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HAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,

1943.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1943. This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 10/44 (Wales) and is again therefore very restricted. The opportunity is taken, however, of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public has shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of notifiable infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Measles.....22 cases.  
Acute Pneumonia.....2 cases.  
Scarlet Fever.....2 cases.

The cases of measles occurred throughout the month of December. One death was reported as being due to this disease.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year under review monthly clinics were held for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria. The response has been satisfactory and at the end of the year the position as regards North Breconshire is shown by the following.

Number of children in district between 1 and 5 years who have been immunised.....1082....81.6%.  
Number of children in district between 5 and 15 years who have been immunised.....3462....87.6%.

It is interesting to note that the last case of diphtheria to be notified in the Hay Urban District occurred in March, 1941.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on register at the commencement of the year...9.  
Number of fresh cases notified during the year.....3.  
Number of deaths during the year.....3.  
Number of cases on registers at the end of the year.....9.

Notifications in recent years....1939....0.  
1940....2.  
1941....4.  
1942....2.  
1943....3.

Venereal Disease.

The Breconshire County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases.

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Water Supplies.

At the request of the Welsh Board of Health some reference is now made to the water supply to the district.

The district is supplied from two sources i.e. the Hay Common supply and the Llangwathan supply. The quality of the former has always been good, being sand gravity filtered and then chlorinated. The latter supply, some years ago, was not up to the desired quality and was subsequently turned off from the supply. Improvements were then carried out to the intake chambers and boxes which has resulted in a marked improvement.

The Hay Common supply originates as surface water and shallow springs and the Llangwathan as shallow springs.

The supply, when the quantity is available, is a constant one but it has been found necessary to restrict, at times severely, during the summer and drought periods.

With the exception of five houses all premises are "on tap". Of these five houses, two are supplied by a nearby spring and three by a common standpipe.

The water has no plumbic-solvent action.

The provision of an adequate supply of wholesome water for the District remains urgent and should be provided by the Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

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No exceptional administrative measure was recommended by me during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. GEORGE.

Medical Officer of Health.