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BOROUGH OF LAMPETER

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

1954



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

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SANITARY INSPECTOR:

D. J. Davies, A.R.S.I.





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of the Lampeter Borough Council.

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Rateable Value at 1st April, 1954 ... ..	£10,457
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1955 ... ..	£11,148
Sum represented by a penny rate 1953/54 ... ..	£41

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of registered live births... ..	Leg:	24	12	12
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of registered still births . ...	Leg:	1	1	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year.	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks -	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
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Rateable Value at 1st April, 1955 ... ..	211,148
Sum represented by a penny rate 1955/56 ... ..	241

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- (b) An infant welfare clinic is held at Lampeter once a fortnight.
- (c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurses who are also State Certified Midwives.
- (d) A health visitor covers the Lampeter area.
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- (f) Vaccination is carried out by the person's own medical attendant but immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by medical officers of the local health authority.
- (g) An ambulance is stationed at Lampeter.
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CAUSES OF DEATH IN CERTAIN DISEASES

Registrar General's

Code Number

Number of deaths

Male Female Total

1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	1	-	1
2	Tuberculosis, other ... ..	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease ... ..	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough .. ...	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal ... ..	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	-	-	-
8	Measles... ..	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach . ...	-	1	1
11	Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus..	-	-	-
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast .. ...	-	-	-
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. ...	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	1	2
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia . ... ..	-	-	-
16	Diabetes... ..	-	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	4	8	12
18	Coronary disease, angina ... ..	2	1	3
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	-	-
20	Other heart disease ... ..	2	7	9
21	Other circulatory disease ... ..	1	-	1
22	Influenza . ... ..	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia . ... ..	-	-	-
24	Bronchitis ... ..	-	-	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2	-	2
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations ... ..	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1	1
33	Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	-	-	-
34	All other accidents ... ..	-	-	-
35	Suicide ... ..	1	-	1
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-

Total

14 20 34





INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Cholera ...	Nil
Diphtheria .....	Nil
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary) ..	Nil
Encephalitis ....	Nil
Erysipelas .....	Nil
Food poisoning ..	Nil
Malaria ....	Nil
Measles ....	Nil
Meningococcal meningitis .....	Nil
Ophthalmia neonatorum .	Nil
Paratyphoid fever .....	Nil
Plague ....	Nil
Pneumonia (acute primary and acute influenzal)	Nil
Poliomyelitis ....	Nil
Puerperal pyrexia .....	Nil
Relapsing fever .	Nil
Scarlet fever ....	Nil
Smallpox .....	Nil
Typhoid fever ....	Nil
Typhus fever ....	Nil
Whooping cough ..	2





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5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	1	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	2	-	-
25 - 29	-	-	-	-
30 - 34	-	-	-	-
35 - 39	-	-	-	-
40 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 49	1	-	-	-
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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Bony abnormality ... ..	7	2	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema . . . .	7	6	1
Bronchiectasis ... ..	1	1	-
Pneumoconiosis, Stage 1: .. .	1	1	-
Basal Fibrosis ... ..	2	2	-
Healed Primary P.T. ... ..	5	2	3
Healed Post Primary P.T. .. .	5	4	1
Retro Sternal Thyroid ... ..	1	-	1
TOTALS	<u>29</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>

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1	1	2	...	...	...	Renal Fibrosis
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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my contribution to the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

Sanitary circumstances of the area

Closet accommodation in the town

Estimated number of water closets (fresh water cistern flushed).....	806
Number of hand flush closets.....	1
Number of pail systems.....	1

Note

This pail system is not situated within a reasonable distance of the public sewer.

Number of various closets and cesspools which are situated on the perimeter of the town where the public sewers are not available.

Number of W.C's. (fresh water flushed).....	12
Number of cesspools and septic tanks.....	11
Number of pail systems.....	7
Number of Elsan closets.....	5

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Number of Elsan closets.....	2
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One Children's Home is supplied direct from the town water main.

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### Scavenging in Country District

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Street cleansing of town main road.....	twice weekly.
Street cleansing of main centre of town roads.....	every Sunday throughout the year.
Street cleansing of town unclassified roads.....	once weekly.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Number of inspections of dwelling houses.....	48
Number of inspections of dairies.....	periodically
Number of inspections of milk vans.....	periodically
Number of inspections of workshops.....	periodically
Number of inspections of cafes and bakehouses.....	periodically
Number of inspections of meat shops.....	periodically
Number of inspections of schools.....	periodically
Number of inspections of reservoir.....	daily
Number of inspections of Olwen Well.....	periodically
Number of inspections of refuse tips.....	weekly
Number of inspections of both water sources.....	6
Number of inspections of mart premises.....	periodically
Number of inspections of sewer open ditches.....	periodically
Number of inspections of public conveniences.....	daily
Number of inspections of public parks.....	daily
Number of inspections of fish and chip shops.....	52
Number of blocked private drains released.....	16
Number of drains tested and approved - 4" new drains.....	235'
Number of disinfections of dwelling houses and contact clothing as a result of pulmonary tuberculosis.....	4

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

One part-time rodent operator under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

Number of business premises treated.....	3
Number of private dwelling houses.....	1
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#### Milk Supply

Number of registered dealers in raw milk.....	2
Number of registered dealers of T.T. milk.....	2

1 Milk bar was registered as a retailer of raw milk during the year.

Periodical inspections of the dairies were made.

#### Ice Cream

The bacteriological quality of the ice cream continues to improve. There is also a minimum food standard as follows:-

The ice cream shall contain not less than 5 per cent fat,  
10 per cent sugar and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent milk solids, other than fat.

Number of registered premises.....	10
Number who manufacture.....	1
Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination.....	22

The certificate of the Public Health Laboratory showed that 18 samples were in grade 1, 4 samples were in grade 2.

As per instructions received from Dr. I. Morgan Watkin, the Borough Medical Officer of Health, every tin containing Galtee Irish Cream which was suspiciously infected with typhoid germ, was collected from shops in the town - total - 22 tins, as part of a consignment. Two of these tins were submitted for bacteriological examination and the certificate of the Public Health Laboratory showed that both tins were culture sterile. Immediately on the receipt of the report, all the tins in question were ordered by the Medical Officer of Health to be returned to the respective shops.

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Number of mobile vans retailing ice cream and refreshments.....	1
Number of registered bakehouses.....	4
Number of food shops.....	18
Number of greengrocers.....	1
Number of meat shops.....	4
Number of cafes.....	7
Number of inspections.....periodically	

As far as I am aware, no cases of food poisoning occurred during the year.

#### Licensed Victuallers

Number of hotels.....	3
Number of inns.....	6
Refreshment rooms at British Railway Station.....	1
Number of temperance hotels.....	1
Number of brewery bottling depots.....	1

All hotels and inns except two are provided with hot water in the public bar. The licencees of these two particular inns have promised to install hot water in the near future.

One informal notice was issued to improve the condition of the sanitary conveniences and to resurface the back yard with tarmacadam at a certain inn and it was complied with.

On the whole, all the licensed premises, food shops and cafes are being kept satisfactorily clean and orderly.

#### Inspection of Meat and other foods

##### Lampeter Abattoir

Number of animals killed during the year -

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
721	1,469	610	6,060	8,860

Weight of meat condemned for reasons other than tuberculosis....	17,533 lbs.
1 cow carcase and the offals of a T.B. reactor.....	308 lbs.
1 cow fore quarter and the offals of a T.B. reactor.....	142 lbs.
5 cows and offal of a T.B. reactor.....	235 lbs.
1 heifer and offals of a T.B. reactor.....	55 lbs.
Total.....	18,273 lbs.



1	Number of mobile vans retelling ice cream and refreshments.....
4	Number of registered hawkers.....
18	Number of food shops.....
1	Number of green grocers.....
4	Number of meat shops.....
7	Number of dairies.....
1	Number of dispensaries.....

As far as I am aware, no cases of food poisoning occurred during the year.

#### Licensed Victuallers

3	Number of hotels.....
6	Number of inns.....
1	Refreshment rooms at British Railway Station.....
1	Number of temperance hotels.....
1	Number of brewery bottling depots.....

All hotels and inns except two are provided with hot water in the public bar. The licensees of these two particular inns have promised to install hot water in the near future.

One informal notice was issued to improve the condition of the sanitary conveniences and to restrict the back yard with farmcotes at certain inns and it was complied with.

On the whole, all the licensed premises, food shops and dairies are being kept satisfactorily clean and orderly.

#### Inspection of Meat and other foods

#### Lampeter Abattoir

Number of animals killed during the year -

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Poultry	Total
Weight of meat condemned for reasons other than tuberculosis.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.
1 cow carcass and the offals of a T.B. reactor.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.
1 cow carcass and the offals of a T.B. reactor.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.
5 cows and offals of a T.B. reactor.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.
1 heifer and offals of a T.B. reactor.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.
Total.....	142	610	140	140	1,032 lbs.



Food inspection excluding abattoir

Condemnation -

13 tins of Corn Beef.....	68lbs.
1 tin Ox Lunch Tongue.....	6 lbs.
Cooked Ham.....	65 lbs. 8 ozs.
Sausage.....	10 lbs.
1 side of Wiltshire bacon.....	60 lbs.
2 tins preserved peaches.....	3 lbs. 12 ozs.
8 tins preserved pears.....	9 lbs. 4 ozs.
10 tins Anchor milk.....	10 lbs.
4 tins Irish cream.....	1 lb. 8 ozs.
6 tins preserved apricots.....	6 lbs.
2 tins preserved pears.....	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
11 tins of soup.....	<u>7 lbs. 8 ozs.</u>
	<u>251 lbs. 2 ozs.</u>

This condemned food is being destroyed in the incinerator.

Since the end of war-time restrictions on the slaughter of animals for human consumption, a steady improvement in the quality and quantity of butchers' meat has been noticed.

There has been a general improvement in the handling of meat at the local abattoir and also in the mode of transport to its destination.

All condemned meat is being sprayed thoroughly with green naphthalene fluid in order to avoid any possibility of the meat being used for human consumption. There is a ready demand for same by the proprietor of the Knackers Yard. It is worthy of mention that, since the end of the Central Slaughtering Scheme, the amount of meat condemned is astonishingly less.

Water

There is a satisfactory supply of piped water in the town and in the perimeter area with the exception of those four dwelling houses which I have already mentioned.

The supply is augmented during abnormal drought by pumping from a deep bore hole situated at Olwen Farm Field approximately 1500 yards from the town reservoir at the rate of 2,000 gallons per hour. The bore hole is subject to silting and, if pumping is allowed to exceed 2,000 gallons per hour, fine slimy sand rises with the water. The water is being chlorinated daily at the reservoir.

The reservoir settling tanks and collecting chambers at both sources are cleaned and washed out once a year. All schools and St. David's College are provided with water closets and are adequately supplied with piped water for flushing purposes.



Food inspection excluding abattoir

Consumption

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1 tin Corned Beef.....	10 lbs.
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1 tin Corned Beef.....	6 lbs.
1 tin Corned Beef.....	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
1 tin Corned Beef.....	7 lbs. 8 ozs.
1 tin Corned Beef.....	221 lbs. 2 ozs.

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Water

There is a satisfactory supply of piped water in the town and in the hinterland area with the exception of those four dwelling houses which I have already mentioned.

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The reservoir settling tanks and collecting channels at both sources are cleaned and washed out once a year. All schools and St. David's College are provided with water closets and are adequately supplied with piped water for flushing purposes.



Estimated number of inspections from house to house for water leakages... 750

Multiple number of leakages were located during the year and duly repaired. Most were caused by severe frost during the winter months while a good many were caused by culpable negligence on the part of some of the householders.

Number of samples taken during the year of the town.

Water supply for bacteriological examination.....	10
Highly satisfactory.....	8
Satisfactory.....	2

No chlorine was detected in either sample.

Three samples of flowing water, one each from an asbestos pipe, a lead pipe and a copper pipe, were taken for chemical examination and the certificate of the Public Analyst showed that no lead or copper was present in either of the said drawn samples.

Two samples of water standing over night were taken for chemical examination. One was from a copper pipe and the other one from lead piping.

The Certificate of the Public Analyst indicated that the water tends to dissolve the metals when not flowing. As a precautionary measure, Dr. I. Morgan Watkin, the Medical Officer of Health, recommended the discontinuance of lead piping for water fittings.

The Borough Council accepted his recommendation and has since passed a Bye-Law to that effect.

#### Notices served under the Public Health Act

Number of informal notices for water repairs.....	7
Number of informal notices complied with.....	7
Generally speaking, housing repairs are mostly done by verbal request.	
Smoke abatement.....	None
Rag Flocks Act, 1951.....	No action necessary
Number of inspections of dwelling houses for defects.....	28

#### Housing Statistics

Number of houses owned by the Local Authority.....	84
Number of flats.....	4
Number of homes for the aged.....	2
Number of houses built by the Local Authority.....	Nil
Number of houses built by other bodies or persons - new bungalows.	2



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	Generally speaking, housing repairs are mostly done by verbal request.
None	Spoke statement.....
	Bag Block Act, 1927.....
28	Number of inspections of dwelling houses for defects.....

#### Housing Statistics

84	Number of houses owned by the local authority.....
4	Number of flats.....
2	Number of houses for the aged.....
161	Number of houses built by the local authority.....
2	Number of houses built by other bodies or persons - new dwellings.....

The Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925

Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation.....	1
Number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.....	1
Number of houses closed.....	1
Number of flats closed.....	1
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub section(2) of section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930.....	1
Number of flats ditto.....	1
Number of flats unfit for human habitation.....	1
Number of houses demolished.....	Nil

Unhealthy areas

There are no unhealthy areas within the Lampeter Borough.

Bye-laws to	(a) New Building.....	Yes
	(b) Water fittings.....	Yes
	(c) Houses let in lodgings.....	No
	(d) Tents and vans.....	No
	(e) Keeping of swine and other animals....	No

Rivers and streams - No action was found necessary.

Drainage and Sewerage

There are three sewage outfalls. One discharges direct into the Dulas River and thence to the River Teify, while the other two discharge into open trenches running for approximately 300 yards before discharging into the River Creuddyn.

In addition there is a group of seven dwelling houses provided with a combined drain with an outfall into the Mill Race and thence to the River Dulas

As already stated in my previous annual reports, Lampeter Borough Council and Llanybyther-Newcastle Emlyn R.D.C. were contemplating to proceed with a new joint sewage disposal scheme. Since then a Local Inquiry has been held by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government when evidence was heard and considered from every angle. Tenders will be invited, in the near future, to carry out the project.



The Housing Corporation Regulations 1935

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No	Tenets and vendors.....	(d)	
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At the time of writing this report, the laying of the new sewer from Market Place as far as Station Terrace is in progress. This, it is hoped, will relieve the Market Place from flooding during an abnormal heavy downfall of rain.

I am pleased to report that the new Mart Premises have been completed. They are unquestionably among the best-planned and constructed premises in Wales.

This concludes my report for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. J. Davies, A.R.S.I.,

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