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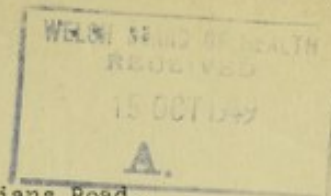
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26, St. Julians Road,
Newport, Mon.

4th October, 1949.

To the Chaifman and Members of the
Chepstow Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit an Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary
conditions of your District for the year ending December 1948.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

E.N. Dowell.

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VITAL STATISTICS 1948.

Area (Acres)	1550
Population	5040

Births.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	34	52
Illegitimate	2	4
TOTAL:	36	56

Birth Rate per 1000 population	-	18 . 2
Monmouthshire Birth Rate	-	19 . 2
England and Wales	-	17 . 9

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	2	1
Illegitimate	-	-
TOTAL:	2	1

Birth Rate per 1000 population	-	0 . 6
Monmouthshire Still Birth Rate	-	0 . 51
England and Wales	-	0 . 42

<u>Infant Mortality</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths in First Year of Life	2	3
Total (All Legitimate)	5	

Rate per 1000 births	-	54 . 3
Monmouthshire	-	43 . 7
England and Wales	-	34

Deaths.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
	19	20
TOTAL:	39	

Death Rate per 1000 population	-	7 . 7
Death Rate Monmouthshire	-	11 . 1
Death Rate England and Wales	-	10 . 8

Maternal Mortality.	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	9
" " Whooping Cough	-
" " Diphtheria	-
" " Pneumonia	2
" " Influenza	-
" " Tuberculosis	1
" " Infantile Diarrhoea	-

VITAL STATISTICS 1916.

Area (Acres)	Population	1916	1915
Live Births	Legitimate	11,000	10,500
Legitimate	Illegitimate	2,000	1,800
TOTAL		13,000	12,300
Birth Rate per 1000 population		18.0	17.0
Maternity Birth Rate		17.0	16.0
England and Wales		17.0	16.0
Still Births		1,000	900
Legitimate		500	450
Illegitimate		500	450
TOTAL		1,000	900
Birth Rate per 1000 population		0.8	0.7
Maternity Still Birth Rate		0.7	0.6
England and Wales		0.7	0.6
Infant Mortality		10.0	9.0
Deaths in First Year of Life		10.0	9.0
Total (All Legitimate)		10.0	9.0
Rate per 1000 live		10.0	9.0
Maternity		10.0	9.0
England and Wales		10.0	9.0
TOTAL		10.0	9.0
Deaths Rate per 1000 population		10.0	9.0
Maternity		10.0	9.0
England and Wales		10.0	9.0
Infant Mortality		10.0	9.0
Deaths from Cancer		10.0	9.0
Whooping Cough		10.0	9.0
Diphtheria		10.0	9.0
Scarlet Fever		10.0	9.0
Measles		10.0	9.0
Polio		10.0	9.0
Tuberculosis		10.0	9.0
Infantile Diarrhoea		10.0	9.0

Sanitary Inspector's Report for year endingDecember, 1948.HOUSING. COUNCIL SCHEMES.Pre-War.

To house the 295 persons displaced from the 11 Clearance Areas dealt with by the Council under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1930, 74 (3-bedroom non-parlour type houses) were erected by the Council in the year 1935 - 1937.

Post-War.

The progress made in the erection of the houses forming the Council's initial post-war housing scheme was most disappointing and the inordinate delay caused the Council considerable anxiety. Although the Local Authority took all practicable steps to increase the production of the houses the shortage of building labour in the district proved an insurmountable problem.

The position of this scheme, comprising 26 3-bedroom houses built in terraces and in pairs and 16 2-bedroom maisonettes in blocks of four, at the 31st December, 1948 was as follows:-

Completed and occupied.	24 houses.
Roofed and plastered.	2 houses
Ditto.	14 Maisonettes.
Roofed.	2 Ditto.
	<u>42</u>

In addition the Council have published an advertisement inviting tenders for the advance preparation of the Hardwick Court Site which is planned to take 82 dwellings of various types.

During the year the Council purchased 5.15 acres of land at Cromwell Road, Bulwark and are negotiating a price for the erection of 16 semi-detached 3 bedroom houses on this site.

TEMPORARY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

The Council have not undertaken the erection of temporary prefabricated dwellings but have, with the approval of the Welsh Board of Health, converted "St. Maur College" into five flats. In the grounds of this building are 12 Nissen huts which the Council adapted as dwellings and which were brought into occupation in 1947. A contract for converting concrete hutments into 34 temporary dwelling units at Bulwark Camp, Chepstow is being carried out and it is hoped that these further temporary dwellings will be available for occupation by the end of March, 1949.

The above-mentioned temporary housing schemes form part of the Residual Services Grant Claim.

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS.

Under the powers contained in Sections 93 and 94 of the Housing Act, 1936 the Council have entered into an agreement with the Red & White Housing Association in respect of the erection of six houses at Cromwell Road, Bulwark. As a result of the Council's action the Association will receive the Exchequer Grant of £16. 10. 0 per annum in respect of each dwelling.

The Council have made a loan of £7, 020 to the Association.

It is anticipated that the six houses will be completed and ready for occupation by the beginning of June, 1949.

THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS, 1899 to 1923.

On the 28th January, 1946 the Council passed a Resolution adopting the Acts, but as yet no applications have been received for advances.

POST-WAR HOUSING BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

4 houses and 2 bungalows have been built under licence by private enterprise.

ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Council have adopted a "points scheme" for use in selecting tenants both for temporary and permanent accommodation. It has been their constant endeavour to ensure that those with the greatest need receive priority. A card index system is maintained to keep an accurate and up-to-date record of the needs of each applicant and immediate effect is given to changes of circumstances which are reported. All applicants are furnished with a copy of the points scheme together with details of the points for which they qualify.

DEMAND FOR PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION.

At the 31st December, 1948 there were 292 live applications for accommodation.

WATER SUPPLY.

Particular attention has been paid to the purity of the water supply and 8 samples were taken from the main piped supply. All these proved satisfactory.

The water is supplied by a private company who have maintained adequate supply throughout the year to meet all requirements.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

This still continues to function satisfactorily.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There is no slaughter house within the Urban District, but regular inspection of butchers shops has been carried out. Other food premises have also been kept under observation to ensure hygienic conditions prevail in the preparation, storage and sale of food to the public.

The following goods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Butter.....	70 lbs.
Bacon.....	2 "
Corned Beef.....	1 "
Sausages.....	48 "
Meat.....	85 "
Fish.....	32 stone.

Various tinned goods 181 tins.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The purchase of the new self tipping low loading refuse vehicle has ensured improvement in refuse collection. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

SALVAGE.

The following amounts of paper and scrap metals were collected during the period.

	Tons.	Cvts.
Paper:-	24	1
Metals:-	3	4

INSPECTIONS.

Houses Visited.....	121
Houses Re visited.....	176
Defects Found.....	84
Defects Remedied.....	84
Informal Notices.....	62
Formal Notices.....	5
Cattle Market.....	6
Butchers Shops.....	19
Shops (other).....	34
Food Premises.....	12
Factories.....	17
Rodent Control.....	14
Public Conveniences.....	7

MILK AND DAIRIES.

No. of Retailers.....	8
No. of Wholesalers.....	3
No. of Wholesalers Purveyors.....	1
No. of Inspections.....	18.

RODENT CONTROL.

Various premises have been treated by the Rodent Operative. There is no evidence of any major infestation, and every effort is being made to minimise the ravages caused by the pests.

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REMARKS

A series of reports have been received by the Bureau of Investigation, from the various sources of information, and every effort is being made to obtain the reports from the various sources.