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YEAR 1941.

of

NOTIFICATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE

THE MEDICAL OFFICE OF THE ARMY

YEAR 1911.

BOROUGH of PEMBROKE.

TOWN COUNCIL

URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Mayor :

GEORGE BROWN, ESQ.,

Deputy-Mayor :

JOHN GWYTHER, ESQ.,

ALDERMEN :

Mr. G.P. Francis.	..	Mr. John Hay.
Mr. G. Brown.	..	Mr. W.J. Gwilliam.
Mr. W.G. Munro.	..	Mr. F.W. Tucker.

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Mr. T.W. Colley.	..	Mr. J.R. Williams.
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Mr. W.W. George.	..	Mr. G.E. Manning.
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Mr. S.J. May.	..	Mr. W.W. Winbury.

Town Clerk:	..	Mr. Owen F. Lowless.
Deputy Town Clerk:	..	Mr. Ernest Jeff.
Borough Surveyor:	..	Mr. W.B. Kavanagh.
Borough Accountant:	..	Mr. E.H. Nottage.
Sanitary Inspector:	..	Mr. N.B. Jones.
Medical Officer of Health:	..	Dr. D. Stewart.

B O R O U G H o f P E M B R O K E .

A n n u a l R e p o r t

- o f -

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the
Borough of Pembroke.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health of the
Borough for the year 1941.

Births.

<u>Live-Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	74	70
Illegitimate	7	10

Total births - 161

There were 9 Still-births.

Deaths.

<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
108	114	222

The deaths from all causes were -

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Puerperal Sepsis.....	-	1
Other Maternal Causes.....	-	2
Births, etc.	5	5
Diphtheria.....	1	2
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	1	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	-	1
Influenza.....	1	2
Measles.....	-	2
Polio Myelitis.....	-	1
Cancer.....	11	11
Diabetes.....	3	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage.....	5	6
Heart Disease.....	22	23
Other Circulatory Diseases.....	1	2
Bronchitis.....	11	3
Pneumonia.....	5	4
Other Respiratory Diseases.....	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases.....	1	2
Nephritis.....	2	2
Suicide.....	3	-
Accident - Road Traffic.....	1	-
Other Violence.....	17	16
All other Causes.....	17	25
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TOTALS.....	108	114
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR :

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Typhoid	1	1	-
Paratyphoid	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	14	-	-
Diphtheria	51	50	3
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Measles	233	-	2
Pneumonia	16	-	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY:

No. of deaths under one year - 14

TUBERCULOSIS:

The arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis is undertaken by the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association. Dr. D. Ivor A. Williams, the Tuberculosis Physician, attends and examines all cases referred to him at the following Centre :-

VICTORIA NURSING HOME Fridays - at 10.15. a.m.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1941.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
25.	5	2	1	-	-	-	2	-
35.	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
TOTALS.	10	4	4	-	-	4	2	-

The disinfection of premises vacated by Tuberculosis Patients, by reason of death or removal, is undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector.

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

GENERAL NURSING.

The position as regards nursing is unsatisfactory. During the early part of the year there were 2 Trained Nurses employed by the District Nursing Associations at Pembroke Dock and 1 at Pembroke, and in addition there was 1 Trained Nurse at the Meyrick Hospital, but for the greater part of the year no nurses were available except a private midwife at Pembroke. In October a County Emergency Nurse was posted to Pembroke Dock.

HOSPITALS.

Tuberculosis: - Sealyham Hospital is available for advanced Pulmonary cases, and Kensington Hospital, St. Bride's, for Surgical Tuberculosis. The former has provision for 30 beds and the latter 110.

Infectious Diseases: - Cases are admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Begelly.

General: - There are two Hospitals in the area- The Cottage Hospital, Pembroke and Woodbine Emergency Hospital, Pembroke.

The alterations and extensions at Woodbine Hospital, together with an operating theatre and X-Ray Plant, have greatly increased its usefulness, and it is now possible to deal with most types of cases.

Two Maternity Wards are available with accommodation for 10 cases.

AMBULANCES.

Ambulances are available at the County Hospital and at Begelly Isolation Hospital.

The Civil Defence Ambulances stationed within the Borough and neighbouring towns are available for urgent cases.

The Ambulance arrangements for non-urgent cases is unsatisfactory. There are not enough of these cases to justify the Council maintaining an Ambulance of their own, but the situation could be met by a Civil Defence Ambulance being available on request to any doctor at any time, for cases requiring hospital treatment.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is drawn from two sources, Milton New Spring, which is situated outside the Borough boundary, and a number of springs inside that line.

The supply is quite satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY.

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

HOUSING.

Statistics are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No pollution has been recorded during the year.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION.

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

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing 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, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D.Stewart.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Pembroke.

Gentlemen,

I submit herewith a brief report extracted from the Records for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year a number of complaints of nuisances were received, and the appropriate action taken.

MARKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The Pembroke Dock Market was held each Friday and inspections were made from time to time.

The public Abattoir at Bufferland, Pembroke Dock is now the only licensed Slaughterhouse in the Borough. The slaughtering was under the control of the Ministry of Food during the whole period under review. Regular inspections of meat were carried out there. 115 visits were made in all. 1,593 Cattle, 1,213 Calves, 11,049 Sheep, and 621 Pigs were slaughtered during the year. Meat and offal condemned totalled 13,594 lbs. This figure includes the following complete carcasses and offals; 18 Bovines, 2 Calves, 3 Sheep, 4 Pigs.

FACTORIES.

The number of Factories in the Borough is 75, including 16 Bakehouses. 45 are in the Pater Ward and 30 in Pembroke Ward. One Factory inspection was made during the year.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The number of Cowkeepers, Dairymen and Purveyors licensed to sell milk in the Borough is 69. 67 of these are Producer-retailers, 34 being in the Borough, and 33 outside the Borough. There was one Producer-wholesaler, and one shop was licensed to sell milk. One Purveyor of milk in the Borough is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested Milk (Certified)" and one is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk. Two of the Purveyors outside the Borough are licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested Milk (Certified)". Two samples of milk were taken during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

35 disinfections were carried out after occurrences of infectious diseases.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

Refuse was collected in each Ward by a Contractor and was disposed of by means of tipping. There are 3 refuse tips in Pater Ward, and two in Pembroke Ward, making a total of 5 in the Borough.

DRAINAGE WORK.

During the year, work on the Drainage Conversion Scheme slowed down considerably, and approximately only 50 houses were converted to the water carriage system. 40 of these were in the Pembroke

Ward, and 10 in the Pater Ward.

The approximate number of sanitary conveniences in the Borough is as follows:-

	<u>Water closets.</u>	<u>Pail closets.</u>	<u>Privies.</u>
Pater.	1,750.	20.	60.
Pembroke.	600.	250.	200.

SHOPS ACT.

During the year, no action was taken under Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934.

PUBLIC BATHS.

There are no Public Slipper Baths or Public Swimming Pools in the Borough.

HOUSING.

During the year the Borough suffered damage on account of approximately 6 air-raids.

OVERCROWDING.

No change appears to have taken place with regard to the overcrowding situation, and the number of houses which are overcrowded remains at 40.

VERMIN.

6 houses were found to be infected with vermin and the appropriate action was taken.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

There are 13 premises in the Borough registered for use in connection with the sale or manufacture of Ice-cream, and 23 for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Borough is the Pembrokeshire County Council, and the sampling is done by Police.

SAMPLES TAKEN.

Milk.....	6
Vinegar.....	1
Cocoa.....	1
Jam.....	1
Fish Paste.....	1
Total.....	<u>10.</u>

They all proved to be genuine.

I append a tabular statement which shows the work of the department in greater detail.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I must apologise for the lateness of this Report due to pressure of work in the Department.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

C.R.Sandell, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector.

Municipal Offices,
Pembroke Dock.
April, 1943.

SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL REPORT, 1941.

T A B U L A T E D S T A T E M E N T.

<u>COMPLAINTS.</u>	Received and investigated.....	20.	
	Action.....	20.	
<u>SLAUGHTERHOUSES.</u>	Number on Register.....	1.	
<u>MARKETS.</u>	Inspections.....	17.	
<u>UN SOUND FOOD.</u>	From Slaughterhouse.....	13,594 lbs.	
	From Shops.....	1,549 lbs.	
<u>DAIRIES.</u>	Number on Register.....	69.	
	Producer-retailers.....	67.	
<u>COWSHEDS.</u>	}	Producers only.....	1.
<u>AND</u>		Wholesale producers.....	1.
		Retailers only.....	1.
		Premises within Borough.....	36.
<u>MILKSHOPS.</u>		Number of Inspections.....	Nil.
<u>MILK SAMPLES.</u>	Taken.....	2.	
<u>DIS INFECTION.</u>	Premises.....	35.	
<u>FACTORIES.</u>	No. of Factories excluding Bakehouses.....	59.	
	No. of Bakehouses.....	16.	
	Inspections.....	1.	
<u>FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.</u>	Number of premises registered for the sale or for the manufacture of Ice-cream.....	13.	
	Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved food etc:.....	23.	
	Inspections.....	1.	

H O U S I N G S T A T I S T I C S 1941.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR.
 - (1)a. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected
for housing defects (under P.H.A. or
Housing Acts.....
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose....
 - (2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under
subhead(1) above) which were inspected under
the Housing Acts.....
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.
 - (3) Number of houses found to be in a state so
dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit
for human habitation.....
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those
referred to under the preceding sub-head)
found not to be in all respects fit for
human habitation.....

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT
SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered
fit in consequence of informal action by the
Local Authority or their Officers.....3.

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A.- Proceedings under Section 9 of the
Housing Acts, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of
which notices were served requiring repairs..14.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered
fit after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By owners.....1
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.Nil.

B. - Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of
which notices were served requiring defects
to be remedied.....Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects
were remedied after service of formal
notices:
 - (a) By owners.....Nil.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.Nil.
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2. NUMBER OF PERSONS ENTERING THE AREA WITHIN
THE PERIOD OF 24 HOURS
Number of persons entering the area within the period of 24 hours as indicated by the local authority or their Officer.....

3. ADDITIONAL STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR
A. - Provisions under Section 2 of the
Fireworks Act, 1960

(1) Number of persons who were in receipt of a notice which required them to observe the provisions of the Act.....
(2) Number of persons who were warned.....
(3) All other persons who were warned.....
(a) By name.....
(b) By local authority in receipt of a notice.....

B. - Provisions under the Explosives Act, 1875
(1) Number of persons who were in receipt of a notice which required them to observe the provisions of the Act.....
(2) Number of persons who were warned in which cases the provisions of the Act were not observed.....
(3) By name.....
(4) By local authority in receipt of a notice.....

C. - Provisions under the Explosives Act, 1875
(1) Number of persons who were in receipt of a notice which required them to observe the provisions of the Act.....
(2) Number of persons who were warned in which cases the provisions of the Act were not observed.....
(3) By name.....
(4) By local authority in receipt of a notice.....

D. - Provisions under the Explosives Act, 1875
(1) Number of persons who were in receipt of a notice which required them to observe the provisions of the Act.....
(2) Number of persons who were warned in which cases the provisions of the Act were not observed.....
(3) By name.....
(4) By local authority in receipt of a notice.....

E. - Provisions under the Explosives Act, 1875
(1) Number of persons who were in receipt of a notice which required them to observe the provisions of the Act.....
(2) Number of persons who were warned in which cases the provisions of the Act were not observed.....
(3) By name.....
(4) By local authority in receipt of a notice.....