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BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ROTHERWICK,

July 1946.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1945; the lateness is caused by the necessary statistics not being available earlier.

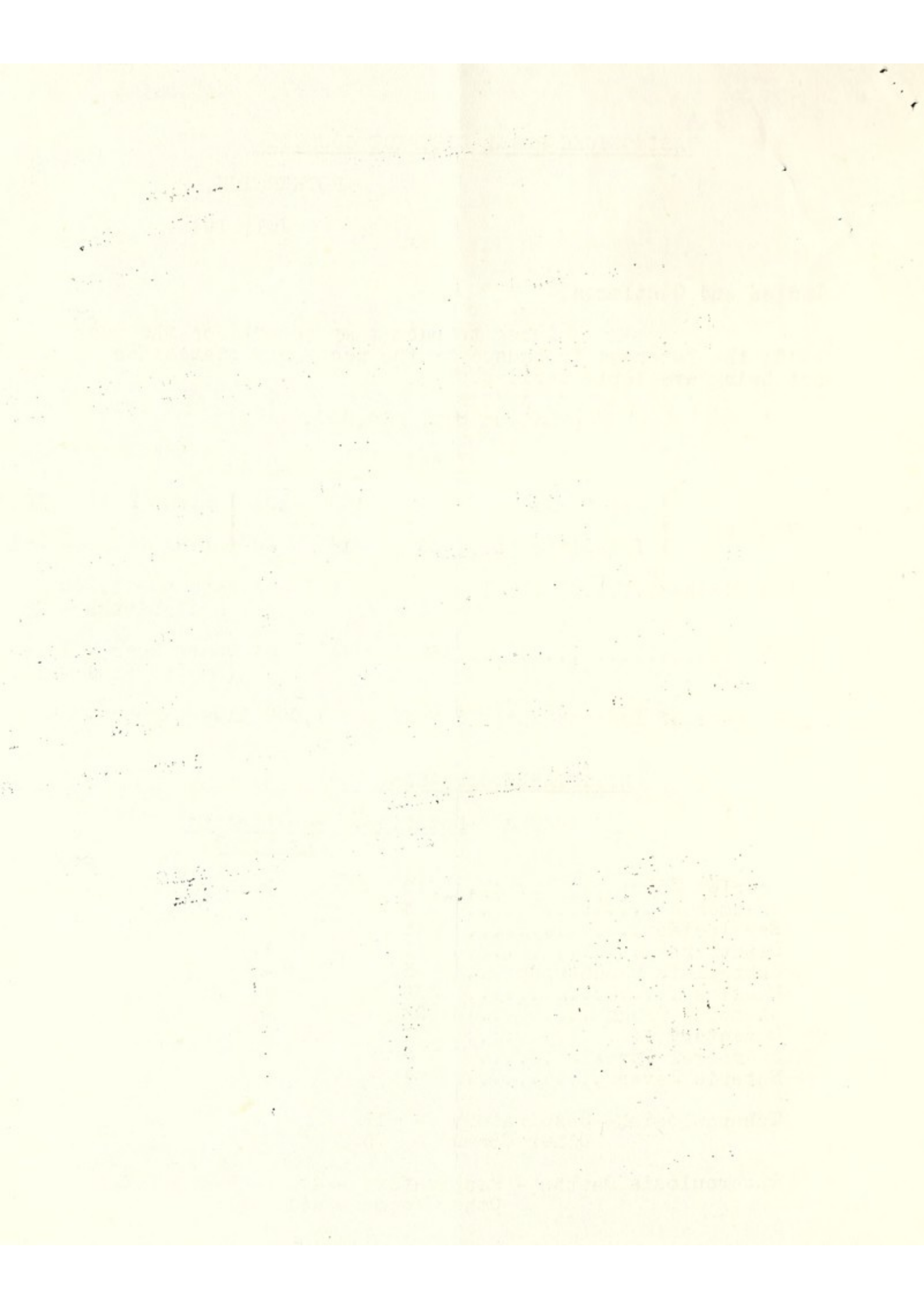
Population ..... 14,630.

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live Births	Legitimate	209	100	109	Birth Rate - 16.8
	Illegitimate	36	16	20	(Eng. & Wales - 16.1)
Still Births .....		7	5	2	Rate per 1,000 total births - 28
Deaths .....		155	74	81	Death Rate - 10.6 (Eng. & Wales - 11.4)

Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births - 28

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>
Scarlet Fever .....	15	5
Pneumonia .....	4	-
Erysipelas .....	5	-
Diphtheria .....	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	5	-
Measles .....	339	-
Whooping Cough .....	23	-
Dysentery .....	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	2	1
Enteric Fever .....	1	1
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	- 11	
Other Forms	- 5	
Tuberculosis Deaths - Respiratory	- 4	
Other Forms	- nil.	



Diphtheria Immunisation was continued: 144 children under five years received this treatment.

The amount of infectious disease was less than the average, apart from a widespread Measles epidemic.

The inability of the Basingstoke Isolation Hospital to admit cases, on account of lack of nursing and domestic staff, might have led to awkward situations, but fortunately Aldershot Isolation Hospital has been able to take those cases in which hospital treatment was essential. It is much to be hoped that the Basingstoke Hospital will soon be reopened.

#### Infestation.

This has not been a serious problem, instances being very few. The new insecticides will doubtless be a great help in dealing with verminous persons and premises.

Scabies has considerably declined.

#### Water.

It is estimated that 30% of the dwelling houses in the District are connected to a water main: standpipes are not numerous.

The Council are at present engaged on schemes for extensions which will make piped supplies available generally over the District.

Samples of the private piped supplies have given satisfactory results on analysis. The water of the Mid-Wessex Company has not been sampled in this District.

#### Sewerage.

The increased provision and use of water creates the problem of sewage disposal. Sewers are needed in the more closely built up villages, especially Old Basing and Sherfield.



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The return of Mr. Holmes from service in the Royal Navy enables some of the leeway in Public Health work to be made up, but the difficulties resulting from the war are a handicap in every direction.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Officer of Health.



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