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To the Chairman and Members of the Council .

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the public health and sanitary state of the Rural District of Pembroke for the Year ended 31st. December, 1937, as follows.--

GENERAL STATISTICS .

Area (statute acres).	...	...	49,321.
Population (estimate of resident).	...	...	5,100.
Persons per acre.	...	...	0.10.
Number of inhabited houses.	...	...	1,558.
Rateable Value (operative).	...	...	£ 12,464.
Penny Rate Product (Product of Rates and Precepts Rules).	...	...	£ 56.859.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

One (part-time) Medical Officer of Health. M.R.C.S.(Eng.); L.R.C.P.(Lond.).
One (whole-time) Sanitary Inspector and Sanitary Surveyor. M.R.Sanitary Inst.
A moiety of the salaries of these officers is borne by Exchequer grant.

General Character and Social Conditions of Area.

The Rural District consists of undulating and thinly wooded agricultural lands which extend from Angle bay in the west to the outskirts of Saundersfoot in the east, and comprise the major part of the peninsula adjoining the southern boundary of the harbour of Milford Haven. The chief industry is agriculture. A limited number of people engage in fishing as a means of livelihood. The language of the people is predominantly English.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Description.	Male.	Female.	Birth etc. rates.
Live Births. (Legitimate.	30	22	Birth Rate. 10.78.
(Illegitimate.	3	-	
(Total.	33	22	
Still Births. (Legitimate.	1	4	Rate. 83.33.
(Illegitimate.	-	-	
Deaths. (Total).	44	34	Death Rate. 15.29.
Deaths of inf-			Rate. -
ants under age (Legitimate.	-	-	
1 year. (Illegitimate.	-	-	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Population	101,000,000
Births	2,500,000
Deaths	1,000,000
Infants under 1 year	1,000,000
Infants under 5 years	3,000,000
Infants under 10 years	5,000,000
Infants under 15 years	6,000,000
Infants under 20 years	7,000,000

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State	Population	Births	Deaths	Infants under 1 year	Infants under 5 years	Infants under 10 years	Infants under 15 years	Infants under 20 years
Alabama	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Alaska	100,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	5,000	10,000	12,000	15,000
Arizona	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Arkansas	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
California	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Colorado	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Connecticut	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Delaware	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
District of Columbia	100,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	5,000	10,000	12,000	15,000
Florida	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Georgia	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Idaho	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Illinois	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Indiana	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Iowa	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Kansas	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Kentucky	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Louisiana	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Maine	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Maryland	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Massachusetts	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Michigan	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Minnesota	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Mississippi	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Missouri	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Montana	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Nebraska	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Nevada	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
New Hampshire	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
New Jersey	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
New Mexico	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
New York	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
North Carolina	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
North Dakota	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Ohio	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Oklahoma	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Oregon	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Pennsylvania	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Rhode Island	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
South Carolina	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
South Dakota	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Tennessee	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Texas	2,000,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	100,000	120,000	150,000
Vermont	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Virginia	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Washington	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
West Virginia	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000
Wisconsin	1,000,000	25,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	50,000	60,000	70,000
Wyoming	500,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	30,000	35,000

Causes of Death.			Males.	Females.
Influenza.	...	...	2	2
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	...	...	-	2
Other Tuberculosis.	...	...	-	-
Cancer.	...	...	3	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c..	...	...	2	4
Heart Disease.	...	...	9	8
Aneurysm.	...	...	1	-
Other circulatory diseases.	...	...	2	-
Bronchitis.	...	...	8	3
Pneumonia (all forms).	...	...	3	2
Other respiratory diseases.	...	...	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver.	...	...	-	-
Other Liver diseases.	...	...	3	-
Other digestive diseases..	...	...	-	-
Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	...	...	1	-
Senility.	...	...	2	6
Suicide.	...	...	1	-
Other violence.	...	...	5	-
Other defined diseases. ..	...	...	1	5
Ill defined or not known..	....	....	-	1
All causes.			44	34

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

No developments or changes have occurred in the local conditions described in my reports of previous years as applying to services of the following nature.- laboratory facilities; professional nursing in the home; treatment centres and clinics, and hospitals.

Ambulance Facilities.

Facilities available in the adjoining towns for the removal of infectious diseases, appear to cope with the present need. It would be of convenience to have available for the combined use of the Pembroke urban and rural areas an ambulance for the conveyance of urgent surgical and accident cases to local hospitals.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area .

Water.

The public water service of the area will be much improved when the water supply schemes undertaken by the Council are all finally completed. As you are doubtless aware the schemes provide a piped supply in a large area within the Rural District, and involve the laying of approximately eighteen miles of water mains. In the case of the Castlemartin-Warren Waterworks the Council were able to arrange to supply water for the use of the Royal Air Force at Flimston training camp. The benefits likely to accrue from the schemes will, I anticipate, be considerable. Elsewhere a supply will continue to be obtained from springs and deep wells, all of which are suitably protected and cared for. These supplies, generally, have been satisfactory both as to quantity and quality. The number of inspections made and repairs and improvements effected during the Year under review is, as follows.-

Wells cleaned out, protected, etc.	...	...	6
New pumps installed.	...	...	1
Pumps and taps repaired.	...	...	18
Piped supplies to standards.	...	...	9
			P.t.o.

Samples submitted for bacteriological examination and bacteria count.	5
Samples reported to be satisfactory.	5
No cases of pollution were recorded.	

Drainage and Sewerage.

Domestic drains discharge into septic tanks, cesspits, etc. which are invariably kept in a satisfactory state and appear on the whole to satisfy present conditions. There is no public system of drainage, sewerage and sewage disposal in the area.

Rivers and Streams. No cases of pollution were reported during the Year.

Closet Accommodation.

Accommodation is afforded mainly by privies; but conversion to the earth closet or pail system continues. Privies in all cases lie well away from dwellings and are generally kept in a satisfactory condition. Water closets in most cases discharge into septic tanks or properly built cesspits.

Number of privies displaced by earth closets.	...	21
Number of water closets.	...	478

Public Cleansing.

No change was observed in the mode of disposal of household refuse and in the arrangements for cesspool cleansing, etc. The large gardens with which the majority of dwellings in the rural area are provided enable the disposal of combustible refuse to be effected in a sanitary manner without difficulty. The arrangements now under consideration for the placing of refuse bins or receptacles in the villages for tins, bottles, etc. should provide a satisfactory means of disposal of incombustible articles.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Inspections (chiefly concerned with water supplies, infectious diseases and nuisances).	...	203.
Statutory Notices served.	...	3.
Informal Notices served.	...	26.
Nuisances abated during the Year.	...	30.

Shops. No action was necessary, under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, in relation to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences.

Smoke Abatement. Nuisances from smoke are unlikely to occur as there are no factories in the rural district.

Swimming Baths and Pools (Public and Private).

No swimming baths or pools are available for public use within the area.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No case of bed bug infestation was reported or otherwise brought to my notice during the Year.

Schools. The sanitary condition and water supply of schools in the district remains satisfactory. Drinking water is obtained from the public supply of the locality.

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). ...	129	
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. ...	149	
(2)(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. ...	61	
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. ...	86	
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ...	1	
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ...	31	
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 officers. ...	23	
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:--		
(a).--Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ...	4	
(2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.- By owners. ...	4	
(b).--Proceedings under Public Health Acts:		
(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ...	3	
(2) No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.- By owners. ...	3	
(c).--Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ...	1	
(2) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. ...	1	
(d).--Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
No action necessary. ...	-	
4. Housing Act, 1936.-- Overcrowding:--		
(a).--(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ...	60	
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein. ...	61	
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. ...	245	
(b).--Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. ...	4	
(c).--(i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ...	15	
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. ...	48	
(d).--Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ...	Nil.	
(e).--Any other particulars. ...	Nil.	

Inspection and Supervision of Food.Milk Supply .

Number of milksellers registered. ...	126
Number of inspections. ...	234
Number of informal notices calling for improvements. ...	20
Result: All notices have been or are being complied with. ...	
Number of samples submitted for analysis. ...	4
Result: The samples were reported upon as being satisfactory. ...	
Number of farms and dairies registered. ...	329
Number of inspections of registered premises... ..	278
Number of notices for improvements. ...	29
Number of new sheds erected. ...	4
The standard of cleanliness has been maintained. The notices issued have been or are being complied with.	

Meat, etc.

Inspections of premises and also of vehicles used for the conveyance of meat show that the Meat Regulations are being observed and that cleanliness is being maintained. No public slaughterhouses are to be found in the area. Private slaughterhouses generally are suitably drained and have good supplies of water. The number of animals slaughtered in the area is small, as large beasts are usually killed in public slaughterhouses in neighbouring urban areas. Slaughtering is so limited as to be almost occasional in some cases. Number of inspections made during the Year ... 60.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

Particulars.	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected.	20	-	12	82	15
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tubercu- losis.	-	-	-	3.65	-
Tuberculosis only.	-	-	-	-	-

Bakehouses. The standard of cleanliness in bakehouses remains satisfactory.
 Number of bakehouses in district. ... 6
 Number of inspections made during the Year. ... 16

Prevalence of, and control over, infectious and other diseases.

The number of cases of infectious disease (tabled below) reported during the year 1937 show a considerable decrease compared with the total of the previous year. In all cases of diphtheria, anti-toxin is promptly used, and in these and other cases appropriate measures are taken to prevent a spread of infection. In the matter of isolation hospital accommodation, I understand that the County Council propose to increase the number of beds. The fumigation and disinfection of premises is effected without delay under my supervision. No cases of ophthalmia neonatorum, dysentery, or malaria occurred. The County Medical Officer of Health undertakes the examination of pathological and bacteriological specimens. I have no knowledge of Schick and Dick tests having been made. Diseases in schools, when they occur, are dealt with at once on receipt of a report (in duplicate) of the circumstances. I have not, in my capacity as Medical Officer of Health, performed any vaccinations. No verminous cases were reported during the year. No action was called for under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The system of notification continues to function smoothly. There were no non-notified tuberculosis deaths and there were no cases of wilful neglect or refusal to notify. No occasion arose for action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis

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Notifiable Diseases during the Year.Other than Tuberculosis.

Diseases.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hosp.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	7	5	-
Diphtheria.	10	8	-
Pneumonia.	6	2	5

Tuberculosis.

	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals.	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	-

Inspection of Factories, Workshops etc.

Inspections of workshops, etc.	30
Written notices in respect of defects.	...	...	2
Prosecutions were unnecessary.			

(Signed)

Geoffrey Wacher.

Medical Officer of Health .

Name	Age	Sex	Total
John Doe	25	M	1
Jane Smith	22	F	1
Total			2

Name	Age	Sex	Total	Total
John Doe	25	M	1	1
Jane Smith	22	F	1	1
Total			2	2

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