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BREDBURY AND ROMILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1940.

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BREDBURY AND ROMILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Davies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following Interim Report  
for the year 1940:-

1. (a) General Statistics -

Population (as estimated by the Registrar General	16,090
Area (in acres), Bredbury	2801
Romiley	1152
Compstall	800
	<u>4753</u>
Rateable Value (31st December 1940)	£96,737
Estimated product of a penny rate	£369
No. of Inhabited Houses	5423

(b) Births.

(1) <u>Live Births</u> -	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	125	103	228
Illegitimate	3	2	5
Total .....	<u>128</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>233</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population  
= 14.48

(2) <u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	4	4	8
Total live and still births	<u>132</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>241</u>

Rate per 1,000 live and still births = 33.12 or  
0.53 per 1,000 population.

(c) Deaths.

(1) All causes	75	109	184
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			= 11.43

(2) Deaths from			
Puerperal Causes	-	2	2
Rate per 1,000 total births			= 8.36

(3) Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age			
Legitimate	4	8	12
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>

Death Rate, all infants per 1,000 live births = 54.39

" " legitimate infants " legitimate live births } = 51.28  
" " illegitimate " " illegitimate live births } = 200.

Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years of age = 1

(4) Deaths from Cancer all ages	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	8	10	18





2. (a) Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis during the year 1940.

Disease	Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths
Diphtheria	17	17	-
Scarlet Fever	17	10	-
Whooping Cough	11	-	-
Measles	179	-	-
Pneumonia	8	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Totals .....	233	29	-

Ages of Patients.

	0-5 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	15-30 yrs.	30-50 yrs.	50-70 yrs.	Over 70 yrs.
Diphtheria	4	5	7	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	10	5	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	8	3	-	-	-	-
Measles	62	114	2	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	6	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals .....	76	132	15	8	1	1

During the first five months of the year a few cases of Measles confined almost entirely to the Lower Bredbury area were being notified almost every week. At the beginning of June 15 cases were notified in one week and it appeared likely that the District was to suffer a large epidemic. However, this proved to be the highest number notified in a week and though 149 further cases occurred they were spread over a period of seven months. The gradual extension of the disease to Romiley and on to Compstall was an interesting feature of the outbreak. The disease was of a mild type, affecting mainly children aged between 2 and 7 years, and there were no deaths.

Diphtheria occurred in a disproportionately large number of cases in the age group 15-30 years, most of them being between 18-25 years of age. Two of the cases were 'carriers'.

The Council's Scheme for providing free material for diphtheria immunisation was used hardly at all during the year. Thirty one swabs were examined for diphtheria during the year, one being reported positive.

(b) Tuberculosis.

During the year there were 12 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, four being transfers from other Authorities, and four cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, one being a transfer.

11 Deaths occurred, 9 of which were due to the Pulmonary form of the disease.

**2. (a) Notifiable Diseases Other than Tuberculosis**  
**for Year 1950**

Disease	Total Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria	17	1
Scarlet Fever	17	1
Whooping Cough	17	1
Measles	17	1
Polio	17	1
Parotitis	17	1
Respiratory System	17	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

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Whooping Cough	17	1
Measles	17	1
Polio	17	1
Parotitis	17	1
Respiratory System	17	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

During the year 1950, the number of cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, measles, polio, and parotitis were 17 each. The number of deaths was 1. The number of cases of respiratory system was 17. The number of deaths was 1.

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Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality during 1940.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 "	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1
15-25 "	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
25-35 "	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
35-45 "	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45-55 "	2	1	-	1	3	1	-	-
55-65 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ....	7	5	2	2	6	3	1	1

The number of cases remaining in the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was :-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Pulmonary	29	26	55
Non-Pulmonary	10	21	31
Totals .....	39	47	86

Of the 55 specimens of sputum submitted from this area to the County Laboratory, 12 were positive and 43 negative.

3. Centralised Slaughtering. Following the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order 1940 of the Ministry of Food, the slaughter of meat for the Urban District was centralised at No. 3 Slaughterhouse, Stockport. The deficiencies of the permits were brought to the notice of the Ministries of Food and Health, and it is hoped that material improvements will be made as the scheme becomes established.

4. Refugees. In the early part of the year considerable preparatory work was done in conjunction with the County Council for the reception of refugees in the District. Though the scheme was never operated it is anticipated that good use will be made of the information collected, and that this will later be supplemented by a more complete survey of housing accommodation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Davies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. R. DUGDALE,

Medical Officer of  
Health.



