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Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1940.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. Samples of water taken from the Well and from services in different parts of the town are examined monthly. All reports are satisfactory.

Chlorination of the supply. The Council decided to proceed with a scheme for Chloranide Treatment. The Candy Filter Company are delivering the plant and it should be in operation by March.

Drainage and Sewerage. Alterations in the storm water tanks at the Outfall Works have resulted in an improvement of the effluent before it reaches the river.

Housing. Five defective houses were rendered fit by the Owners after a notice was served. One defective house rendered fit without a notice.

Milk. Cowsheds and dairies are regularly inspected.

Meat. There are two official slaughterhouses in the town and a larger number of animals are slaughtered than in previous years. A large amount of food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Rat Destruction. Help and advice are given to persons requiring them.

Bed Bugs. Action was necessary in two cases.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Influenza. A very large epidemic occurred in the first four months of the year.

Pneumonia. Fifteen cases were notified with five deaths.

German Measles was very prevalent during the first half of the year.

Measles. Five cases were notified.

Whooping Cough. Fifteen cases were notified.

Scarlet Fever. Twenty-one cases were notified, 20 of these were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria. Eight cases were notified, one from the town and the others from The Treloar Hospital and Morland Clinics where some Belgian Refugees are being treated.

Diphtheria Immunization. One hundred children were immunized, thirty of these being under school age.

Tuberculosis. Twelve ^{new} cases were notified. There were three deaths.

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MAY, 1941.

