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# PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Messrs The Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary state of the Pembroke Rural District for the year ended 31st. December, 1925, viz.:

Area (Statute Acres) .. .. .	57,359
Population (1921) .. .. .	8,699 (4,305 males. 4,394 females)
Population (1925) estimated .. .. .	8,619
Persons per acre .. .. .	0.2
No. of inhabited Houses (1921) .. .. .	1,879
No. of families or separate Occupiers (1921) .. .. .	1,901
Rateable Value .. .. .	62,716
Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. .	£131 9s. 7d.

Physical Features and General Character of the Area:—The District is of an undulating character, sparsely wooded and surrounded by the sea on three sides. The Inhabitants are chiefly Agricultural.

The amount of Poor Law Relief .. .. . £1,489 1s. 10d.

There is no gratuitous Medical Relief.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE DISTRICT.

(Civilians Only.)

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
All Causes .. .. .	56	41
Measles .. .. .	1	0
Influenza .. .. .	1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system .. .. .	4	0
Other Tuberculous diseases .. .. .	1	1
Cancer malignant disease .. .. .	9	4
Diabetes .. .. .	1	0
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc. .. .. .	2	2
Heart Disease .. .. .	2	8
Arterio-sclerosis .. .. .	4	1
Bronchitis .. .. .	4	3
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	3	0
Other respiratory diseases .. .. .	1	0
Appendicitis and typhlitis .. .. .	2	0
Acute and chronic nephritis .. .. .	1	0
Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition .. .. .	0	1
Other deaths from violence .. .. .	6	0
Congenital debility and malformation and premature birth .. .. .	1	1
Other defined diseases .. .. .	13	17
Causes ill-defined or unknown .. .. .	0	2
Special causes (included above), poliomyelitis .. .. .	1	0
Death of infants under one year .. .. .	4	2

#### BIRTHS.

Legitimate .. .. .	70	62
Illegitimate .. .. .	3	3
Total .. .. .	73	65

#### General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

##### Hospitals provided by the County Council.

One Tuberculosis, One Fever, One Small Pox.

Neither of these are within the Area nor are they supported by the Council

No Ambulance Facilities.

No Clinics or treatment centres.

##### Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

One Medical Officer of Health M.B. M.R.C.S. etc. (part time).

One Sanitary Inspector and Food Inspector M.R.S.I. (part time).



## Professional Nursing in the Home.

No Professional Nursing in the Home connected with the Council.  
Midwives—none employed by Local Authority.  
Ten Midwives practising in the District under the Nursing Association.

CHEMICAL WORK — — — Nil.

LEGISLATION in force — — — Nil.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water.

The Water Supply to the greater part of the District is derived from Springs, deep Wells etc., all of which have been Analysed and found to be of good quality. In most cases the Wells have been rendered proof against pollution covered in and pumps fixed.

The improving of and keeping in proper repair, cleaning, etc., is being continually carried out.

In three Parishes the Water Supply is carried in pipes, stand pipes being used, the reservoirs in these cases are situated on and are private property.

### Rivers and Stream.

One statutory notice was served in respect of stream pollution.—The nuisance was abated.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

There is no Public Sewerage. Drains from private houses are discharged into properly constructed Cesspits.

### Closet Accommodation.

Chiefly Privy accommodation. There is a marked tendency to convert into earth Closet Pail system. 108 Privys were so changed last year.

There are 350 Water Closets all of which have their own drainage system Cesspits being used. These are frequently cleaned out and the contents buried on the land. In most cases new houses adopt the pail system.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Number of Inspections re Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	273.
(b) Number of Notices informal	..	..	..	..	..	36.
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	2.
(c) Result..	..	..	..	..	..	38 nuisances abated.

### Smoke Abatement.

There are no Nuisances caused by Smoke in the District

### Premises and Occupations controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.

One Fish Manure Works. Statutory Notice served to abate nuisance caused by offensive smell. Result structural alterations being carried out and Water Supply being improved, on order to abate nuisance.

### Schools.

The Sanitary Condition of Schools is good. Water Supply being obtained from Village Supplies for drinking purposes. Rain Water being saved and used for ablution purposes.

## HOUSING.

### PARISHES.

Angle, Bosherston, Castlemartin, Hundleton, Stackpole, St. Petrox, St. Twynnels, Rhoscrowther, Pwllcrochan, and Warren. General condition good. There is no shortage or excess of houses. New houses are being erected in some parishes. There are no cases of overcrowding. The general character of the defects found in unfit houses are lack of space and dampness. Informal notices calling attention to repairs are served and in most cases the results are satisfactory.

Burton, Llanstadwell, Rosemarket. General condition good. No shortage, no excess. No overcrowding. It is anticipated that a change in the population of these parishes will take place owing to the closing of H. M. Dockyard.

Carew, Cosheston, Gurfreston, Hodgeston, Lamphrey, Lawrenny, Manorbier, Nash, Penally, St. Florence, Redberth, Tenby Out-Liberty, Upton. General standard good. No shortage, no excess. No cases of overcrowding. General character of defects found: Dampness and need of repairs to roofs, gutters, etc. Informal notices have been served and, in most cases, complied with.

Chief difficulty in remedying unfitness is the finding of alternative accommodation for families during the period of carrying out of repairs. Also the very low rents of most of the cottages.

### Unhealthy Areas—Nil.

Bye-laws relating to Houses, to Houses Let in Lodgings, and to Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.—Nil.

## HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year : (a) Total	..	..	..	..	9
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts :					
(1) By Local Authority	..	..	..	..	Nil.
(2) By other bodies or persons	..	..	..	..	1 private, 4 Grant.
(3) By County Council Small Holdings	..	..	..	..	3
1. Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected (under Public Health and Housing Acts)					397
2. Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected and recorded under Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910	..	..	..	..	96
3. Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	..	..	..	..	Nil.
4. Number of Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	..	..	..	39
Action under Statutory Powers	..	..	..	..	Nil.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Milk Supply.

- There are 49 Milk Sellers in the District, all of whom are registered and are periodically inspected. One Milk Seller licensed for the sale of Certified Milk samples of which were taken under arrangement with the Welsh Board of Health and forwarded to the Beck Laboratory, Swansea, for bacteriological examination. The monthly reports have all been up to required standard.
1. No Tuberculous Milk or Cattle reported.
  2. One licence granted by Minister of Health for sale of "certified" milk.
  3. No refusal or revocation of registration of milksellers.
  4. Up to required standard. Samples of other Milk taken by Constabulary.

### Meat.

- All Slaughter Houses registered and periodically inspected  
 Notice of slaughtering in all cases sent to the Inspector who visits premises.  
 No public Slaughter House.  
 Registered in 1920, 2; in January, 1925, 4; in December, 1925, 8—all registered. Licensed, one.

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There has been no outbreak of infectious disease since 1920.  
 The examination of Pathological and Bacteriological Specimens is carried out by the County Medical Officer.  
 Schick and Dick tests have not to my knowledge been used.  
 (a) Primary Vaccinations in this District have been performed on 72 cases.  
 (b) Re-Vaccinations—two cases.  
 Intimation of Disease in Schools is reported in duplicate and necessary steps taken. Four Schools were closed for Measles.  
 There were two fatal cases of Influenza and 13 fatal cases of Cancer.  
 No cases of Vermin have been notified.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1925.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	5	Nil.	Nil.
Diphtheria	1	Nil.	Nil.
Enteric Fever	2	Nil.	Nil.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
20	1	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	1
35	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	3	3	—	1	4	1	—	1

Public Health (prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

There have been no cases connected with the Milk Trade.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT OF 1925.

### Section 62.

No action was required.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) **W. R. E. WILLIAMS,**  
 MEDICAL OFFICER.





Pembroke Rural District Council.

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Supplementary Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health.

Year ended 31st December, 1925.

1. Number of visits of inspection made by the Sanitary Inspector to

(a) Cowsheds and Dairies	198
(b) Slaughter-houses	90
(c) Bakehouses	27

There are no milkshops. The cowsheds are chiefly used as milking sheds, the cows being kept out all the year round and brought into the sheds for milking.

The existing powers are adequate for dealing with the sanitary conditions of such places.

2. There are no public slaughter-houses. Notification of the time of slaughtering has been sent in, in all cases, and inspections are made as often as possible. The slaughter-houses in this district are scattered over a wide area.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1926.

(Sgd) Wm. Williams.

Medical Officer of Health.

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From the Middle East, 1955

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