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## BOROUGH OF LAMPETER.

### Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,—

I beg to submit to you the Report for the Year 1948, together with the Table of Vital Statistics.

#### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,648
Population (Census 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,742
Estimated Population (Mid. 1938)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,114
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	521
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	645
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	502
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£9,006
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£38

#### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

				Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births	{ Legitimate	...	...	13	5	8
	{ Illegitimate	...	...	1	—	1
Still Births	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths	...	...	...	35	14	21

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth : from Sepsis, Nil ; other causes, Nil.  
 Death Rate of Infants under one year of age : Legitimate, 1 ; Illegitimate, Nil. Total : 1.  
 Death from Measels (all ages) : Nil.  
 Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.  
 Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.  
 Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which was received or required comment. Nil.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

- PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :**
  - Medical*—Part time Medical Officer of Health.
  - Others*—Full time Sanitary Inspector.
- NURSING IN THE HOME. NATURE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AREA :**
  - General*—Two local Nurses supervise the District as Health Visitors. Both have the C.M.B. qualification and the Senior Nurse is a fully trained Hospital Nurse. These Nurses are subsidized by the County Council.
  - Infectious Diseases*—County Isolation Hospital, Tanybwlich.
- MIDWIVES :**

Number of Midwives practising in the area—2. The Council do not employ or subsidise Midwives practising in the District.
- NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE :**

Administered by the Cardiganshire Insurance Committee up to July 5th, and then taken over by the Executive Council of the National Health Service.
- POOR LAW MEDICAL OUT RELIEF :**

Administered by the Cardiganshire Social Services Committee up to July 5th, and then taken over by the Executive Council of the National Health Service.
- LABORATORY FACILITIES :**

The Laboratory work is done by the E.M.S. Pathological Laboratory Aberystwyth, and also by the M.O.H.
- LEGISLATION IN FORCE :**

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, Section 4.  
 Public Health Act (Amendment Act), 1890, Part III.  
 Bye-Laws relating to New Buildings.



## 8. HOSPITALS :

Cardiganshire General Infirmary, Aberystwyth, and Aberayron Cottage Hospital.  
Facilities are available at the above Hospitals for Operative Surgery and X-Ray.  
X-Ray Apparatus : private property of the M.O.H.

## 9. MATERNITY AND NURSING HOME :

A Maternity Home at Aberystwyth.

## 10. MATERNITY MORTALITY : None.

## 11. INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ILLEGITIMATE INFANTS AND HOMELESS CHILDREN :

Social Service Institution.

## 12. INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION, IF ANY, FOR THE CARE OF MENTAL DEFECTIVES : None.

## 13. AMBULANCE FACILITIES :

(a) For infectious cases—None.

(b) For non-infectious cases and accident—Two Ambulances owned and staffed by the Lampeter Division of the St. John's Ambulance Association until July 5th, when it was contracted to the Cardiganshire County Council under the New Health Service.

There is a very efficient First Aid Service in the Borough. The Division has dealt with over 1,685 cases since the foundation of the Ambulance Scheme. The members of the Division deserve the highest praise for their Voluntary work.

## 14. CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES :

*Out-patient Department (under control of the Local Authority).*—Administered by County Council at Aberystwyth Hospital.

*Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.*—There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the district which is well attended. It is held every other week at Shiloh Vestry, Lampeter. The Welfare Centre and the School Clinic are linked up with the Infirmary and the Maternity Home at Aberystwyth, where all cases requiring observation and special treatment are sent.

*Ante-Natal Clinics.*—Administered by County Council in conjunction with the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

*School Clinics.*—Held annually by the County Medical Officer.

*Orthopaedic Clinics.*—Administered by County Council. Clinics held at Aberayron.

*Tuberculosis Dispensaries.*—None provided by this Council. The Tuberculosis Officer visits the Clinic at Bryn Road weekly and the scheme is conducted under the Welsh National Memorial Association. Unfortunately, owing to the scarcity of beds in the Institution of the Welsh National Memorial Association, cases have often to wait a long time before they can be admitted for sanatorium treatment. Increase use is made of the services of the Association and the Tuberculosis Officer in early diagnosis and general public health. I would like to see the Council take more active interest in the after-care of cases of tuberculosis.

*Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases.*—None provided by the Council. Nearest Centre at Swansea.

*Other Clinics and Day Nurseries.*—None.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

**WATER :** There is a satisfactory supply in the Borough both in quality and quantity. Samples are taken monthly.

**RIVERS AND STREAMS :** No action was found necessary.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE :** *Sewerage :* The drainage of the Town runs into the Creuddyn and thence to the Teify, and a dilution of 1 part of the effluent with 500 parts of the fully oxygenated water is satisfactory.

**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION :** In Town :—

Number of W.C.'s used in common	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of conversions from Privies to W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Water Closets (fresh water cistern flushed)	...	...	...	...	...	619
Number of Waste Water and Hand-flushed Closets	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Midden Privies (Dry Closets with fixed receptacles)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Pail Closets with moveable receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Water Closets used in common and Closet over stream	...	...	...	...	...	1

Number of various kinds of closets and cesspools which are situated on the verge of the Town where the public sewer is not available for connection :—

Number of W.C.'s (fresh water cistern flushed)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Pail Closets with moveable receptables	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of Closets over stream	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number of Elsan Closets	...	...	...	...	...	1

Number of Water Closets, Cesspools, Pail Systems and Elsan Closets in Country District :—

Number of Water Closets (fresh water cistern flushed)	...	...	...	...	...	9
Number of Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of Elsan Closets	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Pail Closets with moveable receptable	...	...	...	...	...	24

Note one of the above Pail Closets with moveable receptables cannot be connected with the public sewer on account of low elevation which is situated in the Town.



## SCAVENGING :

House and Street Refuse collected twice weekly and destroyed by incineration.  
Household tins collected fortnightly.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA :

Number of Inspections of Dwelling Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Number of Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Number of Inspections of Milk Carts	...	...	...	...	...	Almost	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Workshops and Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Number of Inspections of Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Meat Shops and Meat Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Number of Houses visited upon Notification of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Houses disinfected after Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Houses disinfected upon request	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Inspections of the Reservoir	...	...	...	...	...	...	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Capeli Water Shed	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Inspections of Refuse Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Number of Inspections of open Sewer ditches	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Inspections of Mart Premises	...	...	...	...	...	Almost	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Public Park	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Number of Water Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	740
Inspections of Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	Almost	Daily.
Number of Inspections of Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Olwen Pump House	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Number of Rats Caught	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,087

A part-time Rodent operator has been appointed, who is under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

## NOTICES SERVED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS :

Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

## NEW BUILDINGS :

The following is a summary of the Plans of New Houses approved by you and of the inspections made by the Buildings Inspector during the Year :—

Number of Plans of New Buildings approved of	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Number of Plans of Alterations and Additions to Buildings approved of	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Number of Inspections of Dampcourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Number of Inspections of concrete underneath floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Inspections of Drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Number of Inspections and tested on completion	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
Length of New Drains tested and inspected on completion	...	...	...	...	846' × 6"	and 1,087' × 4"	

SMOKE ABATEMENT : None.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS : None.

SCHOOLS : All the Schools are provided with Water Closets and adequately supplied with fresh water for flushing purposes.

RAG FLOCKS ACT, 1911 AND 1928 : No action.

## HOUSING.

## (a) STATISTICS.

## NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR :

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) :							
(i) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 completed
(ii) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(iii) By other Bodies and persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 completed
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :							
(1) By the Local Authority :							
(a) For the purpose of 1930 Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) For the purpose of Part III. of the Act of 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(c) For other purposes	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(2) By other Bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	—



## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Act, 1935 and the number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(5) Number of Houses demolished through being unoccupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
A.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :								
(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:								—
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:								
B.—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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
No action was taken by the Council under the Housing Act, 1930								
4. NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY :								
(1) Built and held under Part III. of Housing Act, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(2) Built and held under Part II. of Housing Act, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(3) Built and held under other powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

## (b) HOUSING CONDITIONS.

- New Houses completed—12.
- SUFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY OF HOUSES : Nil.
- OVERCROWDING : Nil.
- FITNESS OF HOUSES : Nil.
- UNHEALTHY AREAS :  
Extent to which areas of the district are unhealthy.—There are no unhealthy areas in the district.  
Information as to (a) Complaints received—None ; (b) Representations made—None ; (c) Action taken—None.
- BYELAWS RELATING TO :—  
(a) Houses—Yes ; (b) Houses let in lodgings—Nil ; (c) Tents, vans, sheds, etc.—Nil.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- MILK SUPPLY :  
There were 30 Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds ; Milk Carts inspections daily.  
Milk Supply :—There are 5 Producer Retailers.
- MEAT AND OTHER FOODS :  
There is one Public Slaughter House in the town, owned by the Corporation ; daily visits were made during the year. Periodically lime-washed and adequately flushed, with the improvements already made, the Slaughter House has now been brought up to the requirements of the Ministry of Health.  
The refuse is carried away daily.  
Number of animals slaughtered :—Cattle, 770 ; Pigs, 217 ; Calves, 979 ; Sheep, 6,474.  
Total of meat and principle organs condemned were :—15,200 lbs.  
In addition, the following were condemned at Private Retailers and Multiple Stores :—120 tins of Preserved Food, 70 of Wet Fish and 28 of Kippers.  
The present system of slaughtering is satisfactory and a thorough inspection of Meat is carried out before disbursement.



- 30 Samples were taken for Bacteriological Examination—21 were satisfactory ; 9 were unsatisfactory.  
23 Samples were taken from Purveyed Retailers and they all conformed with the prescribed standard, and in addition the sampling of all the Local Milk is undertaken as well every fortnight by the County Agricultural Committee.  
10 Samples of Ice Cream were taken for Bacteriological Examination—5 of them were certified in Grade 1 and 5 were certified in Grade 2.  
12 Samples of the Town Water Supply was taken for Bac. Ex.—all were satisfactory.

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

GENERAL :

There were no cases of Anthrax or Rabies.

All the houses at which Infectious Diseases were notified were visited by the Sanitary Inspector and disinfected.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1948.

[illegible]



**PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS :**

No action was taken by the Council under Section 66 of the Public Health Amendment Act, 1925, for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.

**TUBERCULOSIS.****NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1948.**

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—24 ... ..	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—33 ... ..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1
35—38 ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	1

**ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.**

No action was taken under Articles, 3, 5, and 6 of the Regulations.

No compensation was paid.

**UNDER SECTION 62 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925.**

No action was taken.

**SUMMARY.****NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.**

Since July 5th, 1948, all Hospitals in the area and the Ambulance Service has been taken over by the National Health Service.

**IMMUNISATION :**

The greatly increased number of parents who have availed themselves of the Government Scheme for the immunisation of children against diphtheria is most satisfactory, nearly 100% of the children have already been immunised.

**SMALL POX :**

A certain number of service personnel returning from overseas were notified by the Port Authority to be Small Pox contacts. These were kept under close observation pending the expiry of the incubation period.

**BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE :**

A most satisfactory response was received by the Welsh Board of Health for volunteers for Blood Transfusion. Approximately 100 pints of blood was collected. Arrangements were carried out by the local Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Division.

**NUTRITION :**


During the period of National Food Rationing the general health of the County was satisfactory and there were no cases of malnutrition.

**MILK :**

Samples were taken fortnightly and any lapse in the keeping qualities was dealt with.

I am, your obedient Servant,

**EVAN EVANS,**  
Medical Officer of Health.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, HELD AT GLASGOW, 1854.

RESOLUTIONS.

AND OTHER MATTERS, 1854.

No.		Resolved, That the General Assembly, in view of the
1	1	the state of the Church, and the want of a more
2	2	effective system of discipline, do hereby
3	3	recommend to the Synods and Presbyteries, that
4	4	they should take steps to secure the
5	5	fulfillment of the following resolutions: —</td
6	6	1. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
7	7	take steps to secure the attendance of the
8	8	members of the Church at the meetings of the
9	9	Synods and Presbyteries.
10	10	2. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
11	11	take steps to secure the payment of the
12	12	congregational dues.
13	13	3. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
14	14	take steps to secure the payment of the
15	15	pastoral dues.
16	16	4. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
17	17	take steps to secure the payment of the
18	18	moderation dues.
19	19	5. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
20	20	take steps to secure the payment of the
21	21	stipend dues.
22	22	6. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
23	23	take steps to secure the payment of the
24	24	congregational dues.
25	25	7. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
26	26	take steps to secure the payment of the
27	27	pastoral dues.
28	28	8. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
29	29	take steps to secure the payment of the
30	30	moderation dues.
31	31	9. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
32	32	take steps to secure the payment of the
33	33	stipend dues.
34	34	10. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
35	35	take steps to secure the payment of the
36	36	congregational dues.
37	37	11. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
38	38	take steps to secure the payment of the
39	39	pastoral dues.
40	40	12. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
41	41	take steps to secure the payment of the
42	42	moderation dues.
43	43	13. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
44	44	take steps to secure the payment of the
45	45	stipend dues.
46	46	14. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
47	47	take steps to secure the payment of the
48	48	congregational dues.
49	49	15. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
50	50	take steps to secure the payment of the
51	51	pastoral dues.
52	52	16. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
53	53	take steps to secure the payment of the
54	54	moderation dues.
55	55	17. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
56	56	take steps to secure the payment of the
57	57	stipend dues.
58	58	18. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
59	59	take steps to secure the payment of the
60	60	congregational dues.
61	61	19. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
62	62	take steps to secure the payment of the
63	63	pastoral dues.
64	64	20. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
65	65	take steps to secure the payment of the
66	66	moderation dues.
67	67	21. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
68	68	take steps to secure the payment of the
69	69	stipend dues.
70	70	22. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
71	71	take steps to secure the payment of the
72	72	congregational dues.
73	73	23. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
74	74	take steps to secure the payment of the
75	75	pastoral dues.
76	76	24. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
77	77	take steps to secure the payment of the
78	78	moderation dues.
79	79	25. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
80	80	take steps to secure the payment of the
81	81	stipend dues.
82	82	26. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
83	83	take steps to secure the payment of the
84	84	congregational dues.
85	85	27. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
86	86	take steps to secure the payment of the
87	87	pastoral dues.
88	88	28. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
89	89	take steps to secure the payment of the
90	90	moderation dues.
91	91	29. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
92	92	take steps to secure the payment of the
93	93	stipend dues.
94	94	30. That the Synods and Presbyteries should
95	95	take steps to secure the payment of the
96	96	congregational dues.
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99	99	pastoral dues.
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3. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the pastoral dues.

4. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the moderation dues.

5. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the stipend dues.

6. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the congregational dues.

7. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the pastoral dues.

8. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the moderation dues.

9. That the Synods and Presbyteries should take steps to secure the payment of the stipend dues.

EVAN EVANS

General Secretary of the Church of Scotland