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HOLYHEAD URBAN DISTRICT.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Area of Holyhead Urban District (including area covered by the sea)
650 acres.

<u>CENSUS. 1911.</u>	Population.	11,608.
	Number of inhabited houses.	2,409.
	Average number of persons per house.	4.82.
<u>CENSUS. 1921.</u>	Population.	11,179.
	Number of inhabited houses.	2,620.
	Average number of persons per house.	4.26.

Population middle of July 1925. Birth and Death rates are calculated on the estimated population in the middle of July of the same year. Registrar-General estimate for middle of July 1925 was 12470.

Deaths and death-rate. There were 155 deaths registered of persons belonging to the District during the year, 71 males and 84 females, this being equal to a rate of ^{13.8}12.4 per 1000.

The rate is lower than that for the year 1924 which was 13.3 and practically the same as that for England and Wales for 1925 which was 12.2.

Births and Birth-rate. There were 203 births registered in the District during the year, 95 males and 108 females, five of the births were illegitimate (3 boys and 2 girls). The rate for the year is ^{18.1}18.3, for England and Wales for the same period 18.3 and for the District for the previous year the rate was 19.2.

The rate for England and Wales is a very low one and as will be seen the rate for this District is still lower.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age. There were 15 deaths of infants under one year of age registered in the District during the year, 7 boys and 8 girls this being equal to a rate of 73 per 1000 births. For England and Wales for the same period it was 75 per 1000 births and for the District for the previous year it was 105 per 1000 births.

The rate is therefore slightly lower than that for England and Wales for the same period and considerably lower than that for the District for the year 1924.

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In the Report for 1924 the following appears " in spite of all that is being done the rate for the District is disappointing and unsatisfactory", but it must be admitted that the rate for 1925 is comparatively satisfactory and it is to be hoped that the improvement will be maintained and even improved. There is no question but that the Infant Clinics are responsible to a great extent for the lessened death-rate.

Causes of death.

Deaths from Various diseases.

Whooping Cough.	10.
Diphtheria.	3.
Phthisis.	11.
Other Tubercular diseases.	3.
Cancer.	15.

Infectious diseases. Rumps which is not a notifiable disease in this District was very prevalent during July and August.

Infectious diseases notified.

Scarlet Fever.	6.
Diphtheria.	31.
Erysipelas.	5.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	12.
Other Tubercular diseases.	6.

It is unfortunate that Diphtheria should occur every year in the District. 31 cases were notified, fortunately there has never been a widespread epidemic of this disease in the District. It is spread by the mild ambulatory cases which parents often mistake for rumps and the children often attend school right through the course of the disease.

Most of the cases of Tubercular disease were seen by the Tuberculosis Medical Officer and were treated at the Special Hospitals and Sanatoria.

The usual proceedings in dealing with cases notified have been carried out, premises visited and inspected and any sanitary defects discovered are remedied. Inquiries are made as to source of infection, milk supply, schools and chapels attended, and at the termination of the cases the premises are disinfected.

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It is satisfactory to find that some use has been made of the Druid Isolation Hospital as some cases from the District have been admitted. The Hospital was provided by the County Council and is situate about 12 miles from Holyhead, a Hospital built within the Urban area would meet the needs of this District far better than the one distant 12 miles.

Inspection of houses in the District.

Swifts Square and Church Lane which were mentioned in the report of 1934 and which required to be put into a proper state of repair are provided with W. O's have been much improved, a main drain having been provided.

Llanfain and Llaingoch Some of these houses have been visited and inspected, but they can never be much improved until proper drainage is provided.

Houses were also inspected in Edmund Street, College Lane, Harp Street and Waterside.

Forty-three new houses were completed during the year. They could hardly be called Working -mens houses as the cost was such that the rents above the means of any ordinary working man.

A number of old houses will have to be condemned but this cannot be done before at least a hundred working men's dwellings are provided.

Inspection of Cowhouses, Slaughterhouses, Bakehouses, Market, and Workshops.

As will be seen in the Report of the Inspector of Nuisances these places have been visited and inspected and 74 notices and letters sent also many personal interviews. The notices mostly concerned nuisances, provision of proper water supply, converting privies to W.O's and general repairs to premises.

During the year the L.M.S. Railway slaughterhouse was frequently visited and a number of carcases of beef and mutton condemned, the carcases were afterwards burnt at the Destructor.

A Special complaint was made regarding a slaughterhouse in Cambria Street as to insufficient accommodation for animals awaiting slaughter, the place was visited by your Inspector and myself and other out-buildings were found suitable for the animals.

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Provision of Public Slaughterhouse. In July a Special Meeting was held to consider a letter received from Doctor Wade regarding the provision of a public slaughterhouse, after discussion it was decided not at present to proceed with the matter.

Analysis of foodstuffs. As you will see in the Inspectors report 27 samples of food stuffs were taken for analysis but in no instance was anything found calling for prosecution.

The Water Supply. Complaints were received from residents of the Kingsland District regarding the inadequate supply of water. With your Inspector the District was visited and it was found that the supply in most of the taps was unsatisfactory. It was suggested as a remedy that the Waterworks Company should join the Kingsland main to the Trearddur Bay main, this in the meantime I am informed has been done and no complaints have since been received.

The question of the quality of the water was also considered and a copy of a report of the analysis of a sample sent by the Waterworks Company was considered by your Committee.

Messrs J.G.Thresh and J.F.Beale very Eminent Authorities on water and water-supplies in their report stated as follows :-

"This is a faintly peaty water of very good quality, pure and wholesome and well adapted for all purposes of a public supply"

The Committee accepted the report as satisfactory and no recommendation was made to send any further samples for analyses.

Public Health Officers of Holyhead Urban District. One part time Medical Officer of Health also one Inspector of Nuisances who is also Surveyor for the Holyhead District Council half salary of both Officers paid by the Ministry of Health (Exchequer Grant)

Re Appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances with special knowledge of meat Inspector. In July a Special Meeting was held to consider the appointment of Assistant Inspector as recommended in a letter from Doctor Wade. This arose out of the question of the desirability of regular inspection of meat and foodstuffs which landed from Ireland in transit. The present Inspector with his duties as Surveyor expressed his inability to carry out these duties as the Steamers arrive both by day and night.

After discussion it was decided not to make the appointment.

... of Public Health. In July a Special Meeting was held to consider a letter received from Doctor Wain regarding the provision of a public supply of water. After discussion it was decided not at present to proceed with the letter.

Analysis of Foodstuffs. As you will see in the Inspector's report 27 samples of food stuffs were taken for analysis but in no instance was anything found calling for prosecution. The Water Supply. Complaints were received from residents of the ... District regarding the inadequate supply of water. With your inspection the District was visited and it was found that the supply in most of the area was unsatisfactory. It was suggested as a remedy that the Waterworks Company should join the ... and in the meantime pay for the ... This in the meantime I am informed has been done and no complaints have since been received.

The question of the quality of the water was also considered and a copy of a report of the analysis of a sample sent by the Waterworks Company was forwarded by your Committee.

... 1.0. ... and 1.5. ... very ... analysis of water and water-supplies in their report dated as follows: "This is a fairly heavy water of very good quality, pure and wholesome and well adapted for all purposes of a public supply."

The Committee accepted the report as satisfactory and in consequence was able to send my ... for analysis. Public Health Officer of ... The part ... of Health also the Inspector of ... and also ... for the ... Council will satisfy of both ... by the ... (Inspector's report)

Appointment of Assistant Inspector of in a letter from ... the ... of the ... of regular inspection of ... and ... from ... The ... his ... his ... the ... by day and night. After discussion it was decided not to ...

Port Sanitary Work. There is no regular inspection of ships carried out. The only ships that come alongside a quay are the L.M. & S. Railway Steamers and for a few weeks in May and June some steamers which land Jersey potatoes. For your personal observations the sanitation of these vessels is attended to as they are kept clean and sanitary. The other steamers and sailing ships come to the Harbour for shelter in stress of weather and to have them regularly inspected it will be necessary to have a special officer to do so.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

A report of the work carried out by Inspectors Department during the year ending 31st December 1925.

Sewerage and Drainage.

	Yards Lin'l.			12" Junctions	I.H.'s	L.H.'s	Street Gullies
	4"	6"	9"				
Yr Brw Drainage	23	47		7	3		
Llaingoch		8					
Roland Street.			51	24	1		1
Mill bank Terrace.	134			11	8		1
High Terrace & York Terrace.		45	66	23	4	1	
Harp Street.	117		29	45	11		2
Market Hill.			132	12	8		4
Thomas Street.	90			20	5		2
Station Street.	154		84	56	11		2
Gambria Street & Trearddur Square.		48		13	3		2
Gambria Street & Queen Street.			52	30	4		
Baptist Street	36			7	3		2
Boston Street, Swift Square & College Lane.		81	43	74	33	12	6
Bryngoleu.			28		1		

All the existing connections to the old sewers were reconnected to the new sewers whilst the work was being carried out. Twenty one (21) privies were converted into W.C.'s and Two hundred and eighty nine (289) choked drains and sewers attended to.

House Scavenging. There were Four hundred and forty nine (449) ashpits emptied and Four thousand and eighty two (4082) loads of refuse delivered at the Destructor and Three hundred and eighty nine (389) loads of refuse delivered at the tips.

Analysis. The following samples were taken for Analysis :- Fish Paste 2, Fresh Milk 16, Lemon Cheese 1, Coffee Essence 1, Fresh Butter 2, Tinned Fruit 2, Lemon Squash 2, Sausages 1.

Disinfecting. Thirty six (36) houses were disinfected after cases of Infectious diseases.

Gowhouses, Slaughterhouses, Bakehouses, Markets and Workshops.

Inspections were made of the above, Seventy four (74) Notices and Letters were sent to abate nuisances, provide water supply, convert privies into W.C's and carry out repairs, in addition to personal interviews regarding complaints.

Forty three (43) New houses were completed during the year within the Urban Area, the drains of which were connected to the sewers direct, Drain of one Bungalow discharging into a cesspool was relaid and connected to sewer.

Inspections of houses were made in Swift Square, Church Lane, College Lane, Waterside, Llaingoch and Harp Street.

Sanitation. Thirty six (36) houses were disinfectant after cases

of infectious diseases.

Sanitation of houses, schools, and churches.

Inspections were made of the houses of the poor, and
letters were sent to the owners, advising them of the
necessity of having their houses cleaned, and in addition to personal
hygiene regarding cleanliness.

Forty three (43) new houses were completed during the year which
the Board of Health the drain of which was connected to the sewer
system. Also the drainage of the houses was inspected and
repaired and connected to sewer.

Inspections of houses were held in Salt Spring, Church Street
Lane, College Lane, Water Street, Lincoln and Park Street.

1. Legislation in force (Local acts, adopted Acts & Bye Laws etc)

Nil. Copies of Byelaws enclosed.

2. Milk Supply.

On the whole satisfactory. Sixteen samples were analysed during the year and found satisfactory.

3. Statement on Conditions in the Schools.

Since the establishment of School Clinics there has been much improvement in the health and cleanliness of the elementary School children. The Schools are also better cared for under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health who is also the Medical Officer for the Schools.

4. Amount expended in Poor-Law relief during 1925.

The sum of £2740 = 8 = 11 was spent in poor-law relief during 1925 in the Holyhead Urban Area.

5. Vaccination.

There has been no cases of primary or secondary vaccination performed by the Medical Officer of Health during 1925.

6. Nursing Arrangements in the District.

No arrangements are made by the Urban District Council, but there are two district nurses and two certified midwives provided by the District Nursing Committee and by the Committee of the L.I.S. Railway Nursing Committee.

7. Hospital Accommodation.

None supplied by the Urban District Council, but there is an Isolation Hospital at Gwalchmai (10 miles distant from Holyhead) provided by the Anglesey County Council. There is a small Hospital at Holyhead "The Stanley Sailors Hospital" about 8 beds mostly used for sick and injured sailors from vessels in the harbour.

8. A Statement of all causes of death.

Attached is a statement of number and causes of death during 1925.

9. Arrangements for examination of Pathological Specimens &c.

Arrangements have been made by the County Council for practitioners to have these examinations made through the Medical Officer of

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SECTION I. - GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

The health of the city during the year 1880 was generally good.

SECTION II. - DEATHS.

The total number of deaths during the year 1880 was 1,234, or 18.7 per 1,000 of the population.

SECTION III. - MORTALITY FROM THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES.

The principal causes of death were: Smallpox, 15; Cholera, 12; Typhoid fever, 180; Typhus, 10; Diphtheria, 25; Measles, 100; Whooping cough, 150; Tuberculosis, 100; Consumption, 150; Pneumonia, 100; Heart disease, 100; Stroke, 100; Cancer, 100; Old age, 100; Accidents, 100; Suicide, 100; Homicide, 100; Unnatural deaths, 100; Unknown causes, 100.

SECTION IV. - MORTALITY FROM SMALLPOX.

The mortality from smallpox during the year 1880 was 15 deaths, or 0.23 per 1,000 of the population.

SECTION V. - MORTALITY FROM CHOLERA.

The mortality from cholera during the year 1880 was 12 deaths, or 0.19 per 1,000 of the population.

SECTION VI. - MORTALITY FROM TYPHOID FEVER.

The mortality from typhoid fever during the year 1880 was 180 deaths, or 2.8 per 1,000 of the population.

SECTION VII. - MORTALITY FROM MEASLES.

The mortality from measles during the year 1880 was 100 deaths, or 1.5 per 1,000 of the population.

SECTION VIII. - MORTALITY FROM WHOOPING COUGH.

The mortality from whooping cough during the year 1880 was 150 deaths, or 2.3 per 1,000 of the population.

Health for the County, and also to supply them with the necessary vaccines and antitoxines etc.

10. Slaughterhouses

	<u>In 1930.</u>	<u>In January 1935</u>	<u>December 1935.</u>
Registered.	5	4	4
Licensed.	4	4	4
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Total.	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

Section for the County, and also to supply the same in the necessary
quantity and quality as required.

Statement

Number	In	Out	Balance
1	100		100
2		50	50
3	50		100
4		50	50
5	50		100
6		50	50
7	50		100
8		50	50
9	50		100
10		50	50
11	50		100
12		50	50
13	50		100
14		50	50
15	50		100
16		50	50
17	50		100
18		50	50
19	50		100
20		50	50
21	50		100
22		50	50
23	50		100
24		50	50
25	50		100
26		50	50
27	50		100
28		50	50
29	50		100
30		50	50
31	50		100
32		50	50
33	50		100
34		50	50
35	50		100
36		50	50
37	50		100
38		50	50
39	50		100
40		50	50
41	50		100
42		50	50
43	50		100
44		50	50
45	50		100
46		50	50
47	50		100
48		50	50
49	50		100
50		50	50

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Whooping Cough.	4	6
Diphtheria.	1	2
Influenza.	4	1
Encephalitis Lethargica.		1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	2	9
Other Tuberculosis diseases.	2	1
Cancer (malignant disease)	3	12
Diabetes.	1	
Cerebral Haemorrhage.	2	8
Heart disease.	10	8
Arterio Sclerosis.	6	2
Bronchitis.	3	4
Pneumonia.	3	4
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	1	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	1	
Appendicitis & typhlitis.	1	
Acute & Chronic Hepatitis.	3	3
Accidents & diseases of pregnancy.		1
Congenital debility.	3	3
Deaths from violence.	2	1
Other defined diseases	16	14
Cancer ill-defined.	3	3

ORDER OF DEATH IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Region	Year	Number of Deaths
1	1900	100
2	1901	105
3	1902	110
4	1903	115
5	1904	120
6	1905	125
7	1906	130
8	1907	135
9	1908	140
10	1909	145
11	1910	150
12	1911	155
13	1912	160
14	1913	165
15	1914	170
16	1915	175
17	1916	180
18	1917	185
19	1918	190
20	1919	195
21	1920	200
22	1921	205
23	1922	210
24	1923	215
25	1924	220
26	1925	225
27	1926	230
28	1927	235
29	1928	240
30	1929	245
31	1930	250
32	1931	255
33	1932	260
34	1933	265
35	1934	270
36	1935	275
37	1936	280
38	1937	285
39	1938	290
40	1939	295
41	1940	300
42	1941	305
43	1942	310
44	1943	315
45	1944	320
46	1945	325
47	1946	330
48	1947	335
49	1948	340
50	1949	345
51	1950	350
52	1951	355
53	1952	360
54	1953	365
55	1954	370
56	1955	375
57	1956	380
58	1957	385
59	1958	390
60	1959	395
61	1960	400
62	1961	405
63	1962	410
64	1963	415
65	1964	420
66	1965	425
67	1966	430
68	1967	435
69	1968	440
70	1969	445
71	1970	450
72	1971	455
73	1972	460
74	1973	465
75	1974	470
76	1975	475
77	1976	480
78	1977	485
79	1978	490
80	1979	495
81	1980	500
82	1981	505
83	1982	510
84	1983	515
85	1984	520
86	1985	525
87	1986	530
88	1987	535
89	1988	540
90	1989	545
91	1990	550
92	1991	555
93	1992	560
94	1993	565
95	1994	570
96	1995	575
97	1996	580
98	1997	585
99	1998	590
100	1999	595
101	2000	600
102	2001	605
103	2002	610
104	2003	615
105	2004	620
106	2005	625
107	2006	630
108	2007	635
109	2008	640
110	2009	645
111	2010	650
112	2011	655
113	2012	660
114	2013	665
115	2014	670
116	2015	675
117	2016	680
118	2017	685
119	2018	690
120	2019	695
121	2020	700
122	2021	705
123	2022	710
124	2023	715
125	2024	720

(Name of Local Authority) Holyhead Urban District Council.

HOUSING CONDITIONS - year ended 31st. December 1935.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 650 acres.
Population (Census 1921, and estimated 1935) 11,179, 12,470
Number of inhabited houses (1921) 2620.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921) *not ascertained*
Rateable value. £29218.
Sum represented by a penny rate £92 = 0 - 0

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

- (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)) 38
- (b) With State assistance under the housing Acts:
 - (1.) By the Local Authority.... Nil.....
 - (2.) By other bodies or persons ...20.....

1. Unfit dwellinghouses.

Inspection - (1) Total Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) = 90.

2. Number of dwellinghouses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. = Nil.

3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. = Nil.

4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. = 59.

2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or by their Officers. = Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. - Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act 1925.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. = Nil.

2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice. = Nil.

(a) by owners ...Nil.....

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners.

3. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close. = Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. = 17 letters.
= 87 notices.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-

(a) by owners..... = 36

(b) by local authority in default of owners

C.- Proceedings under sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act 1925.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders..... Nil.....

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which closing orders were made Nil.....

(3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwellinghouses having been rendered fit Nil.....

(4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.....

(5) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... Nil.....

Signed

(Clerk to the Local Authority or Medical Officer of Health)

Date