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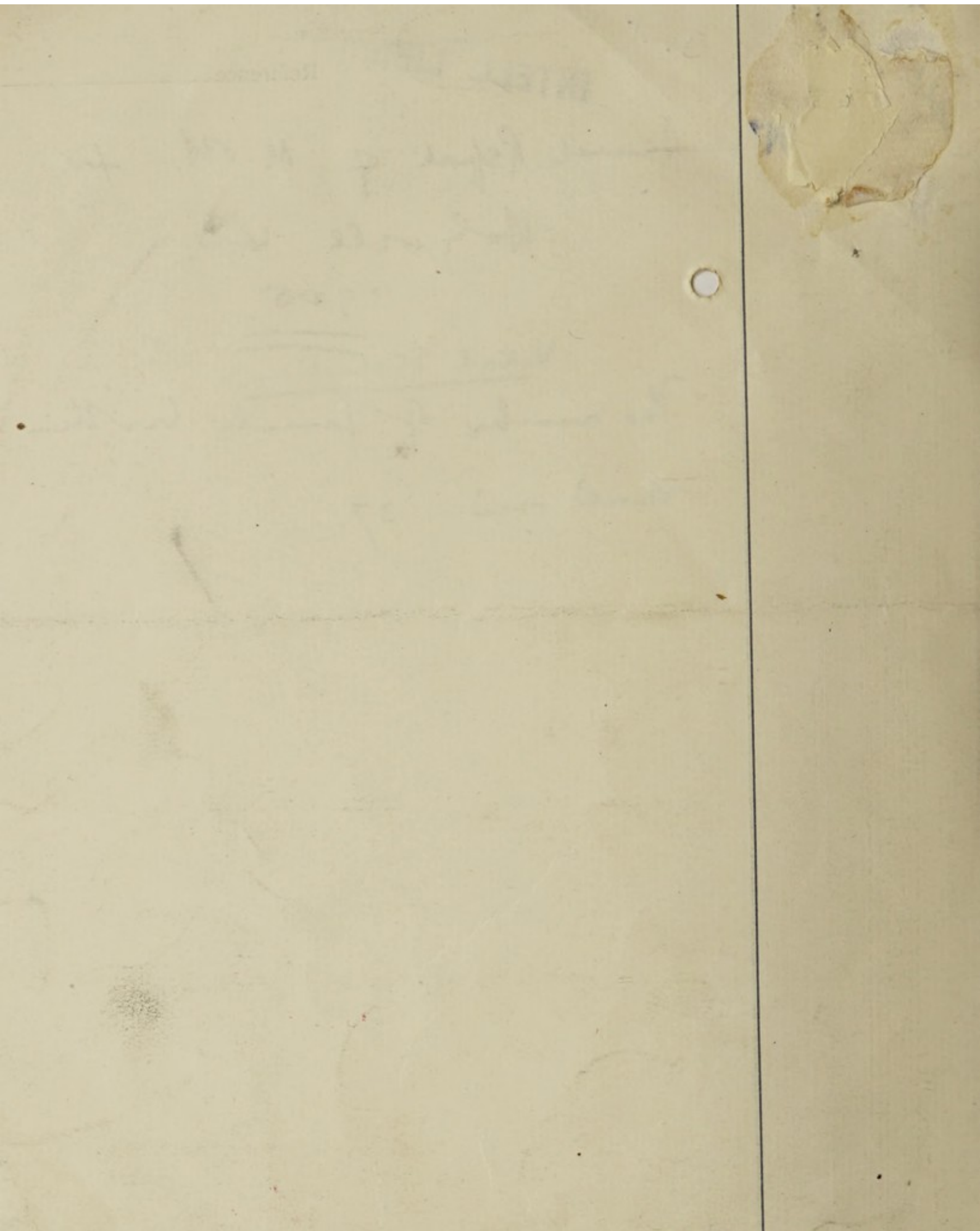
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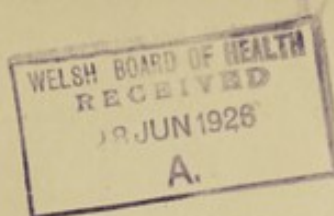
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HOLYWELL.

15th May 1926.

To:-

The Council of the Urban District of Holywell.



Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report, which this year is required by the Ministry to be in the nature of a survey report retrospectively to regard the state of the area in the matter of Public Health during the past quinquennium.

It is a great thing that during this period your efforts to instal a Drainage scheme, with its necessary concomitant a good and steady water supply have been very successful.

There has been during this time a very marked diminution in the number of cases of summer diarrhoea, attributable in the earlier part of the period to the notices warning people against the danger of drinking unsterilized the water, which was then available alone from surface wells: and during the later part to the excellent water tapped from the Birkenhead Pipe Line at Northop and distributed to well-arranged stand-pipes.

Your area is situated on the hilly slopes bordering the left bank of the Dee Estuary: is roughly wedge shaped the open of the wedge impinging on the shore, suggesting that the outline was arranged in order to preserve access to the shore.

The main part, the town of Holywell rests on boulder clay, gravel and sand, and lies at the converging heads of two ravines leading up from the river: It is thus admirably placed for natural drainage and the designers of your scheme arranged that the discharge should flow down one of these valleys into the sea.

Great credit is due to the Council for adopting the Housing Scheme whereby forty excellent houses have been already added to the advantages of the town.

I desire to suggest that in view of the larger number of houses having defective roofs, owned by people who can not afford repairs, it would be a wise policy to facilitate repair by subsidy; at present such houses cause discomfort and misery, will soon have to be demolished, necessitating replacement at greater expense, while a moderate present outlay would provide suitable dwelling-houses for many years.

As you are aware there is some overcrowding but serving of notices in the present circumstances would not be helpful.

From the Public Health point of view the great blot on your area is the continued existence of foul, uncemented, ruinous, leaky ashpit middens, breeding flies and fostering rats; while congratulating the council upon the progress made I wish that reconstruction could be





speeded up.

No doubt you regret that you have hitherto been unable to supply a Public Abattoir.

I append a copy of the Annual Report required under the Factory Acts.

You will notice in the Tabulated part of this report that Scarlet Fever has been prevalent here, but as part of a general epidemic affecting the whole country.

In view of the absence of an ~~INFECTIOUS~~ Infection Hospital it is gratifying to find that the mortality from this disease has been nil.

It is gratifying also to learn that an movement is on foot which by amalgamation is likely to provide x hospitals for Infectious Diseases.

During the period now reviewed the Catherine Gladstone Maternity Home at Mancot Royal has been opened.

I now give you seriatim the information required, by the Ministry so far as applicable to this District; and request permission to have ten copies made of the Report.

Area 747.141 acres.

Population in census of 1921 - 2907

" estimated 1925 - 3029

No of inhabited houses - 746

Rateable Value - £8707:16:8

Sum represented by a 1d rate - £35:0:0

Social Conditions :- The wages are chiefly earned at Textile Mills and Collieries.

Vital Statistics :- Death Rate for England & Wales (all causes 12.2 per 1000. Death Rate for Holywell Urban is 15.18. per 1000.

	Male	female.
No of deaths	28	18
Total	46	

No of women dying in childbirth - 0

The causes of the 46 deaths are classified as follows:-

Diphtheria	1	Whooping Cough	1	Influenza	1
Pulny Tuberculosis	3	Cancer	3	Heart Disease	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage	5	Arterio Sclerosis	1	Bronchitis	1
Pneumonia	8	Ulcer of Stomach	1	Appendicitis	1
Cerrhosis of Liver	1	Nephritis	3	Congenital	
				Dobility	2
Suicide	1	Violence	3	Other defined	
				causes	7

The death rate of Infants under 1 year compared with 1000 Births is 107.6. per 1000 Births.

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		Total	M. & F.		
Births (Legitimate	64	27	27) Birth Rate - 21.45 per 1000 of total pop.
	Illegitimate	1	1	0	
		65			

The amount of Poor Law Relief - £1636:17:8

The extent to which gratuitous medical relief is utilized :- Flintshire Dispensary provides medical attendance and medicine for a nominal sum.

Hospitals provided or subsidized - Nil.

The area participates in the services provided by

- (a) The Welsh National Memorial for treatment of Tuberculosis.
- (b) The Catherine Gladstone Maternity Home.
- (c) Holywell Nursing Association (Private)
- (d) School Clinics.
- (e) Orthopaedic Clinic.
- (f) Venereal Disease Clinic at Chester Royal Infirmary.
- (g) Facilities for Pathological Reports " " "
- (h) Holywell Cottage Hospital.

There is no provision for unmarried mothers, as I understand that such are excluded from the existing Maternity Home.

There are no ambulance facilities.

The only Sanitary Officers are the Medical Officers of Health and the Sanitary Inspector, the former being a part time officer, and the latter combines the duties of Surveyor &c.

There are no subsidized midwives; two midwives reside in and practise in the area.

Legislation in Force and when adopted - The Public Health Acts.

Sanitary circumstances of the area:-

Water :- is supplied to stand pipes, and many householders have been supplied directly.

Drainage & Sewerage - A Regular process of conversion to water carriage is going on and will no doubt be accelerated pari passu with a reduction in the cost of installation.

Scavenging. The middens are not emptied with sufficient regularity. The aim should be to keep them all empty, not overflowing as occasionally happens.

Sanitary Inspection - (Report of Sanitary Inspector)

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Cowsheds & Dairies	-	Number of Inspections	16
Bakeries			20
Slaughter Houses.			55
Scavenging			263
Infectious Diseases			32
Disinfections			16

Cowsheds & Dairies	Notices served	4	complied with	4
Bakeries		5		4
Slaughterhouses (5)		4		4
Closet conversions		9		6
Ashpits (Demolition)		5		2
Other notices.		95		62
		42		32

Schools :- The sanitary condition of all the schools and the water supply are satisfactory.

Housing :- 11 New Houses have been built during 1925 The general question has been already dealt with in this report.

Milk Supply :- The Veterinary Surgeon appointed examines all dairy cattle each month.
No prosecutions.

Food :- There have been no prosecutions under Food & Drugs Acts.

Infectious Diseases No use has hitherto been made of the Dick, Shick or Pick tests.
We have no facilities for disinfection of verminous persons.

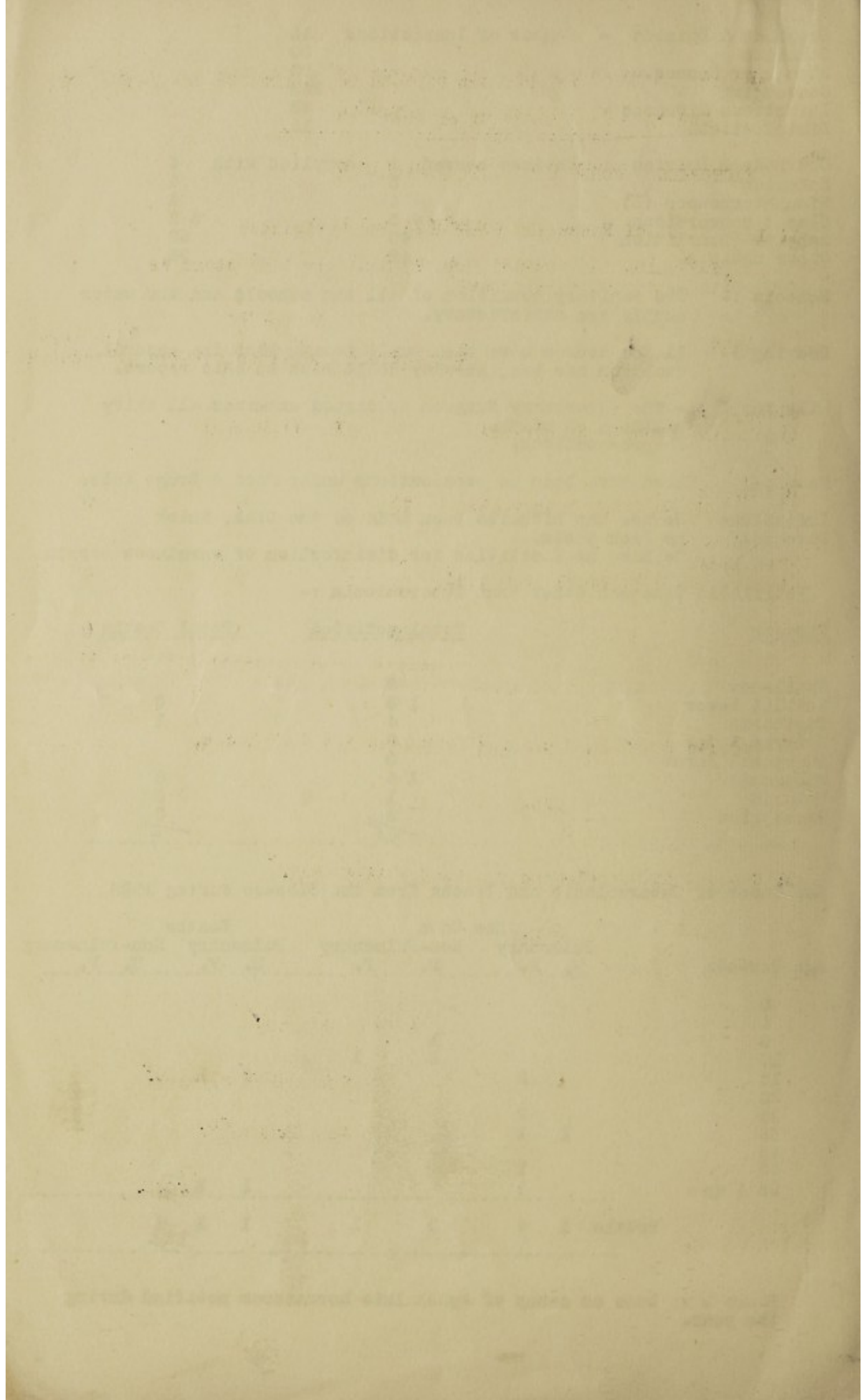
Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total notified</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Small-pox	0	
Scarlet Fever	1	3
Diphtheria	4	1
Enteric Fever	0	
Puerperal Fever	0	
Pneumonia	1	4
Malaria	1	0
Grysipelas	3	0
	<u>35</u>	<u>9</u>

New Cases of Tuberculosis and Deaths from the Disease during 1925

Age Periods	New Case				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5			1					
10			2	1				
15		2				1		
20								
25		2						
35	1	1						
45								
55		1						
65 & up		1			1	1		
Totals	1	7	3	1	1	2		

There have been no cases of Aphthemia neonatorum notified during the year.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1925
 for the URBAN DISTRICT of HOLYWELL

FACTORIES WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

1. Inspection of Factories Workshops and Workplaces

including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or
 Inspectors of Nuisances.

<u>Premises</u>	Number of		
	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted</u>
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	NO	FACTORIES	
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	20	0	0
Workplaces. (other than Outworkers premises)	00	0	0
Total	20	0	0

2. Defects Found in Factories Workshops and Workplaces.

NIL.

3. Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108.

NIL.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

CHAS E. MORRIS.

M.O.H.

