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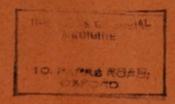
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COUNTY OF ORKNEY AND BURGHS
OF KIRKWALL AND STROMNESS



ANNUAL REPORT

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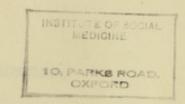
T. J. BARRY, County Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1949



To:-

The Department of Health for Scotland.
The County Council of Orkney.
The Town Council of Kirkwall.
The Town Council of Stromness.



Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Public Health Administration in the County of Orkney and the Burghs of Mirkwall and Strommess, for the year ended 31st December, 1949, elso the Annual Report of Mr T.J.Barry, County Sanitary Inspector.

I am,

Genttlemen,

Your obelient servent,

W.B.Bannerman,

County Medical Officer.

Public Health Office,

COUNTY OF ORENEY

INCLUDING

BURGHS OF KIRKWALL AND STROMNESS.

Nedical Officer and Tuberculosis Officer:WALTER B.BANNERMAN, M.R.C.S., (Eng.), L.R.C.P., (Lond.), D.P.H.

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COUNTY OF ORKNEY

The general condition of health for the County during the year can be considered satisfactory. No epidemic occurred, calling for any special measures from my Department. The winter months of the year were, on the whole, fairly good from a health point of view. A survey of general health conditions during these months shows that in November and December there were the usual winter epidemics of Colds and milk inflammatory conditions of the respiratory tracts accompanied by sore throats.

Influenza - Influenza in its true form was not present in any appreciable numbers though many cases of illness were named as such.

As bearing out the general condition of the health of the County, only 22 notifications of Infectious Diseases were received during the year, as follows:-

Tuberculosis (all forms)	-	19	Dysentery	-	Nil
Scarlet Fever	-	Nil	Typhoid	-	Nil
Pneumonia	-	3	Para Typhoid	-	Nil
Diphtheria	-	Nil			

There were small epidemics of the non-notifiable diseases of chickenpox, whooping cough and measles (both varieties). The severer types of Infectious Diseases, such as diphtheria, dysentery and typhoid, did not occur.

GENERAL SANITATION

Offensive Trades - None are carried on within this County.

Disposal of Sewage - For the Burghs of Kirkwall and Stromness, is by means of direct flow into the sea. No sewage work exists. Stromness Burgh is efficiently drained, but there are times in the Burgh of Kirkwall when a high tide flows into the streets by means of the various drains. Parts of the burgh are low, there being just enough flow to carry the sewage away. No complaints were received by my Department of any nuisance on this account.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Details in tabular form will be found in Appendix.

Hospital accommodation for Tuberculosis, General Infectious Diseases.

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Accommodation for Tuberculosis:-
16 patients in the Sanatorium (12 beds for Pulmonary)
( 4 beds for Non-Pulmonary)
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Other Infectious Diseases

- 12 beds for general infectious diseases and 8 cubicles for special cases, viz., Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia, Pneumonias and other infectious diseases requiring special isolation.
- 12 beds of the original number alleted for Infectious Diseases have been taken over for cases known as Chronic Sick.

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AMBULANCES

The County Council has one Moter Ambulance which serves the Mainland.

I consider another Motor Ambulance to be necessary, for it occasionally happens that the ambulance is out removing a case of infectious disease and is urgently wanted elsewhere, and before it can be used for the second case it has to be fumigated and there is a considerable delay in removing the second case. light ambulance would suffice us for such occasions.

Urgent cases from the Islands are brought in by air, or by special steamer.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Tuberculosis (all forms) - 19 cases (12 pul.; 7 non-pul.)

Scarlet Fever Nil Pneumonia 3 cases Poliomyelitis Nil

The total number of all Notifiable Infectious Diseases for the year was 22 cases.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During 1949, 112 pre-school children and 14 school children -126 in all, were immunised.

The Medical Practitioners and the District Nurses endeavour to get the parents to allow their children to be protected. A large proportion of the children have been protected and it is the intention to endeavour to get the children, who have now reached school age, and who were not protected in their pre-school days, to be immunised.

I should like to mention that prior to the War, diphtheria was an uncommon disease in this County, and there has not been any cases in the County since early in 1944. The same remarks apply to Typhoid Fever.

Scarlet Fever in this County is also another disease that is dying out.

DEATHS

Tuberculosis (all forms) - 12, increase on 1948 of 4 deaths. Malignant Diseases - 38, a decrease on 1948 of 9 deaths. Apoplexy - 58, an increase on 1948 of 14 deaths. Heart Disease - 124 deaths. This figure has been increasing for years throughout the County, and is one of the problems of the day, or rather, its causative factor is, viz., acute rheumatism or rheumatic fever and other rheumatic conditions. Increase in Increase in deaths number 54. Pneumonia - Diseases of Respiratory Tracts caused 20 deaths - 9 of these were due to pneumonia, mostly to persons aged from 65 years to 85 years. Bronchitis accounted for 10 deaths in aged persons. Cancer - This has been a slowly increasing cause of death for years, the figure for 1948 being 47 deaths, which showed an increase on 1947 of 13 deaths, but for the year 1949 there is a decrease of 9

At present, the cause of this scourge is unknown, but the Government is alive to the ravages of it and has passed a "Cancer Bill" which, no doubt, will be a very valuable means towards the diagnosis and treatment.

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WATER SUPPLIES

Burgh of Kirkwall

In pre-war days the water gathered for the use of the Burgh often went to the danger point during dry summers and the supply had to suffer cuts of various durations. On the outbreak of war, the Admiralty approached the Town Council regarding supplies and, on being informed that Kirkwall could not possibly supply water, a scheme was brought into being of obtaining water from Loch Kirbister about 5 miles distant, the water being pumped into the Kirkwall Reservoir and from there branched off in several directions to supply service camps. This water was chlorinated at the pumping station at the loch side and again on its way out from the Reservoir for distribution. The double chlorination was necessary to make safe the water that flowed into the reservoir from the gathering areas.

Frequent examinations of this supply showed it to be a safe water bacteriologically, but as it never passes through filtering beds, it was not a very clean water after the water had been thoroughly stirred up by a gale.

Water supplies were installed in other parts of the County to supply service camps, and in all instances many of the civilians on the pipe route benefitted and have now become water minded. This service to civilians is being continued.

Burgh of Stromness, Islands, Etc.

This supply was made full use of by the Military based in Stromness. The supply stood up pretty well to the demands made on it. It is pure and fit for all domestic uses.

Elsewhere, the County is dependent on surface walls and rainwater tanks for all purposes. Many of these walls are poorly made and no doubt are not of first rate quality as regards purity, as recent examinations in connection with dairy water supplies shows many below the standard required.

When the proposed water supply for the Mainland is completed, the following villages will get a water supply and sewage system - Finstown, Holm, Dounby and St. Margaret's Hope. St. Margaret's Hope, though situated on the Island of South Ronaldshay, is now connected with the Mainland by a roadway constructed by the Admiralty, as also is the Island of Burray. The small village of Burray will also be supplied.

The general idea is that all the Mainland will possibly be piped and a water supply will be taken into the houses. No further progress in the County Water Scheme has taken place during the year 1949, but no doubt in the course of time the Scheme will be carried out.

The Island of Stronsay has a water supply that was installed privately for supplying the fishing boats and stations. This supply could be adapted for providing the Village of Whitehall with water if and when satisfactory arrangements can be completed for the purchase of the water works.

The Island of Rousay could be provided with water by gravitation from locks situated in the hills. This is included in part of the general water scheme for the County.

WATER SAMPLES

53 samples of water were taken for analysis during the year.

Samples found to be of satisfactory quality for domestic use - 38.

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COUNTY HOME

Total Admissions - 42 Total Discharges - 14 Total Deaths - 26

The County Home is the Public Assistance Residence for housing the aged, poor and sick people.

Accommodation provided is for 47 inmates, divided up as follows:-

Infirm - 13 Males and 12 Females. Chronic Sick - 7 Males and 7 Females. Acute Sick - 4 Males and 4 Females.

The general condition of the building is up to date and the facilities for baths and hot water are sufficient for the inmates. The building is now lighted by electric light.

There are two day rooms in the Home - one for males and one for females. Those two have been found to be adequate for this Institution. They are equipped with comfortable chairs, bookcases, portable radio and gramophone with records. The inmates appreciate the day rooms very much and make use of them freely.

Staff - Two visiting Medical Officers, who take a period of duty alternatively, 1 Matron, 4 Nurses and 7 Domestic Staff.

All children admitted to the Home come under the Matron's special care, and in her absence off duty, temporarily under that of a nurse. Whilst any are in the Institution, they attend Kirkwall Grammar School and also Sabbath School outside the Home. They are at all times kept apart from the adult inmates. Whenever possible however, boarding out is promptly arranged for by Mr Robertson, County Social Welfare Officer.

Congenial employment is allocated to those inmates who might be able and willing to perform it. Light garden work and breaking of firewood, etc. for the males, and the repairing, etc. of house clothing and light housework for the females. However, as the years progress, the number of inmates admitted who might be able to perform such work would grow relatively less. At least, this applies to this Home.

I am satisfied that the patients are generally well cared for, and that the other inmates are well looked after. In the arrangements for the feeding of inmates, one can only appreciate what it means by a visit at meal times, and it is a good thing that the old rationing scheme was abandoned.

The males and females are kept separate at all times.

Persons of "Unsound Mind" are admitted to the Home only as a temporary measure, pending their transfer to an Institution for persons of unsound mind.

BED ACCOMMODATION OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN COUNTY

Garden Memorial Hospital (General) - 50 beds County Sanatorium, Eastbank (Tuberculosis) - 16 beds County Isolation Hospital, Eastbank - 12 beds Chronic Sick, Eastbank - 12 beds County Home - 49 beds

COUNTY SANATORIUM

13 cases were admitted during the year 1949.
7 cases were discharged throughout the year 1949.
4 cases died in the Institution during the year 1949.

Extra nourishment, eggs, milk and butter are all wed to patients under the Domiciliary Treatment Scheme.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are none registered in the County or the Burghs.

PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS

Port Sanitary Regulations (Scotland) Act, 1933, came into force in May, 1933. These Regulations are an improvement on the older ones and bring our procedure into line with other foreign ports. It really amounts now to an International Scheme. As far as this County is concerned, very little shipping arrives from foreign ports, and those ports, up to date, are European ports, and none of these ports have been scheduled as being infected with the various infectious diseases that need the attention of the Health Authorities. The necessary declarations of health have been duly received from the Masters of ships arriving from foreign ports and forwarded to my Office. Up to date, no action on my part or on the part of the Customs has been called for in ordering vessels to their special moorings in the harbours or at the piers. No declaration has been called for.

VACCINATION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1907

Number of Children Vaccinated - 35 Number of Children Insusceptible - 7

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Refer to County Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILK STORES

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

In connection with the Maternity Child Welfare work during the War, no changes were made in the arrangements and the general work of the nurses concerned was satisfactory and of a good standard.

The work carried out by the same nurses in connection with the Public Health side, i.e. Tuberculosis and Public Assistance cases, was also carried out satisfactorily throughout the County and including the Burghs of Kirkwell and Stromness.

Attached is a table showing the work carried out by the District Nurses during the year ending 31st December, 1949.

There is no real clinic established in this County, but the nurses of the Burghs of Kirkwall and Stromness hold a kind of clinic monthly at their residences, where informal talks and advice are given to mothers. A certain number of expectant mothers also attend these gatherings, which is really a combination of social and maternity service.

The outstanding and important service developed during the war years was the provision of the vitamin additions of orange juice and cod liver oil, and, when required, additional milk. These preparations were distributed throughout the County, and the District Nurses administered its distribution. Apart from this, I gather that a lot of papents purchased these preparations from the chemists.

The whole County is now covered in regard to the Nursing Service. The service comprises a Supervisor and eighteen District Nurses. Of the nurses, all are on a full-time basis with the exception of three, who are engaged on a part-time basis, the size of the island not warranting a full-time employed nurse. The service is working extremely well and excellent work is being done.

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MATERNITY HOSPITAL

About the middle of 1945 a ward of the old Balfour Hospital was adopted as a Maternity Ward. This block gave a labour room and a general ward of six beds. Though not ideal by a long way, it has answered its purpose in providing hospital accommodation for expectant mothers.

The total number of cases confined in hospital was 95, and in four of these cases Caesarian Section was performed.

Many of the cases are admitted for one or other of the following reasons:-

1. Bad home conditions.

2. No one to look after the case after confinement.

 Cases requiring hospital treatment, i.e. Albuminaria; previous history of difficult labour.

4. Expectant mothers who wish hospital accommodation in preference to being confined at home.

Urgent surgical reasons.

No. 4 seems to be the reason for most of the cases, and No. 2 a "runner-up".

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death

Deaths under 1 year

Congenital Debility) Malformation Premature Birth	7	cases.	Kirkwall	Stromness 0	Landward 9
Digestive Disease	3	cases.	AND THE		
Pneumonia	2	cases.			

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of Deaths - Nil
Puerperal Sepsis - Nil
Diseases and other accidents of Pregnancy
and Parturition - Nil

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MIDWIFERY

- Total number of births occurring in the area during year that is before correction for mother's residence: -Total - 375 Still Births - 9 Live Births - 366
- Total number of births in (I) occurring in institutions II (including private maternity homes) - 95
- Total number of births in (I) occurring at home 280 III
- Number of births in (III) classified to show nature of attendance at birth: - Doctor and midwife - 246; Midwife only - 24; Doctor only - 2; Born before arrival of Doctor or Nurse - 1. IV
- (a) Midwives employed by the Authority (including those engaged on a fee-per-case basis) - 24

(b)

Midwives employed by Voluntary Organisations - Nil. Midwives employed by Hospital Boards of Management - Nil.

(c) Midwives employed by Hospital Board Private practising midwives - Nil.

Medical Aid under Section 22(1) of the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1915

Number of cases in which medical aid was summoned during the year under Section 22(1) of the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1915, by a midwife: .

(a) For Domiciliary Cases, where the Medical Practitioner had arranged to provide maternity medical services under the National Health Service - 280

(b) For cases in Institutions - 95

Administration of Analgesics

- (a) Number of midwives in practice in the area qualified to administer Analgesics in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland: -
 - (1) Domiciliary (2) In Instituti In Institutions - Unknown.

(b) Number of Domiciliary Mi dwives who received their training

during the year - Nil (a) Bets of Apparatus for the administration of Analgesics in use at 31st December, 1949, by Domiciliary Midwives employed by the Authority, or employed by voluntary organisations in the

Authority's area - Nil.

(d) Number on order at 31st December, 1949 - Nil.

(e) Number of cases in which Analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year - Nil.

(f) Number of cars in use by midwives at 31st December, 1949 - Nil.

HEALTH VISITING

Number of Visits paid by Health Visitors during year :

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Health Visitors employed by Auth.		365 2319	2867	460	Medical Surgical Others 28725	35367				

No Health Visitors employed by Voluntary Organisations.

No Home Nurses employed directly by the Authority. No Home Nurses employed by Voluntary Organisations.

DOMESTIC HELP

(I) No. of Domestic Helps employed at end of year - Nil. (iI) No. of cases for which Helps were provided during year - Nil.

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141	391	303	253	233	240	348	371	No. of Pat- ients on Register
69	270	105	155	121	165	261	284	Medical B
67	97	82	68	F	38	4	63	Surgical Surgical
5	20	14	30	55	37	36	28	Maternity
617	1448	931	1491	499	1117	2039	2287	Medical
678	432	612	792	171	283	572	556	Surgical A
45	240	160	419	626	424	500	419	Maternity E
70	173	234	403	391	135	193	181	Casual
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172	199	196	176	49	431	87	67	Re-
i	1	_	1	1	ı	1	1	No. operations attended
282	211	81	338	462	107	97	110	Approx. No. Hours spent in Public Health Work
φ	33	12	24	18	26	38	43	No. of Nights on Duty
1537	2360	22 29	2650	2276	2294	2459	2538	Total Hours on Duty for Year
7 17	747	31	85	52	40	91	124	No. of days over 8 hours
42	13	100	,	105	70	30	34	No. of days under 6 hours

Orkney County Council

HOUS JING

Act, 1935, and Fown and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1943.

Landward Area

Number of Plans passed - 23 Number of Houses building - 10 Number of Houses completed - 8, all 4 apartments in stone. Number in wood of 3 & 4 rooms - 13

Kirkwall Area

Number of Plans passed - 3
Number of Houses building - 47 Swedish Houses, all of 4
apartments; 2 Wooden; 1 Stone
and 2 Elocks.
Number of Houses completed - 20 Cruden; 3 Swedish and 8 Stone,
all of 4 apartments.

Stromness Area

Number of Plans passed - 1
Number of Houses building - 16
Number of Houses completed - 1
Number of Houses, 2, 3, 4 or over - 17
Number in Wood, Number in Stone - 1 (Wood), 16 (Brick).

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LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1949

	Number of Examinations
Chemical Analysis	Mumber of Examination
Complete Blood Count.	37
Differential Blood Count	23
Blood for Malaria, &c.	1
Urines - General	26
Blood - Biochemical	(
Urine - Do.	2
Faeces - Do. Castric Contents - Do.	7 9 2
Pregnancy Test - Friedman	The state of the s
Hogben	1/24
Total	III
Patholegical Examinations	2
Histological Examinations	2
Total	<u>2</u>
Chemical Examinations	
Waser	3
Milks - Fæt	2
Total	<u>3</u> <u>6</u>
Eacteriological Specimens	Lead to the same of the same o
Diphtheria	
2. & N. Swabs	8
Moment Respiratory Tract Infections	10
Streptococci and other organisms	10
T. & W. Swabs	1
Bacillary Dysentery	
Faeces	7
Enteric and Food Poisoning Infections	
Blood Culture	16
Widals	0
Gastro-Enteritis of Infants	1
Faeces Tuberculosis	
Sputum	96
Faeces	1
Urines	5 4
Pus	10
Animal Inoculations	10
Venereal Disease Wassermann Reaction	49
Kahn Tests	49
Genoceccal Fixation Tests	1
Pas Smears Culture for Gonocecci	17
Undulant Never	7
Asglutination	3
Paul Hunnell Test	1
General	
Blood Culture	6 6 3 11
Pus	6
Sputum	.3
Cervical Swabs	26
Urines	
C.S.Fluids (other than tuberculou lactic)	2
Water Examinations	
Domestic - Count and Bact. coli	55
Milk	2/2
Count and Bact. coli	363
Animal Ineculations	10
Total	752

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YEAR 1949

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Population estimated to middle of 1949 - 21,982.

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Live Births incl.								
Illegitimate Live Births	385	83	89	391	210	181	17.8	3
Illegitimate	26	6	6	26	18	8	6.6	5 (2)
Still-births Marriages	12 162	1 6	2	13	3	10	3.2	2 (3)
Deaths - All causes	319	47	54	326	158	163	7.4	(x)
Tuberculosis - All forms	1000		-	12	-	7		
Resp. System	9997-	-	-	10	4	7	0.5	
Princ. Epidemic Dis. Children aged under	-	-	-	1	1	-	0.0)5
one year	1011 - 111	-	-	12	7	5	31	(4)

⁽¹⁾ Typhoid Fever, Paratyphoid Fevers, Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Influenza and Measles.

⁽²⁾ Per 100 live births.

⁽³⁾ Per 1000 total births (including still-births).

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PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS - YEAR 1949

Ki	ckwall	Stromness	Landward
Population (Estimated) La Total live births registered	14.34	1687	15861
including allegitimate Total live births corrected for	164	14	207
mother's resid. incl. illeg. Total live births corrected for	89	18	284
mother's resid Male	42	8	160
Total live births corrected for mother's resid Female	47	10	124
Total live births corrected for mother's resid Illeg.	5	1	20
Still-births rog. ind. illeg. Still-births corrected for	4	-	8
mother's residence Marriages registered	3 69	7	10 86
Deaths registered Deaths corrected for residence	99	23	197
Deaths " " Male	57 30	30 12	239 116
Deaths " " " Remale Causes of Death	27	18	123
Tuberculcsis recp. system	4	_	6
Other forms Tuberculosis Influenza	-	-	1 1
Other infect.or parasitic dis.	-	1	
Cancer, malignant tumours Tumours, non-malignant or not	7	4	27
defined Diabetes mellitus	1	-	1 2
Other general diseases Meningitis, Dis.of spinal cord	1	- 19	4
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	10	6	42
Other dis. of nervous system	23	16	3
Other circulatory diseases	-	-	3 85 2 9 7
Bronchitis Pneumonia	1 2		9 7
Other respiratory diseases Gastric and duodenal ulcer	-	-	1
Diarrhœa (all ages)	-		1
Appendicitis Other digestive diseases	1	- 1 -	1
Nephritia, acute or chronic	-	1	5
Other dis. of genito-urinary system Ougon. debil., Frem. birth, Malitrm, etc.	1		2 1 1 2 5 3 6
Old Age Road transport accidents	2		14
Other violence	-	1	1 3 7
Causes ill-defined or unknown All Causes	57	70	
Ages at Death	57	30	239
Under 1	3		9
1 - 4 5 - 9	-	= =	2 2
10 - 14	-	-	-
25 - 34	5		2 5 8 13
35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 - 74	5 2 1 8	1	8
55 - 64 65 - 74		5	24
75 - 84	11	14	55 71
85 and over	12	4	48
All ages	57	30	239

TUBERCULOSIS - STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1949

Return of Cases of Tuberculosis notified during the Year

Number of Cases notified as Suffering from Tuberculosis

Age-Groups

Respiratory		Respiratory	Non-		Respiratory		-	
(Total	Respiratory (Males and Non- (Females	(Males (Females (Total			(Males (Fenales (Tetal			
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Return of Cases notified during Year in which Diagnosis of Tuberculosis has been confirmed

Number of Cases diagnosed as suffering from Tuberculosis

-	-	-	-								-
Total	upwards	under 65	35 and 45 and under 45 under 65	25 and inder 35	under 5 under 10 under 15 under 25 under 35 u	inder 15	r 10 1	unde	under 5	under 1	
		Age-Groups	Age					1			

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1	- 1	-	-	1	1	_	-	65 and upwards
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Return of Number of Persons res at in the Area at 31st December, 1949, who were known to be suffering from TUBERCULASIS

Number of Cases in Age-Groups

Under 1 and 5 and 1 and 5 and 10 and 15 and 25 and 35 and 45 and 65 and under 5 under 10 under 15 under 25 under 35 under 45 under 65 upwards Total

Non-kespiratory	Residratory and		2. Superficial Glands	Non-Respiratory 1. Spine		 Sputum or other material not examined. 	2. Sputum or other (material examd. (land Tubercle Bacilli never found.	Respiratory 1. Sprtum or other material examd. send Tubercle I acilli found.
Total -		Total -	(Males - Females -	(Males -	Total -	r (Males - (Fenales-	r (Males - Females - ac- nd.	r (Males - . (Remales-
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Return showing the Number of Cases which received Treatment under the Tuberculosis Scheme in Sanatoria or Other Institutions during the year.

		In Inst- itutions on Jan. 1	Admitted during year	Discharg- ed during year	Died in Instit- utions	itutions
Respira	tory	1	2	3	4 5	6
Adults	(Males (Females	3 2	7 6	4 2	2 -	4 4
Non-Res	piratory					
Adults	(Males (Females		- 1	1		=
	Total	5	14	7	3 1	8

No children received treatment (i.e. none below 15 years).
Column 4 shows those who were in final residence 28 days or over.
Column 5 shows those who were in final residence under 28 days.

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.

	Re	esp.	Non-	Resp.
No. of persons who died from Tuberculosis Of whom -	М	F	M	F
Not notified or only notified at or after death Notified less than 1 month before death "from 1 to 3 months"" "3 to 6"" "" " 6 to 12" "" " 1 to 2 years "" "over 2 years ""		1 1 - 2 2	1	1
Total	4	6	1	1
No. who died within 28 days after discharge from an Institution	-	-	-	-
No. who died more than 28 days after dis- charge from an Institution	1	3	-	-

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COUNTY SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1949

General Sanitation

Scavenging

The scavenging services in the two Burghs are managed by the Burgh Surveyors and on the same systems as in previous years.

In Kirkwall, the town's refuse is still dumped at the Peerie Sea and the tipping is controlled as well as is possible by the Burgh Surveyor.

The Peerie Sea, however, is much too handy a place for those citizens who will persist in dumping all sorts of refuse everywhere along the shore, thus making it a good breeding ground for rats.

In Stromness, the refuse is dumped on waste ground well away from the town and under satisfactory conditions.

Factories

Several inspections were made of the Factories in the Burghs and the Landward Districts. In general, the premises were found to be kept in a clean and tidy condition.

Four bakers were notified of limewashing requirements, all with satisfactory results. One bakery was remodelled and a new floor was provided in another bakery.

Nuisances

A very serious nuisance occurred at Holm Branch, just outside of Kirkwall Burgh, due to the pollution of a roadside ditch by whey and other waste liquids, which were being discharged through a large septic tank into the ditch. Over 10,000 gallons of these wastes were running daily through the ditch during the summer months. Notices were served on the offenders and after some negotiation a temporary remedy of the nuisance was affected by diverting the liquids into Crantit Canal, thence to the sea. At the end of the year permission was given to transport they whey in a tank to Scapa Bay, where it could be discharged into the sea at a safe point. Some of the whey was also sold for pig-feeding.

Fifteen complaints were received of other nuisances, including choked and defective drains, dumping of refuse, carcases of animals washed ashore and dirty houses and dirty conveniences used in common. The nuisances were successfully dealt with in all

Factories Act, 1937

The factories on the whole were found to be well managed so far as general cleanliness was concerned.

One of the bakehouses was completely remodelled and the floor of one other bakery was renewed.

Four bakers were notified of the necessity for limewashing their bakeries, all with satisfactory results.

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MILK AND DAIRIES

At the end of 1949 there were 100 dairies on the Register. The system adopted by the Council of permitting producers to sell milk on Provisional Registration has proved very successful, the conditions attached to this style of registration being that the producer must have a well-built dairy, equipped with an ample supply of water, a cooler, boiler, trough and racks before he begins to sell milk, and must reconstruct or build sufficient byre accommodation to modern standards within the following two years dation to modern standards within the following two years.

In setting these standards, this Department has had recourse to the recommendations of the Committee on Farm Buildings in Scotland rather than to the provisions of the Dairy Byelaws, which are obsolete so far as the structure of premises is concerned.

By the end of the year, over 70 of the premises were in all respects suitable for dairying and the work of bringing the remaining byres up to date is going on satisfactorily.

The Health Committee revoked the registration of one producer who had failed to provide suitable premises and gave one other producer an extension of six months to provide a properly equipped dairy.

Methods of Production

From January until June the sampling results on the whole were satisfactory, but during the next four months there was a marked rise in the bacterial counts of samples. Investigation into the causes of these failures revealed that the failures were due, not so much to the hot weather as to the fact that the previous prolonged spell of cold weather had been masking bad methods of production.

The work of administering the Acts and Orders, especially with the increase in Graded Milk Licences, was getting much too beary for me, and, at the end of the year, the Council agreed to appoint a Milk Officer.

Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Order, 1934

The requirements of this Order are being carefully observed, although there are still a few of the old-established producers who wash their utensils in the domestic scullery. These faults are gradually disappearing with the provision of hot and cold water supplies to dairy sculleries.

Milk (Special Designations) Orders

At the beginning of the year there were 35 producers of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk and 6 of "Standard" Milk. At the end of the year there were 51 producers of "Tuberculin Tested" and 5 of "Standard" Milk.

One T.T. Producer had his licence revoked for neglecting to sterilize his utensils. Other figures for the year are as follows:-No. of retail purveyors of milk .. No. of producers who do not sell milk by retail

85 Approx. No. of cows in registered premises

There are hundreds of small coofts from which milk is sold in small quantities but as this is a small county with very few communities there is not much likelihood of a change in the status quo.

Ice Cream (Scotland) Regulations, 1948

There are seven manufacturers of Ice Cream and one other trader in the two Burghs, all of whom are now properly registered as required by the Regulations.

Notwithstanding difficulties in obtaining labour and materials for the construction of suitable premises for the making of ice cream, all the traders had carried out the necessary alterations to their premises by the late summer of 1949.

Separate new buildings were erected for the purpose at two of the shops and at the others the traders improved the lighting, ventilation and interiors of back rooms in a very satisfactory marner.

The apartments are also well-equipped with washing and scalding facilities and plant for the heating and cooling of the mixes, most of these machines being of the combined pasteurizer-cooler type.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection

The slaughterhouses in the Burghs and Landward Districts continue to be kept in a clean and tidy condition and the meat is handled with due regard for cleanliness.

The refuse from the Burgh Slaughterhouses is taken out to dumps on the moors, well away from any dwellings, and the refuse from the Landward Slaughterhouses is similarly disposed of.

The owner of one of the private slaughterhouses was requested to replace the existing unsuitable corrugated iron structure with a solid building, and plans showing the proposed method of reconstruction were then passed.

Formerly, there was only one Detention Officer for the slaughterhouses at Dounby and Harray. During this year an additional Detention Officer was appointed for Harray slaughternouse.

The figures for slaughtering and meat inspection are given below:-

Kirkwall Slaughterhouse

Class of Animals	Number Slaughtered		ondemned Partly		in lbs. of Meat			
Cattle Sheep Pigs	1581 1362 1660	51 23 7	17 1 -		24,016			
	Strom	ness Sla	ughterhou	se				
Cattle Sheep Pigs	227 215 1	3 1 -	=		1,453 53			
Landward Slaughterhouses								
Cattle Sheep Pigs	260 950 Nil	4 - -	-		2,000			
				Total	27,522			

Supervision of Food Supplies

Condemnation of Foodstuffs

A large variety of foodstuffs was examined and condemned during the year. These included rabbits, poultry, butter, cheese, margarine, cake, eggs and tinned foodstuffs, the weights of all these foodstuffs amounting to 1 ton 1 cwt.

Premises

Objection was taken to the storage of lobsters in the inner basin of Kirkwall Harbour, because of the danger of contamination by oil, scum and other polluting matter. Instructions were given to the various owners to store their lobsters at some safer point such as the slipway at Hatston.

Seven buildings were altered during the year for the sale or preparation of foodstuffs. These were:-

Fish Frier - 1
Butcher - 1
Poulterer - 1
Grocer - 2
Restaurateur - 1
Fish Curer - 1

One proposal to convert a wooden shed into a bakery was rejected.

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Two butchers were notified of the insanitary structure of their premises and were requested to make the necessary alterations as soon as possible.

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928

The following samples were taken for analysis during the year: -

Informal: Coffee and Chicory 1; Cocoa 1; Sausages 1; Cough
Mixture 1; Citric Acid 1; Sause 1; Gelatine 1; White
Pepper 1; Mustard 2; Mince 1; Meat Paste 1; Custard
Powder 1; Cinnamon 1; Ground Ginger 2; Baking Powder 1;
Cream of Tarkar 1; Nerve Sedative 1; Bicarbonate of
Soda 1 - Total 20.

Formal: Sweet Milk 1.

The formal sample of milk was found to be adulterated in respect that it contained at least 7% of added water. The seller was later prosecuted and fined.

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