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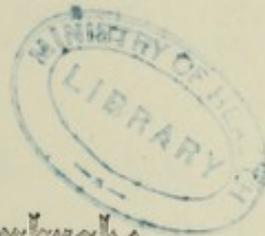
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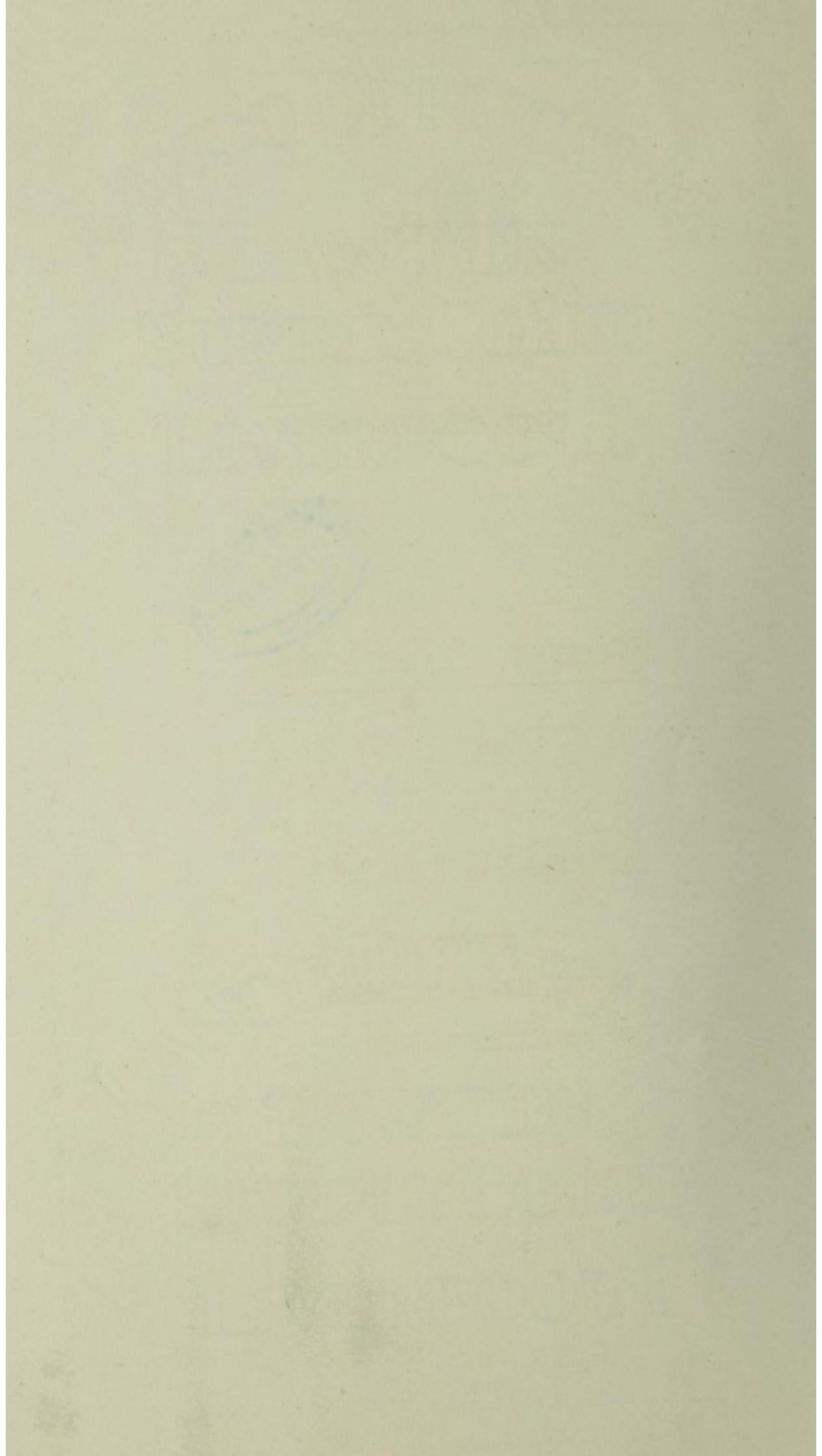
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1950



BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE

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FOR THE YEAR 1950.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1950.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....12,050  
compared with 11,340 in 1949, an increase of 710

Live Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	231	110	121
Illegitimate	12	6	6
Total Births	243	116	127

Birth Rate

This was 20.1 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 17.6 for the whole County, and 15.8 for the whole of England and Wales.

The Birth Rate in 1949 was 20.2

Still Births

Total 7, all legitimate.

This was a rate of 0.58 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 0.43 for the whole County and 0.37 for the whole of England and Wales.

Deaths

Total 158, giving a rate of 13.1 per 1,000 of the population, compared with 12.8 for the whole County, and 11.6 for the whole of England and Wales.

49% of the deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, including 26% over the age of 80 years.

The Death Rate in 1949 was 14.1

Infant Mortality

There were 11 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving a rate of 45.2 per 1,000 live births, compared with 35.2 for the whole County, and 29.8 for the whole of England and Wales.

The Infant Mortality Rate in 1949 was 34.9, and in 1948 was 65.3

The actual causes of deaths under 1 year were :-

Prematurity	6	(8 hrs. 10 hrs. 12 hrs. 4 days, 1 mth 2)
Congenital Defects	3	(4 hrs. 1 day, 2 months)
Asphyxia (Accidental)	1	(4 months)
Malnutrition (neglect)	1	(2 months)

Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	3
Cancer	8	15
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	7	8
Coronary disease, angina	10	3
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart diseases	20	24
Other circulatory disease	1	5
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	4	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Nephritis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	21
Accidents (other than motor-vehicle)	-	1
Suicide	-	1
All causes	71	87

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles	9	Whooping Cough	5	Erysipelas	4
Pneumonia	6	Scarlet Fever	13	Poliomyelitis	2

The two cases of Poliomyelitis were admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble, which is now the nearest Isolation Hospital. Both cases made a good recovery.

TUBERCULOSIS

Twelve cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year. Nine of these were respiratory, and three were non-respiratory. Three of the respiratory cases, and two non-respiratory were admitted to Hospital during the year.

Suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred to the Chest Physician of the Regional Hospital Board by their own doctors. The Chest Physician attends the Meyrick Hospital weekly, and is thus able to supervise the treatment of cases in the area. He arranges for the examination of contacts, and for the admission of patients to Hospital.

The after-care of persons suffering from Tuberculosis is the duty of the County Council; but financial assistance is given by the National Assistance Board. The County Council can make 'grants in kind', such as extra milk, and bedding.

B.C.G. Vaccination

The County Council has adopted a scheme whereby a supply of B.C.G. Vaccine will be made available to the Chest Physician for use in the case of contacts of Tuberculosis. It was decided that it should be used only under the direction of the Chest Physician for cases in which he considers it advisable. It is usually wiser to remove child contacts from any possible source of infection for some weeks before and after vaccination with B.C.G., which makes extensive use of this new prophylactic agent difficult in many cases.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PART III

VACCINATION

This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council on the receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards showing the details either of successful vaccination or of failure at the second attempt.

The number of persons vaccinated during the year was :-

Primary Vaccinations	=	94
Secondary Vaccinations	=	14
Total		108

IMMUNISATION

This is carried out by the local doctors and also at sessions at the School Clinic. Payment is made by the County Council.

Immunisation was postponed during the Autumn because of the epidemic of Poliomyelitis which occurred then.

The number of children immunised during the year was :-

1 - 5 years	87	} Total 92
5 - 15 years	5	
Re-inforcing injections	10	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

Investigations were made into the home conditions of several cases, but it was not thought necessary to take official action.

It will be seen from the Sanitary Inspector's detailed report, that the Water Supply continues to be of good quality after Chlorination, and that progress has been made in sewerage.

Samples of milk taken in the Borough show an improvement in cleanliness from year to year, largely due to the enthusiastic and unremitting vigilance of your Sanitary Inspector.

The improvements carried out at the Public Abattoir should make clean handling of meat very much easier.

I should like to thank the other Officials of the Council, and in particular your senior Sanitary Inspector, for their co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

District M.O.H.

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SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the year 1950

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

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

OFFICERS

Senior Sanitary Inspector - C. R. Sandell.  
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and  
Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.  
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for  
Inspectors of Meat and other Foods.

Additional Sanitary Inspector - R. M. Davies.  
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and  
Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.  
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for  
Inspectors of Meat and other Foods.

Sanitary Inspectors' Assistant - L. S. Scourfield.

Secretary/Shorthand-Typist - Miss J. Rees.

Certificate of the Central Welsh Board. Certi-  
ficates of the Royal Society of Arts for Typing  
and Book-keeping.

Assistant Rodent Officer - B. T. Howells. Retired 30/9/50.

Rodent Operative - Wm. D. G. McCarthy. Appointed 2/10/50.

AREA

The area of the Borough is 5,623 acres.

POPULATION

The population was estimated to be 12,050.

INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses in the Borough at the end of 1950 was estimated at 3,629.

RATEABLE VALUE

The rateable value of the Borough at the 1st April, 1950, was £57,248. The sum represented by a penny rate was £227.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

## WATER SUPPLY

The bulk of water supply in the Borough is pumped from Milton Springs to Stephens Green Reservoir. From there it gravitates to the Golden Hill Reservoir whence it is distributed throughout the Borough. There is another small Reservoir known as Imble Reservoir which is fed by the Imble Springs and from the Golden Hill Reservoir. The Imble Reservoir supplies certain portions of the lower area of Pembroke Dock. All water pumped from the Milton Springs is chlorinated and subsequently dechlorinated. The water from the Imble Springs is pure and chlorination is unnecessary.

The Council has continued to be greatly concerned with the bacteriological condition of the Milton water and although it is subsequently chlorinated they would prefer the untreated water to be in a more satisfactory condition. For this reason they have continued to urge that the Pembroke Rural District Council should proceed forthwith with a small sewerage scheme for the Milton Area in order, inter alia, to minimise contamination of our water source. At the end of the year the scheme had reached the stage at which tenders had been invited.

The supply of water is still adequate for the needs of the Borough, but storage remains inadequate. The Council's scheme for the construction of a new 2,000,000 gallon reservoir in the neighbourhood of Norchard Beacon and a new main to Pembroke Dock continued to be held up. The Pembroke Rural District Council decided that, instead of co-operating with the Borough Council, they would embark on a scheme of their own. The Corporation considered that this would be detrimental to their own scheme. They accordingly opposed the Pembroke Rural District Council's scheme at the Public Enquiry which was held in November 1950. At the end of the year the decision of the Minister was still awaited. It is to be hoped that the Corporation will be able to proceed with their scheme in the very near future: for in addition to providing extra storage it will greatly improve the pressure in the upper area of Pembroke Dock. The question of improved pressure is now becoming more urgent by reason of the housing development which has taken place in recent years and which still continues.

During the year the water main supplying Gooses Lane and Rock Terrace was found to be defective and was therefore renewed.

Regular samples of water were taken during the year from the Council's supply both for chemical and bacteriological examinations.

8 chemical examinations of samples taken from the Springs and from various distribution points showed that the water was of excellent organic purity and non-corrosive. It was however somewhat hard and was not likely to give rise to plumbo-solvent action.

Bacteriological examinations of water taken direct from Milton Springs showed the water to be unfit for drinking without chlorination. Of 18 samples taken 2 were satisfactory, 2 doubtful and 14 unsatisfactory.

However, 10 samples of water which were taken in the Borough after chlorination were all satisfactory, as also were five samples taken of chlorinated Milton water mixed with unchlorinated water from Imble Springs.

Towards the end of the year samples taken in the Borough from one particular area, which was supplied by means of a very old private pipe-line, proved on occasions to be unsatisfactory. This appeared to indicate that the old line was defective and that subsoil water was gaining access by means of an old collecting tank. The matter was followed up with a view to remedying the position.

The following table shows approximately the number of private dwelling houses, and the population drawing water from (a) Corporation supply piped direct to houses. (b) Corporation supply by means of a standpipe and (c) private supplies.

	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Corporation Supply direct to houses.	3,483	11,565
Stand pipe.	105	349
Private Supplies.	<u>41</u>	<u>136</u>
	<u>3,629</u>	<u>12,050</u>

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year work on the Kingswood, Waterloo and Llanion Sewerage scheme continued. The sewers were laid in Llanion, Waterloo and Ferry Terrace and the rising main from the Pumping Station to Llanion School was also constructed. At the end of the year the scheme was completed but for the arrival and installation of the pumping machinery.

In addition small drainage improvements were carried out at 14 premises.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

During the year three bucket closets were replaced by waterclosets and the drainage of another house was disconnected from a cesspool and connected to the public sewer.

In addition preparatory work in connection with the conversion of a number of properties which were omitted from the previous conversion scheme continued. By the end of the year the Council had decided to carry out the work by contract and statutory notices had been served on the owners of 50 houses.

The Number of premises provided with a closet of each type at the end of the year was approximately as follows:-

<u>Water Closets</u>	<u>Bucket Closets</u>	<u>Privies</u>
3,364	3. 176	89

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse collection continued to be carried out by direct labour. A Shelvoke & Drewry 7 cu. yd. refuse freighter and a team of three men, consisting of a driver-loader and two loaders, are employed to carry out this work. Refuse is collected weekly with the exception of certain main roads which are collected twice a week. The refuse is disposed of by means of tipping at Waterloo.

Salvage is also collected once weekly by means of the same vehicle and staff enumerated above. It consists mainly of waste paper and during the year under review I had some difficulty in disposing of this commodity. However, at the time of writing, I am able to dispose of as much waste paper as I can collect.

## SANITARY INSPECTION

The following is a tabular statement showing:-

- (a) The number and nature of inspections made during the year.
- (b) The number of statutory and other notices served during the year.
- (c) The result of the service of such notices.

### General Sanitation

Water Supply	21
Drainage	443
Stables & Piggeries	2
Moveable Dwellings	90
Public Conveniences	33
Refuse Collection	176
Refuse Disposal	120
Rodent Control	425
Schools	5
Miscellaneous	
Sanitary Visits	209
Water Samples -	
Bacteriological	60
Chemical	10
Salvage	31
Back Lanes	211
Workshops	1
Prosecutions	9

### Under Public Health Act

Houses Visited	355
Revisits	2,129

### Under Housing Act

Houses Visited	37
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### Overcrowding

Houses Visited	301
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### Meat and Food Inspection

Abattoir	269
Butchers	19
Grocers	31
Dairies	1
Ice-cream Premises	8
Food Preparing Premises	16
Market Stalls	4
Street Vendors	1
Milk Samples	54
Railway Stations	5
Miscellaneous Food	
Visits	1
N.A.A.F.I.	3

### Infectious Disease

Inquiries in cases of I.D.	8
Tb. Investigations	4
Visits re Disinfection	2

### Notices Served

Verbal Notices Served	42
Informal Notices Served	102
Statutory Notices Served	13

### Notices Complied With

Verbal Complied With	32
Informal Complied With	164
Statutory Complied With	14

From the above the Council will note that the volume of work continued to increase. Figures generally are higher than those in my last report, the total reaching 4,990.

## SHOPS AND OFFICES

The volume of other work during the year rendered it impossible for regular inspections of shops and offices to be carried out under the provisions of the Shops Acts, 1934, and the Public Health Act, 1936, respectively.

## CAMPING SITES

- (1) The number of sites in the Borough which were used for camping purposes during 1950 was, to the best of my knowledge, 7.
- (2) The number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, was 1.
- (3) The estimated maximum number of campers resident in the Borough at one time during the summer season was 44.

In connection with the above figures I have to point out that the campers on the above sites were not campers in the ordinary sense of the word but were residents of a more or less permanent or semi-permanent nature. In addition to the one site licensed under Section 269 the campers on 2 other sites were licensed, under that section, to erect or station and use moveable dwellings. Another unlicensed site was situated on Crown property. The occupants of the other 4 sites which were not licensed were persons more of the gypsy class and are situated considerable distances from the town.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action was necessary during the year in connection with smoke abatement.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

In the Borough there are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public.

## ERADICATION OF BEDBUGS

I am glad to be able to report that houses in the Borough continue to be singularly free from infestation by bedbugs. No Council or other houses were found to be infested during the year.

I am also pleased to be able to report that, so far, the average standard of the type of tenant removing to Council Houses has been very high and it has not been considered necessary to inspect their belongings for vermin before removal.

On the rare occasions when a case of infestation by bedbugs is discovered the usual practice is for the Council to carry out the work on payment by the person responsible for the infestation. After disinfection the occupier is advised to notify me immediately if he should see any signs of more bugs. If re-infestation should occur in a very short time the premises would be disinfested again - this time free of charge.

## SCHOOLS

There are 8 schools in the Borough. 7 are under the control of the Pembrokeshire County Local Education Authority, and 1 is a private school. They all have a piped town water supply. The drainage arrangements were as follows:-

### Pembrokeshire County Local Education Authority Schools

Albion Square Primary and Infants' School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.
Coronation Secondary Modern School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.
East End Primary Boys' and Girls' School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.
Llanion Primary and Infants' School	Trough closets connected to - the public sewer.
Monkton Primary and Infants' School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.
Pembroke Dock Grammar School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.
Pennar Primary and Infants' School	Individual pans connected to - the public sewer.

### Private School

St. Margarets Parents' National Education Union	- Individual pans connected to the public sewer.
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Cases of infectious disease among school children are visited and both cases and contacts are excluded, where necessary, in accordance with the recommendations of the Memorandum on "Closure of and Exclusion from School".

## H O U S I N G

The general standard of housing in the Borough remained very poor. There were a lot of small poor-class cottages many of which were in a bad condition.

The Council however continued its housing programme and during the year another 44 permanent houses were completed. This brought the total number of Corporation Houses at 31st December to 308 made up as follows:-

<u>PEMBROKE AREA</u>		<u>PEMBROKE DOCK AREA</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>Permanent</u>				
Green Meadow	80	Ferry Road	44	
Shoulder of Mutton	<u>8</u>	Hawkestone Road	<u>76</u>	
	88		120	208
<u>Temporary</u>				
Jograms	<u>16</u>	Britannia Estate	<u>84</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>104</u>		<u>204</u>	<u>308</u>

The Council rehoused 62 families during the year. The total number of persons re-housed in Corporation houses was approximately 218.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 392
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 2521
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932..... 37
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 37
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 3
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 102

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their offices..... 164

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a)-Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

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

(b)-Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 10
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
  - (a) By owners ..... 14
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners.. Nil



## MILK SUPPLY (Cont'd)

54 samples of milk were taken during the year and the results indicated that the cleanliness of the milk sold in the Borough showed an improvement of 142% on 1943 when I began regular sampling.

The Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries is responsible for the inspection of farms and other premises where milk is produced. 1 dairy in the Borough was inspected during the year.

The following table shows the numbers of milk traders carrying on their trade in the Borough at the end of the year:-

	<u>Borough</u>	<u>Outside Borough</u>	<u>Total</u>
T.T.Producer-Retailers	2	1	3
Accredited Producer-Retailers	-	1	1
Other Producer-Retailers	21	9	30
T.T.Producers	3	-	3
Accredited Producers	1	-	1
Other Producers	5	-	5
T.T.&Pasteurised Distributors	-	1	1
Other Distributors	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>45</u>

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The Public Abattoir was the only licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough and the slaughtering was carried out under the control of the Ministry of Food. During the year improvements which had been commenced in 1949 were completed. These involved converting the 5 separate chambers into 1 slaughtering chamber and 1 hanging room. An overhead railway and adequate hanging facilities were provided together with an electric hoist. In addition all drainage was put underground. New ventilators were provided in the roof, a ceiling was provided and the stone walls were smooth rendered with cement and sand. The work effected a remarkable improvement and the internal arrangements are now excellent.

Regular inspections were carried out, 269 being made during the year. The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and condemned:-

### Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	1,053	289	1,279	6,200	205
Number inspected	1,053	289	1,175	5,103	205

Carcases Inspected and Condemned (Cont'd)

<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Cattle excluding cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
	Whole carcasses condemned	4	4	2	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	620	175	5	813	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	59%	69%	0.6%	16%	3.9%

Tuberculosis  
only

Whole carcasses condemned	6	9	-	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	52	30	-	1	44
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5.5%	13.4%	-	0.04%	21.9%

During the year an estimated total of 1,357,924 lb of meat and offal was dealt with at the Abattoir. Of this 24,342 lb was condemned.

Food Shops

88 visits were made to food shops during the year. A total of 5,696 lb of food was condemned in addition to the meat and offal condemned at the Public Abattoir.

Market

The Pembroke Dock Market was held weekly and 4 visits were made during the year.

Restaurant Kitchens and other Food Preparing Premises

Pressure of other work prevented regular inspections, but 16 visits were paid to various food preparing premises and advice and suggestions in connection with food hygiene were offered where necessary.

### Ice-cream

8 visits were paid to premises licensed for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream. Here again advice as to the best methods of preparation, storage and sale was given where necessary.

### ADULTERATION ETC.-

The bulk of the Food and Drugs Act sampling is at present being carried out by the Weights and Measures Department of the County Council and by the Pembrokeshire Police. The Police are carrying out sampling in connection with milk adulteration while the Weights and Measures Department sample other foods.

The following table shows that 42 samples of food other than milk were taken in the Borough during the year:-

#### Weights and Measures Department

<u>Name of Sample</u>	<u>No. Taken</u>	<u>Name of Sample</u>	<u>No. Taken</u>
Beef Sausage	1	Luncheon Meat	1
Beef Suet	2	Malt Vinegar	1
Brisling	1	Margarine	2
Butter	2	Meat Paste	1
Cake & Pudding Mixtures	2	Mint in Vinegar	1
Coffee	1	Pastry Mixture	1
Condensed Milk	2	Processed Peas	1
Cooking Fat	2	Self Raising Flour	1
Custard Powder	1	Soft Drinks	2
Desiccated Coconut	1	Soup	1
Evaporated Milk	1	Sugar	1
Fish Paste	2	Table Jelly	1
Ground Almonds	1	Tea	2
Ham & Beef Roll	1	Tinned Beans	1
Honey	1	Tinned Fruit	2
Jam	1	Tinned Rhubarb	1

All of these samples proved to be genuine with the exception of one sample of Self raising flour which was found to be infested with meal mite. The offending trader was cautioned.

17 packets of unsound foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and the traders agreed to remove them from sale.

#### Pembrokeshire Police

During the year 34 samples of milk were taken in the Borough by the police. Prosecutions were instituted in 2 cases.

#### FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

I am glad to report that there was no outbreak of food poisoning during the year.

## CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD

Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations of food are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service in Carmarthen and by H.J. Evans Esq., B.Sc., F.I.C., Public Analyst, Bank Lane, Carmarthen.

### SHELLFISH (Molluscan)

There are no shellfish beds or layings in the Borough.

### GENERAL

#### Infectious Disease

6 fumigations were carried out after cases of Scarlet Fever. In addition 9 disinfections were carried out after cases of Tuberculosis.

#### Complaints

413 complaints were received during the year and the appropriate action was taken in each case.

#### Rodent Control

During the year the Council continued with their scheme for rodent control and it was pleasing to note that rate-payers were more ready to request the services of the rodent operative. The rodent population has undoubtedly diminished considerably during recent years and the general public are definitely more alive to the damage which rats can do and to the dangers which may arise from their presence. This greater awareness of the public is reflected by figures which show that 126 campaigns were carried out during the year resulting in an estimated slaughter of 2,120 rats. Both of these figures show an increase of over 50% on those for the preceding year.

#### Factories Acts, 1937 & 1948

There were 24 non power factories in the Borough and 59 mechanical power factories, making a total of 83. In addition there were 9 other premises to which the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948 apply. Pressure of other work prevented regular inspections of factories being carried out but 13 inspections were made. 2 informal and 4 verbal notices were served. There were no prosecutions.

Want of cleanliness was discovered on 6 occasions. Sanitary conveniences were insufficient at 2 premises and unsuitable or defective at another 3. In no case was there any overcrowding, unreasonable temperature, inadequate ventilation, ineffective drainage of floors, or ~~insufficient~~, unsuitable or <sup>defective</sup> not separate sanitary conveniences.

To the best of my knowledge no outwork was carried on in the Borough.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to acknowledge the support accorded to me by your goodselves. To the chief officers of the Corporation I am indebted for their kind co-operation and it is with sincere thanks that I record my appreciation of the work and loyalty of the members of the staff of the Sanitary Department.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. R. Sandell,

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

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

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