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BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE.

ANNUAL REFORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1939.

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#### BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE.

#### TOWN COUNCIL.

#### URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Mr. George Brown.

Mayor.

Mr. John Gwyther.

Deputy Mayor.

# ALDERMEN

Mr. John Hay. Mr. G.P. Francis.
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" F.W. Tucker. " W.G. Munro.

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Town Clerk. ... Mr. Owen F. Lowless.

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Borough Accountant. ... Mr. F.H. Hordley.

Sanitary Inspector. ... Mr. G. Wynne Roes.

Medical Officer of Health. ... Dr. D. Stewart.

#### BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1939.

# TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF THE SOLDUCH OF PENBROKE.

# Gentlemen,

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I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1939.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

The Area	of the	Borough	is a	little	over 8	square	miles.	
Estimated Number of						end ver	1,520. 3,226.	
Rateshle	Value.	100			1	P.	3.293.	

Sum represented by a Penny Rate. ...

£188.6.0d.

# EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 214 births in the Borough - 110 males and 104 females giving a Birth Rate of 18.5 compared with 16.7 for the previous year. Of the total births 7 were illegitimate - 5 males and 2 females - compared with 9 for the year 1938.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 15.0

There were 5 still-births as against 12 last year.

There were 205 deaths representing a Death Rate of 18.5 an increase of 3.4 on the figure for the preceding year when it was 15.1.

The deaths f	rom all c	auses wer	0 25	follows:-	
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Other Liver Diseases				THE PARTY OF PARTY OF	1.
Other Digestive Diseas				The second second	2.
Nephritis				8.	3.
Congenital Debility.				3.	3.
Senility				7.	6.
Suicide		• • •		2.	
Other Violence				5.	2.
Other defined Diseases				2.	5.
Ill defined or unknown				6.	3.
Diabetes				. 2.	
Cerebral Haemorrhage.		2		. 7.	18.
Heart Disease		• • •		24.	30.
Other circulating dise				6.	3.
Bronchitis.		• • •		2.	3. 3.
Pneumonia. (all forms).				9.	3.
Diarrhoea. (under 2 year				-	2.
Influenza				6,	1.
Tuberculosis of the Re		System.		5.	1.
Other Tuberculosis				-	1.
				1.	-
Cancer.			•••	13.	10.

# NOT FLABLE DISPLANES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR.

Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
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Age.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Erysipelas
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TOTAL	24.	10.	16.	3.	5.

# INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The Death Rate of Infants under one year of age was 46.7 per 1,000 births as compared with 41.4 for the previous year.

There were 2 deaths from diarrhoea amongst infants.

# TUBERCULOSIS.

The arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis is still undertaken by the King Edward VII Welsh National Memerial Association.

Dr. D. Ivor Williams, the Tuberculosis Physician, holds his weekly clinic every Friday at the Murses' Home and Mcyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and examines all cases referred to him.

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Sollies of	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
AGE GROUPS.	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respirator	
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35.	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
55.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	4	4	2	4	5	Colab	r ton	1

No action was taken under the Public Health (Frevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 nor under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925.

All Medical Practitioners in the Borough perform their duties satisfactorily with regard to notification of all cases of Tuberculosis.

The disinfection of 1 remises vacated by Tuberculosis Patients, by reason of death or removal, has been carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

The Public Health Office is situate in Bush Street.

There is a part-time Medical Officer of Health and one whole-time Sanitary Inspector. Both these Officers act as Inspectors.

General Nursing is performed by three District Nurses working under the two Voluntary District Nursing Associations subsidised by the County Council. These Nurses also act as Midwives together with one other trained Midwife.

# WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the Berough is drawn from the same two sources, and on analysis was found satisfactory.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

The Food and Drugs acts are administered by the Police.

The Milk supplied within the Borough is analysed from time to time, and continues to maintain a high standard of purity.

Designated Milks are under the control of the Pembrokeshire County

Council and samples for analysis are taken at regular intervals.

HOSPITALS.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the County Council:-

(1) TUBERCULOSIS - Sealyham Hospital for advanced pulmonary cases and Kensington Hospital, St. Brides, for surgical Tuberculosis; the former has provision for 30 beds and the latter 110.

These Hospitals are directly under the control of the Welsh National Memorial Association.

(2) There are two voluntary Hospitals in the area - The Nurses'

Home and Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and The Cottage Hospital, Pembroke,

where general medical and surgical treatment are carried out.

There is also the Public Assistance Institution available.

There are no Private Nursing Homes.

Five beds ard available at The Nurses' Home and Meyrick Hospital for maternity cases.

# ABULANCES.

Cases requiring treatment at the County War Memorial Hospital,

Haverfordwest, are conveyed there by an ambulance attached to that hospital.

The County Isolation Hospital possesses an ambulance of its own. The Military and Royal Air Force ambulances can be obtained in an emergency.

Ambulance facilities are adequate for the needs of the Borough.

The Pembrokeshire County Council is responsible for the treatment of Infectious Diseases, and the Isolation Hospital is situated in the Borough.

The two School Clinics controlled by you are still proving most useful.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is held at the Nurses' Home and

Meyrick Hospital, on the first and third Fridays in each month. The County

Medical Officer attends for the purpose of examining the babies and to give advice to Nursing and Expectant Mothers.

The Local Authority under the Mental Deficiency acts 1913-1938 is the Pembrokeshire County Council.

Cases of puerporal fever are treated in the local Hospitals.

The legislation governing the Public Health Services remains the same.

HOUSING.

Statistics are given in the Senitary Inspector's Report.

RIVER AND STREATS.

No pollution has been reported during the year.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions and the water supply to Schools are satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

These matters are fully dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

This also is dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I should like to express my thanks to the Council for their courtesy and support, to the Town Clerk for his great help, and to the Sanitary Inspector for his able assistance.

I am, Gentlrmen,

Your obedient Servant.

D. STEWART.

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Offices, PEMBROKE DOCK. September 1940. TO HIS WORTHIP THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLE EN,

I beg to subint the annual Report for the year ending 31st.

December, 1939.

# COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES.

During the year a number of complaints and nuisances were received and investigated and in all cases where a nuisance existed it was abated.

Attention has again had to be paid to the removal of rubbish from Back lanes. A number of people still seem to regard their back lanes as a dumping ground for rubbish of all sorts, especially garden refuse. On various occasions notices have been sent to whole streets where this nuisance existed and although this had a salutary effect for a period, the trouble arises again at a later date.

One recurring complaint is that of slop water being discharged into street gutters in certain districts which are not drained. I can only reiterate the opinion expressed in previous reports that the nuisance will not be entirely abated until some system of drainage is instituted in the districts concerned.

#### LEKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The number of slaughterhouses in the Borough is four, two public and two private, one public and one private in the Pembroke Ward, and one public and one private in the Pater Ward. Inspections are regularly carried out and as much meat as possible examined. One calf's carcase, and a number of organs, were condemned.

#### MYTORIES.

The number of Factories within the meaning of the Act is 75, there being 45 in the Pater Ward, and 30 in the Pembroke Ward. The number of Bake-houses in the Borough is 16. Inspections have been made during the year of all factories in the Borough and only one complaint was found. This was attended to immediately.

#### DAIRIES COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The number of cowkeepers, dairyman and retailers registered in the Borough is 77, of this number 52 are producer retailers, 6 are retailers, and 19 are producers only. Only 2 of the 20 producers sell their milk wholesale.

34 of the producer retailers are situated in the Borough, and 18 have their

premises outside. Of the six retailers five are resident in the Borough and one enters from outside. Accredited milk is retailed by 2 vendors and Tuberculin tested Milk by 2 vendors.

During the year 16 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination, and of these 9 were not of accredited standard. Four samples of milk were taken for tubercle bacilli examination and were found to be free from infection.

All premises in the Borough have been regularly inspected and little cause for complaint has been found.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTIONS, 100.

The usual precautions have been taken to restrict the spread of infectious disease, and where patients have been isolated at home a leaflet has been sent containing instructions.

During the year 29 disinfections were carried out in the Borough.

Refuse is collected in both Wards and disposed of by tipping as in former years. There are five refuse tips in the Borough, three in the Pater Ward and two in the Pembroke Ward. In both Wards this service is done by contract.

# COLDION LODGING HOUSES.

There is one Common Lodging House in the Borough situated in Pembroke.

Inspections have been regularly carried cut and no contravention of the

Byelaws found.

# DRAINAGE WORK.

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During the past year considerable progress was made on the House Drainage and Conversion Scheme. All surveys were completed and the bills of quantities and specifications for the various schemes drawn cut. Contract No. 2, Monkton area, was started in November, Messrs. Hussey, Egan and Pickmere of Birmingham being engaged to carry out the work.

The Llanreath Scheme has now been in operation for over a year and I am pleased to report that no complaints have been received.

New Public Conveniences were erected in the Pater Ward at Meyrick

Street during the year and have proved to be a definite asset to the Ward.

The number of Sanitary conveniences in the Borough is approximately

 Pembroke
 320.
 Pail Closets.
 Privies.

 Pembroke Dock.
 1708.
 62.
 61.

These figures show an increase of 6 W.C.'s in the Pater Ward and 1 W.C. in the Pembroke Ward.

Apart from the Drainage work involved in installing the W.C.'s alterations and additions to existing drainage work have been carried out at a further 14 houses in the Borough, making a total of 21 houses visited for the purpose of supervising drainage work. All the work has been carried out to my satisfaction and in accordance with the Byelaws.

# SHOPS.

No action was called for under the provisions of the Shops act, in respect of the ventilation, temperature, and sanitary conveniences of shops.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no swimming baths or pools available in the Borough for the use of the public.

# ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No houses were found to be infested with bed bugs.

FOOD AND DRUGS .CT, 1938.

Under the above Act all premises used for (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purpose of sale, or ice-cream, or the storage of ice-cream intended for sale; or (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, preserved, pickled, pressed food intended for sale had to be registered during the year.

Applications for registration were received from 13 occupiers of premises used for the sale of or the manufacture for the purpose of sale of ice-cream, and from 23 occupiers of premises used for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food, etc.

all the premises were inspected and in only one case was it found necessary to have alterations carried out. I should like to point out that I have always carried out inspections of the above premises and have always found them kept in a most satisfactory condition.

#### OVERCROWDING.

A further survey of all the houses found to be overcrowded during

the year. I am pleased to report that the number of overdrowded houses in the Borough has been reduced from 47 to 40. The decrease has been due to (1) a change in the occupiers of the houses, (2) to a member of the family leaving the district, and (3) to an additional room being added to the premises.

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Two new cases of overcriwding were found during the year and I am pleased to report that the overcrowding was abated in each case.

HOUSING.

During the year inspections of houses have been continued and altogether 338 were inspected and defects found at 128. The total number remedied during the year with and without formal notice was 110. Five house were found to be unfit for human habitation and Demolition Orders were made on them. Out of the above 338 houses 95 houses were inspected under the Council's Housing Survey. As the survey was not completed at the end of the year the list of defects and houses which are likely to be condemned have been emitted.

Further details are included in the tabulated statement at the end of the Report. Most of the repairs were carried out without undue pressure.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to the Council for the consideration extended to my periodical reports and recommendations.

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G. WYNNE REES.

Senitary Inspector.

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# TABULATED STATEMENT.

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NUISANCES.	Action.	63.	
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SLAUGHTERHQUEES.	Number on Register.	2. 2.	4
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MARKETS:	Inspections.	46.	
UNSOUND FOOD.	From Slaughterhouse.	1042 lbs.	
	(3)	of Straines and more to	
DAIRIES,	Number on Register. Producer Retailers.	77• 52•	
COWSHEDS AND MILK	Producers only. Wholesale Producers.	19.	
SHOPS.	Retailers only. Promises within Borough. Number of Inspections.	6. 56.	
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MILK SAMPLES.	Bacteriological. Tuberculosis.	12.	
	100 mark the transport of		
DISINFECTION.	Premises.	29.	
FACTORIES.	Number of Factories.	Bakehouses. Total.	
	Defects. Inspections.	1.	
COMMON LODGING HOUSES.	Number on Register.	1.	
	Inspections. Defects.	4.	
FOOD & DRUGS ACT.	No. of premises registere sale or for the manufactu No. of premises registere	re of ice-cream. 13. d for the	
	proparation or manufactur Food, &c. Inspections.	e of preserved 23. 74.	

# HOUSING STATISTICS 1939.

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I. INS	PECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR.	
(1) a.	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Mousing Acts.).	338.
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	338.
(2) a.	Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Acts.	328.
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	328.
(3) a.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	5.
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.	128.
II. REM	EDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORELL	NOTICE
	Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	101.
III.ACT	ION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.	
<u>A.</u> <u>P</u>	ROCKEDINGS UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	10.
	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices, By Owners.	9.
ъ.	By Local Authority in default of owners.	-
<u>B</u> . <u>P</u>	ROCKEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil.
	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice By Owners. By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil.
Q. E	ROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT,	1936.
(1) N	Sumber of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolitica Orders were made.	5.
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil.
(3)	Number in respect of which an undertaking was accepted Eas. 11 (2) Housing Act, 1936.	Nil.
<u>D</u> . <u>P</u>	ROCHEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil.
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil.

#### HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IN OVERCROWDING. E.

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(a)	2.	Number	of	families dwelling therein.  persons dwelling therein.	40.	-
(b)		Number	of	new cases reported during the year.	2.	
(c)				cases of overer wding relieved during the year. persons concerned in such cases.	9. 38.	

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