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T O :

THE ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

T H E following is my report on this District for the year ending December 31st 1920 :-

T H E area of the District is 57,535 acres.

T H E Population according to the census of 1911 is 18,287. This includes 4,790 troops, and 350 children and staff at the Treloar Cripples Hospital.

T H E Civil Population was estimated at 13,259 in 1916.

Physical
Features.

T H E District is hilly and extensively wooded - cultivated for the most part; with a fair amount of heath land or common. The subsoil is chalk with either sand or gravel over clay.

T H E altitude varies from 340 to 700 feet.

T H E occupation of the inhabitants is mainly agricultural. There is a large military camp at Bordon.

D U R I N G the summer in each year a large number of hop pickers come into this District.

T H E District is divided up into 4 divisions for the administration of Poor Law Relief.

T H E workhouse and Cottage Hospital are situated in the Urban District.

T H E total number of Births recorded in the District

in 1920 was 399 giving a Birth rate of 30 per thousand.
There were 331 Births in 1919.

T H E deaths under one year of age numbered 15.

T H E total number of Deaths registered for the District as supplied by the Registrar was 112- In 1919 the number was 180.

T H E transferable deaths numbered 35.

T H E total number of Deaths belonging to the District was 147.

T H E S E figures give a deathrate of 8 for those registered within the District and a Death rate of 11 for all the Deaths belonging to the District.

O F the 112 Deaths recorded in the District during the year 59 reached the age of 65 and upwards. - 20 were over 80 and three were 94 - 99 and 99 years of age -

Water Supply.

T H E water supply is usually of excellent quality and quantity - but fails in the higher villages during very dry summers:

T H E general supply is from Tanks and wells, with the exception of Grayshott which is supplied by the Wey Valley water Company.

21 samples of water were taken for analysis

2 Wells required cleaning and repairing.

Drainage and sewerage.

T H E District being a rural one there is no general sewerage scheme in the villages.

S E W A G E is treated on the land near the houses

T H E R E is a small drainage scheme at Bentley.

T H E general system is earth closets - There are still a few cesspools - These are being converted into

earth closets through the District.

Scavenging T H E R E is no public scavenging.

T H E wasteproducts are deposited on the gardens and land, where this can be done without constituting a nuisance.

SANITARY WORK done in the DISTRICT.

Nuisances detected	178
Nuisances abated	147
Nuisances not abated but work in hand	31
Notices served	51
Houses inspected (P.H.A. 1875)	71
Houses inspected (H & T.P.A. 1909)	54
Other premises inspected	59
Overcrowding abated	-
Houses placed in habitable repair	-
Dirty houses cleansed	23
Earth pail closets or privies repaired	18
Privies converted into pail closets	4
Drains cleansed and repaired	6
Water samples taken for analysis	21
Wells cleansed and repaired	2
Houses disinfected	24
Schools disinfectd	6
Other abatements.	49

The Schools. T H E sanitary condition of the schools throughout the District is good.

T H E water supply is ample and the closet accommodation fairly good.

T H E R E have been no outbreaks of Influenza as in 1919 of so serious a nature as to require closure of

any schools - The schools have been closed for mumps, measles, and whooping cough, and Blackmoor School was closed + early in the year on ~~the~~ account of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in the neighbourhood.

W H E N outbreaks of infectious disease occur, the Schools are visited, and systematic examination of all the Scholars is made - In the event of a school being closed, it is thoroughly disinfected at once.

I T was found necessary to close the following schools during the year -

Black Moor	from Jan.1st to Feb.2nd	owing to Scarlet Fever.
Holybourne	from Jan.23rd to Feb.15th	" " Mumps.
Chauton	from Feb.11th to March 9th	" " Mumps.
Hartley Mauditt	from Oct.16th to Nov.6th	" " Measles.
East Worldham	from Oct.28th to Dec.6th	" " Measles.
Farrington	from Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st	" " Measles.

Measles, Mumps, and Whooping cough were moderately prevalent during the year.

M E D I C A L Inspection of School children is carried out by the Officers appointed by the County Council.

Milk Supply. T H E quality of the milk produced in the District is extremely good - a large amount is sent up to London each day and the rest is sold locally. The dairy, cowshed, and milk shops orders are carried out in the District in a satisfactory manner.

I N any case where I have found cause for complaint, Steps have immediately been taken to rectify the same.

Food
inspection

T H E R E have been a few complaints to make

about the Slaughter houses, and bakehouses, but in every case the nuisance was promptly rectified.

L A R G E quantities of unsound dates have been imported into the District for feeding pigs and the regulations with regard to these have been strictly carried out.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES under the NOTIFICATION ACT.

T H E R E were 48 cases of ^{zymotic} ~~zymotic~~ disease notified. X
25 cases of Scarlet Fever.

5 cases of Diphtheria

7 cases of Phthisis

1 case of Bone Tuberculosis

5 cases of Pneumonia

1 case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum

1 case of Malaria

1 case of Dysentery

1 case of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis

SCARLET FEVER AT SELBORNE.

T W O cases of scarlet fever occurred at Selborne early in the year, and were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

O N E case occurred later in the year and was isolated at home.

SCARLET FEVER AT LASHAM.

T W O cases of scarlet fever occurred at Lasham and were isolated at home - no other case arose.

I N F E C T I O N was brought from outside my District in both cases.

SCARLET FEVER AT WEST WORLDHAM

A case of scarlet fever was notified from West

Worldham, and was removed to the Isolation Hospital.

+ SCARLET FEVER AT CHASTON^W., (Chawton)

T W O cases of scarlet fever were notified from the Treloar Hospital where they were isolated.

SCARLET FEVER AT HEADLEY.

O N E case of scarlet fever was notified at Headley, and was removed to the Isolation Hospital.

I N F E C T I O N was brought from Bordon.

SCARLET FEVER AT FARRINGTON.

O N E case of scarlet fever occurred at Farrington, the patient having come down from London with the infection and was removed to the Isolation Hospital.

SCARLET FEVER at NEWTON VALENCE.

T H R E E cases of scarlet fever were notified from Newton Valence, all in the same family - and were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

SCARLET FEVER at BORDON.

T H I R T E E N cases of Scarlet Fever were notified at Bordon and were isolated at the Aldershot Military Hospital, or Alton Isolation Hospital, in the case of civilians.

DIPHThERIA at BORDON.

A L L the cases of Diphtheria notified came from Bordon and were isolated by the Military authorities.

PNEUMONIA.

F I V E cases were notified from Bentley.

MALARIA and DYSENTERY.

O N L Y one case of malaria was notified during the year and that from Bordon, also one case of Dysentery.

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

A case of cerebro spinal Meningitis, a boy of 17,

was notified from Bentley.

I visited the house at once - took swabs from five other people in the house, and removed them all to an adjacent vacant house, pending removal of the Infectious case. The mother of the boy was left in charge of him.

H E was removed next day to the Victoria Isolation Hospital, Winchester - He died 3 or 4 hours after admission.

T H E house was disinfected.

A L L the swabs from other members of the family found negative.

PHTHISIS.

7 cases of Phthisis were notified - by far the lowest figure since Phthisis became notifiable.

T H I S is very satisfactory.

I N no one part of the District was the disease especially prevalent.

T H E R E were 8 deaths^{*} from Phthisis, and 10 deaths from other forms of Tuberculous disease.

W H E N a case of Phthisis is notified to me the case is visited - spectrum pots and disinfectants are supplied - The case is reported to the County M.O. and visited by one of the Tuberculosis Officers. If necessary and willing, which is not always the case, sanatorium treatment is given.

T H E R E is no Hospital accommodation for Phthisis in the District.

A F T E R a death from Phthisis, the house is thoroughly disinfected. This is also done if the case is moved to a Sanatorium.

INFLUENZA.,

T H E cases of Influenza were only of a mild order

during the year - one death occurred, that of a child aged 2 years.

O N E case of ophthalmia neonatorum was notified.

N O permanent injury to the eyes resulted.

T W O children died from whooping cough, and two died from measles.

T H E R E were 15 deaths from Cancer.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

I N F E C T I O U S diseases that cannot be isolated satisfactorily at home, are removed to the Alton Isolation Hospital.

C A S E S from Bordon Camp are sent to the Aldershot Military Isolation Hospital.

T H E Treloar Hospital isolates its own cases.

15 cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to the Alton Isolation Hospital.

X A L L chemical and Bacteriological work - water ~~and~~ analysis and pathological work is carried out at Winchester.

BYE-LAWS :

T H E Bye-laws in force are those relating to new Buildings - Bye-laws for hop pickers - pickers of fruit and vegetables.

R E G U L A T I O N for dairies, cowsheds and milk shops.

I N F E C T I O U S disease prevention act.

P U B L I C Health Amendment Act 1907 Sect. 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 - 33, Pt. 11. Sect. 34, 38, 43 - 48, 49, Part 111, Sect. 2, 52-66, and 68 Part IV.

HOUSING :

- A. 1. T H E number of houses in the District is 3377, 2360 of these are of a working class type.

2. T H E Population of the District is 18,287.

3. 104 houses are required in the District.

* T H E Council's Housing Scheme is :-

	<u>Parlour Houses</u>	<u>Non parlour^p Houses</u>
Grayshott	12	-
Binsted	-	8
E. Tisted	-	2
Froyle Upper	-	4
Froyle Lower	-	8
Headley	-	20
Holybourne	6	4
Neatham	-	2
Newton Valence	-	6
Selborne	2	12
E. Worldham	-	6
Kingsley	-	4
Medstead	-	8
	20	84

B. T H E R E were no cases of overcrowding.

C. (1) T H E Houses are not generally up to the standard.

(2) 125 Houses were inspected under the P.H.A. 1875 and
H. & T.P.A. 1909

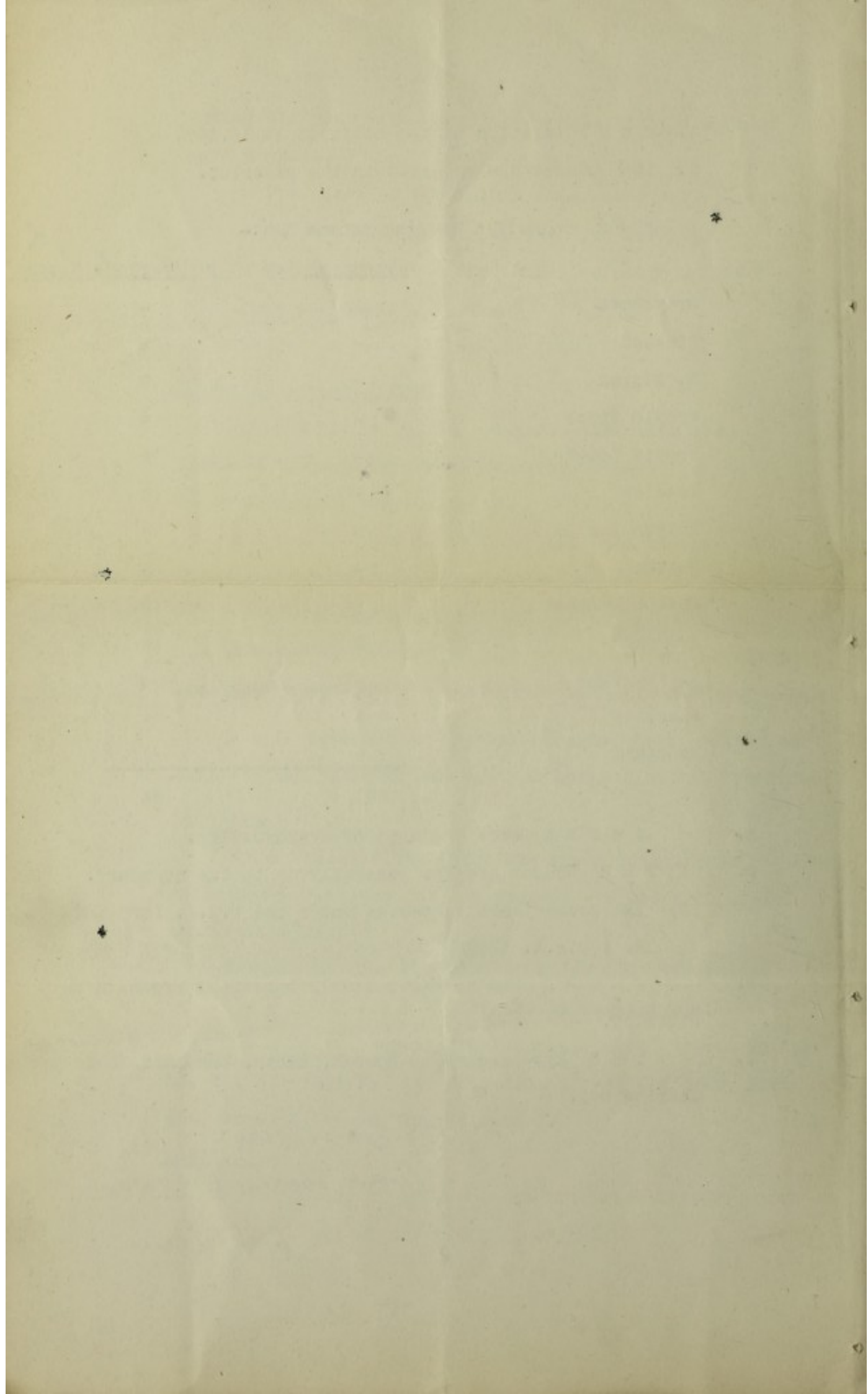
D. T H E R E are no particularly unhealthy areas in the
District.

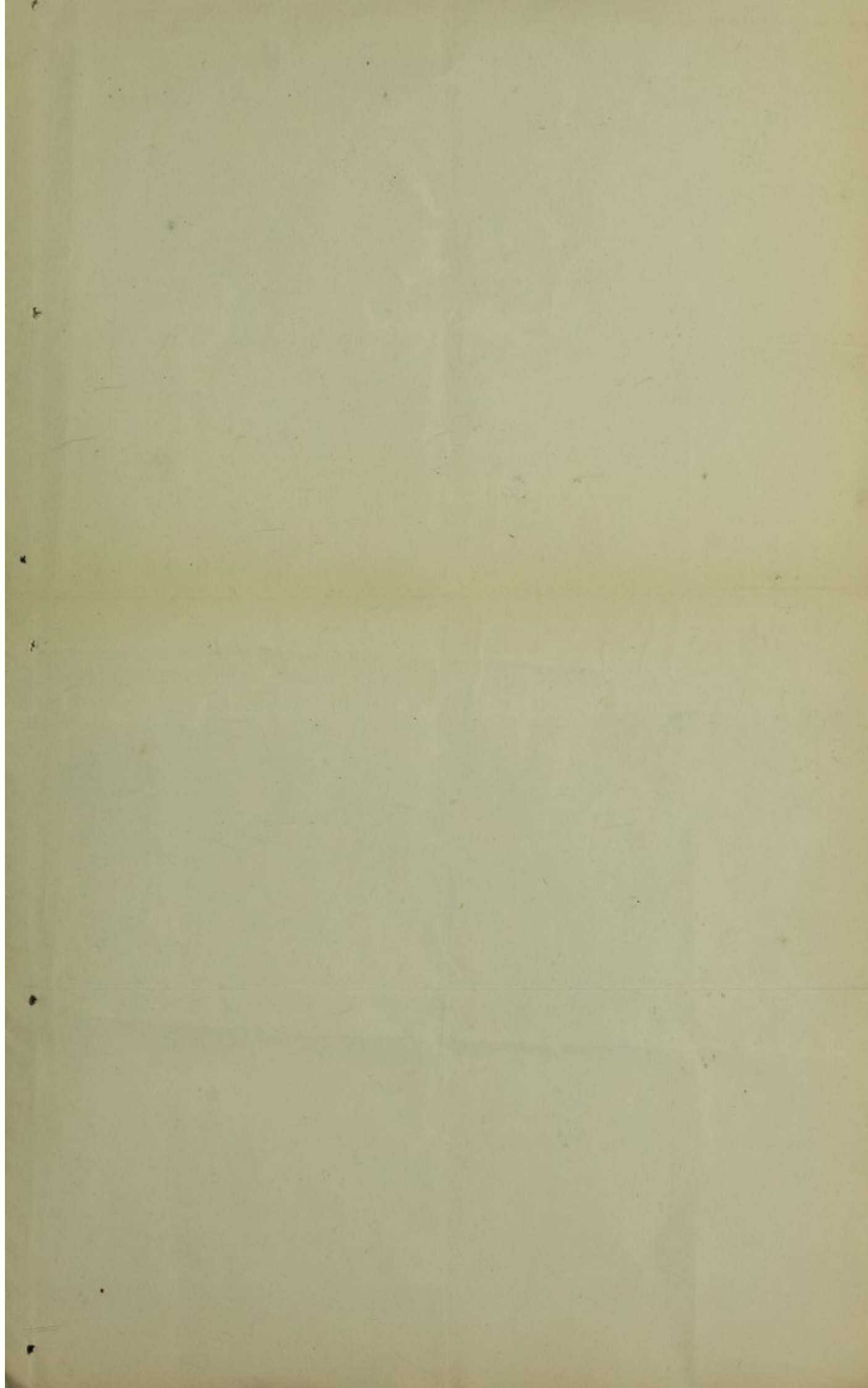
E. T H E Bye-Laws as to Houses, Tents, Vans and Sheds are
carried out.

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient servant

E. F. L. Leslie





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