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ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1925

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

INTELLIGENCE have the honour of placing before you the report of the Sanitary Conditions of your District for 1925.

The Population of the District is 9,354; the area 84,565 acres

The total number of births during the year were 148., 77 ~~male~~ male and 71 female. There were one male illegitimate birth and 3 female illegitimate births. The birth-rate per thousand was 14.9.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The deaths of infants under one year were 7, 6 being male and one female. There was one death of an illegitimate child.

The following were the deaths of infants at different ages :-

Under one week	3.
1 - 2	Nil.
2 - 3	Nil.
3 - 4	<u>Nil.</u>
Total under one month ...	3 .
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1 - 3 months	1.
3 - 6	3.
6 - 12	<u>Nil.</u>
Total under one year ...	<u>7.</u>

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths at all ages and from all causes were 90., 57 male and 33 female. The death rate per thousand being 9.6.

There were no deaths from zymotic disease during the year (excluding tuberculosis).

DIPHTHERIA.

Three cases occurred in a small farmhouse on the extreme border of the district in close proximity to a mining town, and I have no doubt were infected originally out of the district, the place was inspected and thoroughly disinfected, no death occurred.

SCARLET FEVER.

Eleven cases were notified to me during the year, none were fatal. In most instances they were infected from cases outside the district.

Five were ~~xxxx~~ removed to Hospital.

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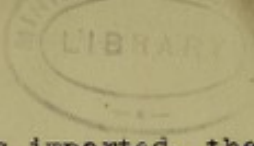
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ENTERIC FEVER.

One case only occurred in the District. This was imported, the patient suffering from the disease on his arrival. All precautions were taken.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Three cases were notified of this disease occurring in the respiratory tract and five in other places. All precautions are taken as to disinfection etc. and the cases are reported at the end of every Quarter.

SCHOOLS.

These are under the control of the County Medical Service, and are in fair condition. They are disinfected by the County.

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HOUSING.

The number of houses in this District is still inadequate, and many of those existing are in a very bad condition.

A detailed report will be found in your Sanitary Inspector's Report.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

These have been greatly improved, but a great deal still remains to be done. The constant visits of your Inspector is causing very marked improvements.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water-supply generally has improved. I hope that the projected plans for Water Supply and Sewerage on the Hardy, and for a Water Supply in Govilon will mature to the benefit of the inhabitants.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS.

The few of these in this District are in a satisfactory condition. A report will be found on printed form (attached.)

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It gives me great pleasure to bring to your notice the energy, ability and tact, displayed by your Inspector, who shows the greatest willingness in carrying out his various duties.

Signed, Elmes Y. Steele,
M.O.H.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to tender my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1925. A summary of work done, and inspection made, during the year, is given in the following tables.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

(1) Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkenops	288.
(2) Workshops	24.
(3) Slaughterhouses	56.
(4) Pail and Earth Closets	71.
(5) Drainage	54.
(6) Yards	62.
(7) Water-supply	136.
(8) Miscellaneous	<u>11.</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>702</u>

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area...64, 565 Acres. Population 9,354 (approx.)
No. Inhabited Houses..1,872 Rateable Value £.852,585.
Sum rep. by Id. Rate..£231 Assessable Value £55,355.
No. of Separate families 1,900 (approx.)

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year;-

- (A) Total 9.
- (B) With State Assistance under Housing Acts
 - (1) By Local Authority...Nil.
 - (2) By other Bodies or persons....5.

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UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

- Inspection (i) Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects. 162.
- (ii) No. of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded, under Housing (Inspection of Dist.) Regulations, 1910.... 30.
- (iii) No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation....4

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Unfit Dwelling Houses..(contd)..

(iv) No. Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...I28.

(2.) REMEDY OF DEFECTS without SERVICE of FORMAL NOTICES.

No. Defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..68.

(3) ACTION under STATUTORY POWERS.

(A) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning Act, 1919.....NIL.

(i) No. Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring Repairs.....I4.

(ii) No. Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices

(a) By Owners.....I4

(b) by Local Authority.....NIL.

(iii) No. Dwelling Houses Closed.....NIL.

(B) Proceedings under P.H. Acts.....NIL.

(C) Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning (Etc) Acts, 1909.....NIL.

INCREASE OF RENT AND MORTGAGE (RESTRICTIONS) ACT, 1920,

No. Applications for Certificates under the Act....2.

No. Certificates Grante.....2.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, and MILKSHOPS.

No. of Cowsheds on Register.....99

No. of Retail Purveyors.....57.

No. of Wholesale Purveyors.....53.

I am pleased to report great improvement in general cleanliness of Dairies and Cowsheds. Structural alterations have been effected in the majority of cases. Cowkeepers are beginning to realise the beneficial effects of a well ventilated, lighted, and efficiently drained cowshed. The old idea of it being "good enough for son as for father" is going, and I hope to report at the end of 1926 that the Regulations have been complied with in every way.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

D.W.Phillips, A.R.San.I.

Sanitary Inspector.

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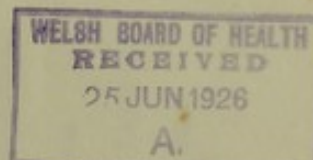
MERCHANT VEHRY LOCAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

- (1) Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924. There are two registered slaughterhouses in this District, but NO Public Slaughterhouses. These are, structurally in fairly good condition; and are only used very occasionally. All concerned accepted the 1924 regulations re the giving of notice of slaughter, in a favourable manner. Food surrendered 10 lbs. Beef Liver.
- (2) River or Stream Pollution. Pollution of rivers or streams in this District has not been found serious enough to merit any special action.
- (3) Milk Supply. The wholesomeness of milk produced in the District is, on the whole very satisfactory. Milksellers are conscientious in their efforts to improve the conditions governing clean milk production.
Milk and Dairies(Consolidation) Act 1915. No action has been taken regarding Tuberculous milk, but special attention is at all times paid to the general appearance of the cows, and of persons engaged in the handling of milk.
- (4) Isolation Hospital Accommodation. Accommodation is provided for 24 patients. Only one type of disease can be treated at a time.
- (5) Bakehouses. There are no bakehouses in the District.
- (6) Pathological and Bacteriological Specimens. This work is carried out by the County Council.
- (7) Prevalence of Notifiable Diseases. Except for a very slight epidemic of Smallpox early in 1923, there has been no undue prevalence of Infectious Disease. It is hoped that the proposed Hardy and Govilon Sewerage Schemes will soon mature, to the benefit of the Public Health.

Yours faithfully,

Elmes Y. Steele.

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5. Schools.-

There are 18 Public Elementary Schools in the district with a total daily average attendance of about 817.

The buildings are fairly satisfactory in construction - some of the schools would be improved by the provision of additional through ventilation and this is receiving the attention of the County Architect.

Eleven of the schools have water laid on by pipe - eight have water closets - one has pail closets and nine have privies with pits and the conversion of the latter into W.C.'s (where practicable) or E.C.'s is being urged on the Education Committee.

6. Sanitary Inspection of the area.-

Number of premises inspected during the year	- -	216.
Number of notices served	- - - - -	55.
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied	- - - - -	44.
Number of other premises in which defects were remedied	- - - - -	6.

7. Poor Law Administration.-

of the area
The Poor Law Administration is not undertaken by the District Council.

8. Causes of Death.- Whooping Cough-1; Tuberculosis of Respiratory System-3; Cancer-11; Diabetes-2; Cerebral Haemorrhage-11; Heart Disease-13; Bronchitis-7; Pneumonia-5; Cirrhosis of Liver-1; Nephritis-3; Congenital debility, etc-6; Suicide-2; Other deaths from violence-3; Other defined diseases-20; and Causes ill-defined-1. Total - 91.

T. P. Thomas.

Medical Officer of Health.

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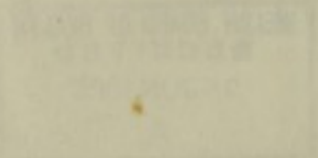
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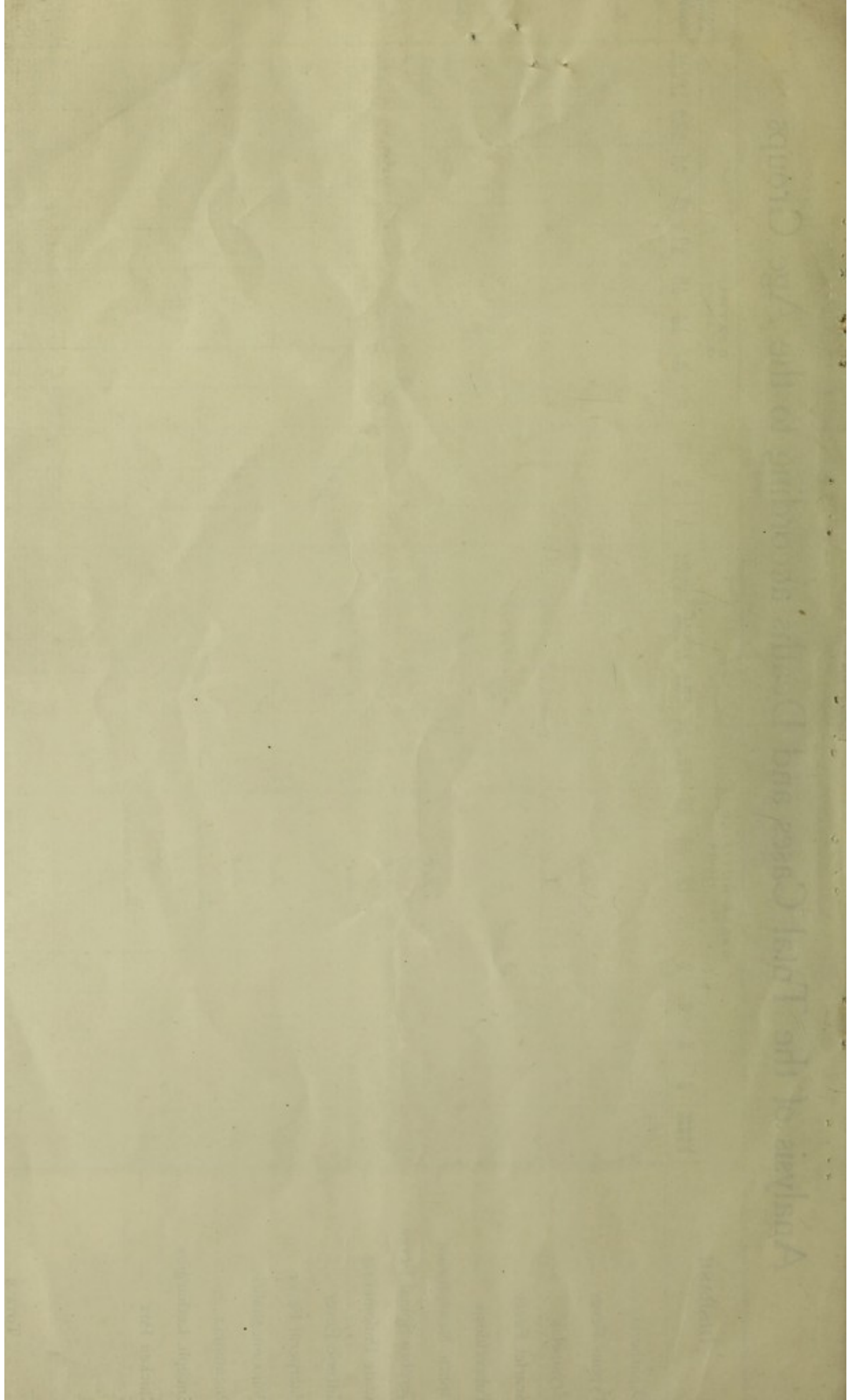
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Analysis of the Total Cases and Deaths according to the Age Groups

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED													DEATHS							NUMBER ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL						
	AGE GROUPS													AGE GROUPS													
	Under 1 year	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 & over	TOTAL all ages	Under 1 year	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15		15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 & over	TOTAL all ages
Diphtheria		/				/		/					3														nil
Typhus Fever							nil																				5
Erysipelas						nil																					nil
Scarlet Fever	/			3	3	2	/	/					11														
Tuberculosis		/				/		6					8														nil
Ophth. Neonatorum							nil																				
Cerebro Spinal Fever							nil																				
Acute Poliomyelitis							nil																				
Enteric Fever							nil						1														
Puerperal Fever							nil																				
Polioencephalitis							nil																				
Pneumonia							no record																				
Enceph. Lethargica							nil																				
Chicken Pox							no record																				
TOTALS	/	/	/	3	3	5	2	1	9				23														5

Deaths nil



This Table is enclosed, by request of the Secretary of State, for the guidance and convenience of Medical Officers of Health in preparing that part of their Annual Report which relates to factories, workshops and workplaces. It is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, but to provide for uniformity in the presentation of certain particulars which lend themselves to statistical treatment.

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the *Rural D.C.* of *Aberegheny*

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories ... (Including Factory Laundries)	54		
Workshops ... (Including Workshop Laundries)			
Workplaces ... (Other than Outworkers' premises)			
Total ...	54		

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness ...	7	7		
Want of ventilation ...				
Overcrowding ...				
Want of drainage of floors ...				
Other nuisances ...				
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient ... unsuitable or defective ... not separate for sexes ...				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...				
Other offences ... (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)				
Total ...	7	7		

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108.

NATURE OF WORK.	Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, &c.			
Cleaning and washing			
Household linen			
Lace, lace curtains and nets			
Curtains and furniture hangings... ..			
Furniture and upholstery			
Electro-plate... ..			
File making			
Brass and brass articles			
Fur pulling			
Cables and chains			
Anchors and Grapnels			
Cart gear			
Locks, latches and keys			
Umbrellas, &c.			
Artificial flowers			
Nets, other than wire nets			
Tents			
Sacks			
Racquet and tennis balls			
Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags			
Brush making			
Pea picking			
Feather sorting			
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c.			
Stuffed toys			
Basket making			
Chocolates and sweetmeats			
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, &c.			
Textile weaving			
TOTAL			

(Signature) *Elmer G. Steele*

Medical Officer of Health.

Date 31 Dec 1925.

NOTE.—The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 (s. 132), requires the Medical Officer of Health in his Annual Report to the District Council to report specifically on the administration of that Act in workshops and workplaces, and to send a copy of his Annual Report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Secretary of State (Home Office). If the Annual Report is presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, workplaces or homework.