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## ANDUAL REPORT.

Upon the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the BELFORD RURAL DISTRICT

for the year ending 31st. December 1956.

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## STATISTICS.

1.	Area.	- 39,797 acres.
2.	Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident Papulation 1956 (mid-year)	- 5,030
3.	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956) according to Rate Book.	- 2,086
4.	Rateable Value.	<b>-£</b> 52391
5.	Sum represented by a penny rate	- £202

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births. (Legitimate) (Illegitimate)	Total.	M. 26 0	F. 30 0	Birth Rate. 11.1 per 1,000 of estimated resident population.
Carlowana Makak	56	26	30	population.
Still Births.	0_	0	0	
Deaths.	78	36	42	per 1,000 of estimated resident population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age	-	Nil. No.2. 35 per 1:000 live births.
Deaths from Cancer, all ages.	-	13
Deaths from Measles, all ages.	-	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough, all ages.	-	.0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	0

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (part-time)

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## SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR.

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## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE DURING 1956.

During the year under review 103 cases of infectious liseaso were notified in the Rural District:-

Chickenpox	58.	Scarlet Fever	 4
Whooping Cough	30	Tuberculosis	 3
Dysentery (sonni)	5	Erysipelas	 2
Food Poisoning	1		

Chickenpox appeared among children in Bamburgh and Seahiuses areas between February and August.

Whooping Cough. occurred among children in Belford and Chathill areas in January and February; and in Seahouses in September, October and November. There were no deaths from the disease.

Several cases of Sonni Dysentary occurred among children in Seahouses and Bamburgh during February.

The only case of Food Poisoning occurred in a visitor to the Camping Site at Beadnell. He was sent home and there were no further cases.

It will be noticed that there were 78 Deaths in the District and only 56 Births; showing a Death Rate of 15.5 per 1,000 and a Birth Rate of 11.1 per 1,000 of the resident population. It would appear that in this rural district as the years go by, the Death Rate tends slowly to rise and the Birth Rate to fall. This will inevitably Read to a population in the area of people of the older see groups.

It is interesting to look at the ages at Death in the Area:-

There were therefore only three deaths of persons under 50 years of age and two of these were prenature infants (twins); and 53 deaths in persons over 70 years of age representing 68% of all deaths.

The commoner causes of death were -

Diseases	of Heart & Blood Vessels	 38
Cerebral	Haenorrhage &c.	 16
Cancer.	2,39	 13

Three of these cases of cancer were cancer of the lung. This disease is showing a gradual increase in its incidence, and as a cause of death in all areas. There is a great deal of medical investigation being carried out at the present time in order to discover the cause of the increase of this disease. It is possible that pollution of the air we breathe is a causal factor. Whether this pollution is due to tobacco, exhaust fumes from mechanised vehicles, or smoke of various kinds from combustion in domestic, factory or other fires, is a subject which is being closely investigated. Results of these researches will be awaited with great interest.

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#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

The Council owned supplies to the Townships of Belford, Seahouses, Beadnell and Bamburgh proved generally satisfactory during the year, though at times of peak demand during the summer months severe shortages were experienced at Beadnell and Bamburgh.

The shortage at Beadnell shows the need for a new and larger main from the reservoir, the existing 3" main from which the majority of the village is served is inadequate for this purpose.

The shortage at Bamburgh again draws attention to the need for a service reservoir to serve the village.

At Belford the borehole was again extensively used during the summer months, but this will no longer be necessary as the Warenton Dene supply was brought into use by the completion of the Scheme in December. This source is more than ample to meet the needs of the Village and in addition the now to be disused supply from Belford Moor is always available in an emergency.

At Seahouses the borehole pump was used from early in May to mid September to meet the normal demand of the holiday period, and to make up the loss caused by an undetected leak into the Harbour.

## County Water Scheme,

The Council have now agreed to adopt in principle the County Scheme for the supply of additional water to meet the needs of the District.

Water is supplied from the Council's mains to houses in the following Parishes:-

PARISH.  North Sunderland.  Belford.  Beadnell,  Ellingham.  Adderstone with Lucker.  Bemburgh.	Pipes into  House  591  333  189  50  36  157	By Standpipe.  63 2 28 3 12 25	Total No.  Houses.  654 335 217 53 48 172
Totals.	1335	128	1463

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

#### BEADNELL.

From fifteen inspections made throughout the year the flow was being swept well out to sea and there was no sign of any pollution of the beaches.

#### NORTH SUNDERLAND.

That part of the Scheme which take the sewage from North Sunderland has been completed and is working satisfactorily. Already some improvement in the condition of the Annstead Burn is apparant. The remainder of the scheme should be completed early in the new year.

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#### BELFORD

Samples of the effluent from the Sewage Works were again shown to be sub-standard. The increased flow, due to new building and the increased consumption of water generally, is now beyond the designed capacity for the works.

## HOUSING.

The Council built no houses during the year but 16 other houses were built bringing the total number of houses in the District to 1974.

Act	ion with regard to Unfit Houses.	No. of Houses.
1.	Houses demolished in Clearance Areas.	9 -
2.	Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas.	4
3.	Houses closed, not demolished.	5 -
4.	Any other houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included in above.	17
	Houses made fit by informal action under eit Housing or Public Health Act	108
Im	provement Grants.	No of Separate
1.	Applications submitted to Local Authority during year.	23
2.	Applications rejected.	-1
3.	Applications approved.	23
4.	Total Number of houses approved for grant is area since inception of Scheme.	n 108
	Houses not included in above table approved during 1956 for grant under Hill Farming & Livestock Rearing Acts 1946-54	1

One Hundred and ten visits were made to houses under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

The Council own 242 houses and the number of outstanding applications for Council houses on the list at the end of the year is 181.

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## FOOD & DRUGS.

## Food Premises.

With the coming into force of the Food & Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 an effort was made to visit as many of the food premises as the pressure of other work would permit. Circular letters accompanied by explanatory leaflets setting out the various requirements of the Regulations were sent to all premises where food was handled. These were followed by visits to those requiring detailed information.

The following is a list of food premises in the

area:-

Butchers	5
Bakers (with Bakeries attached)	5
Grocers & General Dealers.	18
Green rocers	4
Confectioners	9
Fishmongers do (with vans only)	3
Cafes. ···	5
Hotels	17
Boarding Houses	6
Public Houses (excluding licenthotels)	sed 8
Kippering Sheds	1
Crab Dressing	1

Food Inspection.

9 visits were made to food premises for inspection of defective food, and the following were voluntarily surrended and destroyed:-

Meat	 7 Tine;.
Milk	 4 Tins.
Canned Goods	 30 Tins.

Milk & Dairies.

The number of licences issued in respect of pecial Desi nated Milk are as follows:-

Pasteurised	 1
T.T.	 2

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2 sell T.T. Milk, and 3 sell ungraded Milk. Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2017 with funding from Wellcome Library

## Ice-Cream.

There are two premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream, one of which uses the cold-mix process.

15 premises are registered for the sale of icecream All of these sell only pre-packed ice-cream.

## Slaughter Houses.

There are two privately owned Slau hter-houses. One at Belford is used by the butcher there, and one at Seahouses used by the three Seahouses butchers and the Bamburgh Butcher. Neither of these match up to modern standards and the Belford Slaughterhouse is not capable of being brought up to a reasonable standard by virtue of structural limitation and proximity to dwellin houses.

The Seahouses Slaughterhouse is not so limited and it is hoped that the owner will be prepared to do the necessary work to attain the requisite standard.

## Meat Inspection.

The following tables show the number of animals slaughtered and the caracases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

C	ttle Cluding	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses
Number killed (if known)	261	Nil.	2	536	102	Nil
Number Inspected.	243	Nil.	2	501	101	Nil.
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci			6 350			455
Whole caracases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	
Car cases of which some part or organ was condemed	115	-	-	26	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	47.3	1 2	-	5.2	2.0	· -
Tuberculosis only: Whole caracases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	4	-	Plon 1	_	1	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.6	-	-	-	1.0	
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-		
Carcases submitted to treatmen by refrigeration.	t -	-	-	-	-	
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	

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## REFUSE REMOVAL.

The collection of refuse, still confined to the four main Villa es of Belford, Bamburgh. Seahouses and Beadnell, is carried out by one Bedford 7 c.yd. vehicle manned by a driver/loader and an ashbinman.

The number of houses served is now 1170.

The Council's decision to acquire an additional vehicle and extend the service to the whole District is an excellent one. The present limited service can not provide a regular weekly collection in all cases despite the working of long hours of evertin

The new service is expected to come into operation on 1st. April next.

## FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS ACT.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health: -

1	Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notice
(1)	Factories in which section 1,2,3 4,5,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority,	6	6	
(11)	Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority.	24	28	-

Cases in which defects were found - 4. Remedied 4.

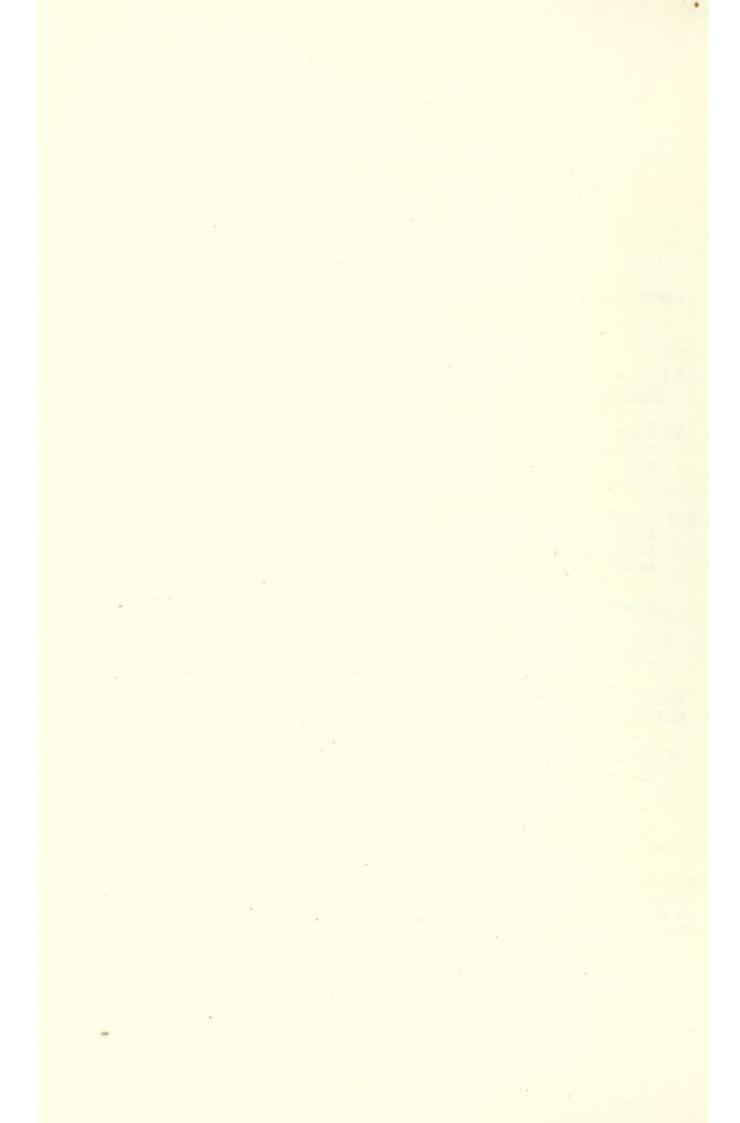
#### Section 34.

Attention having been drawn to the need for certificates as to means of escape in case of fire the 8 factories concerned, all small garages, were inspected.

In each case there was adequate means of escape in case of fire and certificates were issued.

# PREVENTION OF DAMA E BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Mr. Arris who is employed jointly with Norham & Islandshir has carried out his duties admirably, being responsible for all surveys, treatments and the keeping of records. Every endeavour is made to co-operate fully with the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	Type of Property.					
	(1) Local	(2) Dwellg. Houses	(3) All other includg. . business	(4) Total of Col.(1)(2), & (3)	(5) Agricultural	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 & 2)	10	1974	415	2399	104	
11. Numb . of properties in ected as a result of:- (a) Notification		30	2	32	3	
(b) Survey under the Act.	10	1890	204	2104	70	
(c) Otherwise.	-	-	-	-	-	
iv. Number of properties inspection which were found to be		-	-	-	-	
infested by:- (a) Rates (Major. (Minor.	3	2 115	- 3	5 119	4 21	
(b) Nice (Major (Minor	-	7 166	10	8 176	20	
v. Number of infested propertie (in sec.iv) treated by L.A.	4	290	4	298	8	
vi. Total treatments carried out - including re- treatments.	-	-	_	-	-	

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