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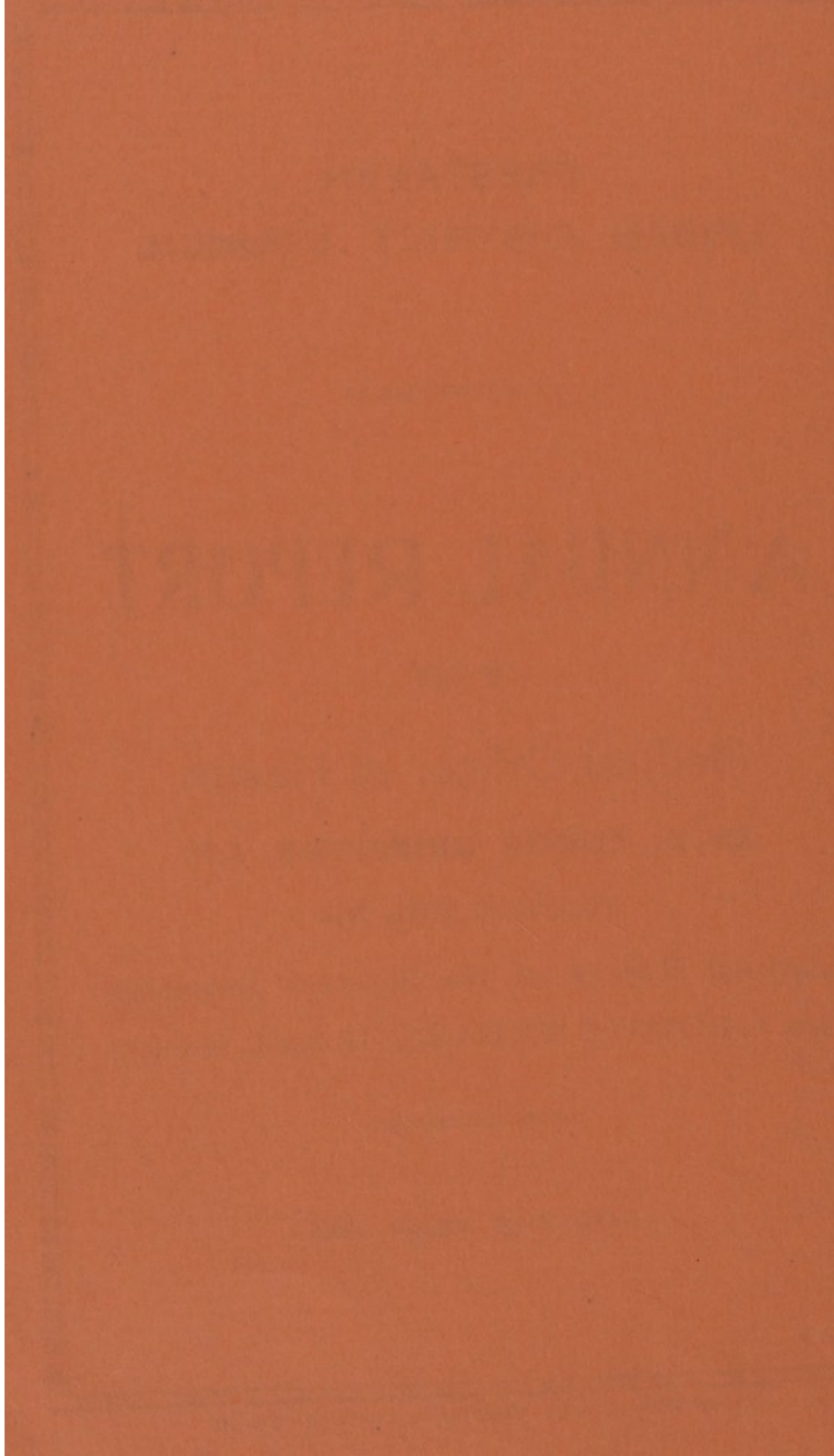
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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1946

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To the Chairman and Members  
of the Urban District Council.

MRS. EVANS AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1946. It follows the form required by the Ministry of Health's Circular 25/46 (Wales).

I am glad to be able to inform you that the general health of the Community has been good. There have been no epidemics of notifiable or other diseases.

Any comments or suggestions I have to make regarding the essential services will be dealt with under their respective headings.

Appended are the Reports of the Sanitary Inspector, also that of the Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, together with the Report of the Climatology by your observor, Mr. I. C. Roberts, F.R. Met. Soc.

### Housing

The erection of New Houses of the permanent type was commenced on November 1st, and there were one hundred and four in the course of construction at the



end of the year. Approval has been given for the erection of one hundred and twenty-six as a first instalment. They are being erected on a healthy and open locality and when completed will be additional to the one hundred and twenty-six houses already owned by the Council.

## Water Supply

The Urban area derives its supply by a piped line from an underground spring known as Ffynon Asaph. It is a hard water, adequate in quantity and has no Plumbo-solvent action. Before distribution for household purposes it is treated by Alum coagulation, chlorination by the chloramine system and filtration through a battery of pressure filters. Owing to the increasing population, especially during the summer months, I am not satisfied that these plants are adequate. A report on their efficiency, in my opinion, is a pressing matter. The whole plant is under daily observation, is tested for clarity, Ph. value, chloride content and records kept. Samples of water are submitted for Bacteriological examinations to the Emergency Laboratory at Conway. The number submitted during the year was :—

- (a) Raw Water, 14.
- (b) Filtered Water, 21.
- (c) Filtered and Chlorinated Water, 21.

The reports received, with one or two exceptions, have been under the Category Class A.1.

Approval has been given during the year to the laying of mains in Nant-yr-ogof and Ffordd Bryniau.



Meliden, and in Cwm Road, Dyserth.

A scheme has been approved and I hope will be carried through very shortly, which will provide a constant and adequate supply to the houses on the hill-side. Practically all houses in the area are supplied from the mains.

## Sewerage

The sewerage system for the area, excluding Meliden, consists of a gravity system, together with an Ejector Operating System for the low lying areas. It functions satisfactorily except during and after abnormal rainfall. This defect, I understand, will shortly be remedied. Some blockages occurred during the year, caused by tar and breeze entering the sewers from the Gas Works. The Gas Department has undertaken to remedy and prevent its reoccurrence.

No major alterations or additions have been carried out during the past year; necessary repairs and renewals, due to wear and tear, have been attended to.

The electrically driven pumping plant erected at Y Ffrith has been effective. The Meliden sewerage has its own disposal works, operating without any trouble and giving very efficient service.

I think the provision of a Public Convenience somewhere in the upper part of the town is desirable,



## **Prestatyn Gutter**

This water course which traverses and is supposed to drain the area from West to East is not functioning at all satisfactorily and is the cause after heavy rainfall, especially during the winter months, of serious flooding in the Highbury Avenue area, causing great inconvenience to the residents in that locality, and further inland to the south of the Railway extensive flooding over a large acreage of agricultural land.

The cause of the flooding is due entirely to silting at its outfall to the sea, which should and could be remedied by the responsible authority; further the whole course ought to be thoroughly cleared of weeds, etc., each autumn and spring.

## **Milk Supply**

There have, I am glad to say, been fewer complaints during the year of sour milk and late deliveries. I am satisfied that both producers and retailers are taking a growing and keener interest in their responsibility to provide a clean and wholesome supply, and should be allowed to dispose of any surplus milk to Ice Cream manufacturers and Restaurants. Of the samples taken, one was found not to be up to standard. Action was taken and the case was dismissed.

## **Food Supplies**

A close watch has been kept over the premises of retailers, especially those of Butchers, Bakeries and Dairies. For number of inspections, see Sanitary



Inspector's report. All meat sold in the area is killed and inspected at a Public Abbatoir in Rhyl.

I consider the greatest care should be exercised in the handling of meat during delivery to the various shops so as to avoid all possible risk of contamination by flies, dust, etc.

## Camping

There are three licensed sites in the area for the accomodation of so called movable dwellings, and as you are aware from my previous remarks in former reports one of these, owing to the water-logged condition after heavy rain and absence of surface water drainage, from a sanitary point of view, is quite unsuitable for a Camp of this size.

## Refuse Collection & Disposal

The collecting of refuse has improved. The addition last year of an up-to-date vehicle has here filled a long felt want.

A new site for disposal is an urgent matter: I have received several complaints from residents in Ffordd Isaf regarding smoke fumes, etc,

## Swimming Pools

There are two, both privately owned, but only one has been in use since September, 1937. Samples of water submitted for bacteriological examination have been reported as satisfactory.



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

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### Laboratory Facilities

These remain unchanged.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations of discharges, throat swabs, etc., are done at the Ministry of Health Laboratory, Conway. During 1946 they numbered 181. Samples of water were despatched for bacteriological examination. Venereal swabs and blood requiring examination for venereal diseases are sent by the patients' doctors to the laboratory of the Chester Royal Infirmary.

### Ambulance Service

Infectious cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital by Ambulance specially reserved for this purpose. All other cases of illness or accident requiring transport are removed either by the local ambulance, which, owing to age is very much out of date, or by a privately owned ambulance, also the Rhyl Division of the St. John's Association have now acquired an ambulance which is giving excellent and willing service by day and night.

### Nursing in the Home

The local Nursing Association maintains a District Nurse.

## Home Help

There is no Home Help in the Area.

## Clinics

Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinics are under the control of the County Medical Officer of Health. Infant Welfare Centre held at the Presbyterian Church Hall every Friday 1-30 to 4-30 p.m. A Medical Officer attends every first and third Friday.

Orthopaedic Clinic at the Old Emmanuel School, Rhyl every first and third Friday mornings 10-30 to 12-30. Orthopaedic Nurse attends every session. Surgeon attends every two months.

Ante-Natal Clinic at Presbyterian Church Hall, first and third Friday, 9-30 a.m.

The Tuberculosis Clinic, in charge of the Medical Officers of the King Edward VII. Memorial, is held at 27 Edward Henry Street, Rhyl, every Friday at 10 a.m.

Free Hospital, Sanatorium, Clinical and Domiciliary treatment is available to all persons suffering from tuberculosis by arrangements made with the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association through the County Council.

## Propaganda

No new or special propaganda by the Health Department during 1946.



## **Venereal Disease**

Treated at the Chester Royal Infirmary, Out Patients Department. All forms of venereal disease are examined and treated under conditions of strict secrecy. Cost of travelling to the Infirmary is paid by the County Council, if patients cannot afford to do so. The tracing of contacts and the follow up of defaulters is undertaken by the County Medical Officer's Department.

## **Hospitals**

There are none in the Urban Area.

Infectious cases are treated at the St. Asaph Isolation Hospital.

## **Notification of Births, Maternity & Child Welfare**

Entirely under the control of the Flintshire County Council and their health visitors.

## **Maternity Facilities**

There are two private Maternity Homes in the area, and one, Chatsworth House, under the control of the Flintshire County Council.

There are four registered midwives practising in the area.

## **Nutrition**

The Council do not provide free food for meals.

## **Ophthalmia Neonatorum**

No cases have been reported during the year.

## Scabies

Cases of Scabies, I am glad to say have almost disappeared. Any which do occur are notified and treated.

## Tuberculosis

For numbers of new cases, etc., see Table II.

No action required to be taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1926 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis)

The after care of persons suffering from Tuberculosis is dealt with by a special Committee, who meet quarterly to consider the needs, financial or otherwise of each individual case.

All patients are visited in their homes by specially appointed nurses under the direction of the County Medical Officer and Tuberculosis Physician.

All dwellings are disinfected as and when required. A register is kept of all cases in the area.

## Zymotic Diseases

The number notified during the year was 53 (see Table I). Of these, 23 received treatment at the St. Asaph Isolation Hospital. Care is taken to see that all



necessary disinfection of premises and clothing is carried out. I hope a disinfecter will be provided as soon as possible, as it is an urgent necessity and would save the expense and inconvenience of having to take bedding and articles of clothing outside the area.

### **Diphtheria Immunisation**

The above service was inaugurated in June, 1940. A regular series of sessions have been carried on throughout the year. I wish to thank the local Medical Practitioners for their helpful and efficient co-operation.

During the year fifty-two under the age of five years and fifteen over five years of age were treated, making a total of fifty-seven.

Altogether since 1940, a total number of one thousand, two hundred and eight children have been treated.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is always available to Medical Practitioners on application.

### **Public Places of Entertainment**

As required by Circular 120 Ministry of Health these are inspected and kept under supervision, especially as regards general cleanliness, sanitary conveniences, fire appliances and exits.

### **Rag and Flock Act**

No action necessary.

## **Smoke Abatement**

There has been no cause for complaint during the year. The local Steam Laundry is the only industry in the area, but by co-operation with the owners the smoke nuisance is reduced to a minimum.

## **Schools**

Are under the control of the County Council Authority. The Heads of Schools are immediately notified of any cases of infectious diseases occurring amongst the scholars or in their homes.

## **Lodging Houses**

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the District.

## **Rats and Mice Destruction Act 1919 & Rodent Infestation Order 1943**

The Council have taken energetic measures in the area. During the year, a survey was made of the district with a view to ascertaining the extent of rat infestation after the Ministry of Food Scheme had been in operation for two years. The result of the survey was favourable in that it showed a marked decrease in rat population.

The sewers were given a treatment in the January to March quarter; this was followed by a maintenance treatment in November.



Details of visits, etc., are as follows:—

Visits to Private Premises ... ..	265
Visits to Business Premises... ..	69
Visits to Premises on Contract ... ..	365
Visits to Council Properties... ..	286
No. of Private Premises treated ... ..	40
No. of Business Premises treated ... ..	18

## GENERAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### Social Conditions

The district is purely urban, and as a seaside resort its chief interest is the catering for and entertainment of visitors. There is a large amount of residential property which would have greatly increased but for building restrictions following the war. The population largely consists of retired people.

Two Limestone Quarries are operating in the area. Unemployment is practically nil.

Area (in acres) ... ..	3,655
Population (Census 1921) ... ..	4,083
"          "      1931 ... ..	4,511
Estimated population Mid 1946 ... ..	8,051
Estimated number of inhabited houses (1921) ... ..	770
"          "          "          "      (1931) ... ..	1,579
"          "          "          "      (1933) ... ..	1,590
Rateable value ... ..	£76,374
Sum represented by a 1d. rate ... ..	£305

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### Birth Rate

The number of births registered was 138.

		M	F	Total
Births	{ Legitimate	65	54	138
	{ Illegitimate	8	11	

giving a rate per 1,000 population of 17.14, compared with the rate for England & Wales which is 19.1.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 13, or in proportion 27. per 1000 of the registered births.

For England and Wales the figure was 43. Deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis nil.

### Still births

Total 4. Males 1, Females 3, all legitimate, giving a rate per 1000 civilian populatoin of 0.49, as compared with 0.53 for England and Wales.

### Death Rate

The total number of deaths of residents belonging to the area was 138. The number of deaths of residents and non-residents registered by the local Registrar was 109. To this there has to be added 44 deaths of residents who died outside the area and 15 deaths subtracted, being those of non-residents who died within the area, giving a corrected number of 185, which on the civilian population



of 8051 gives a death rate per thousand population of 17.14.

The outstanding feature is that 99 deaths were those of people over 65 years of age, practically two-thirds of the total deaths.

Heart diseases accounted for 52, Intracranial vascular diseases for 35, Cancer for 14, all essentially diseases of elderly people. Pueperal causes nil, measles nil. Deaths from all causes of tuberculosis 3.

For causes and ages at death see Table iii.

The following Table contrasts the Prestatyn Urban District figures for Births and Deaths with those of England and Wales.

	Prestatyn U.D. 1946	Prestatyn U.D. 1945	England Wales, 1946
Birth Rate ... ..	17.14	17.3	19.1
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.0	0.9	1.05
Death Rate ... ..	17.14	16.9	11.6

## Cemetery

There have been 65 interments in Coed Bell Cemetery during 1946, as compared with 54 in 1945.

Protestants—52

Catholics—8

Common Grave—5

In conclusion I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support and encouragement, also the Clerk, Mr J. Lloyd Hughes and his staff.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. TUDOR GRIFFITHS,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1946.

DISEASE.	At all Ages	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Cases admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	11	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	3	1	...	...	11
Diphtheria ...	10	...	...	1	...	2	1	2	2	1	1	...	...	8
Erysipelas ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Whooping Cough ...	10	...	3	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	10	1	...	...	2	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lobar Pneumonia ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	3	...
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Dysentery ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polioencephalitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	53	1	3	1	5	6	15	4	3	6	3	1	4	23



TABLE II.

## TUBERCULOSIS—New Cases and Mortality during 1946.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20...	3	2	...	..	...	...	...	...
25...	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...
35...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
55...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 & upw'ds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	9	4	2	...	3	...	...	...

during the year 1946

### Causes of Death

Causes of Death	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Total Deaths
Typhoid and Paratyphoid										—
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...										—
Scarlet Fever ...										—
Whooping Cough ...										—
Diphtheria ...										—
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...							1	2		3
Other forms of tuberculosis				1						1
Syphilitic diseases ...										—
Influenza ...										—
Measles... ...										—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ..										—
Acute Inf'ntile Encephalitis										—
Cancer of Bronchial cavity, Oesophagus, Uterus ..								1		1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...								2		2
Cancer of Breast ...							1	1	1	3
Cancer of all other sites ...							1	2	5	8
Diabetes ...									1	1
Intra-cran: Vasc: Lesions								7	28	35
Heart disease ...		1					1	7	43	52
Other dis. of circ. system								1		1
Bronchitis ...									5	5
Pneumonia ...		2						2	3	7
Other respiratory diseases							1			1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...									1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)										—
Appendicitis ...										—
Other digestive diseases ...										—
Nephritis ...							1	1	5	7
Puerperal post abortis Sepsis... ..										—
Other Maternal causes ..										—
Premature Birth ...	5									5
Congenital birth malform.										—
Suicide ...										—
Road traffic accidents ..						1				1
Other violent causes ...			1				1			2
All other causes ...		5					2	3	7	17
All Causes ...	—	13	1	1	—	1	9	29	99	153



# TABLE IV.—Infant Mortality,

During the Year 1946

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under  
One Year of Age.

Cause of Death		Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Total Deaths under 1 Year
All Causes	{ Certified Uncertified									
Small Pox	...									
Chicken Pox	...									
Measles	...									
Scarlet Fever	...									
Whooping Cough	...									
Diphtheria and Croup	...									
Erysipelas	...									
Tuberculosis Meningitis	...									
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...									
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...									
Meningitis not Tuberculosis	...									
Convulsions	...								1	1
Laryngitis	...									
Bronchitis	...									
Pneumonia (all forms)	...							2		2
Diarrhoea	...									
Enteritis	...									
Gastritis	...									
Syphilis	...									
Rickets	...									
Suffocation, overlying	...									
Injury at Birth	...	1								1
Atelectasis	...	2								2
Congenital Malformations	...	1								1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...					1				1
Premature Birth	...									
Atrophy, Debility, and Mar-	...									
sumus	...									
Other causes	...	5								5
Total	...	9	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	13

Total Births in the Year:—138. Males, 73 ; Females, 65  
(Of these 19 were Illegitimate).

## ADULTERATION, ETC.

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### Food & Drugs Act

Your Inspector under this Act has reported as follows :—

I beg to furnish you with the following particulars of Samples purchased under the above Act in your district during the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Description of Sample	No. of Samples	Genuine	Prose- cutions	Whether Convicted
New Milk	12	11	1	No
Household Dried Milk	1	1		
Self Raising Flour	2	2		
Essence of Coffee & Chicory	1	1		
Malt Vinegar	1	1		
Pudding Mixture	1	1		
Soup	1	1		
Total	19	18	1	

Yours faithfully,

WM. WASLEY,

Superintendent.



# SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1946

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## Inspections

Total number of visits and inspections ... 3459

## Infectious Diseases

Number of Cases reported by the Medical Officer of Health	...	...	...	53
Number of Inquiries	...	...	...	33
„ „ Cases removed to Isolation Hospital	...	...	...	23
„ „ Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	41
„ „ Bedding destroyed	...	...	...	—

## Drainage, Etc.

Number of repairs to Water Closets	...	...	66
„ „ complaints received	...	...	741
„ „ choked and defective drains dealt with	...	...	653
Number of Miscellaneous sanitary defects	...	...	493
„ „ Preliminary Notices served	...	...	128
„ „ Statutory Notices served	...	...	4
„ „ times Cesspools emptied	...	...	8

## Scavenging

Number of ashbins emptied	...	...	84152
" " shops cleared	...	...	5421
" " loads of refuse removed (tractor)			841
" " houses needing dustbins—notice sent			52
" " Sacks of Paper	...	...	2422

### Average weekly Collection :—

(a) Ashbins	...	...	...	1531
(b) Shops	...	...	...	100.4
(c) Loads	...	...	...	15.1
(d) Sacks of Paper	...	...	...	49.6

## Salvage

### Amount Disposed :

				Tons	Cwts	Qrs	lbs
Mixed Paper	...	...	...	49	7	1	0
Newsprint	...	...	...	1	1	1	0
Mags. and Books	...	...	...	1	16	3	16
Scrap Iron	...	...	...	5	19	1	0
Mixed Metals	...	...	...		3	2	9
Rags	...	...	...	3	8	1	20
Bones	...	...	...	2	12	2	0
Bottles	...	...	...	5	12	0	0
Jars	...	...	...	3	3	0	0

## Bakehouses

Number of places under inspection	...	17
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## Water

Number of new places supplied	...	24
Number of repairs, fittings, etc.	...	58
Number of notices re waste of water	...	10



## Dairies and Cowsheds

Number of dealers operating in the district :—

Number of Resident Retailers of Milk...	...	4
„ „ Resident Cowkeepers and Retailers	...	11
„ „ Resident Wholesalers	...	3
„ „ Non-resident Retailers	...	6
„ „ Visits and Inspections	...	301

## Offensive Trades

Number dealt with	...	...	...	...	—
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## General

Dampness reported	...	...	...	...	51
Waste Pipe defects	...	...	...	...	60
Bedding burned	...	...	...	...	—
Bad smells	...	...	...	...	84

## Animals

Number causing nuisance	...	...	...	...	3
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## Lodging Houses

Number Registered	...	...	...	...	—
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## Legal Proceedings

Number of Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	—
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## Factory & Workshops

Number on Register ... ..	47
Number of Written Notices ... ..	8

## Eradiction of Bed Bugs

- 1 Methods employed for freeing houses infested with bed-bugs ... .. Insecticide.
- 2 The methods employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses... .. Nil. None required.
- 3 Whether the work of disinfection is carried out by Local Authority ... .. Yes.

## HOUSING

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### Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 332
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 352
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 301
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 362



- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. —
- (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 ... 53

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 ... .. 71

3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. 4
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
- (a) By owners ... .. 4
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. 58
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
- (a) By owners ... .. 58
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. nil

- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. nil

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing orders were made ... .. nil

- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... .. nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 (*Overcrowding*)

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... .. nil

- (2) Number of families dwelling therein ... nil

- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... nil

- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... .. nil

- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... .. nil

- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... nil

- (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 with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... nil



## Houses owned by the Local Authority

The following is a list of properties owned by the local Council.

Caradoc Terrace	...	15 houses
Dawson Park	...	66 „
Bryn Melyd Road	...	22 „
Isfryn Road	...	22 „
Gas Works House	...	1 „

## Premises & Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-laws and Regulations

Periodical inspections are made with a view to ensuring that the houses are maintained in a clean and tidy condition.

There are no common lodging houses in the area, nor any other place falling within this category.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

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Careful supervision is kept over these. Numerous articles of food have been inspected in the shops and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

## Bakehouses, Meat and Other Food Shops

All meat is now centrally slaughtered under the Government Scheme at an abattoir controlled by a neighbouring local authority, and inspected by the Meat and Food Inspector.

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# CLIMATOLOGY OF PRESTATYN

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Temperature.	Maximum average temperature ....				56.5 fahr.
	Minimum	„	„	...	41.9 „
	Summer months	„	„	...	63.5 „
	Winter months	„	„	...	51.9 „
	Number of days with over 65				106
	Number of days under freezing point				4

Sunshine.	Total for the year				1,193.7 hours
	Highest Monthly total				June
	Lowest monthly total				November

Rainfall.	Total for the year ...				25.6 inches
	Below normal ...				2.8 „
	Wettest month ...				September
	Driest month ...				October

Relative Humidity. Slightly below normal.

Visibility. Fog occurred on 6 days with visibility less than 500 yards—one fog wave with visibility under 5 yards.

Wind Gales of over 48 miles per hour ... 3

Hoar Frost & Dew. On 35 nights.

## Outstanding Features

1. The most notable feature of the year is a Spring heat wave April 13th—17th, with temperature of 70 degrees, also in November 4th—7th, with 71 degrees. The summer months showery and cool.

2. No near electrical storms.

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