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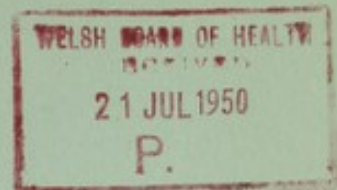
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PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year ended 31st December,

1949

A.G.M. SEVERN, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

and

Medical Superintendent of the  
Isolation Hospital.



PONTYPRIDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR H. G. JOSHUA, J. P.

COMMITTEES - 1949 - 1950

Health Committee

CHAIRMAN: COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BROWN

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"	J. R. CLAYTON
"	H. G. A. DAIKE
"	JOHN H. DAVIES
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 1, 1911

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the

proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours very truly,

W. A. RORER

Commissioner

U. S. Department of Agriculture

Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for you are two copies of a report

of the progress of the work of the

Department during the year 1910.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

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Public Health Department,  
Central Clinic,  
Pontypridd.

July, 1950.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Health Committee.

Mrs. Randell and Gentlemen,

Herewith I present for your consideration, my  
twenty-first annual report on the work of the Health Department  
for this area.

Mainly from motives of economy, this is  
stencilled on our office duplicator. The cost otherwise  
entailed in printing has been devoted to the purchase of a modern  
duplicating machine which can be used as well for the monthly  
reports to the Health Committee.

#### HEALTH AND DISEASE

The past 21 years have seen some changes in the  
trend of public health. There has been, in Pontypridd, a big  
drop in deaths from the infectious fevers. Tuberculosis, which  
caused 39 deaths in 1929 accounted for 19 in 1949. Another  
gratifying figure is the decrease in maternal mortality from  
9 cases in 1929 to 1 in 1949. Childbirth thus carries much less  
risk today.

On the other hand, deaths from cancer and heart  
disease have mounted considerably; but this mainly reflects  
the longer average life of the population, for these terminal  
diseases are typical of middle and old age. The man dying of  
cancer or cardiac failure has usually already experienced a  
full life.

#### TRANSFER OF OFFICES

Recent Acts of Parliament have caused many of the  
former functions of the Health Department to be taken over by  
other Authorities. The Medical Officer of Health of an Urban  
District is more or less where he started half a century or more  
ago - thus the wheel has made a complete turn.

In view of these changes, the Council thought fit  
to remove the offices of the Health Department from the Municipal  
Buildings to the Clinic premises in Ynysangharad Park.  
Satisfactory alterations and adaptations of rooms were made and  
the transfer took place in the summer of the year under review.

#### FOOD HYGIENE

The Ministry of Health drafted model bye-laws  
which were considered by the Health Committee during the latter  
part of the year. These were accepted, with some minor  
modifications, which we were later advised by the Ministry not  
to insist upon. Procedure towards the adoption of these bye-laws  
continued into 1950.

In the meantime, your Sanitary Inspectors have given  
special attention to this subject, as it affects food generally  
in this town. A steady, if slow, improvement in the hygiene of  
food and drink is being built up with the co-operation of the  
local traders in these commodities.

Public Health Department,  
Central Office,  
Washington,  
D.C.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Senate Committee

on Health and Education

I am pleased to have the opportunity to  
present to you the results of the work of the  
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## HOSPITALS

The full effects of the National Health Service Act became apparent in 1949 as regards hospitals.

Mynydd Mayo Smallpox Hospital was classified as redundant and demolished completely, together with the caretaker's house.

Tonteg Isolation Hospital continued to be supervised by my Department on a short-term agency basis. In the autumn, instructions were received from the Hospital Management Committee that no further cases of infectious disease were to be admitted to Tonteg. All such cases are now notified to the Bed Bureau Office at Church Village Hospital and the patients are accommodated at either Tyntyla Hospital, Rhondda or Canton Hospital, Cardiff. Tonteg Hospital has thus, in effect, been closed since the last patients were discharged on 1st September, 1949.

## GYPSIES

Gypsy encampments have given rise to many complaints, more particularly in the Rhydyfelin and Hawthorn districts. Lack of proper sanitation in such camps is the most obvious nuisance, but damage to gardens and allotments caused by the gypsy's horses has led to the greatest outcry.

The Council, while giving the problem and the persons concerned their sympathetic consideration, feel that suitable land and pasturage should be allocated for the purpose of these migrants. Adequate water and sanitation would obviate nuisance and the animals could be better controlled. This matter had not reached finality at the end of the year, although the problem remained acute and occupied a good deal of the District Sanitary Inspector's time and attention.

## STAFF

The work of the Department is being carried out exceptionally smoothly at the present time. The newly recruited office staff are proving most efficient and the Sanitary Inspectors make an effective team.

Accordingly, I wish to record my appreciation and thanks for the loyal co-operation and efforts of all members of the staff throughout the year, which has made the work both pleasurable and profitable.

Yours obediently,

A. G. M. SEVERN,

Medical Officer of Health.



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Pontypridd Representatives on the Pontypridd and Caerphilly Joint  
Smallpox Hospital Committee (ceased July, 1949)

The Chairman of the Health Committee, and  
Councillor MRS. ANNIE JONES

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent  
of the Isolation Hospital

A.G.M. SEVERN, M.A. (Camb.), M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer (Part-time):

SYBIL M. MORGAN, B.Sc., M.R.C.S. (Eng.) L.R.C.P. (Lond.)

Senior Sanitary Inspector:

a.b. H. Ll. BIRKETT

Sanitary Inspectors:

a.b. W. N. DAVIES

a.b. J. R. PARRY

a.b. H. WILLIS

Clerical Staff:

M. REES

A. L. THATCHER

JOYCE W. FRANCIS

Nurse: (for cleansing centre and general duties)

c. LILIAN P.A. DAVIES

Caretaker, Public Abattoir:

R. J. STROUD

Ambulance Driver & Disinfector:

A. H. SEYMOUR

- a. Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute  
for Sanitary Inspectors.
- b. Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute  
for Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- c. State Registered Nurse.





## SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (mid-year, 1949) as estimated by Registrar General	...	39,440
Population (Census 1931)	...	42,717
Area (acres)	...	8,140
Number of inhabited houses (1940)	...	9,202
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1931)	...	10,178
Rateable Value (end of year)	...	£163,555
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	£648

## SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births 1949

Legitimate	-	Males	331	Females	331	Total	662)	681
Illegitimate	-	Males	11	Females	8	Total	19)	
Birth Rate	...					...	17.3	

### Deaths 1949

	Males	302		Females	223		Total	525
Death Rate	...		...			...		13.3

### Deaths of Infants (under one year) 1949

Legitimate	-	Males	18	Females	10	Total	28)	28
Illegitimate	-	Males	-	Females	-	Total	-)	

### Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births, 1949

Legitimate	41		Illegitimate	-		Total	41
Neo-Natal Death Rate	...		...		...		16.1

### Still Births 1949

Legitimate	-	Males	13	Females	10	Total	23
Illegitimate	-	Males	-	Females	1	Total	1

### Maternal Mortality 1949

Deaths from puerperal causes:

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 live and still births
(1) Puerperal sepsis	-	0.0
(2) Other maternal causes	1	1.43
Total	...	1.43

	Total Deaths	Death rate per 1,000 population
Cancer (all ages)	72	1.83
Measles (all ages)	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	4	0.11

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (mid-year, 1955) as estimated by Registrar General	1,000,000
Population (Census, 1951)	9,717,000
Area (sq. miles)	8,100
Number of inhabited houses (1955)	2,500
Number of families or separate households (Census, 1951)	10,000
Estimated value (mid-year)	1,000,000
Not represented by a body of water	1000

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Year Ending 1955

Births	100,000	Male 50,000	Female 50,000
Deaths	10,000	Male 5,000	Female 5,000
Population	1,000,000		

Year Ending 1954

Births	95,000	Male 47,500	Female 47,500
Deaths	9,500	Male 4,750	Female 4,750
Population	950,000		

Deaths of Persons Under One Year, 1955

Legitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Illegitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Total	20		

Deaths of Persons One Year and Over, 1955

Legitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Illegitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Total	20		

Year Ending 1954

Legitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Illegitimate	10	Male 5	Female 5
Total	20		

Marital Statistics, 1955

Married	100,000	Male 50,000	Female 50,000
Divorced	10,000	Male 5,000	Female 5,000
Widowed	10,000	Male 5,000	Female 5,000
Single	10,000	Male 5,000	Female 5,000
Total	130,000		

Deaths	10,000	Male 5,000	Female 5,000
Population	1,000,000		
Deaths per 1,000	10		
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Population	1,000,000		



VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1949 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population		Births		Total Deaths Registered in the District		Transferrable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
	For Birth Rate	For Death Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Of Non-Residents Registered in the District	Of Residents not registered in the District	Under 1 year of age Number	1 year of age Rate per 1,000 Births	At all ages Number	Rate per 1,000 population
1940	38340	38340	661	17.2	616	15.8	197	105	34	51.4	524	13.7
1941	39770	39770	708	17.8	839	21.1	357	85	54	76.3	507	14.3
1942	38550	38550	709	18.4	716	18.6	279	84	43	60.6	521	13.5
1943	37750	37750	700	18.5	660	17.5	242	73	48	60.0	491	13.0
1944	38520	38520	778	20.2	668	17.08	238	75	40	51.4	505	13.1
1945	38020	38020	696	18.0	749	19.7	310	67	58	83.3	506	13.3
1946	38730	38730	778	20.1	691	17.1	270	81	41	52.9	502	12.9
1947	38800	38800	853	21.9	704	18.1	278	104	48	56.3	530	13.7
1948	38860	38860	779	20.0	579	14.8	190	100	21	26.9	489	12.6
1949	39440	39440	681	17.3	600	15.2	175	100	28	41.0	525	13.3





### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The transport of cases of infectious diseases to hospital, in which the Council acted as an agent of the Glamorgan County Council from 5th July, 1948, passed completely to that Authority on 12th January, 1949.

Patients are now conveyed in ambulances based at the Area Ambulance Station on the Trading Estate, Treforest.

### CENTRE FOR ADVICE AND INSTRUCTION ON BIRTH CONTROL

This centre continues to be administered by the Health Committee but its scope is now curtailed through the transference of all treatment to the Hospitals Board. Therefore its functions as a minor gynaecological clinic pass to another authority.

Dr. Sybil Morgan remains the Medical Officer in charge.

Women are referred to the centre by the medical staff of the local Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and general medical practitioners. Arrangements have also been approved for the acceptance of patients, from areas outside Pontypridd, recommended by the medical officers of the Glamorgan County Council and the Brecon County Council. These are chargeable to the Authority concerned.

Examinations and investigations are also carried out in cases of sterility and advice given.

Appliances which may be prescribed are supplied at approximate cost.

Particulars of this clinic for the past two years are as follows:-

			<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Number of Sessions	...	...	26	26
New Patients	...	...	99	99
Re-visits	...	...	186	161
No. of 'sterilities' for examination and advice	...	...	7	Nil
No. of Patients found to require treatment and referred to the appropriate Authority			5	6

# REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK

The following is a summary of the work done during the year 1955. It is based on the reports of the various departments and on the records of the various projects.

The work has been carried out in accordance with the plan of work approved by the Council in 1954. The main areas of activity have been the following:

## 1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The research and development work has been carried out in the following areas:

- (a) The development of new methods of analysis.
- (b) The development of new methods of synthesis.
- (c) The development of new methods of purification.
- (d) The development of new methods of separation.
- (e) The development of new methods of detection.
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## CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

(a) As in previous years, close contact has been maintained with the Inspector of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There have been numerous cases of joint action between the Public Health Department and the Inspector, and his zeal and tact have been of great help. Complaints are referred to the Inspector by the Medical and Inspectorate staff of this Authority and he in turn advises the Department of items of Public Health concern which he encounters in his work.

I would like to record my appreciation of the Inspector's co-operation and assistance.

During the year the Inspector dealt with 80 cases. Among these were 41 instances of neglect, 9 of children beyond control, 20 advice sought, 2 of moral danger, 8 of ill-treatment; 191 children and 124 parents were covered by these cases. 341 supervision visits were made. In 4 cases the Branch was called upon to take children to a place of safety because the parents were destitute and homeless, and in a further case arrangements were made for two boys to enter a Naval Training School in the hope that they may later join the Royal Navy.

(b) The Pontypridd and Treforest Division of the British Red Cross Society continued its work and maintained its control of the two Depots for the provision of sickroom and surgical appliances.

## FUERPERAL PYREXIA REGULATIONS, 1939

Three cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were reported during the year, two from hospitals, and one from the patient's home.

These patients responded to treatment and no deaths resulted.

## LABORATORY WORK AND FACILITIES

The Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory examines and reports upon all pathological specimens submitted from the Pontypridd area. The number of suspected specimens sent by the Health Department, the Isolation Hospital and by local doctors during the past year was 86. These included throat and nose swabs, sputa, blood, pus, faeces, cerebro-spinal fluid etc.

Outfits for the collection of specimens for transmission through the post are kept at the office of the Public Health Department for the use of medical practitioners of the town.

## ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

A complete list of the above was given in the 1938 Annual Report. There is nothing to add for the year under review.

## CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

(a) As in previous years, close contact has been maintained with the Director of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There have been numerous cases of joint action between the Public Health Department and the Director, and his staff and staff have been of great help. Complaints are referred to the Inspector by the Medical and Sanitary staff of this Authority and for the time being the Department of Health of Public Health concerns which he undertakes in his work.

I would like to record my appreciation of the Director's co-operation and assistance.

During the year the Inspector dealt with 80 cases. Among these were 41 instances of neglect, 9 of children beyond control, 10 cases of neglect, 2 of sexual danger, 1 of ill-treatment; 191 children and the parents were covered by these cases. 241 supervised visits were made. In 2 cases the Director was called upon to take children to a place of safety because the parents were destitute and homeless, and in a further case arrangements were made for two boys to enter a Naval Training School in the hope that they would join the Royal Navy.

(b) The Port Health and Prevention Division of the British Red Cross Society continued its work and maintained its control of the two districts for the provision of sickness and surgical appliances.

## MENTAL NERVOUS REGULATION, 1932

Three cases of Insipidus Nervosa were reported during the year, two from hospitals, and one from the patient's home.

These patients responded to treatment and no deaths occurred.

## LABORATORY WORK AND FACILITIES

The Geriatric and General Public Health Laboratory examines and reports upon all pathological specimens submitted from the local branch area. The number of specimens submitted from the Public Health Department, the Local Health Department and by Local Doctors during the year was 24. These included throat and nose swabs, sputa, blood, etc., laboratory, sero-chemical fluid etc.

Gratified for the collection of specimens for examination through the year and kept at the office of the Public Health Department for the use of medical practitioners of the local.

## ADOPTIONS, BIRTH, DEATH, AND MARRIAGE REGISTRATION, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

A complete list of the above was given in the 1931 Annual Report. There is nothing to add for the year under review.



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA  
WATER SUPPLY

The Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board provides an ample and constant service of pure water to all houses and premises with the exception of a few scattered cottages and farmhouses on the borders of the Urban Area.

All the water is treated by modern approved methods of chlorination and filtration, and it is possible to maintain, in all parts of the district, a reasonable supply even during periods of drought.

Bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water are carried out at all stages of its collection, treatment and distribution. These examinations are undertaken by the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory, and they are, in the main submitted by the above named Board. "Spot" samples are taken intermittently by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The number of samples so dealt with during the year 1949 was:-

(a) Bacteriological:

Raw water	...	...	...	51
Treated water going into supply	...	...	...	35

(b) Chemical:

Raw water	...	...	...	14
Treated water going into supply	...	...	...	9

Reports on all the above samples of treated water were satisfactory. With a few exceptions, the raw water was also of adequate purity.

The soft moorland water, some 3,200,000 gallons a day, is treated at the Works with lime or chalk, raising the pH figure from 4.5 to 7.6 and there is no action on lead. The Analyst states that this process "Indicates satisfactory treatment."

The number of houses supplied direct from the mains in Pontypridd is 9,173.

There are no stand-pipes in use within the Pontypridd area.

The water supplied to the factories and houses on the Treforest Trading Estate is obtained from the nearby River Taff and is treated by the Estate Authorities at the Estate Water Works. Four chemical and three bacteriological samples were taken during the year, and all were reported to be satisfactory, from the public health standpoint. However, complaints from consumers as to the flavour of this water arise from time to time.

One sample was taken from a spring serving bungalows on the mountain side in Treforest and this too was satisfactory.



# SAFETY CERTIFICATE OF THE AREA WATER SUPPLY

The Board of Health and the Board of Water Supply provide an ample and constant service of pure water to all houses and streets with the exception of a few scattered cottages and farmhouses on the borders of the Urban Area.

All the water is treated by modern approved methods of chlorination and filtration, and it is possible to maintain, in all parts of the district, a reasonable supply even during periods of drought.

Bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water are carried out at all stages of its collection, treatment and distribution. These examinations are undertaken by the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory, and they are in the main supplied by the above named Board. "Spot" samples are taken infrequently by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The number of samples so dealt with during the year 1929 was:-

## (a) Bacteriological:

Raw water	...	...	...
Treated water going into supply	...	...	...

## (b) Chemical:

Raw water	...	...	...
Treated water going into supply	...	...	...

Reports on all the above samples of treated water were satisfactory. With a few exceptions, the raw water was also of satisfactory quality.

The water supply is treated at the works, some 2,800,000 gallons a day, is treated at the works with lime or chalk, raising the pH value from 7.5 to 8.5, and there is no action on lead. The analysis states that this process "indicates satisfactory treatment."

The number of houses supplied direct from the mains is approximately 2,100.

There are no stand-pipes in use within the boundaries of the Urban Area.

The water supplied to the factories and houses on the Forest of Dean is obtained from the nearby River Telford and is treated by the Forest of Dean Water Works. Four chemical and three bacteriological samples were taken during the year, and all were reported as satisfactory. From the public health standpoint, however, complaints from consumers as to the flavor of this water arise from time to time.

One sample was taken from a spring serving properties on the mountain side in Treforest and this too was satisfactory.

The following statistics of the local rainfall for the year 1949, have been kindly provided by the Joint Water Board:-

Rainfall registered at Lanwood Reservoir, Pontypridd.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Inches</u>
January	3.17
February	3.72
March	2.03
April	5.12
May	5.26
June	0.92
July	1.35
August	3.54
September	3.19
October	11.94
November	6.09
December	7.41
TOTAL ...	53.74

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A complete water-carriage system of sewerage, seventeen miles in length, controlled by the Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Sewerage Board, extends from the Rhondda Urban area to the sea. All authorised inhabited houses in the Pontypridd urban locality are connected with this main sewer, with the exception of approximately 110 dwellings which lie outside the statutory distance.

In addition to the above, a number of vans and temporary dwellings in the area are of necessity employing the conservancy system of sewage disposal.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There are approximately 100 houses in the district without separate closet accommodation, one water closet serving the needs of two houses.

#### SCAVENGING AND SALVAGE COLLECTION

The collection and disposal of house and trade refuse is under the administration of the Surveyor's Department, and the arrangements for collection are as stated in previous reports.

The collections of refuse and waste material for 1949 amounted to 14,630 tons; 47 tons per working day.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Summary of Inspections and Revisits in the course of Routine Work and "On Complaint" during the year ended 31st December, 1949.

##### Public Health Acts:-

House Inspection - First Visits	...	1,486
- Revisits	...	3,179

##### Housing Acts:-

Overcrowding - First Visits	...	1
- Revisits	...	-

The following statistics of the local, national and international movements have been compiled by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Month	Number
January	1,234
February	1,345
March	1,456
April	1,567
May	1,678
June	1,789
July	1,890
August	1,901
September	1,912
October	1,923
November	1,934
December	1,945
Total	19,456

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1,789	...	...	...
1,890	...	...	...
1,901	...	...	...
1,912	...	...	...
1,923	...	...	...
1,934	...	...	...
1,945	...	...	...



Infectious Diseases	...	36
Disinfection	...	-
Disinfestation	...	-
Public Abattoir	...	870
Markets & Shops	...	1,312
Bakehouses	...	69
Domestic Pig Keepers	...	160
Pigsties	...	3
Factories	...	87
Canteens	...	1
Licensed Premises	...	71
Workshops	...	3
Schools	...	1
Common Lodging Houses	...	1
Ice-Cream Premises	...	215
Fried Fish Shops	...	194
Cinemas	...	23
Cowsheds	...	19
Dairies	...	178
Refuse Dumps	...	12
Miscellaneous (including flooding, smoke nuisances and interviews)	...	1,793

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Food Samples:-

Milk, graded and ungraded	...	257
Food and Drugs	...	44
Ice-Cream	...	47

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Notices served:-

Informal	...	340
Formal	...	264
Letters sent re Notices	...	373

30	...	Inflectional Grammar
-	...	Inflection
-	...	Inflection
370	...	Inflection
1,312	...	Inflection
32	...	Inflection
120	...	Inflection
3	...	Inflection
37	...	Inflection
1	...	Inflection
71	...	Inflection
3	...	Inflection
1	...	Inflection
1	...	Inflection
312	...	Inflection
104	...	Inflection
23	...	Inflection
12	...	Inflection
178	...	Inflection
12	...	Inflection
1,732	...	Inflection
-	...	Inflection
337	...	Inflection
44	...	Inflection
27	...	Inflection
-	...	Inflection
340	...	Inflection
234	...	Inflection
271	...	Inflection

SUMMARY OF NUISANCES ABATED  
DURING THE YEAR 1949

	<u>Nuisances abated</u>
Defective and choked drains .....	131
Defective inspection chambers .....	2
Defective and choked W.C.'s .....	80
Defective flush tanks and water fittings in W.C.'s .....	63
Defective roofs and chimney stacks .....	155
Defective rainwater shutters and downpipes .....	74
Defective external walls and internal plastering .....	41
Defective and decayed woodwork in floors, skirting boards, staircases and handrails .....	25
Defective and decayed woodwork in doors and door frames .....	30
Windows, defective woodwork, not made to open etc. ....	41
Fireplaces - defective brickwork, broken firegrates and ovens .....	10
Defective paving .....	3
	<u>655</u>

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

In the course of the year ended 31st December, 1949, twenty prosecutions were instituted by the Sanitary Inspectors, nine of which concerned occupants of the unauthorised Camping Site at Dynea. Of these, Court Orders were made in four cases, and in another, a fine of £1 and costs was imposed with a daily penalty of £2 if the site remained occupied; the remaining defendants, after repeated adjournments of the hearing, left the site and the cases were withdrawn on payment of costs.

Ten cases concerned non-abatement of nuisances or failure to carry out work at dwelling houses. One Court Order was made; the other charges were withdrawn on payment of costs after the work had been done.

One charge against a Market Stall Holder, brought under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 was dismissed by the Magistrate.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The number of visits paid by the Sanitary Inspectors to factories during the year was 208 and, in 15 cases, notices were served to abate nuisances. Fourteen of these nuisances were remedied during the year.

Generally, all the factories were found to be in a satisfactory condition, and in no case was it necessary to take legal action for the contravention of any of the provisions of the above Act.





## CREMATORIUM

The Pontypridd Crematorium is at present the only one in Wales.

The following particulars have kindly been supplied by the Superintendent.

Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1939 .....	263
Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1948 .....	1031
Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1949 .....	1314
Increase over 1939 .....	1051
Increase over 1948 ....	283

On account of the mounting number of cremations, it was found necessary to adapt a second chapel for religious services and also to extend the furnace room. This work was completed during 1949.

The Cremation equipment was originally one Lockwood gas furnace built in 1924. To this, an electric furnace was added in 1938, and this was completely rebuilt in 1945. A modern Askam gas furnace has been incorporated in the new extension and this was put into use in the early part of the year.

## ICE-CREAM

47 samples were taken during the year and these were bacteriologically graded as follows:-

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
28	9	4	6

Where unsatisfactory samples were found the Sanitary Inspectors advised as to better production methods.

## CAMPING SITES

No licences have been issued in respect of camping sites by the Local Authority; nor are there any sites within the area which are approved for these purposes.

## RODENT CONTROL - RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919 - INFESTATION ORDER, 1943

Two men are engaged full time to deal with the day-to-day complaints and routine duties of rodent infestation.

The following table gives a summary of the treatment carried out during 1949:-

### Number of Premises treated

<u>Rats</u>		<u>Mice</u>
36	Business premises	13
385	Others	355
421	Total infestations	368
5872	Estimated kill	5079

The sewers in the area were treated on two occasions at six monthly intervals by the Surveyor's department staff. This work was very successful and reduced to a considerable degree the surface infestation.

# CREMATORIUM

The Westphalia Crematorium is at present the only one in Wales.  
The following particulars have kindly been supplied by the Superintendent.

Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1937 ..... 1938  
Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1938 ..... 1939  
Cremations for year ended December 31st, 1939 ..... 1940  
Increase over 1937 ..... 1938 Increase over 1938 ..... 1939

On account of the increasing number of cremations, it was found necessary to erect a second chapel for religious services and also to extend the furnace room. This work was completed during 1938.

The crematorium equipment was originally one located at the former site in 1935. To this, an electric furnace was added in 1938, and this was completely rebuilt in 1939. A system of gas-furnace has been incorporated in the new extension and this was put into use in January 1940 of the year.

## ICE-CREAM

Ice-cream was taken during the year and these were professionally graded as follows:-

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
28	9	4	0

Where unsatisfactory samples were found the sanitary inspectors advised as to better production methods.

## CAMPING SITES

No licences have been issued in respect of camping sites by the local authority; nor are there any sites within the area which are approved for these purposes.

## ROBERT COMPTON - DATA AND HIGH DIRECTION, ACT. 1910. REGISTRATION ORDER, 1910

Two men are engaged full time to deal with the day-to-day correspondence and routine duties of Robert Compton. The following table shows a summary of the work carried out during 1937:-

### Number of Licences Issued

Rate	Rate
30	10
300	300
401	300
300	300
300	300

The system in this area was revised on two occasions at six-monthly intervals by the Surveyor's department staff. This work was very successful and reduced to a considerable degree the surface drainage.



### COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is only one common lodging house in the Pontypridd area. The premises are re-visited periodically by the sanitary staff and are maintained in a satisfactory manner.

Registration was renewed in December.

### VERMINOUS PREMISES - ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The methods employed in this locality for dealing with verminous premises have been outlined in the previous reports. The number of premises dealt with during the year under review was as follows:-

(i) Council houses .....	25
(ii) Other dwelling houses ....	24
(iii) Other premises .....	4

This form of nuisance was not pronounced or troublesome in 1949.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES

The following offensive trades are established in the district:-

Rag storage and sorting .....	3
Fellmonger .....	1

The above premises and trades are conducted satisfactorily in accordance with the Council's byelaws framed for the regulation of offensive trades.

### RENT AND MORTGAGE RESTRICTION ACTS, 1920 - 1938

One application was received under the above Acts during the year 1949. This was refused.

### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Pontypridd possesses a municipal open-air swimming bath and a paddling pool situated in the Ynysangharad Park. The adult bath has a capacity of 460,000 gallons and the juvenile pool 180,000 gallons.

A large capacity filtration and purification plant treats the water of both baths by chemical precipitation, filtration, aeration and finally chlorination.

Samples of bath water were examined on two occasions. Both results were satisfactory.

JOHN L. LADD

There is only one known lodging house in the  
vicinity of the house. The house is situated  
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JOHN L. LADD

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## HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year 1949:-
  - (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 1486
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 4665
  - (c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 6
  - (d) 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 ... 1041
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 ... 595
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-
  - (1) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
    - (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
    - (b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
      - (i) By Owners ... Nil
      - (ii) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil
  - (2) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-
    - (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 890
    - (b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
      - (i) By Owners ... 324
      - (ii) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil
  - (3) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 4
  - (4) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 2



# HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year 1934-

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the year 1934-35 ... 1495

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1495

(c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state of disrepair or in need of repairs ... 1495

(d) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state of disrepair or in need of repairs ... 1495

2. Housing of the public during the year without service of formal notices

(a) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state of disrepair or in need of repairs ... 1495

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(1) Proceedings under Section 2, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1933

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(b) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(c) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(2) Proceedings under the Public Health Act, 1936

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(b) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(c) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 1495

(3) Proceedings under Section 11 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1933

(a) Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1933 ... 1495

## HOUSING

In this area, as in practically all other localities, the demand for new houses seems to increase and greatly to exceed the supply. This is perhaps more noticeable in Pontypridd because the sanctioned programme was almost exhausted early in the year and figures of new building show a sharp fall from 1948.

Geographically, Pontypridd is not well suited to the development of large housing estates, and this, together with the problem of subsidence is proving a serious barrier in the negotiating of sanctions for further plans.

During 1949, 28 traditional type houses were erected by the Council and occupied.

Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year	...	...	8
Number of houses sanctioned but not commenced at the end of the year	...	...	21

In addition, private enterprise accounted for the following new dwelling-houses:-

Number of houses completed	...	...	4
Number of houses commenced	...	...	8

## HOUSING ACT, 1936

The Council took no direct action in connection with overcrowding or slum clearance during the year. Overcrowding was, however, eased to a certain extent by the allocation of Council houses in special circumstances.

## COUNCIL HOUSES

Particulars of the dwelling houses owned by the Pontypridd Local Authority at the end of 1949 are set out below:-

Consolidated Housing Scheme	...	1008
Ynys Terrace	...	28
Gwernygern	...	17

Taken over by the Council:-

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923 and Housing Acts, 1923-1925	...	35
		<u>1068</u>

# HOUSING

In this area, as in practically all other localities, the demand for new houses seems to increase more greatly to exceed the supply. This is perhaps more noticeable in temporary housing. The estimated programme was almost exhausted early in the year and figures of new building show a sharp fall from 1962.

Geographically, housing is not well suited to the development of large housing estates, and this, together with the problem of accessibility to a certain number of the population, is a consideration for future plans.

During 1963, 26 traditional type houses were erected by the Council and recorded.

Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year		
...	...	2
Number of houses completed but not occupied at the end of the year		
...	...	21

In addition, private enterprise accounted for the following new dwelling-houses:-

Number of houses completed		
...	...	4
Number of houses commenced		
...	...	2

## HOUSING ACT, 1962

The Council took no direct action in connection with construction of new housing in the year. Overseeing, however, acted in a certain extent by the provision of Council houses in special circumstances.

## COUNCIL HOUSES

Members of the Council have owned by the Corporation Local Authority at the end of 1963 are set out below:-

Council houses owned by the Corporation		
...	...	1000
...	...	25
...	...	15

Taken over by the Council:-

All dwelling houses taken over by the Council		
...	...	1962-1963
...	...	1963-1964
...	...	25
...	...	1000



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936

Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised. The licences under the above Order which were in operation at 31st December, 1948 were all renewed for 1949. Six new licences were issued during the year. One licence for pasteurising milk was also issued.

### Milk and Dairies Order, 1926

One additional producer of milk was registered during the year.

### Dairies and Cowsheds

During the period under review, the Sanitary Inspectors paid 19 visits to cowsheds and dairy farms in the urban area, and made 78 inspections of dairies and milk shops.

### Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

The above regulations came into effect on 1st October, 1949, and among the provisions were alterations to the previous legislation affecting registration and licensing of milk producers and dealers.

Following is a brief summary of the provisions in this respect:-

1. The Control of all milk production and licensing of producers is transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
2. The Local Authority now controls the distribution of milk from dairies other than those on the producing farms, the licensing of dealers in Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised, Accredited and Sterilised milk, and the corresponding Supplementary Licences.
3. The Food and Drugs Authorities license the milk sterilising and pasteurising plants.
4. All licence fees are now abolished.

### Bacteriological Examination of Graded Milk

The following is a summary of examinations carried out during the past year; all samples being submitted to the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory.

#### (a) Tuberculin Tested Milk:

<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
4	3	1

#### (b) Pasteurised Milk:

<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
82	71	11

The Milk (Special Regulations) Order, 1942

The license under the above Order which were in operation at 31st December, 1942, were all renewed for 1943. Six new licenses were issued during the year. One license for manufacturing milk was issued.

Milk and Dairy Order, 1936

One additional producer of milk was registered during

Dairies and Cowsheds

During the period under review, the sanitary inspector paid 19 visits to cowsheds and dairy farms in the district, and made 78 inspections of dairies and other premises.

Milk (Special Regulations) (New Milk) Regulations, 1942  
Milk (Special Regulations) (Pasteurized and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1942

Milk and Dairy Regulations, 1942

The above Regulations came into effect on 1st October, 1942, and under the provisions were alterations to the previous regulations relating to registration and licensing of milk producers and dairies.

Following is a brief summary of the provisions in

The control of all milk production and licensing of producers is transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The local authority now controls the distribution of milk from dairies, and issues licenses to the producers, the licensing of dairies, the inspection of dairies, the inspection of milk, and the corresponding supplementary provisions.

The Food and Drug Act provides license for milk sterilizing and manufacturing plants.

All licenses have now expired.

Microbiological Examination of Graded Milk

The following is a summary of examinations carried out during the year; all samples being submitted to the Public Health Laboratory.

(a) Tuberculin Test for Milk:

No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2	2	1

(b) Pasteurized Milk:

No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
82	71	11



### Bacteriological Examination of Ungraded Milk

During the year 1949, 15 samples of ungraded milk were submitted to the Cardiff Laboratory for examination, and of these 7 samples were found to be unsatisfactory. During the period 18 samples of milk were examined at the above laboratory for tubercle bacilli under Section 25 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Two samples were positive.

The samples which contained tubercle bacilli were obtained from local farms; the Milk Marketing Board were contacted and immediate arrangements made to have all the milk from these herds collected and pasteurised. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were also notified and a Veterinary Inspector carried out a clinical examination of the herds and took samples of milk from suspected cows. It was eventually reported that the tubercular cows had been detected and destroyed.

### INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

All four of the Council's Sanitary Inspectors possess the additional qualifications for the examination of meat and other foods and this work is regarded as an important part of their duties.

The Council's Public Abattoir is still operating under the Government's scheme for the centralisation of all slaughtering.

The following are particulars for 1949 of the number of animals slaughtered and examined at the Abattoir:-

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2,206	1,910	19,259	569	23,944

The total number of visits paid to the Abattoir and markets by the Sanitary Inspectors for the purposes of inspection of meat and other foods:-

Visits and re-visits made to the Public Abattoir by Meat Inspectors	...	...	870
Visits made to other premises under Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924	...	...	1,312
			<u>2,182</u>

Summary of unsound meat and other foods surrendered and destroyed during the year ended 31st December:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Public Abattoir (Tubercular Meat)	10	15	-	22
Public Abattoir (Diseased Meat)	17	5	1	7
Public Markets and Shops, (Other Foods)	2	19	3	21
Totals .....	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>22</u>



# Bacteriological Examination of Imported Milk

During the year 1948, 13 samples of ungraded milk were submitted to the Cavell Laboratory for examination, and 7 samples were found to be unsatisfactory. During the year 1948, 13 samples of milk were examined at the Cavell Laboratory and 7 samples were found to be unsatisfactory.

The samples which concerned tubercle bacilli were obtained from local farms; the milk being found to be contaminated with tubercle bacilli. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were also notified and a veterinary inspector visited one of the farms to examine the herd and took samples of milk for examination. It was eventually reported that the tubercle bacilli had been detected and destroyed.

## Inspection of Milk and Other Foods

All food of the Government's Sanitary Inspectorate is examined for the purpose of inspection of food and drink. This work is regarded as an important part of the Government's duties.

The Government's Sanitary Inspectorate is still operating and the Government's duties for the examination of all food and drink.

The following are particulars for 1948 of the number of samples of food and drink examined at the Cavell Laboratory:

Category	Number	Percentage	Total
Milk	1,210	13.88	8,744
Other	889		

The total number of visits paid to the Cavell Laboratory by the Sanitary Inspectorate for the purpose of inspection of food and drink is as follows:

Category	Number	Percentage
Visits made to the Cavell Laboratory	1,210	13.88
Visits made to other laboratories	889	

A summary of the number of visits made to the Cavell Laboratory and other laboratories for the purpose of inspection of food and drink is as follows:

Category	Number	Percentage	Total
Visits made to the Cavell Laboratory	1,210	13.88	8,744
Visits made to other laboratories	889		
Total	2,099		

The following table shows the percentage figures for the year ended 31st December, 1949, for those carcasses affected with

(1) Diseases other than Tuberculosis				
(2) Tuberculosis				
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	2206	1910	19,259	569
(1) All diseases other than Tuberculosis; Whole carcasses condemned	20	3	17	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1085	2	1068	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	50.1%	0.26%	5.63%	3.7%
(2) Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	23	4	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	190	1	-	31
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	9.65%	0.26%	-	5.8%

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933

The number of slaughtermen holding valid licences issued by the Pontypridd Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the above Act at 31st December, 1949 was 24.

Section 1 of the Act is applicable within the area to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs.

#### PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED IN THE DISTRICT

Fried fish shops	28
Butchers making sausages, faggots etc.	24
Shops retailing ice-cream	58

All the above are regularly inspected by the District Sanitary Inspectors.





# FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

The Pontypridd Council administer the above Act in this area and the Authority's Sanitary Inspectors are appointed Sampling Officers. Mr. D. Evans Jones, F.I.C. of the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory is the public analyst appointed to act for this district.

In the course of the past year, the following samples (formal and informal) were submitted to and reported upon by the analyst:-

	<u>Genuine</u>	<u>Non-genuine</u>
Milk	153	3
Baking Powder	1	
Custard Flavoured	2	
Fish Paste	1	
Meat Paste	2	
Sausages	-	1
Fruit Flavoured Cordial	1	
Orange Crush Cordial	2	
Cream of Tartar	1	
Vinogar	4	
Beer	8	
Butter	4	
Margarine	2	
Pudding Mixture	1	
Sponge flour Mixture	1	
Cake flour Mixture	1	
White pepper	1	
Raspberry Jam	1	
Coffee essence	1	
Aspirin tablets	1	
Olive oil	1	
Lard	1	
Jam tarts	1	
Sausage rolls	1	
Dried peas	-	2
Toffee Crunch	1	
	<u>193</u>	<u>6</u>

The percentage of the milk samples found to be not genuine, including both formal and informal samples, for the year 1949 was 1.92.

The average composition of the genuine milk samples for 1949 was 3.56% milk fat and 8.66% solids-not-fat, compared with the standard laid down in the milk regulations of 3% milk fat and 8.5% solids-not-fat.

Following are particulars of the sub-standard foods:-

Milk	P2	14% added water
Beef Sausage	P27	70% deficient in meat
Milk	P32	2% deficient in fat
Dried Peas	Pl53	Evidence of insect infestation
Dried Peas	156P	Evidence of insect infestation
Milk	Pl93	4% deficient in fat

The following action was taken in respect of the above samples:-

P2 - Police Court proceedings taken and retailer convicted.  
Fine of £3 and costs imposed.

P27 - Police Court proceedings pending.

P32, Pl93 - Follow-up "appeal to the cow" samples were taken and the results in each case were satisfactory.  
Warning letters were sent to the Vendors.

Pl53, 156P - Both consignments were condemned and voluntarily surrendered for burning at the Refuse Destructor.





## NON-NOTIFIABLE ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

None of the infectious diseases coming within the above heading showed signs of exceeding the average incidence at any time during the year.

There were a few sporadic cases of influenza, not especially severe, during the winter months. Nothing in the nature of an epidemic of this depressing disease occurred.

Chicken-pox, mumps, tonsillitis; none gave cause for concern.

Summer Diarrhoea in children under two years of age led to four deaths. This figure impresses one as much too high, in view of the efficient drugs now available.

More prompt and more ready admission to hospital for these young children would appear to be the most obvious means of avoiding this unnecessary loss of infant life.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The notifiable infectious diseases occurring in the Pontypridd area were again of very low incidence generally.

Ten years ago, 123 cases of Diphtheria were reported, with seven deaths. This year only two were notified, with no deaths. Diphtheria has, for the time being, virtually disappeared. This is a remarkable tribute to the value of immunisation.

The 40 cases of Scarlet Fever notified were in the main exceptionally mild. This compares with 95 cases reported in 1939.

Measles was fairly prevalent, and there is little doubt that facilities for Isolation Hospital treatment of the more severe and complicated cases would be greatly to the advantage of the children concerned, as well as relieving the mothers of much anxiety. Overcrowded homes and apartments, so common in Pontypridd, are altogether unsuited for the care of sick children. Steps should be taken to obviate the necessity for such unsatisfactory makeshifts.

Two cases of the Infantile Paralysis group were notified as compared with six in 1948. Both were young children and made a good recovery.

Once again no deaths took place from any of the infectious fevers during the year.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

The arrangements and procedure outlined in my previous reports continued in operation throughout the year.

The number of disinfections carried out in 1949 is as follows:-

No. of houses fumigated after infectious disease (scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc.) ...	42
No. of houses fumigated after other diseases (cancer etc.) ...	14
No. of houses fumigated after pulmonary tuberculosis .	42
No. of houses from which bedding, infected clothing etc., were conveyed for disinfection at the steam disinfector	-



None of the infectious diseases coming within the heading showed signs of exceeding the average incidence any time during the year.

There were a few sporadic cases of influenza, not notably severe, during the winter months. Notable in the case of an epidemic of this depressing disease occurred.

Chicken-pox, mumps, scarlet fever, none gave cause for concern.

Scarlet fever in children under two years of age is rare. This figure represents one or more cases, view of the official data now available.

Scarlet fever and more rapidly adaptation to hospital life. Young children would appear to be the most obvious cause of this disease, any loss of infant life.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The notifiable infectious diseases occurring in the year were again of very low incidence generally.

For years ago, 125 cases of Diphtheria were reported. This year only two were notified, with no other cases. For the time being, diphtheria has been a very serious disease to the cause of notification.

The 40 cases of Scarlet fever notified were in the exceptionally mild. This compares with 75 cases reported in 1925.

Measles was fairly prevalent, and there is little doubt that this disease for isolation hospital treatment of the very young and complicated cases would be greatly to the advantage of the children concerned, as well as relieving the burden of the community. Overworked nurses and doctors, so common in the past, are also relieved for the care of sick children. The child is then no longer the responsibility for some infectious disease.

The case of the infectious Paratyphoid group were notified as compared with six in 1925. Both were young children and made a good recovery.

Once again no deaths took place from any of the infectious fevers during the year.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISSEMINATION

The arrangements and procedure outlined in my previous report continued in operation throughout the year.

The number of notifications carried out in 1926 is as follows:-

of houses furnished after infectious diseases	42
(scarlet fever, diphtheria, etc.)	...
of houses furnished after other diseases	14
(mumps, etc.)	...
of houses furnished after pulmonary tuberculosis	20
of houses from which bedding, infected clothing, etc., were removed for disinfection at the steam disinfectant	...

#### REPLACEMENT OF DESTROYED BEDDING

Authority is given to the Local Authority, by Section 167 SS.4 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to replace bedding soiled and suspected of containing infection after infectious disease.

No such replacements took place in 1949.

#### CANCER

The recorded deaths from Cancer (all forms) in Pontypridd for the year under review were as follows:-

			Males	Females	Total
1949	...	...	41	31	72

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1949

DISEASE	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Polioencephalitis	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	40	39	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	-
Pneumonia, Primary	13	-	1
Erysipelas	5	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	1	-
Measles	76	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	-

Included in the above Table are the following cases which were treated at Hospitals other than the Tonteg Isolation Hospital.

	Graig Hosp.	East Glam.	Mt. Ash	Canton Isolation	Rhondda I. H.
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	2	-	-	-
Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	1	12
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	1	-	-	-
	1	3	2	1	14

# MANAGEMENT OF INFECTED BODIES

Authority is given to the Special Authority, by Section 147 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to require bodies called for and subject of continuing infection after infectious disease.

No such requirement shall apply in 1940.

## TABLE

The following table shows the number of bodies (all cases) in the various districts for the year ending 1939.

Total	Female	Male
1939	21	41

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (1939-1940)

Infected	Total Cases	Cases under Notification	Total Deaths
Scarlet fever	1	1	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Whooping cough	40	39	-
Measles	2	2	-
Polio	2	2	-
Smallpox	12	12	1
Typhoid	2	2	-
Scarlet fever	1	1	-
Measles	1	1	-
Whooping cough	10	10	-

Included in the above table are the following cases which were reported to the Health Officer under the Infectious Diseases Act, 1936.

Infected	Total Cases	Cases under Notification	Total Deaths
Scarlet fever	1	1	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Whooping cough	40	39	-
Measles	2	2	-
Polio	2	2	-
Smallpox	12	12	1
Typhoid	2	2	-
Scarlet fever	1	1	-
Measles	1	1	-
Whooping cough	10	10	-



CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS NOTIFIED DURING 1949

DISEASE	Under 1 Year	1-2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	4-5 yrs.	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	65 & over	Totals
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	3	9	21	2	1	2	-	-	-	40
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	2	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	2	13
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Polioencephalitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Polio myelitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	6	17	19	15	11	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
* Whooping Cough	1	1	5	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Tuberculosis:- Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	27	10	7	1	54
Non-Respiratory	-	2	-	1	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	9
	13	22	26	22	21	37	5	8	34	13	12	5	218

\* Notifiable Infectious Disease Order of Ministry of Health. The Measles and Whooping Cough Regulations dated 23rd October, 1939.



CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN EACH  
WARD DURING THE YEAR 1949

Disease	Graig	Rhon- dda	Town	Cil- fynydd	Tra- llwn	Tre- forest	Rhydy- felin	Totals
Scarlet Fever	4	10	5	2	15	1	3	40
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Puerperal	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
Pyrexia								
Pneumonia	5	-	-	-	-	5	3	13
Erysipelas	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	5
Ophthalmia	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	4
Neonatorum								
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	15	9	5	12	15	5	15	76
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	6	3	10
Tuberculosis:-								
Respiratory	8	5	8	3	6	15	9	54
Non-Respiratory	1	1	-	1	2	3	1	9
TOTALS	37	26	19	19	40	39	38	218

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES TREATED AT THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL, TONTEG

The following table gives the number of cases treated in the Isolation Hospital during 1949.

No. of cases remaining in hospital at end of 1948	...	...	5
No. of cases admitted (including observation cases)	..	...	26
No. of cases remaining in hospital at end of 1949	...	...	Nil

The following table shows the nature of the cases admitted during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	...	24
Diphtheria	...	1
Poliomyelitis	...	<u>1</u>
		<u>26</u>





### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

<u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases at Home</u>	<u>Treated in Hospital</u>	<u>Vision Un-impaired</u>	<u>Vision Impaired</u>	<u>Total Blindness</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
4	3	1	4	-	-	-

### TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1949

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>					<u>Deaths</u>				
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Totals</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	1	1
5 to 15 years	1	2	1	3	7	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 years	4	12	1	1	18	3	-	-	-	3
25 to 35 years	5	12	-	-	17	1	3	-	-	4
35 to 45 years	5	5	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	1
45 to 65 years	6	1	-	-	7	4	2	1	-	7
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>

### PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS

#### NOTIFICATIONS

<u>No. of Deaths Registered</u>	<u>No. Notified to M.O.H.</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
19	11	57.8

Deaths from "Tuberculosis aggravated by Silicosis" where the cases have not been notified, are included in the above, and the percentage is consequently adversely affected.

#### TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATES

The local death rate from Tuberculosis per 1,000 of the population for 1949 and the previous five years was as follows:-

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>
Respiratory	0.43	0.66	0.77	0.78	0.96	0.98
Non-Respiratory	0.05	0.08	0.16	0.02	0.14	0.1
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.48	0.74	0.93	0.80	1.11	1.09

# ONTARIO TUBERCULOSIS

Period	Cases at Home	Treated in Hospital	Visited in- home	Visited in- hospital	Total Blind cases	Deaths
1942	2	1	4	-	-	-

## TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1942

Period	New Cases	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Total	Deaths	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Total
1942	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
1941	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	3
1940	12	1	11	12	3	1	2	3
1939	12	-	12	12	1	-	1	1
1938	8	-	8	8	1	-	1	1
1937	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1936	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1935	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
1934	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1933	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1932	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1931	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1930	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1929	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1928	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1927	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1926	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1925	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1924	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1923	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1922	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1921	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1920	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1919	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1918	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1917	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1916	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1915	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1914	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1913	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1912	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1911	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1910	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1909	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1908	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1907	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1906	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1905	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1904	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1903	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1902	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1901	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1900	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

## TUBERCULOSIS IN REGISTRATION

Period	No. of Deaths	No. Registered	No. Notified
1942	1	1	1
1941	1	1	1
1940	1	1	1
1939	1	1	1
1938	1	1	1
1937	1	1	1
1936	1	1	1
1935	1	1	1
1934	1	1	1
1933	1	1	1
1932	1	1	1
1931	1	1	1
1930	1	1	1
1929	1	1	1
1928	1	1	1
1927	1	1	1
1926	1	1	1
1925	1	1	1
1924	1	1	1
1923	1	1	1
1922	1	1	1
1921	1	1	1
1920	1	1	1
1919	1	1	1
1918	1	1	1
1917	1	1	1
1916	1	1	1
1915	1	1	1
1914	1	1	1
1913	1	1	1
1912	1	1	1
1911	1	1	1
1910	1	1	1
1909	1	1	1
1908	1	1	1
1907	1	1	1
1906	1	1	1
1905	1	1	1
1904	1	1	1
1903	1	1	1
1902	1	1	1
1901	1	1	1
1900	1	1	1

Deaths from Tuberculosis registered by Statistics Canada have not been notified, are included in the above, the percentage is correspondingly adversely affected.

## TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

The local death rate from Tuberculosis per 1,000 population for 1942 and the previous five years was as follows:-

Period	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938	1937
Local	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Provincial	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
National	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42



THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)  
REGULATIONS, 1925

The Local Authority took no action under these Regulations during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925 - SECTION 62 and  
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - SECTION 172

No action was taken under this head by the Health Department in 1949.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1949

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE IN THE SEVERAL WARDS

				<u>No. of Deaths</u>
Graig	...	...	...	4
Rhondda	...	...	...	6
Town	...	...	...	1
Cilfynydd	...	...	...	5
Trallwn	...	...	...	2
Treforest	...	...	...	5
Rhydyfelin	...	...	...	5
TOTAL FOR URBAN DISTRICT				<u>28</u>

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS)  
REGULATIONS, 1922

The Local Authority took no action under  
these Regulations during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1928 - SECTION 62 AND  
PUBIC HEALTH ACT, 1928 - SECTION 126

No action was taken under this head by the  
Health Department in 1929.

INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1929  
DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE IN THE SEVERAL WARD

No. of Deaths					
4	...	...	...	...	Ward
6	...	...	...	...	Road
1	...	...	...	...	Town
5	...	...	...	...	City
2	...	...	...	...	Field
2	...	...	...	...	Town
2	...	...	...	...	Ward
2	...	...	...	...	Ward
28	...	...	...	...	TOTAL FOR URBAN DISTRICT

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1949  
DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Cause of Death	Under 1 week		1 - 2 weeks		2 - 3 weeks		3 - 4 weeks		Total under 4 weeks		Over 4 weeks & under 3 mths.		3 - 6 mths.		6 - 9 mths.		9 - 12 mths.		Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Asphyxia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia - all forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	2
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atelectasis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Heart Failure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premature Birth	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2
Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pink Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Intestinal Obstruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Syphilis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Septicaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Kernicterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sepsis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cranial Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All causes:-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certified	3	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	7	4	4	2	3	2	2	-	2	2	18	10
Uncertified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





# CAUSES OF DEATH, 1949

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Influenza .....	3	3	6
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ....	12	5	17
Other Tuberculosis Diseases .....	1	1	2
Syphilitic disease .....	-	2	2
Diabetes .....	1	2	3
Heart Diseases .....	76	63	139
Other circulatory diseases .....	11	9	20
Bronchitis .....	35	8	43
Pneumonia (all forms) .....	14	12	26
Other respiratory diseases .....	16	7	23
Diarrhoea, etc., (under 2 years) .....	3	1	4
Appendicitis .....	1	-	1
Other digestive diseases .....	1	9	10
Nephritis .....	4	7	11
Other maternal causes .....	-	1	1
Premature birth .....	4	2	6
Suicide .....	3	-	3
Other violent causes .....	10	2	12
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (m) uterus (f) .....	3	5	8
Cancer of stomach and duodenum .....	16	7	23
Cancer of breast .....	-	3	3
Cancer of all other sites .....	22	16	38
Intracranial vascular lesions .....	31	25	56
Congenital debility, malformations etc.	5	2	7
Road traffic accidents .....	4	1	5
All other causes .....	26	30	56
Totals .....	302	223	525

## CLEANSING CENTRE

This centre, which is mainly devoted to the cure of scabies, continues to be administered by the Health Committee and has been operating now for over six years. Sessions are held daily except for two days per week when the nurse devotes her time to following up contacts at home.

The co-operation of the local medical practitioners and head teachers of the schools has been maintained throughout the year.

The following is a summary of this centre's activities for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

Number of sessions held .....	220
Number of new cases: under 5 years .....	19
5 - 15 years .....	21
Over 15 years .....	21
Number under treatment at end of previous year .....	42
Number cured during the year .....	103
Number under treatment at end of current year .....	-
Number of attendances for treatment .....	853
Number of home visits made .....	614





BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSES OF MORTALITY,  
MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE-RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1949

ENGLAND AND WALES, LONDON, 126 GREAT TOWNS AND 148 SMALLER  
TOWNS AND PONTYPRIDD

(Provisional figures based on weekly & quarterly returns)

	Ponty- pridd	England & Wales	126 C.B.'s & Great Towns Incl. London	148 Smaller Towns (res- ident popn. 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Admin. County
Rates per 1,000 of Population					
<u>Births</u>					
Live	17.3	16.7 a	18.7	18.0	18.5
Still	0.60	0.39 a	0.47	0.40	0.37
<u>Deaths</u>					
All Causes	13.3	11.7 a	12.5	11.6	12.2
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.48	0.45	0.52	0.42	0.52
Influenza	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	--
Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.65	0.51	0.56	0.49	0.59
<u>Notifications (Corrected)</u>					
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Scarlet Fever	1.01	1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46
Whooping Cough	0.25	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70
Diphtheria	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07
Erysipelas	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	1.92	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54
Pneumonia	0.32	0.80	0.91	0.65	0.55
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.02	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Food Poisoning	0.00	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19
Rates per 1,000 Live Births					
<u>Deaths</u>					
All causes under 1 year of age	41.11	32 b	37	30	29
Enteritis & Diarrhoea under 2 yrs. of age	5.87	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.7
Rates per 1,000 Total (Live & Still) Births					
<u>Notifications (Corrected)</u>					
Puerperal fever and pyrexia	4.40	6.31	8.14	5.30	6.82
Maternal Mortality in England & Wales					
	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births		Rates per million women age 15-44		
Abortion with Sepsis	-	0.11	8		
Abortion without Sepsis	-	0.05	4		
Puerperal infections	-	0.11			
Other maternal causes	1.43	0.71			

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population. (b) Per 1,000 related live births.





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