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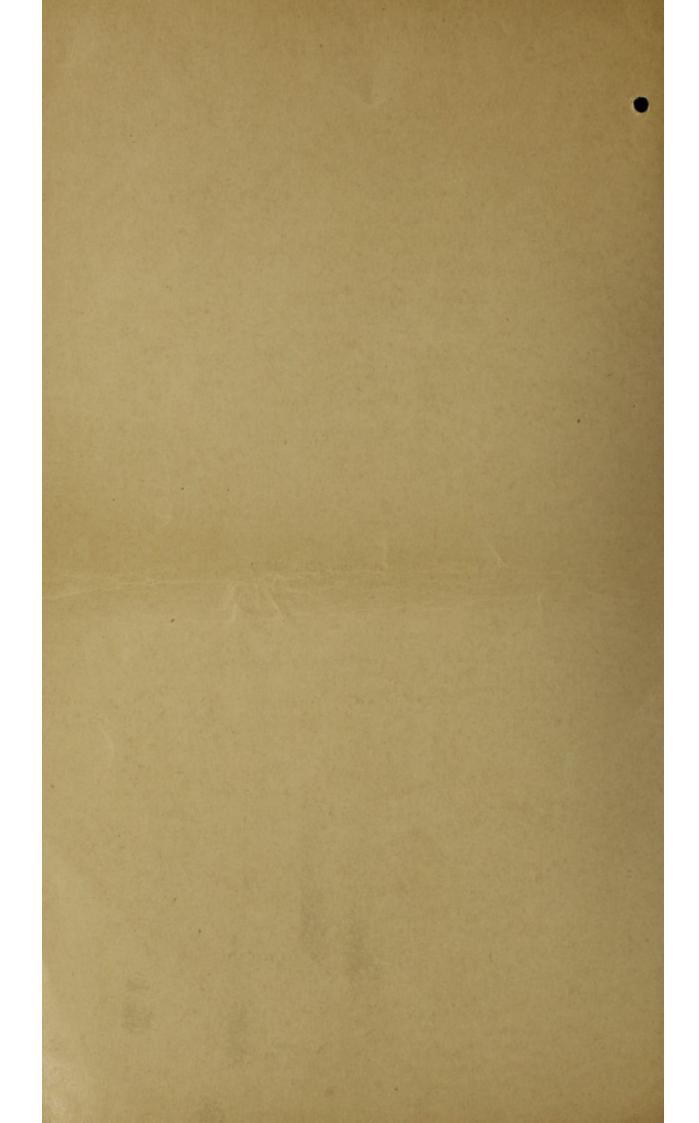
SANITARY INSPECTOR

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1937/38.

Councillor H. J. Wood (Chairman)

- A. H. Codd
- G. E. Jones
- J. Lewis
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August, 1939.

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Year ended

31st December, 1938.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year 1938.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	1,080 acres
Population - Estimated by Medical Officer	10,884
Population - Estimated by Registrar General	10,330

UNEMPLOYMENT.

There has been no appreciable fall in the number of unemployed during the last 12 months. At the present time the number is about 500. Many have obtained employment in the Government Works at Newton Noyes and several skilled workmen have left the town owing to the demand for ship-wrights etc. at the various dockyards.

BIRTHS.

Live Births		Male	Female
Legitimate Illegitimate		10 ₃	85 5
Total	=	196.	
Birth Rate Birth Rate for England and Wales		18 15.1.	
Still Births		Male	Female
Legitimate		4	3
Total	=	7.	

DEATHS.

Male 53. Female 49. Total = 102.

Death Rate 9.3 per thousand. England and Wales 11.6.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth

Puerperal Sepsis Nil. Other Puerperal causes ... Nil.

The chief causes of death were Heart disease and Cancer.

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DEATHS (Continued).

Death Rate of Infants under one year per thousand live births = 51. This compares with a death rate of 53 for the whole of England and Wales.

Deaths from Cancer ... 13
Deaths from Measles ... 0
Deaths from Whooping Cough 0
Deaths from Diarrhoea
(under 2 years of age) ... 2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.			
Discase	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	0	0
Diphtheria	51	15	1
Paeumonia	12	0	5
Erysipelas	7	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0

SCARLET FEVER.

There was a gratifying diminution in cases of Scarlet Fever as compared with the previous year.

DIPHTHERIA.

The incidence of this disease was very high during the year. A certain number of school children are inoculated against the disease during the year. As a rule parents have such a dread of Diphtheria that they willingly submit their children to inoculation, and the results are so satisfactory that it is hoped this will be carried out in a systematic manner in all the schools.

WATER SUPPLY.

The latest report from the analyst shows the water to be one of

exceptional purity.

The present storage capacity of your reservoir is 75 million gallons. It is proposed to double this capacity by raising the dam a further ten feet. You will then be able to supply other authorities with this wholesome water. Arrangements have been made for supplying the following districts:— Neylana, Tenby, Haverfordwest Urban (part), Broad and Little Haven, Tiers Cross, Llamstadwell, Johnston, and many other small villages in the Haverfordwest Eural District, together with Llysyfran in the Narberth Eural District.

SEWERAGE.

In my last report I drew attention to the portions of the town which were not connected with your sewerage scheme. It is satisfactory to be able to report that you have decided to connect these districts with the main sewerage system. The whole town, with the exception of Steynton Road, Cromwell Road, and Hubberston, will then be sewered.

SCAVENGING.

This subject is fully dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

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NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

There are two District Murses supported by the Mursing Association and by Grants from the County Council.

MIDWIVES.

Total number ... 5.

The town is fortunate in having the services of highly trained and very efficient midwives.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were four deaths as compared with three in the previous year. The number of new cases notified was 23 as compared with 14.

No action was taken under the Public Health Regulations, 1925, relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 62.

All deaths from Tuberculosis were notified, and there is no evidence of wilful refusal to notify cases of Tuberculosis.

						CASES.				ATHS.	
	Age	Period	s.	Respir	atory.	Non-Resi	piratory.	Respir	atory.	Hon-Resp	piratory
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SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions of the schools are satisfactory except that there is considerable overcrowding in the infants department in the North Road Council School. Here we have two wood and iron class-rooms which were put up as a temporary expedient 30 years ago. There is urgent need for a new infants school here, and it should be built at a reasonable distance from the main road.

HOUSING.

There is still a great demand for workmen's houses, and it is proposed to build another 120 in the near future.

In the Sanitary Inspector's report will be found details of house inspections carried out during the year, together with the extent of overcrowding in the town.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Full details of work done under this section is contained in the Sanitary Inspector's Report on Pages 6 and 7.

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The following table gives the causes of deaths during 1938:-

Causes of	Death	8.				Male.	Female.
All Causes						53	49
Diphtheria						1	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)						2	-
Other Tuberculosis						1	1
Cancer						11	2
Diabetes						1	_
Cerebral Haemorrhage							2
Heart Disease						3	13
Other Circulatory Diseases						7	5
Bronchitis						3	5 2 3 3 2
Pneumonia						2	7
Other Respiratory Diseases						-	2
							2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years				•••		-	-
Appendicitis					• • • •	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •	•••	1	
Other Liver Disease			• • • •		•••	-	1
Other Digestive Disease		• • • •			• • • •	1	-
Nephritis						3	1
Congenital Debility, etc.					• • • •	3	2 3 4
Senility						-	3
Violence						4	4
Other causes						2	5

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H.O. WILLIAMS.

Medical Officer.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	1,080 acres.
Population (estimated by Medical Officer)	10,800.
Population (estimated by Registrar General	10,330.
Number of inhabited houses	2,245.
Number of separate families	2,476.
Rateable value	£34,865.
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CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The following are the numbers of Closets of each type remaining at the end of the year:-

Water Closets		2,161.
Cesspits		48.
Privies and Ashpita	5	3-
Number of Cesspits		
Cleansed Number of Ashpits	• • •	57-
cleansed		3.

SCAVENGING.

It is gratifying to report that, despite the extended area to be cleansed, it has not been found necessary to increase the cost of the cleansing services.

Household refuse is collected twice weekly and disposed of in

the Controlled Tipping method.

Trade refuse is collected once per week, but a charge is now made for its removal in accordance with the provision of Sub-Section (2) of Section 73 of the Public Health Act 1936.

One new 7 cubic yard Karrier Bantam refuse collecting vehicle was

purchased and commenced working on the 6th September, 1938.

The workmen's wages were increased by one penny per hour as from

16th December, 1938.

The fluctuations in our primary work of collecting and disposing of refuse, and of street cleansing, are turned to advantage in undertaking transport work for other departments.

Our work is likely to be increased by the following factors:-

- (1) The twelve to the acre spread out of houses, and the consequent greater length bins have to be carried.
- (2) Increase of refuse owing to the deposit of garden rubbish in bins.
- (3) Increase in the mileage of streets and gullies to be cleansed.

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Quantity of refuse collected:-

	Loads per annum.					
	F	reighter.	Horses & Carts.			
Household		884	2,912			
Trade		208	-			
Road sweepings		-	312			

Income:-

Haulage	work	done	for	Highwa	y	Depa	rtm	ent	£	10.	0.
Trade re	fuse								24.	1.	0.
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SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

So far the health services have not been dislocated or restricted, despite the hectic activity in A.R.P. work. Great efforts are being made to meet all housing needs by the proposed provision of a further 100 houses. Private enterprise continues to cater for a small part of our housing needs.

Twenty-two visits were made to houses as a result of complaints received.

Number of informal notices served 12.

Action taken:-

Houses repaired	 	1.
Drains repaired	 	7.
Disinfestation	 	4.
New W.C. pans provided	 	4.
Dirty houses cleansed	 	1.
Other nuisances	 	2.
		25.
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COWSHEDS.

There are five cowsheds within the Urban area stalling approximately 80 cows.

There are 15 cowkeepers residing outside the Urban area who retail milk within the area.

FOOD INSPECTION.

The following food was seized during the year:-

Beaf	840 lbs.	Tuberculosis
Bovine Lungs & Heart	18 (in number)	Tuberculosis
Bovine Heads & Tongues	6 (in number)	Tuberculosis
Bovine Mesenteries	4 (in number)	Tuberculosis
Bovine Livers	12 (in number)	Tuberculosis
Bovine Livers	322 lbs.	Distomum Hepaticum (Fluke)
Pigs Heads	8 (in number)	Tuberculosis

MILK SAMPLING.

Twelve samples of milk were taken for Sediment Test purposes, and eighteen samples taken for Bacteriological Examination.

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MILK SAMPLING (continued)

The results are as follows:-

Code No.	Bacteria per c.c.	B. Coli.	Methylene Blue Test Reduction Time (hours
1	36,000	Absent	52 +
2	111,000	+ 1/1000	52 +
3	14,000	Absent	52 +
4	57,000	+ 1/10	52 +
5	536,000	+ 1/10	52 + 52 + 52 + 52 + 53 + 52 +
6	195,000	Absent	52 +
7	10,000		7
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9	23,000	"	72 +
10	190,000		73 +
11	48,000	. "	72 +
12	12,000	."	78 +
13	212,000	+ 1/100	52
14	36,000	+ 1/100	52 +
15	57,000	+ 1 ml.	59 +
16	28,000	Absent	52 +
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	12,000	+ 1/10	52 + 52 + 52 + 52 + 52 +
19	166,000	+ 1/1000	4

NOTES:-

- 1. A cubic centimetre (c.c.) contains about 17 drops of milk.
 - 2. A good quality milk should:-

 - (a) Not contain more than 200,000 bacteria per c.c.(b) Not show the presence of coliform organisms in 1/100 c.c.
 - (c) Not reduce the methylene blue in 42 hours during Summer (1st May to the 31st October), and 52 hours during Winter (1st November to the 30th April).

INSPECTIONS.

Description.	Number in area.	Number of visits.	Notices served.
Slaughter houses	3	210	-
Bakehouses	11	44	5
Fried Fish & Chip shops	13	52	-
Butchers' shops	11	52 58 21	-
Ice Cream	21	21	-
Cooked Meat shops	15	15	-
Other Foods	38	38	-
Town cokeepers		The state of the s	
rotailing milk	5	20	-
Town milk vendors only	2	-	-

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases were investigated during the year:-

					39.
Scarlet fever					1.
Tuberculosis					5.
Bedrooms fumigated					18.
Houses disinfested	à	for	Bed	Bugs	4.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

Premises.	Number.	Inspections.	No. of written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories (with mechanised				
Factories (without	20	56	1	-
mechanised power) Other Premises under the Act	27	71	-	-
(Including works of build-				
ing and engineering con- struction, but excluding outworkers' premises).	7	7	2	-

Defects found:-

	Num	ber of de	fects	
	Found.	Remodied	Referred to H.M.Inspector.	Number of Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	_
Overcrowding	-	-	-	
Unreasonable temp- erature	-	_	turney or	
Inadequate ventilati	on -	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors Sanitary convenience	-	-	-	-
(Insufficient, unsui able, not separate				
for sexes)	3	3	-	_

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

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1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	47.
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	131.
2.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the above Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	24.
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	32.
3.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	11.

SHARING COURSES.

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HOUSING STATISTICS. (continued)

4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those reforred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit	
	for human habitation	15
service	Remedy of defects during the year without e of formal notice:	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority	. 6
Action	under Statutory Powers:	
	Proceedingsunder Sections 9, 10 and 16 Housing	
	Act 1936: 1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	13.
	(a) By owners (b) By local Authority in default of owners	13. Nil.
Proceed	ings under Public Health Acts:	
	1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to	
	2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	6.
	(a) By owners (b) By local Authority in default of owner	Nil.
Proceed	ings under Sections 11 and 13 Housing Act 1936:	
	1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	7
	2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in	3.
Proceed	ings under Section 12 Housing Act 1936:	Nil.
***************************************	1. Number of separate tenements or underground	
	rooms in respect of which closing orders were	Nil.
	2. Number of tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	
Housing	Act 1936 Part IV - Overcrowding:	NII.
	1. (a) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded	
	at the end of the year (b) Number of families dwelling therein (c) Number of persons dwelling therein	57.
	2. (a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
	(b) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	
	(c) Number of persons concerned in such cases	46.
nave aga	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses in become overcrowded after local Authority on steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Mid 7







