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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH
for the
URBAN DISTRICT of ALTON
for the Year 1939.

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Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1939.

A new War Emergency Hospital is being erected in the grounds of the Public Assistance Institution. When completed 345 beds will be added to the existing accommodation.

A new Public Elementary School has been built on land opposite the Church School at the top of Amery Hill for children of both sexes over the age of eleven years.

Water. The supply has been adequate and there has been no necessity for restriction of the public supply.

Samples are sent each month to the County Analyst for Chemical & Bacteriological Examination. In every case the report has been "This water is satisfactory for a public supply".

Housing. Thirty houses found to be defective were dealt with as follows :-

- 6 Rendered fit by owners without service of notice.
- 7 " " " " after notice served.
- 4 " " " Council in default by owners.
- 2 Demolished.
- 11 Action deferred on outbreak of War.

Milk. Cowsheds and Dairies are regularly inspected. Reports from the County Analyst of the Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples were satisfactory.

Prevalence of & Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Influenza. There was a mild epidemic in the first three months of the year.

Pneumonia. Seven cases were notified with two deaths.

German Measles. There were a few cases in the summer months and by December the epidemic became general.

Mumps & Whooping Cough, were prevalent in the Autumn.

Whooping Cough & Measles became notifiable in December.

Scarlet Fever. Five cases were notified and were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria. Fifteen (15) cases were notified. 14 of these occurred at The Lord Mayor Trelcar Hospital. Only one case was reported from the Town. This was a man who was working at the Hospital as a Splint Maker. All the cases were mild.

Diphtheria Immunisation. 93 Children were given Immunizing Injections. 55 of these were of pre-school age. Two doses of A.P.T. are used, 0.2 c.c. for the first and 0.5 c.c. is given three weeks later.

Tuberculosis. 5 New cases of Respiratory and 4 of Non-respiratory Tuberculosis were notified. There was one death.

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