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MARBERTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S

REPORT

for the Year 1939.

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Mayfield,  
Narberth, June 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Narberth Rural District Council.

Gentlemen, I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December 1939, upon the health and sanitary condition of the Rural District of Narberth.

The Rural District is bounded on the North by the Prescelly Range of Mountains, on the South by the Pembroke Rural District, and on the West by Haverfordwest Rural District.

Area.....80,248 acres.  
Population ( mid - 1939 )..... 9,902  
Rateable Value.....£22,742  
Sum represented by a 1d rate.....£ 92 : 11 : 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d

#### SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Farming has completely changed during the last years. Instead of carrying on mixed farming as hitherto, the farmer has turned his attention to the production of Milk, which is collected from the farmsteads by the Milk Factories.

The cleanliness in regard to the handling of the Milk is very satisfactory. The Milk and Dairies Order 1926, has been a great boon to Councils, as it gives power to compel Milk Vendors to have suitable sheds for milking, and well ventilated dairies for cooling etc.

Industries. The Anthracite Coal Mining Industry has closed down. The Slate Quarries are still open, but the number of workmen engaged is small. The Unemployment figure in the District is still high.

#### STATISTICS.

Live Births. Legitimate.....Total. M. 7<sup>0</sup> F. 61  
Illegitimate..... M. 4 F. 3  
Rate per 1,000 estimated population ( resident )  
mid-1939..... 14.74

Still Births. Legitimate..... M. 3 F. 2  
Rate per 1,000 total ( live and still ) Births 15.25.

Deaths. ..... M. 77 F. 94 Total 171  
Death rate per 1,000 of population 17.27  
Deaths from puerperal sepsis and other puerperal causes Nil.

#### Death rate of infants under 1 year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births..... .30  
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .30  
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil.

#### Deaths.

Cancer ( all ages ).....27.  
Measles ( all ages ).....Nil.  
Whooping Cough ( all ages ).....Nil.  
Diarrhoea ( under 2 years of age ).....Nil.



General Provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health.....1.  
Sanitary Inspector.....1.Certificated.  
Nurses distributed among the Rural Parishes.....14.  
All the Nurses are Certified Midwives.  
The Nurses work on a voluntary basis assisted by Grants from the  
Pembrokeshire County Council.

Laboratory Facilities. No change. Samples of Water are sent to The  
Biological Institute, Runcorn. Sputum samples are dealt with at the  
Cardiff County Laboratory. Swabs at the Swansea Bacteriological Laboratory.

Nursing in the home. The Nurses appointed in the several Parishes carry  
out this duty.

Hospitals.

Sealyham Hospital for acute Tuberculosis.  
Maternity cases at the County Hospital for special emergency cases.  
Infectious Diseases. Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital.  
Surgical cases, County War Memorial Hospital, Haverfordwest.  
X-Ray and Dental Work. do do.  
St. Brides Orthopaedic Hospital for Children.

SECTION C. Water.

The quality and quantity of water supply from the Regional Scheme are quite  
satisfactory. Many of the outlying villages have been connected up to the  
Mains: these were formerly drawing their supplies from shallow wells.

Rivers and Streams.

The Rivers and Streams are still being polluted by drainage from abutting  
farms and cottages, but this problem is receiving constant attention, and  
an improvement is evident. Much, however, remains to be done.

Drains and Sewers.

The usual disposal of House Drains is into Cesspools, as no Sewers are  
provided. Where villages or groups of Houses are found, an inexpensive  
Sewage disposal system could, and should, be installed.

Closet accomodation.

The Water flush closet is in use to a much greater number since the Water  
Scheme has matured. It can be stated that the ratio of W.C.'s and Pail  
Closets is 45 : 55.

Public Cleansing.

The collection and removal of House refuse has been further extended, which  
is an important move in the interest of Public Health.

Shops and Offices.

Inspections are made of all shops etc., in the District. The Shops Act is  
well observed. The two defects which had to be enforced referred to :  
(1) Sanitary Conveniences.  
(2) Ventilation.

Camping Sites.

Camping was on a smaller scale during 1939, but some sites were still  
occupied. These sites are provided with a supply of water, and the owners  
of the land remove the refuse.

Smoke Abatement.

No action found necessary.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

The Bed Bug has not been found during the year.

Schools.

There are 23 Schools in this District:

- (a) County Intermediate School.....1.
- (b) Council Schools.....17.
- (c) Non-Provided Schools.....5.

HOUSING.

The erection of Houses by the District Council has been suspended. Those in the parish of St. Issells which were in the course of erection (30) have been completed.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

During the Year 1939 ( other than Tuberculosis )

Diseases	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Small Pox.....			
Scarlet Fever.....			
Diphtheria.....			
Enteric Fever.....			
Puerperal Fever....			
Puerperal Pyrexia..			
Pneumonia.....	1	Nil.	1
Other Diseases..... generally notified.			
Other Diseases..... notifiable locally.			
	1	Nil.	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during the year 1939.

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
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PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY, MARBERTH.

Since the Anthracite Collieries have been closed very few Vessels enter Saundersfoot Harbour. This applies to Foreign Shipping, and to Coastwise trade which depended entirely on the Coal Trade.

E. W. PRICE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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MARBERTH, July, 1940.

REPORTS OF THE SANITARY INSPECTORS, NARBURTH R.D.C.

		<u>1/1/39-30/1/39.</u>	<u>1/5/39-31/12/39.</u>
1. Number of Inspections made,		184.	629.
2. Houses placed in habitable condition.		2.	0.
3. Houses closed.		2.	3.
4. Overcrowding abated.		2.	4.
5. Common Lodging Houses.		0.	0.
6. Slaughterhouses:-	No. 25	Inspections.	25.
7. Dairies and Cowsheds.		60.	53.
8. Workshops etc.,		0.	0.
9. Filthy Houses, cleansed.		2.	0.
10. Houses Disinfected.		6.	5.
11. Houses erected or rebuilt.		6.	10.
12. Water Certificates issued.		0.	10.
13. Wells Sunk.		1.	3.
14. Wells repaired.		0.	0.
15. Wells closed.		0.	0.
16. Houses connected with Sewers.		0.	0.
17. New Houses with Conservancy system.		4.	10.
18. Number of New W.C.'s.		4.	0.
19. Number of Privy Conversions.		0.	0.
20. Samples of Water analysed.		4.	5.
21. Samples of Milk analysed.		2.	14.
22. Compensation in respect of infected articles destroyed.		£2.	3.
23. Seizure of Unsound meat and fruit.		0.	70 lbs.

Narberth, 1940.

Sanitary Inspectors.

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