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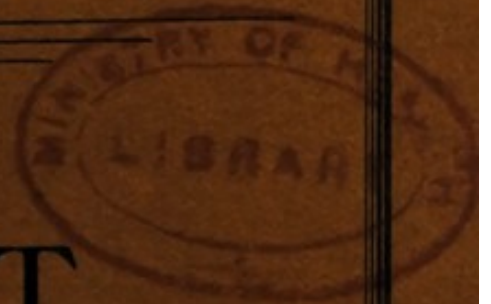
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Members of the Rural District Council for 1938.

<i>Parish Representative.</i>		<i>Name.</i>
Crickhowell	...	... E. H. S. Jones, Esq. W. G. Watkins, Esq.
Cwmdu	...	... William S. Powell, Esq. William Pritchard, Esq.
Llanbedr-Ystradwy	...	... David Howat Jones, Esq.
Llanelly John Gunter, Esq. Thos. J. Edmunds, Esq., J.P., (Vice-Chairman) W. R. Powell, Esq. A. J. Thomas, Esq.
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Llangenny Col. John G. Rees, J.P. Rev. D. J. Evans.
Llangynidr John Thomas, Esq., J.P. (Chairman) C. S. Farr, Esq.
Partrishow	...	... William Nicholls, Esq.

Officials, etc. (*Part Time).

Clerk and Solicitor : *THOS. VAUGHAN.

Medical Officer of Health : *J. S. TOWNLEY, M.B., CH.B., L.R.C.P., and S.B.

Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector Waterworks Manager Inspector under Petroleum Acts Supervisor of Street Lighting	}	E. R. MORGAN, Cert. R. San. I., M.S.I.A.
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The services of Mr. G. JAMES, who was engaged as additional Temporary Sanitary Inspector were dispensed with on the 16th August, 1938, the Council not being prepared to meet the cost of continuing his employment.

(The Council receive grants towards the salaries of the M.O.H.,
and S.I.)

Clerk in the four latter departments : A. MERVYN THOMAS.

Accountant, Chief Rating and Valuation Officer : ARTHUR J. ROGERS,
(A.R.V.A.)

Rate Collector : THOS. J. JONES. Cashier : VINCENT M. T. LESLIE.

Plumber and Fitter : J. H. WILLIAMS.

Sanitary Orderly : EDGAR DAVIES (Crickhowell and Llangattock Parishes)

Caretaker of Offices : WM. BOWEN.

Scavenging Contractors :

***Part Time. Covering seven separate scavenging areas.**

***Sanitary Orderly (Clydach) Casual Labour provided for roadside gutter cleaning.**

Other Labour : Skilled and unskilled labour requisitioned as required.

Council Meetings : Every Fourth Thursday at 2-30 p.m.

COMMITTEES—

- 1 Rating Committee.**
- 2 Finance Committee.**
- 3 Finance Sub-Committee.**
- 4 Llanelly Water Committee.**
- 5 Housing Committee.**
- 6 A.R.P. Committee.**
- 7 Sewerage Committee.**
- 8 District Water Committee.**
- 9 Emergency Committee.**
- 10 Representatives on County Assessment Committee.**
- 11 Representatives on the Abergavenny and District Joint Fire Brigade Committee.**

Council Offices and Meeting Chamber : Beaufort Chambers, Crickhowell.

Telephone : Council Offices—Crickhowell No. 71.

Clerk (Residence and Private Office)—Crickhowell No. 20.

Medical Officer of Health (Residence)—Crickhowell No. 27.

Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector (Residence)—Gilwern No. 11

**Beaufort Chambers,
Crickhowell,**

June 17th, 1939.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my 7th Annual Report, and the Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector's 27th Annual Report for the year 1938.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 46,140 acres.

Population.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population, mid-summer,
1938 ... 6,514.

Inhabited Houses ... 1,892.

Rateable Value ... £20,290.

Sum represented by penny rate ... £79 6s. 9d.

Industries and Social Conditions.

There are no new industries in this area and there are no prospects of any coming here, but the increased industrial activity in the neighbouring districts has resulted in many of our unemployed obtaining work in those districts. The comparison between the years 1937 and 1938, in the figures of the Labour Exchanges, is not very reassuring. Towards the end of the year there was a very optimistic feeling in the district that our unemployed would greatly benefit by Government Works proposed to be commenced at Usk. Nevertheless, I see no prospect of the majority of the men in this area becoming permanently employed, and it seems to me that this will remain a distressed area.

A lamentable feature of the position is that the young people leave their homes to find work in the large cities and towns, leaving in this area the older people. The latter condition is reflected in the low birth rate and the high death rate.

Social Service. In consequence of the foregoing, many of the activities for providing amenities for the young people become abortive, and it is depressing to observe the lack of use that is made of the buildings and grounds provided at Clydach and Llanelly Hill.

Unemployment in the District.

Statement shewing the number of persons registered as unemployed on 12th December, 1938, at the Crickhowell and Brynmawr Local Offices of the Ministry of Labour.

Total number of Persons Registered.					
<i>Local Office.</i>	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Crickhowell ...	156	3	1	—	160
Brynmawr ...	1295	50	48	45	1438

Notes.

- (1). All persons registered at the Crickhowell Local Office were residing in the area of the Crickhowell Rural District Council.

- (2). It is not possible to ascertain the number of persons registered at Brynmawr Local Office residing in the Crickhowell Rural District. It is estimated that 25% of those registered at Brynmawr are residing in Llanelly Parish and within this Council's district.

Public Assistance.

(a) Residents in the Council's Area in receipt of relief on December 31st, 1938—

	Householders	Persons
Lower District (all parts with the exception of Llanelly Hill)	178	341
Llanelly Hill	21	55
Total	199	396

(b) Number of Persons from the Council's Area in the Poor Law Institution at Llangattock.

Parishes.	Males.	Females.	Children.	Total.
Crickhowell	9	1	—	10
Llangynidr	—	1	—	1
Totals	9	2	—	11

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year—

Births.

	Total	Males	Females
Live Births } Total	86	47	39
} Legitimate	81	44	37
} Illegitimate	5	3	2
Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	13'2	

	Total	Males	Females
Still Births } Total	4	1	3
} Legitimate	3	1	2
} Illegitimate	1	—	1
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births	...	0'61.	

Deaths.

	Total	Males	Females
Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13'9.		
Transferable Deaths ... Inwards ...	11	Outwards ...	10
Comparability factor ... 0.87	Comparative Mortality Rate	...	13'9

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List) :—

	Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still)	
	Deaths.	Births.
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis	1	11.6
No. 30 Other Puerperal Causes	Nil	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age—

	Total	Males	Females
Total	6	3	3
Legitimate	3	3	3
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	69·7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	69·7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	14	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	Nil	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	1	
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	Nil	

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

1937		Causes.	1938			
M.	F.		M.	F.		
59	38	All Causes	44	47		
0	0	1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0	0		
0	0	2. Measles	0	0		
0	0	3. Scarlet Fever	0	0		
1	1	4. Whooping Cough	0	1		
0	0	5. Diphtheria	0	1		
2	0	6. Influenza	0	1		
0	0	7. Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0		
0	0	8. Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0		
4	3	9. Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	2		
0	1	10. Other Tuberculosis	0	1		
0	0	11. Syphilis	0	0		
0	0	12. General Paralysis of Insane	0	0		
9	4	13. Cancer	5	9		
0	0	14. Diabetes	1	0		
1	0	15. Cerebral Hæmorrhage	1	7		
17	8	16. Heart Disease	11	9		
0	0	17. Aneurysm	0	0		
3	5	18. Other Circulatory Diseases	3	0		
4	2	19. Bronchitis	4	2		
2	3	20. Pneumonia	2	0		
3	5	21. Other Respiratory Diseases	0	0		
1	0	22. Peptic Ulcer	0	0		
0	0	23. Diarrhœa under 2 years	0	0		
0	1	24. Appendicitis	0	0		
0	0	25. Cirrhosis of Liver	0	0		
0	0	26. Other Liver Diseases	1	0		
1	0	27. Other Digestive Diseases	1	1		
4	3	28. Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	3		
0	0	29. Puerperal Sepsis	0	1		
0	0	30. Other puerperal Diseases	0	0		
3	1	31. Congenital Causes, etc.	2	1		
4	3	32. Senility	0	5		
0	0	33. Suicide	1	0		
2	0	34. Other Violence	3	1		
1	3	35. Other Defined Diseases	7	2		
0	0	36. Ill-defined or N.K.	0	0		
0	0	37. Diarrhœa, 2 years and over	0	0		
Total Deaths		...	91	Total Births	...	86

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1938.

(England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns).

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	* 148 Smaller Towns (resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County
Rates per 1,000 Population.				
Births—				
Live ...	15·1	15·0	15·4	13·4
Still ...	0·60	0·65	0·60	0·48
Deaths—				
All causes ...	11·6	11·7	11·0	11·4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	0·00
Smallpox ...	0·00	—	0·00	—
Measles ...	0·04	0·05	0·03	0·06
Scarlet fever ...	0·01	0·01	0·01	0·01
Whooping Cough ...	0·03	0·03	0·02	0·03
Diphtheria ...	0·07	0·07	0·06	0·05
Influenza ...	0·11	0·10	0·11	0·06
Notifications—				
Smallpox ...	0·00	0·00	0·00	—
Scarlet fever ...	2·41	2·60	2·58	2·05
Diphtheria ...	1·58	1·85	1·53	1·90
Enteric fever ...	0·03	0·03	0·04	0·05
Erysipelas ...	0·40	0·46	0·39	0·46
Pneumonia ...	1·10	1·28	0·98	0·98
Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
Deaths under 1 year of age	53	57	51	57
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age ...	5·5	7·8	3·6	13·1
Maternal Mortality—				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0·89	Not available.		
Others ...	2·19			
Total ...	3·08			
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (Live & Still).				
Maternal Mortality—				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0·86	Not available		
Others ...	2·11			
Total ...	2·97			
Notifications—				
Puerperal fever ...	14·42	18·08	12·51	3·53
Puerperal pyrexia ...				15·46

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

- (i). Medical Officer of Health. See page 1.
- (ii). *Medical Services.*

These were extensively dealt with in the Report for 1937, and as no changes have taken place, it is not proposed to repeat the information in this Report.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supplies.

The springs of Llanelly Hill and the Wenallt failed at various times from April to August and water was hauled to householders.

PARTICULARS OF AREAS SERVED.

Areas Served.	Periods.	Cost £ s. d.
Waenavon Waenwen Llamarch Cwmnantgam Fedw Ddu	} Llanelly Hill 1st April to 17th August	45 10 6
Wenallt	} Gilwern 13th April to 9th October	59 16 0
	Total ...	£105 6 6

Chief Schemes, Extensions, Alterations & Improvements

The Council will know from the Monthly Reports of the Sanitary Surveyor the enormous amount of work carried out under the above heading during the year, and it is not proposed to repeat it in this Report. However, the schemes for Crickhowell, Llangynidr and Llanelly Hill are now under the consideration of the Ministry of Health & the Commissioner for Special Areas.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC ANALYST

1. Report on the Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of sample of water marked " Rhiwgarn Water, Llangynidr, taken from Public standpipe near Beaufort Arms, 10-30 a.m. 22/11/38."

Chemical Examination

Appearance	...	...	Clear, bright.	
Odour	...	...	Nil.	
				Parts per 100,000
Free Ammonia	...	...	...	0'001
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	...	0'001
Chlorine	...	...	...	1'3
calculated as common salt		...	...	2'1
Nitrates	...	...	...	0'08
Nitrites	...	...	...	Nil
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	...	...	...	7'4
Total Solids	...	...	...	12'0
Oxygen consumed at 27°C :				
in 15 minutes	...	...	...	0'007
in 4 hours	...	...	...	0'035

Bacteriological Examination

Number of organisms per cc developed on Agar
during 48 hours at 37°C ... 598

Organisms of the Coli Group were present in 50, 25, 20, and 10 ccs., but absent in 5, 2 and 1 cc of the sample examined.

B. COLI TYPE :—

Non-Liquifying causing fluorescense in neutral red solution, fermenting glucose and Lactose with formatition of acid and gas, forming indole in peptone water and forming acid and curd in milk.

B. WELCHII ABSENT IN 100 ccs.
STREPTOCOCCI ABSENT IN 50 ccs.

Remarks.

While the Chemical Analysis gives no indication of pollution, the results obtained from the Bacteriological Examination indicate that this water is unfit for drinking purposes.

(Sd.)—H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

2. Report on the Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of sample of water marked " Taken from spring on east side of Llangynidr-Beaufort Hill Road-Field No. 811, 3 fields below Penrhiwgarn Farm, B.M. 913'0. 14/3/38."

Chemical Examination

Appearance	...	Clear, bright.	
Odour	...	Nil.	
			Parts per 100,000
Free Ammonia	...	...	0·0005
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	Nil
Chlorine	...	...	1·1
calculated as common salt	...	...	1·8
Nitrates	...	...	0·10
Nitrites	...	...	Nil
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	...	...	9·1
Total Solids	...	...	16·0
Oxygen consumed at 27°C :			
in 15 minutes ..	...	...	0·004
in 4 hours ...	...	...	0·017

Bacteriological Examination

Number of Organisms per cc developed on Agar
during 48 hours at 37°C 4

Organisms of the Coli Group were absent in 50, 25, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 ccs of the sample examined.

Remarks

From the results obtained by the Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations, I am of opinion that this water is fit for drinking and all domestic purposes.

It is a fairly soft water and should not be conveyed through lead or galvanised iron pipes.

(Sd.) H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

Sewerage and Drainage

Improvements have been carried out to numerous isolated houses.

I regret that the schemes for Crickhowell, Llangattock and Gilwern, as dealt with in the last report, have not yet fructified, but hope that this matter will be expedited as the result of the recent Public Inquiry.

Rivers and Streams.

There was no pollution on a large scale in the district, but circular and individual notices have been served on various persons regarding the discharge of refuse in the various streams.

Closet Accommodation.

Linked up with the question of the conversion from the conservancy system are the proposed sewerage schemes for Crickhowell, Llangattock and Gilwern. However, in certain cases of isolated houses, house owners have adopted small septic tanks in place of pails or privies.

Public Cleansing.

The same remarks applied as in last year's report.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Inspections made	...	2621
Informal Notices	...	197
Notices complied with	...	186
Statutory Notices	...	56
Complied with	...	41

Matters dealt with under the above inspections.

Ashpits	Cowsheds	Disinfection	Housing
Ashbins	Churns	Dead animals	Highways
Bakehouses	Cats	Factories	Hydrants
Bugs	Domestic slaughter	Food shops	Meat shops
Closets	Drains	Fleas	Mice
Cesspools	Diseases	Gipsies	Milk Sellers
Carbide	Dogs	Graveyards	Public Halls
Schools	Springs	Tuberculosis	Petroleum
Septic tanks	Slaughter houses	Verminous premises	Refuse lorry
			Rivers
			Rats
			Sewerage and Sewage

Shops and Offices.

No action was taken under the Shop Act, 1936, as the Shops in this district are very small and there is very little need for the application of the Act.

Camping Sites.

No licences have been issued regarding camping sites, and except for a few individual tents in various parts of the district during August, the problem is one that does not arise.

Smoke Abatement.

No action necessary or taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public or private swimming baths or pools in the district. The public sometimes bathe in the River Usk.

Eradication of bed bugs, etc.

There are no Council houses, therefore this local authority do not carry out any disinfection on a large scale. Stocks of disinfecting liquid, powder and fumigants are kept in the Health Department and issued to the public on application.

Schools.

In cases where infectious diseases break out among school children, the head of the respective school attended by the patient or contacts is notified at the beginning and end of the period of infectivity.

Table of School closed and cause.

School.	Closed		Disease.
	From	To	
Duffryn Cwannon Council	5/4/38	After Easter holidays	Measles.

The Schools in this district have been dealt with in previous reports, and no further comments are necessary.

New School.

A new central school is being erected at Crickhowell.

SECTION D.

Housing

The Council are still proceeding with the Tenders for the erection of 34 Council houses at Crickhowell in place of a similar number of houses to be demolished. It is to be regretted that the delay in connexion therewith permits the occupation of certain houses which are going from bad to worse, and in connection with which owners will do no repairs, knowing these houses have to be ultimately demolished. On the larger question of other defective houses in the district, especially in the Parish of Llanelly, my views are well known, and I do not propose going over any of the old ground. Obviously, the Council's position in this "distressed" area makes it very difficult, if not impossible, to solve this problem. The many visits of Inspectors from the Ministry of Health to this district in regard to housing, sewerage and water has given us opportunities of discussing and explaining our peculiar difficulties.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... 424
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	... 701
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	... 320
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	... 421
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. It is quite impossible to answer this question.	
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... 31

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	12
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3. *Action under the Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(a)	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a)	By Owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	10
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
(a)	By owners	8
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	34
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	Nil
(d)	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part iv—Overcrowding—*

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	33
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein ...	38
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein ...	189
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	Nil
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Not known

PLANS RECEIVED

New houses, bungalows, other building and reconstructions, etc.

Plan No.	Nature of building.	Situation.	Parish.
115	Cottage	Penydre	Crickhowell
116	Cottages	Caffredyn	Llangynidr
117	Bungalow	Gilwern	Llanelly
118	Garage	Beaufort Street	Crickhowell
119	*Mansion	Llangattock	Llangattock
120	+30 Houses	Aberbaiden, Gilwern	Llanelly
121	Bungalow	Gilwern	"
122	Cowhouse	Clydach	"
123	2 Semi-detached bungalow houses	Crickhowell	Crickhowell
124	New Drainage system	Beaufort Arms, Gilwern	Llanelly
125	Bungalow	Gilwern	"
126	—Wooden structure (shop)	Penydre	Crickhowell
127	Petrol pump 2	Llangattock	Llangattock
128	*House	Main Road, Clydach	Llanelly
129	*Conversion of out-buildings to staff quarters	Aberbaiden, Gilwern	"
130	+ Detached House	Plas	Llangattock
131	* Dwelling House	Bfailisaf	Cwmdu
132	Electric extensions	Llangattock	Llangattock
133	* Dwelling house	Clydach	Llanelly
134	+ House	Penydre	Crickhowell
135	House	Cross Rds., Gilwern	Llanelly
136	Bungalow 3	Cross Rds., Gilwern	"
137	* House	Penydre	Crickhowell
138	Electric extensions	Great Oak	"
139	Electric extensions	Glangrwyney Paper Mills	Llangenny
140	Central School	Brecon Road	Crickhowell
141	Ambulance service hut	Gilwern	Llanelly
142	Garage & pulverising plant	Blackrock Quarries	Llanelly
143	Electric extension	Bwlch	Cwmdu
144	Pair semi-detached villas	Llangenny Lane	Crickhowell
145	Electric extension	Llanfair Quarries	Crickhowell
146	* Conversion week-end Cottage	Maesgwartha	Llanelly
147	House	Corn Exchange, Gilwern	"
148	Bungalow	Lion Inn, Gilwern	"
149	New Bridge	Gilwern	"
150	2 houses and 2 bungalows	Forestry Commission, Grwyne Fawr	Llangenny
151	Moveable dwelling (land licence)	Blackrock	Llanelly
152	Building	Blackrock	"
153	Bungalow	Cross Rds., Gilwern	"
154	2 pairs semi-detached houses	Gilwern	"
155	Electric extensions	New Road	Crickhowell
156	Extension (Palmer's)	Gwernvale	Crickhowell
157	+ Additions Boys' Club	Clydach	Llanelly
158	Pair of Flats	Llangenny Lane	Crickhowell

*Reconstruction. + Not carried out. —Not approved.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The Milk Special Designation Order is administered by the County Council.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS.

(a) *Milk.*

1. Report on the Bacteriological Examination of 2 samples of milk marked 1/38. On road during sale by retail. 10 a.m. 14/3/38, and 2/38. On road during sale by retail 9-45 a.m. 14/3/38.

	No. 1/38.	No. 2/38
Number of organisms per cc developed on Agar during 48 hours at 37°C.	126,000	44,000
B. Coli in 1/10 cc	Present.	Absent.
B. Coli in 1/100 cc	Absent.	Absent

(Sd.) H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

2.

Code No.	Methylene Blue Test.	Coliform Bacillus present in 0, 1, 2 or 3 tubes. 1/1000	Whether or not satisfied Coliform Test.
1/38	S	0	S
2/38	S	0	S
3/38	S	0	S
4/38	S	0	S
5/38	S	1	—
6/38	4	2	—
7/38	S	2	—
8/38	S	0	S

3. Report on the Bacteriological Examination of sample of milk marked No 1, 2.

Number of Organisms per cc developed on Agar during 48 hours at 37°C	21,600
B. Coli in 1/10 cc	Absent.
B. Coli in 1/100 cc	Absent.

Sample fulfilled the requirements for certified milk under the former designations.

(Sd.)—H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

Report on the Bacteriological Examination of sample of milk marked No. 3.

Number of Organisms per cc developed on Agar during 48 hours at 37°C	62,400
B. Coli Group in 1/10 cc	Absent
B. Coli Group in 1/100 cc	Absent

Sample fulfilled the requirements for Grade "A" Milk under the former designations.

(Sd.)—H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

Report on the Bacteriological Examination of sample of Milk marked
No. 1.

Number of Organisms per cc developed on Agar during 48 hours at 37°C	...	416,000
B. Coli in 1/10 ccs	...	Absent
B. Coli in 1/100 ccs	...	Absent

While the absence of B. Coli in 1/10 and 1/100 ccs is a satisfactory feature, the total number of organisms present is excessive.

(Sd.)—H. J. EVANS, F.I.C.,
Public Analyst.

(b). *Meat and Other Foods.*

Periodical inspections are carried out, but records in accordance with page 8 of the circular 1728 (Wales) are not kept. It is hoped in the future to introduce this system. One whole carcase of bullock was seized as being infected with tuberculosis, and buried by this Department.

Occasional Killing.

Until Parliament bring in an Act of Parliament defining "occasional killing," own "Rearing," and for sale to one's "neighbour," uncontrolled slaughtering will continue.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious and Other Diseases.

There was no epidemic of any notifiable infectious diseases during the year 1938.

Proposed County Isolation Hospital.

The scheme for the provision of a County Isolation Hospital for the sanitary districts is now well advanced.

Bacterial Aids to Diagnosis and Hospitals.

As previous reports.

GENERAL.

As monthly reports are cyclostyled and issued to each Member previous to the Meeting, this Annual Report has been reduced in size in order to avoid unnecessary work and cost. It will be of interest to the Council to know that 756 foolscap sheets of the Report referred to (exclusive of special Reports) have been issued to members during the year. Letters, notices and other correspondence amount to well over 3,000. It will thus be realised that the amount of work falling on Local Authorities is stupendous, and much of time which should be devoted to outside work is taken up with Office duties.

Your obedient Servant,

J. S. TOWNLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods			New Cases				Deaths			
			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
35	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	2	—	1	1	2	—	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
(other than Tuberculosis)

During the Year 1937.

DISEASE.	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	6	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	13	Nil	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Fever	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	Nil
Pneumonia	7	Nil	2
Other Diseases	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other Diseases Local	Nil	Nil	Nil

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	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power ...	20	3	0
Factories without mechanical power	16	2	0
Other Premises ...	—	—	—
Total ...	36	5	0

2. No Defects Found.

Outwork in unwholesome Premises.

There is no outwork carried on in the District.



