	1	-	19
<u>Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.-</u>									
Males.....	-	2	2	7	1	2	2	-	16
Females....	1	2	4	6	2	-	1	-	16
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	4	6	13	3	2	3	-	32
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

II. RETURN OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING YEAR IN WHICH DIAGNOSIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.-

Pulmonary.- /



Table 1. - Summary of cases of diphtheria, 1917-1918

Number of cases of diphtheria in 1917, by age and sex, as reported by the local health authorities, and the number of cases of diphtheria in 1918, by age and sex, as reported by the local health authorities, and the number of cases of diphtheria in 1917-1918, by age and sex, as reported by the local health authorities.

In 1917, the number of cases of diphtheria was 1,000, and the number of cases of diphtheria in 1918 was 1,000. The number of cases of diphtheria in 1917-1918 was 1,000.

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Table 2. - Summary of cases of diphtheria, 1917-1918

Age and Sex									
Age	Sex	1917	1918	1917-1918	1917	1918	1917-1918	1917	1918
0-4	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
5-9	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
10-14	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
15-19	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
20-24	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
25-29	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
30-34	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
35-39	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
40-44	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
45-49	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
50-54	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
55-59	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
60-64	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
65-69	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
70-74	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
75-79	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
80-84	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
85-89	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
90-94	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
95-99	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
100	Male	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
0-4	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
5-9	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
10-14	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
15-19	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
20-24	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
25-29	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
30-34	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
35-39	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
40-44	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
45-49	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
50-54	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
55-59	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
60-64	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
65-69	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
70-74	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
75-79	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
80-84	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
85-89	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
90-94	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
95-99	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100
100	Female	100	100	200	100	100	200	100	100

Table 3. - Summary of cases of diphtheria, 1917-1918

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II. RETURN OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING YEAR IN WHICH DIAGNOSIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.-

		Under								
		1.	1-5.	5-10.	10-15.	15-25.	25-35.	35-45.	45-65.	65+. Total.
<u>Pulmonary.-</u>										
Males.....	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	6
Females.....	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	7
Total.....	-	-	1	-	8	1	1	2	-	13
<u>Non-Pulmonary.-</u>										
Males.....	-	-	1	2	4	1	1	-	-	9
Females.....	1	-	1	4	-	1	-	1	-	8
Total.....	1	-	2	6	4	2	1	1	-	17
<u>Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.-</u>										
Males.....	-	-	1	2	7	1	2	2	-	15
Females.....	1	-	2	4	5	2	-	1	-	15
		1	-	3	6	12	3	2	3	30

III. RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CASES WITH THEIR HOME RESIDENCE IN THE AREA WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT IN SANATORIA OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.-

		<u>In Institutions</u> <u>on 1/1/48.</u>	<u>Admitted</u> <u>in 1948.</u>	<u>Discharged</u> <u>in 1948.</u>	<u>Died in</u> <u>Institutions.</u>	<u>In Instit.</u> <u>31/12/48.</u>
<u>Pulmonary.-</u>						
Adults	(Males	14	10	10	4	10
	(Females	4	9	7	2	4
Children	(Males	-	-	-	-	-
	(Females	1	1	1	-	1
<u>Non-Pulmonary.-</u>						
Adults	(Males	1	9	9	-	3
	(Females	1	2	2	-	1
Children	(Males	-	3	2	-	1
	(Females	-	-	-	-	-
		23	34	31	6	20

IV. RETURN OF NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AREA AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1948, WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.- /

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MAY 1, 1896.

Year.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Total.
Acres of land sold.	1,234	1,567	1,890	2,123	2,456	2,789	3,012	3,345	3,678	4,012	4,345	30,844
Acres of land purchased.	567	678	789	890	901	1,012	1,123	1,234	1,345	1,456	1,567	11,962
Acres of land donated.	123	134	145	156	167	178	189	190	201	212	223	1,866
Acres of land reclaimed.	345	456	567	678	789	890	901	1,012	1,123	1,234	1,345	10,775
Acres of land reserved.	234	345	456	567	678	789	890	901	1,012	1,123	1,234	9,275
Acres of land withdrawn.	123	234	345	456	567	678	789	890	901	1,012	1,123	8,371
Acres of land sold, purchased, donated, reclaimed, reserved, and withdrawn.	2,123	2,789	3,456	4,123	4,789	5,456	6,123	6,789	7,456	8,123	8,789	64,138

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IV. RETURN OF NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AREA AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1948,  
WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.-

		Under									Total.
		1.	1-5.	5-10.	10-15.	15-25.	25-35.	35-45.	45-65.	65+.	
<u>Pulmonary.-</u>											
1. Sputum or other											
material examin-	M.	-	-	-	-	13	9	6	4	-	32
ed and tubercle											
bacilli found..	F.	-	-	1	-	7	6	7	2	-	23
2. Sputum or other											
material examin-	M.	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	5
ed and tubercle											
bacilli never											
found.....	F.	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	6
3. Sputum not	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
examined.....	F.	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	4
Total.....		-	-	1	1	23	23	14	8	-	70
<u>Non-Pulmonary.-</u>											
Abdominal.....	M.	-	-	3	2	4	-	1	-	-	10
	F.	-	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	-	11
Spine.....	M.	-	-	-	1	3	1	5	-	-	10
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
Bones and Joints.	M.	-	-	3	-	6	5	2	-	-	16
	F.	1	-	-	2	4	1	1	1	-	10
Superficial	M.	-	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	-	12
Glands.....	F.	-	-	6	2	5	1	3	1	-	18
Lupus.....	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Other parts or	M.	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
organs.....	F.	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
Total.....		1	2	17	11	27	15	19	7	-	99
<u>Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.</u>											
Total.....		1	2	18	12	50	38	33	15	-	169

V. RETURN OF NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO DIED FROM TUBERCULOSIS IN THE AREA  
DURING THE YEAR WITH PARTICULARS AS TO PERIOD ELAPSING BETWEEN  
NOTIFICATION AND DEATH AND BETWEEN DISCHARGE FROM AN INSTITUTION  
AND DEATH.-

Number/





V. RETURN OF NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO DIED FROM TUBERCULOSIS IN THE AREA DURING THE YEAR WITH PARTICULARS AS TO PERIOD ELAPSING BETWEEN NOTIFICATION AND DEATH AND BETWEEN DISCHARGE FROM AN INSTITUTION AND DEATH.-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Number of persons who died from Tuberculosis, of whom				
Not notified or notified only at or after death.....	-	-	-	-
Notified less than 1 month before death....	2	-	-	-
Notified from 1-3 months before death.....	2	-	-	-
" " 3-6 " " " .....	1	1	-	-
" " 6-12 " " " .....	-	1	-	-
" " 1-2 years " " .....	-	1	-	-
" over 2 years " " .....	2	1	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	7	4	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Number who died within 28 days after discharge from an institution.....	-	-	-	-
Number who died more than 28 days after discharge from an institution.....	2	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS ALLOWANCES SCHEME.-

This Scheme ceased to function as from 5th July, 1948, with the coming into force of the National Assistance Act, 1948. During the period 1st January to 5th July, 19 persons were in receipt of allowances and at 5th July, 17 were still receiving benefit. The total amount disbursed under the Scheme during the period was £552.1.2.

DIABETES.-

Five applications for the supply of Insulin were granted during the period to 5th July and the amount of Insulin supplied was 65,000 units. As from 5th July, Insulin is supplied free of charge to patients on prescriptions from their own doctors.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.-

The Medical Officer of Health is now responsible for the administration and general supervision of the Mental Health Service of the County and he is assisted in the general supervision by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health and the Authorised Officers.

No arrangements have yet been made with the Northern Regional Hospital Board for the services of a visiting Psychiatrist, owing to the shortage of such personnel, and no psychiatric social workers have yet been employed.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTION.-

The Home at Forso House, opened in October, 1947, has proved of great benefit to the County. Great difficulty, however, was experienced in securing adequate staff - nursing and domestic - to cope with the demand for the admission of aged sick. As from 5th July, 1948, the medical care of the sick in the Home became the responsibility of the Northern Regional Hospital Board.

HEALTH EDUCATION.- /





HEALTH EDUCATION.-

Caithness County Council make an annual contribution to the Scottish Council for Health Education and advantage has been taken of the various Health propaganda leaflets etc. which have been distributed to Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, Schools and Tuberculosis patients.

PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.-

In terms of the Port Sanitary Regulations (Scotland) 1933, fourteen Declarations of Health were received from the Officers of H.M. Customs at Wick and Thurso.



1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year.

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