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A N N U A L R E P O R T O F T H E M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H .

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1945.

The District has retained most of its pre-war characteristics. The main occupation of its inhabitants, is agriculture; fishing provides a livelihood for a limited number in the seaside villages; and tourists have reappeared to provide seasonal occupation.

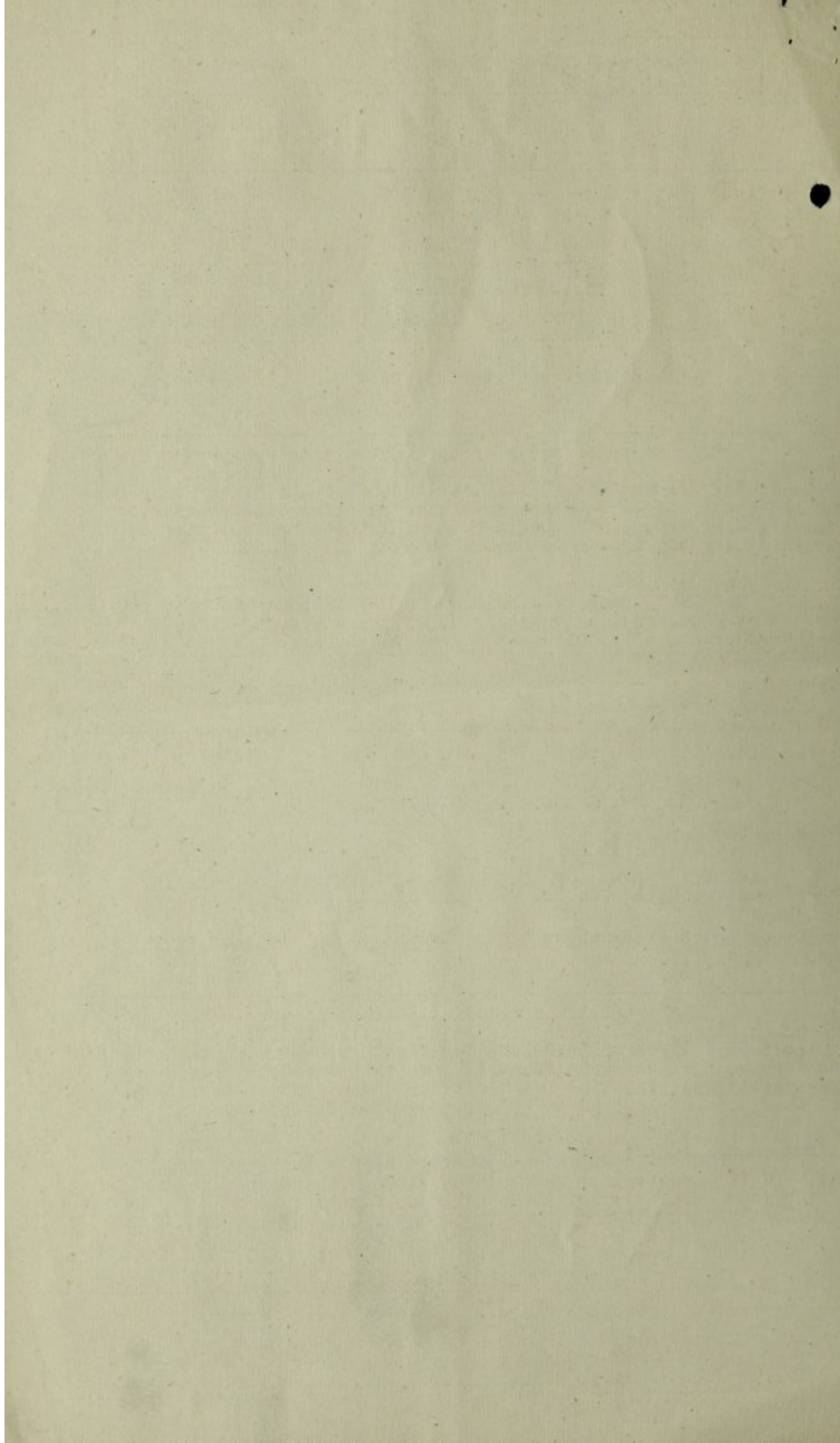
S T A T I S T I C S .

Estimated Population 5,226

Description	Male	Female.	Rates per Thousand	Rates for whole of England & Wales.
Live Births (Legitimate)	44	40	Birth	
(Illegitimate)	4	5	Rate	16.1
(Total)	48	45	17.79	
Still Births (Legitimate)	1	-	Rate 0.19	0.46
(Illegitimate)	-	-		
Deaths Total	34	43	Death Rate 14.73	11.4
Deaths of (Legitimate)	2	2	Rate (all live	
Infants under (Illegitimate)	-	1	births) 53.76	46.
1 year				

It will be noticed that the Birth Rate is higher than that for the whole of the Country, while the rate for Still births is appreciably lower. The Death-rate of Infants under 1 year is high, but this does not appear to be due to avoidable causes.

The Death rate is considerably higher than that for the whole of the Country. Thirty nine of these seventy-seven deaths (approximately 50%) were of people over seventy years of age.



CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Causes of Deaths		Male.	Female
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	.....	1	3
Scarlet Fever	111..	1	-
Acute Infective Encephalitis	.....	1	-
Cancer	.....	2	5
Diabetes	.....	1	-
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	.....	3	11
Heart Disease	.....	7	8
Other Circulatory Diseases	.....	1	6
Bronchitis	.....	1	1
Pneumonia	.....	1	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	.....	1	1
Diseases of Digestive System	.....	2	2
Nephritis	.....	3	1
Premature Birth	.....	2	0
Congenital Malformation; Birth Injuries	.....	-	1
Violent causes (other than Suicide and Road Traffic Accidents)	.....	1	-
All other Causes	.....	6	2
Total	.....	34	43

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Scarlet Fever	.....	6
Measles	.....	11
Acute Pneumonia	.....	1

No cases of Diphtheria occurred in the area during the year. Arrangements for the disinfection of rooms and bedding are made by your Sanitary Inspector when necessary. When it is considered advisable to treat an infectious case in Hospital, the patient is admitted to the County Isolation Hospital. Bacteriological examinations are carried out, free of cost to the patient, at the Emergency Pathological Laboratory, Carmarthen.



Tuberculosis.

Three new cases were notified and there were four deaths during the year. One death occurred in a case not previously notified.

Arrangements for Hospital treatment are made by the Welsh National Memorial Association. There is, unfortunately, some delay in the admission of patients, due to the lack of beds.

The County Council is responsible for the working of the scheme for allowances to dependents of Tuberculous patients. The Tuberculosis After Care Committee of the County Council is provided with reports on the environmental conditions of patients by the Sanitary Inspector.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Only three children, all under 5 years of age, were reported immunised under the scheme for free immunisation, but there is reason to believe that others were so treated for whom payment was not claimed. This brings the estimated percentage of immunised children to 63.51% of those aged 1-5 years, and 90.12% of those aged 5-15 years.

Far too few parents take advantage of the arrangements by which their children can be treated by any local Doctor, but it is hoped that an intensive campaign planned for 1946 will produce better results.

Venereal Disease.

Arrangements for treatment, and for the following-up of contacts and defaulters are made by the County Council.

The Care of Premature Infants and of Illegitimate Children.

The County Council is responsible for this work.

Disinfestation

There has been no necessity for action in this respect during the year.

Water.

All existing supplies have been well maintained, and generally speaking have been satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

The water in the area is not liable to plumbo-solvent action, having a high degree of hardness, and being distributed through iron pipes.

Schemes which will ensure a proper piped supply to the whole of the area have been prepared and submitted to the



Ministry of Health .

Number of wells cleaned out and protected	.....	8
" " new pumps fixed	.....	4
" " pumps, standards and taps repaired	.....	36
" " samples submitted for bacteriological analysis.....		10
" " samples reported satisfactory	.....	8
" " samples reported unsatisfactory	.....	2

Immediate steps were taken to prevent pollution in the unsatisfactory cases.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewerage schemes have been and are being prepared for several villages. Two proposals are now awaiting the approval of the Minister of Health. There is, at present, no public system of sewage disposal in the area.

Closet accommodation is provided mainly by privies, earth and chemical closets. Conversion from privies to earth or chemical closets continues. Water-closets discharge into properly constructed cesspits or septic tanks. All drains are inspected during construction, and thoroughly tested. The cleansing of cesspits, privies, and earth closets has been properly carried out, and the contents buried in the land.

Number of privies converted into Earth closets	.....	32.
" " water-closets in area	.....	497.

Public Cleansing

Refuse bins for the collection of incombustible articles, tins and bottles are placed in the larger villages. These are kept in good order, the contents being removed by the Local Authority. The majority of domestic dwellings possess large gardens in which refuse can be disposed of.

Rivers and Streams.

No cases of pollution were reported during the year.

Housing

Ten new houses for Agricultural Workers were completed by the Authority during the year.



REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

(Mr. H. B. Edwards, M.R.S.I.,)

Housing

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year 1945.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	171
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulation 1925 & 1932 included in previous column	...	81
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation exclusive of those in previous column	...	65
No. of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of improved action by Local Authority or their officers..		18

Action under Statutory Powers during Year.

Housing Acts 1936 Sec. 9-10-16

No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	2
No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notice (by owners)	...	2

Public Health Acts.

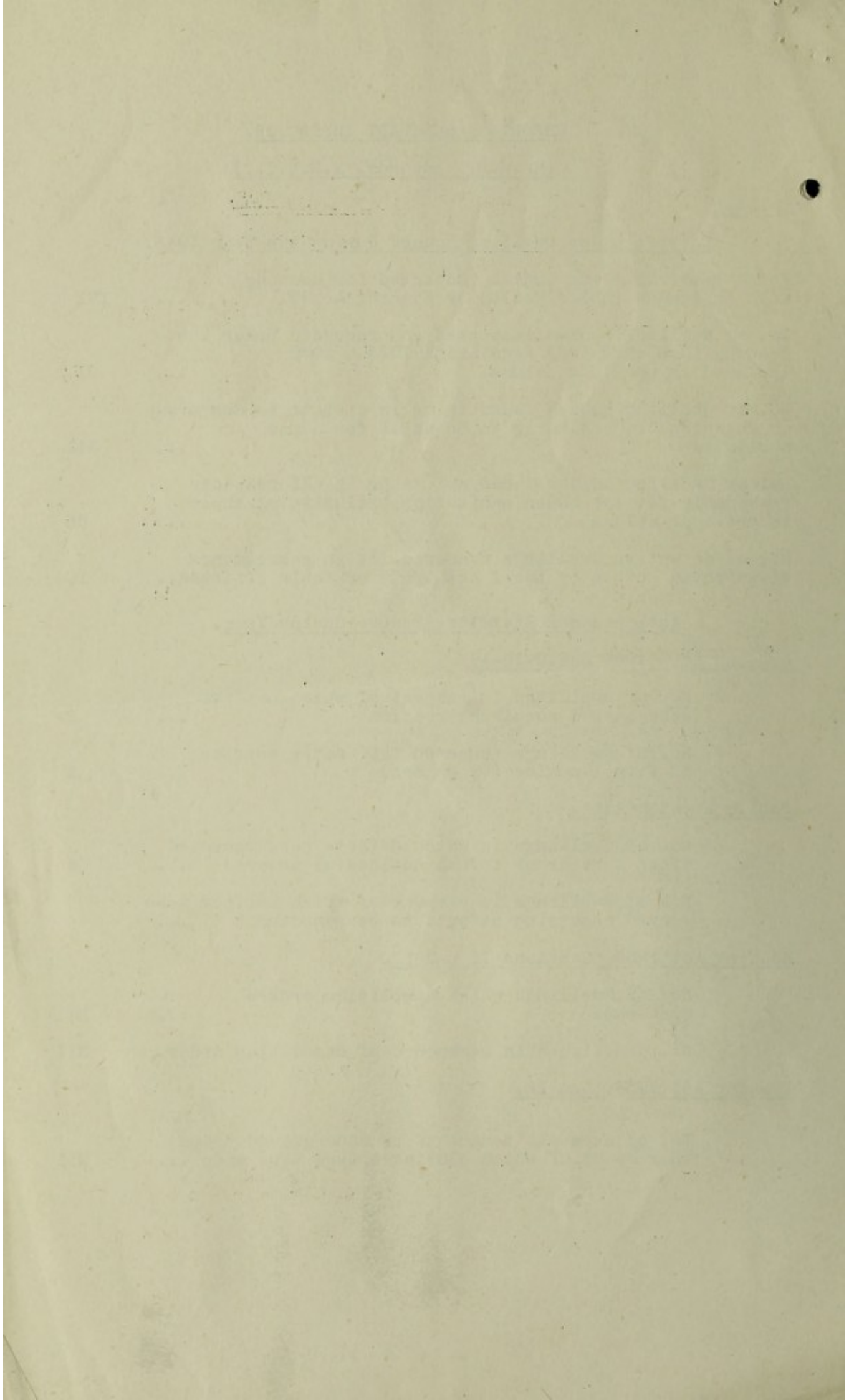
No. of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (by owners)	...	4
No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	4

Housing Act 1936. Sections 11 and 13.

No. of dwellings which demolition orders were made	...	Nil
No. demolished in pursuance of demolition order.		Nil

Housing Act 1936. Sec 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	...	Nil
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Housing Act 1936 Part IV. Overcrowding.

No. of dwellings overcrowding at end of Year	...	16
No. of families dwelling therein	...	16
No. of persons dwelling therein	...	81
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	3
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	9
No. of persons concerned in such cases	...	36

Work carried out during 1945. Sanitary Inspector.

No. of complaints received	...	54
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	...	39
No. of premises visited:-		
Inspection	...	133
Re-visits	...	89
No. of Notices Served:- Preliminary - Housing	...	25
Others	...	2
Statutory - Housing	...	2
Others	...	3
Summary Action -		
Summons Issued	...	Nil
Convictions obtained	...	Nil

Bakehouses, Food etc.,

Number of inspections	.....	89
Number of instances in which food was condemned as unfit for human consumption		69

Milk and Dairies Order.

No. of Registered Cow-keepers.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Registered Dairymen	No. of Inspections	Milk Samples.
325	292	296	301	Satisfactory 15
				Unsatisfactory 6
				Total 21

Milk samples of retailers selling milk in the adjoining towns are taken in those areas. Samples of milk supplied in bulk to the United Dairies are taken by the Company's Inspectors, and milk which is of unsatisfactory quality is refused.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Rees,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

