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BURNLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year ended 31st December, 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1946.

The health of the district was very satisfactory throughout the year and there was no excessive or unusual mortality which requires special comment.

The birth-rate of 15·2 per 1,000 of the population was practically the same as in 1945, but was 3·9 lower than the rate for England and Wales.

There were 10 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality rate of 40·0 per 1,000 births, which was an increase of 15·0 per 1,000 over the previous year and 3 per 1,000 more than the national rate.

Deaths from all causes totalled 236, giving a death-rate of 14·4 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 203 deaths and a rate of 13·0 per 1,000 in 1945. The death-rate for England and Wales was 11·5.

Of the 236 deaths, 151 were of persons over 65 years of age. The principal causes of death were — Heart disease 72, Cerebral haemorrhage 25, Cancer 24, Bronchitis 12.

Regarding the incidence of infectious disease, it will be noted from the statistics given in the report that the number of cases was considerably below the average for the previous 5 years, especially as regards cases of scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough.

Seven cases of diphtheria occurred, as compared with 15 in 1945. It is interesting to note that 6 of the 7 cases had not received immunisation treatment.

Diphtheria Immunisation continued during the year, and 212 children received primary treatment, which was chiefly carried out at Child Welfare Centres or privately by their own family doctor. In addition, sessions for treatment were held at schools, and 180 children received a secondary or re-inforcing injection. Private practitioners were engaged to give this treatment.

According to the records in the office, 53% of the child population under 5 years of age and 68% between the ages of 5 and 15 had received immunisation treatment at the end of 1946. This percentage is rather low, but no doubt many more children have received treatment privately of which we have no official record. Leaflets were distributed in schools, and the homes of infants were visited by the County Health Visitors, in an endeavour to persuade parents to have their children immunised.

Supervision of the sanitary conditions of the district was well maintained. The position regarding labour and materials still remains difficult, and efforts had therefore of necessity to be concentrated on the more essential repairs necessary to keep dwellings in a reasonable state of repair.

We desire again to acknowledge the good work done by Mr. A. Johnson, Chief Sanitary Inspector, who has throughout the year performed his duties with commendable thoroughness. Much of this report has been compiled by him and we fully appreciate his help.

We are,

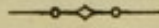
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,

D. C. LAMONT,
R. E. ROBINSON.

November, 1947

Burnley Rural District Council

YEAR 1946.



Chairman : COUNCILLOR R. TOOTELL.

Vice-Chairman : COUNCILLOR H. JESSOP.



COUNCILLORS :

Altham	- - -	Herbert Jessop, Pasture Gate, Altham.
Barley	- - -	G. T. Cook, 6, Pendle View, Barley.
Blacko	- - -	Irvin Walton, " Hillcrest " Gisburn Road, Blacko.
Briercliffe	- -	James E. Leaver, Rose Cottage, Cockden, Briercliffe.
Cliviger	- - -	William Alderson, c.c., 1, Longfield Terrace, Cliviger.
Dunnockshaw	-	John E. Riley, 4, Prospect Terrace, Dunnockshaw.
Foulridge	- - -	W. Roberts, " Bankfield," Foulridge.
Goldshaw Booth		William Starkie, Craven Lea, Fence, nr. Burnley.
Habergham Eaves		E. Broxup, 433, Manchester Road, Habergham Eaves.
Hapton	- - -	Edward Dinsdale, " Hambleside," Burnley Road, Hapton.
Higham	- - -	A Brown, 19, Laneside, Higham.
Ightenhill	- - -	The Rt. Hon. Lord Shuttleworth, M.C., J.P., Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham.
Old Laund Booth		C. E. Angus, 2, Forest Avenue, Wheatley Lane.
Read	- - - -	Rev. G. Greatorex, The Vicarage, Read.

COUNCILLORS.—CONTINUED.

Reedley Hallows	Richard Tootell, 22, Reedley Grove, Reedley.
Roughlee Booth	J. Broughton, Hr. Greystones Farm, Roughlee.
Sabden - - -	C. Driver, 23, Pendle Street West, Sabden.
Simonstone and Northtown	J. R. Ferniough, "Edgeley" South View, Whin Lane, Simonstone.
Worsthorne-with-Hurstwood	Alfred Henry Pickles, J.P., "Bryn Hey," Worsthorne.

 OFFICIALS :—

Clerk—H. E. PURTON (retired 31st December, 1946).

A. MOORE, (Appointed 1st January, 1947.)

Medical Officers of Health—D. C. LAMONT, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.
(Temporary). M.O.H., BURNLEY.

R. E. ROBINSON, M.A., M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P., D.P.H., M.O.H., COLNE.

Engineer and Surveyor—F. HEWITT, F.S.I.,
(retired 31st July, 1946.)

H. VARLEY, F.S.I.,
(from 1st August, 1946.)

Sanitary Inspectors—A. JOHNSON M.S.I.A.

H. WOODCOCK, M.S.I.A.

Council Offices—"OAKLEIGH," REEDLEY, NEAR BURNLEY.

(A) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

II.

Area (in acres)	39841
Population - Census, 1931	17521
Estimated mid-year 1946	16290
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1931)	5027
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1931) ..	5047
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1946 according to Rate Book	5954
Rateable value	£120702
Sum represented by a 1d. rate (estimated)	£468

The chief occupations of the people are cotton weaving, coal mining and dairy farming.

There was practically no unemployment in the District during the year. Social conditions, on the whole, were fairly satisfactory.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births :—Legitimate	118	117	235
Illegitimate	7	6	13
	<hr/> 125	<hr/> 123	<hr/> 248

(Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1946 - 15·2).

Still Births :— Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—

(Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 23·0).

DEATHS.

Male.	Female.	Total.
116	120	236

(Death-rate per 1,000 of the population - 14·4).

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

	Deaths	Death-rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births.
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	—	Nil.
Other maternal causes	1	3·93
Total maternal mortality	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 3·93

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	5	5	10
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Death-rate of all infants per 1,000 live births — 40.

Death-rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 leg. live births—42.

Death-rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illeg. live births—Nil.

The following tables shewing the birth and death rates during the last ten years will perhaps be of interest.

BIRTH RATE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Year.	Births.	Rate per 1,000 of Population.
1937	180	10.1
1938	184	10.3
1939	203	11.6
1940	181	10.4
1941	190	11.0
1942	194	11.5
1943	225	13.6
1944	245	14.9
1945	239	15.3
1946	248	15.2

DEATH RATE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Year.	No.	Rate pr 1,000 of Population.
1937	241	13.6
1938	182	10.2
1939	242	13.8
1940	232	13.3
1941	248	14.3
1942	225	13.3
1943	255	15.4
1944	212	12.9
1945	203	13.0
1946	236	14.4

INFANTILE DEATHS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Year.	No.	Rate per 1,000 births.
1937	8	44.0
1938	8	43.0
1939	11	54.0
1940	8	43.0
1941	8	41.0
1942	4	20.0
1943	12	53.0
1944	14	57.0
1945	6	25.0
1946	10	40.0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	32
„ „ Measles (all ages)	—
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	—
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1

	PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION.				MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE.		Rate of Deaths under One Year per 1,000 live births
	Live birth-rate	Crude death-rate	Death-rate from tuberculosis of resp'tory system	Death-rate from cancer	Per 1,000 Live births	Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) births	
Mean of five years—							
1941-1945 ...	13.2	13.7	0.31	1.65	2.61	2.53	39
Year—							
1945	15.3	13.0	0.44	1.92	4.18	4.01	25
1946	15.2	14.4	0.24	1.96	4.03	3.93	4
Increase or decrease in 1946 on—							
5 years' average,							
1941-1945 ...	+2.0	+0.7	—0.07	+0.31	+1.42	+1.40	+1
Previous year	—0.1	+1.4	—0.20	+0.04	—0.15	—0.08	+15

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male.	Female.
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers....	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	—	—
3. Scarlet fever	—	—
4. Whooping cough	—	—
5. Diphtheria	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	3
7. Other forms of tuberculosis	—	—
8. Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9. Influenza	1	4
10. Measles	—	—
11. Acute polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	—	—
12. Acute infectious encephalitis	1	—
13. Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (males); also cancer of uterus (F)...	3	—
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	—
15. Cancer of breast	—	1
16. Cancer of all other sites	10	14
17. Diabetes	—	1
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	8	17
19. Heart Disease	37	35
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	6	5
21. Bronchitis	6	6
22. Pneumonia	2	3
23. Other respiratory diseases....	1	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25. Diarrhoea, under 2 years of age	—	1
26. Appendicitis	—	—
27. Other digestive diseases	4	3
28. Nephritis	5	1
29. Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30. Other maternal causes	—	1
31. Premature birth	1	1
32. Congenital malformations, birth injury, infantile disease	4	2
33. Suicide	2	3
34. Road traffic accidents	—	—
35. Other violent causes	5	5
36. All other causes	15	13
	<hr/> 116	<hr/> 120

The total number of deaths was 33 more than in the previous year. The average for the previous 10 years was 227 deaths.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGE PERIODS

	Under 1 year	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65-75	75 and over.	Total
Males ...	5	—	—	—	—	5	29	34	43	116
Females...	5	—	—	—	—	8	33	39	35	120
	10	—	—	—	—	13	62	73	78	236

There was no evidence that any of the conditions of occupations or environment had any prejudicial effect on health.

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case rates for certain Infectious diseases in the Year 1946. Provisional figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales.	126 C.Bs. and Great Towns including London.	148 Smaller Towns Resident Pop. 25,00-50,000 at 1931 Census.	Burnley Rural District.
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.				
Live Births.....	19.1†	22.2	21.3	15.2
Still	0.53‡	0.67	0.59	0.36
Deaths :—				
All causes	11.5†	12.7	11.7	14.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Influenza	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.3
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Rates per 1,000 Live Births :—				
Deaths under 1 year of Age	43†	46	37	40
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	4.4	6.1	2.8	4.0
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.				
Notifications :—				
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06
Scarlet Fever	1.38	1.51	1.33	1.53
Whooping Cough	2.28	2.48	2.05	0.61
Diphtheriz	0.28	0.32	0.31	0.42
Erysipelas	0.22	0.25	0.22	0.12
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	3.92	4.73	3.70	4.11
Pneumonia	0.89	1.02	0.74	0.49

* A dash (—) signifies that there was no deaths.

† Per 1,000 related births.

‡ Rates per 1,000 Total Population.

(B) GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. **Laboratory Facilities.**—Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examination are sent to the Burnley Public Health Laboratory, Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and the cost of examination is borne by the Rural District Council.

The number of specimens sent to the Laboratory by medical practitioners and others during 1946 is given on page 24.

2. **Ambulance Facilities.**—Since 1944 a **free** ambulance service for all accident and sick cases has been in operation throughout the District, by arrangement with neighbouring local authorities whose motor ambulances are used.

The cost to the Council for the year was approximately £380.

3. **Nursing in the Home.**—There are three Nursing Associations in the District, viz. :—

- (a) **Fence District**, which includes the parishes of Old Laund Booth, Higham, Barley, Roughlee, Goldshaw Booth and part of Reedley. — One Nurse.
- (b) **Read District** includes the parishes of Read, Sabden, Simonstone. — One Nurse.
- (c) **Cliviger District** includes the parishes of Cliviger, Worsthorne, Hapton, and Habergham Eaves. — Two Nurses.
- (d) **Blacko**, this township is a member of the Nursing Association in the adjacent Urban District of Barrowford.

Other parishes are served by Nursing Associations in nearby towns through voluntary subscriptions.

The nurses attend to midwifery cases on behalf of the County Council. This service, and indeed the nurses work generally, has been of inestimable value to the District, and is greatly appreciated by the public.

The Associations are maintained by public subscriptions, but the County Council meet the cost of the service in connection with midwifery.

(C)—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.
WATER SUPPLY.

A number of houses were connected to the Council's water supplies in place of unsatisfactory private supplies, viz :—

Damfield Cottages, Cliviger	—	12 houses.
Mereclough, Cliviger	—	11 houses
Field Top, Fence	—	6 houses
Roughlee School, Roughlee	—	School

Twenty samples of water were taken, 8 from public supplies and 12 from private, as follows :—

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.

Results of Examination.

Township.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.
Briercliffe	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Cliviger	Unsatisfactory	do.
Foulridge	Satisfactory	do.
Hapton	Doubtful	do.
Read (2)	Unsatisfactory (later satisfactory)	do.
Newchurch	Doubtful	do.
Sabden	Doubtful	do.

These results were reported to the Council, and, where necessary, appropriate action was taken by the Surveyor's department to effect an improvement.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES.

Under Pendle Farm,
Barley — Satisfactory

Noyna Hall Farm,
Foulridge — Satisfactory

Higham.

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| (1) Drinking Fountain | Satisfactory |
| (2) 3, Town Gate | do. |
| (3) Fir Trees House | do. |

Thorneyholme Square,
Roughlee — Doubtful

Crowtrees, Spring Cottages, Roughlee	—	Satisfactory
Sabden House, Sabden Fold	—	Satisfactory
Roadside Well, Sabden Fold	—	Doubtful
Green Top Farm, Sabden Fold	—	Unsatisfactory
School, Roughlee	—	Unsatisfactory
Damfield Cottages, Cliviger	—	Unsatisfactory

The school at Roughlee and the cottages at Damfield, Cliviger, were subsequently connected to the Council's water supply. The pollution of the supply at Green Top Farm was caused by surface water getting into the supply ; this was diverted and the supply is now satisfactory.

Of the chemical analyses of the public water supplies, the Analyst reported :—

“ The waters are of a good degree of organic purity, and chemically, quite suitable for drinking purposes. The pH values of 4 of the samples are rather on the low side and there might be some tendency to react with lead, although this is not apparent in the samples submitted for analysis.”

The samples with a rather low pH value were :—

Sabden supply	pH value 6.3
Hapton ,,	pH value 5.6
Newchurch ,,	pH value 6.3
Foulridge ,,	pH value 6.2 ”

Steps are being taken to install chlorination plants to all the Council's water supplies.

Details of the estimated number of houses with a piped supply of water are as follows :—

	No. of dwelling houses	Piped Supplies.		Not Piped.
		From public water mains	From private supplies	
Altham	231	215	16	—
Barley	82	15	60	7
Blacko	171	119	44	8
Briercliffe	858	823	22	13
Cliviger	603	381	200	22
Dunnockshaw ...	124	25	95	4
Foulridge	483	423	51	9
Goldshaw	73	33	38	2
Habergham Eaves	250	218	30	2
Hapton	601	540	37	24
Higham	207	133	66	8
Ightenhill	57	57	—	—
Northtown	32	18	13	1
Old Laund Booth	253	217	36	—
Read	284	260	24	—
Reedley Hallows	270	208	51	11
Roughlee	115	34	80	1
Sabden	456	400	56	—
Simonstone	225	213	12	—
Worsthorne	580	574	6	—

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No special action has been taken to check the pollution of rivers and streams in the area. The chief source of pollution is from villages not yet sewered.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There were no important extensions of sewerage nor was any special work carried out in connection with sewage disposal.

Sewerage schemes are needed at Cliviger, Dunnockshaw, part of Briercliffe (Lane Bottom area), and Ightenhill, Newchurch-in-Pendle, Simonstone (Clough area), Reedley Hallows (Ainsdale Ave., and Quaker Bridge) Barley and Roughlee.

A sewerage scheme for Cliviger is at present being prepared.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The following statement shews the number of closet conversions carried out during the year, and for the previous 5 years :—

	1946.	1941—1945.
Waste water closets to fresh water closets —	—	35
Privies to fresh water closets —	—	—
Privies to pail closets —	—	10
Pail closets to fresh water closets —	—	3

The approximate numbers of sanitary conveniences in the District are as follows :—

Fresh-water closets ...	2419
Waste water closets ...	2191
Pail closets	612
Tank closets (cesspools)	423

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There was no extension or noteworthy improvement during the year in the arrangements for the removal of house refuse and the emptying of cesspools, etc.

At present we have 3 motor vehicles and 2 horses and carts engaged on this work. The motor vehicles are hired, but all the work is done by direct labour. House refuse is disposed of on tips. Great difficulty is being experienced in disposing of closet contents and schemes are in hand to either deposit the material in sewers or take it to sewage works.

House refuse is collected weekly in most parishes and pail closets are emptied weekly throughout the district.

Salvage work was well maintained and the amounts of waste paper and other materials collected compared favourably with those of the previous year.

Particulars of the material collected are as follows :—

	1946.	1945.
Waste Paper ...	90 tons.	72½ tons.
Bottles	76 doz.	148 doz.
Jars	94 doz.	162 doz.
Scrap Iron... ..	6 tons.	5½ tons.
Aluminium	2 cwts.	1½ cwts.
Lead	2 cwts.	2 cwts.
Brass	1 cwt.	1 cwt.
Copper	1 cwt.	68 lbs.
Zinc	2 qrs.	18 lbs.
Bones	36 cwts.	30 cwts.

Rags	...	...	2½ tons.	3½ tons.
Woollens	...	...	2 cwts.	—
Carpets	...	...	3 cwts.	—
String	...	...	5 cwts.	—
Rubber	...	...	—	1 ton.
Total Receipts ...			£667	£553

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

The several townships in the District have been regularly inspected.

Fifty-four complaints were received. These were immediately investigated and dealt with.

Number of visits to premises	...	...	...	995
Number of defects or nuisances found	...	...	...	405
Number of notices issued—(a) Preliminary	...	...	...	118
(b) Statutory	...	...	...	14

MATTERS DEALT WITH:—

Defective dustbins renewed	...	...	...	204
Defective sanitary pails renewed	...	...	...	85
Blocked drains opened	...	...	...	24
Burst water pipes repaired	...	...	...	8
New closet pedestals fixed	...	...	...	1
Sink waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	4
Defective drains repaired	...	...	...	3
Septic tanks repaired	...	...	...	6
Defective eaves gutters repaired	...	...	...	11
Defective rain water pipes repaired	...	...	...	6
Blocked waste water closets opened	...	...	...	9
Defective closet structures repaired	...	...	...	2
Back yard surface repaired	...	...	...	1
Defective yard walls rebuilt	...	...	...	5
Defective closet cistern repaired	...	...	...	1
Defective closet door renewed	...	...	...	1
Defective yard door renewed	...	...	...	1
Defective coal-place rebuilt	...	...	...	1
Defective closet tipper repaired	...	...	...	3
House floor repaired	...	...	...	1
Broken windows re-glazed	...	...	...	2
Defective fireplace repaired	...	...	...	1
Defective scullery chimneys renewed	...	...	...	2

Total nuisances abated ... 382

SHOPS.

No action was taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, relating to temperature and ventilation of shops and to sanitary conveniences, nor under the Public Health Act, 1936.

CAMPING SITES.

- (a) Number of sites in the District which were used for camping purposes during 1946 Two
- (b) Number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 None
- (c) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the district at one time during the summer season 60

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No special action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

No changes or developments during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Several inspections were made and the sanitary conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, ETC.

No action was taken with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. in the district. There are no local byelaws dealing with these or similar structures.

SCHOOLS.

Conditions reported in previous reports are unchanged. No school closure took place on account of infectious disease.

DISINFESTATION.

Three houses were dealt with during the year—one for flea infestation and 2 for bugs.

The rooms were fumigated with sulphur candles for the flea infestation and with "Thermatox" fumigators for the bug infestations, and afterwards were sprayed with Zaldecide or Pyagra disinfectant containing D.D.T. The work was done by the Health Department and the results were very satisfactory.

(D) HOUSING.

The housing situation remains much the same as last year.

Ten housing schemes are contemplated in the various parishes and sites have been obtained. Work is in hand on 4 of these schemes.

(a) STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the Year :— None.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 182

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 378

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 182

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 378

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous 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 49

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 36

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... .. 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners 1

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices 1

(b) by local authority in default of owners... 1

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year (estimated)	18
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ...	18
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ...	82
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	0

The repairs effected to houses were of a general character. It was not possible to carry out any reconditioning of property, but every effort was made to get repairs done which would keep the houses in a reasonable state of fitness.

Considerable difficulty was again experienced in getting repairs done on account of shortage of labour and materials.

(E) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**(a) MILK SUPPLY.**

Particulars as to the number of dairy farms in the district have been given in previous reports.

The number of inspections made during 1946 ...	428
Notices issued re defects and/or dirty conditions	42

Improvements effected :—

Huntroyde Home Farm,	(a) Cowshed remodelled.
SIMONSTONE.	(b) Modern dairy provided.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOOD.

Under the Government's war-time scheme of meat control the private slaughterhouses in the district have not been used since the beginning of the war ; all slaughtering for this area is at present being done at the abattoir in Burnley.

The butchers' shops, however, have been inspected and generally were found clean and well maintained.

Attention was also paid to other premises where food, including ice-cream, was prepared, and frequent inspections carried out.

The following articles of food were condemned during the year :—

- 52 of 1 lb. tins of meat.
- 35 of 2 lbs. tins of jam.
- 4 tins of condensed milk.
- 3 tins of peas.
- 2 tins of salmon.
- Pluck, head and part of carcass of a pig.

(c) ADULTERATION, ETC.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and deal with adulteration of food, etc.

(d) CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF FOOD.

Examinations are carried out at the Burnley Municipal Laboratory. No food was sent for examination during the year.

(e) NUTRITION.

No special action was taken.

(f) SHELL-FISH (MOLLUSCAN).

There are no shell-fish beds or layings in the District.

**(F) PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

GENERAL.

As will be seen from the table below, there were 43 fewer cases of infectious disease than in 1945.

Two outbreaks of measles occurred at Foulridge and Hapton during November and December, but apart from these the incidence of infectious disease in any one parish was very slight.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Smallpox....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	47	71	40	39	42	25
Diphtheria	11	1	4	3	15	7
Enteric fever (including paratyphoid)	3	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	146	73	173	33	75	67
Whooping cough	37	22	27	2	16	10
Acute pneumonia	16	11	10	6	9	8
Puerperal pyrexia	—	4	2	2	2	3
Cerebro-spinal fever	4	2	1	—	—	1
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	3	4	7	2
Erysipelas	6	8	1	4	3	2
Ophthalmia Neon	1	4	5	—	1	1
Total	271	196	266	93	170	127

Scarlet Fever :—The cases were fairly well distributed over the whole district, notifications being received from 13 of the 20 parishes in the district.

The figures shown in brackets are the numbers for the previous year.

Townships from which notifications were received :—

Altham	0 (1)	Higham	0 (2)
Barley	0 (0)	Ightenhill	0 (0)
Blacko	1 (2)	Northtown	0 (0)
Briercliffe	2 (11)	Old Laund Booth	2 (4)
Cliviger	1 (1)	Read	1 (0)
Dunnockshaw	2 (0)	Reedley	1 (5)
Foulridge	7 (4)	Roughlee	1 (1)
Goldshaw Booth	2 (2)	Sabden	0 (0)
Habergham Eaves	0 (1)	Simonstone	1 (1)
Hapton	3 (6)	Worsthorne	1 (1)

Seasonal Prevalence.

January	3(10)	July	3 (2)
February.....	4 (3)	August	3 (2)
March	1 (4)	September	0 (1)
April	0 (0)	October	5 (2)
May	2 (4)	November	1 (8)
June	2 (3)	December	1 (3)

Sixteen patients were removed to the Infectious Disease Hospital, being 64% of the total number notified.

There were no deaths.

Diphtheria :—Seven cases occurred, compared with 15 in 1945.

Townships affected :—

Briercliffe	2 (5)	Read	2 (1)
Hapton	1 (3)	Sabden	0 (1)
Habergham Eaves ...	0 (1)	Northtown	0 (1)
Cliviger	0 (1)	Worsthorne	1 (1)
Foulridge	1 (1)		

Seasonal Prevalence.

January	3	July	2
February	0	August	0
March	0	November	1
April	1	December	0
May	0		

Six of the 7 patients had not received immunisation treatment.

Measles :—The total number of cases was 8 less than in 1945. It will be noticed that 48 of the total number of 67 cases occurred in 3 parishes.

Townships from which notifications were received :—

Altham	0 (4)	Higham	0 (1)
Barley	0 (0)	Ightenhill	0 (0)
Blacko	2 (0)	Northtown	0 (0)
Briercliffe	2(27)	Old Laund Booth	3 (3)
Cliviger	4 (4)	Read	1 (0)
Dunnockshaw	1 (1)	Sabden	0 (6)
Foulridge	14 (0)	Reedley	4 (7)
Goldshaw Booth	0 (0)	Simonstone.....	0 (0)
Habergham Eaves.....	2 (2)	Worsthorne.....	9 (4)
Hapton	25 (6)		

Seasonal Prevalence.

January	0	July	0
February	8	August	2
March	0	September	0
April	0	October	6
May	1	November	32
June	0	December	26

Pneumonia :—Eight cases were notified as compared with nine in 1944, and an average of 10 in the previous 5 years.

There were five deaths during the year from this disease—all un-notified cases.

Townships from which notifications were received :—

Briercliffe	1 (1)	Old Laund Booth	0 (2)
Cliviger	2 (1)	Reedley	0 (1)
Habergham Eaves ...	0 (2)	Worsthorne	5 (2)

Seasonal Prevalence.

January.....	2	May	1
February	1	June	1
March	1	November	2

Whooping Cough :—Ten cases were notified as compared with 16 in the previous year. The average number for the 5 years 1941—1945 was 21.

Townships from which notifications were received :—

Briercliffe	4	Roughlee.....	1
Dunnockshaw	2	Sabden	1
Old Laund Booth	2		

Seasonal Prevalence.

March	4	November	1
July	1	December	1
October	3		

Four of the 10 cases came from 2 families, 2 each from 2 families.

There were no deaths.

Other Infectious Disease :—None of the other infectious diseases calls for special comment.

Disinfection :—47 houses were disinfected during the year. Fumigation or spraying with formalin is the usual method employed. Where necessary, bedding, etc. is removed to the Burnley Corporation Cleansing Station for steam disinfection.

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations.

	Total	Negative	Positive
Swabs (Diph). ...	47	44	3
Sputum (T.B.) ...	14	13	1
Faeces (Ent. or Dys.)	11	—	—
Blood ...	4	—	—

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who completed a full course of immunisation during the year was :—

0—4 years of age ...	172
5—14 years of age ...	40

The percentage of the child population that had received immunisation treatment by the end of 1946, was :—

Under 5 years of age.....	53%
Over 5 and under 15 years of age ...	68%

The prophylactic used in the Council's scheme was A.P.T.

No post-Schick tests were undertaken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1946.

The following analysis of cases of infectious diseases notified, and deaths therefrom, under the various age groups, will perhaps be of interest.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.											Hospital.		Total Deaths.		
	Total cases at all ages	Years.									Total cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to District				
		Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35			35-45		45-65	65 & over
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	25	—	—	5	2	8	6	2	2	2	—	—	—	17	—	—
Diphtheria	7	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	7	—	—
Enteric fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Acute pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(primary & influenzal)	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Measles	67	1	—	8	8	42	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
Ophthalmia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
neonatorum	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Whooping Cough	10	2	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	127	4	1	5	16	11	55	14	5	7	3	3	3	31	Nil	5

Cancer :—The number of deaths from cancer was 32, two more than in the previous year.

The average number of deaths for the decennial period 1937-1946 was 28.

Localisation of the disease :—

FEMALES :—Lung 1 ; Pancreas 1 ; Colon 1 ; Breast 1 ; Liver 5 ; Rectum 1 ; Others 5.

MALES :—Stomach 4 ; Prostate 2 ; Oesophagus and mouth 3 ; Lung 1 ; Colon 1 ; Rectum 1 ; Liver 4 ; Other 1.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGE PERIODS.

	15-20	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65	65-70	70-75	Over 75
Males ...	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	4
Females	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	4	2	1	3

DEATHS DURING PAST 10 YEARS.

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Males ...	17	14	15	12	16	16	13	14	11	17
Females	11	15	12	16	10	18	12	8	19	15
Total ...	28	29	27	28	26	34	25	22	30	32

DEATH RATE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

Year.	Cancer Deaths.	Total number of Deaths (all causes).	Rate per 100 deaths.
1937	28	223	12·5
1938	28	241	11·6
1939	29	182	15·9
1940	27	242	11·2
1941	28	232	12·1
1942	26	248	10·5
1943	34	225	15·1
1944	25	255	9·8
1945	30	203	14·7
1946	32	236	13·6

TUBERCULOSIS.

Number of primary notifications received from medical practitioners on Form 'A'	Total.	Non-Pulmonary.	
		Pulmonary.	Pulmonary
... 12	...	9	3
Un-notified cases (obtained from Death Returns) ...	1	1	—
Total ...	13	10	3

Localisation of the Disease :—

	M.		F.	Total.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	...	8	10
Kidney ...	—	...	1	1
Glands of Neck ...	—	...	2	2
	2	...	11	13

Occupation of Patients :—

	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary
Wood Worker ...	1	—
Clerk (Office) ...	1	—
Household Duties ...	5	—
Weavers (Cotton Mill) ...	2	1
Painter ...	1	—
Children ...	—	2
	10	3

The following table shews the age periods of new cases and of deaths in the area :—

Age. Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
45—55	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2	8	—	3	1	3	—	—
Totals	10		3		4		—	

TABLE.

Comparative Statement of Cases Notified during past 10 years.

Year.	PULMONARY.		NON-PULMONARY.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
1937	4	8	2	3	17
1938	1	7	4	6	18
1939	5	4	1	4	14
1940	5	5	5	2	17
1941	7	4	6	5	22
1942	3	11	1	—	15
1943	3	7	—	3	13
1944	3	3	4	3	13
1945	6	7	3	1	17
1946	2	8	—	3	13

The notification of the disease by medical practitioners is very satisfactorily carried out and no case of wilful neglect or refusal to notify has occurred.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

Year.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1937	3	7	3	1	14
1938	2	—	1	—	3
1939	2	3	—	—	5
1940	4	5	—	—	9
1941	3	5	3	1	12
1942	3	6	—	1	10
1943	—	2	—	1	3
1944	1	—	—	2	3
1945	4	3	—	—	7
1946	1	3	—	—	4

All the deaths were of notified cases.

There does not appear to be any evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation.

Seven patients were sent to various sanatoria for treatment, and three pulmonary and eight non-pulmonary cases were reported by the County Tuberculosis Officer to have recovered from the disease.

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, which relate to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade; or under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to the compulsory removal to a hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

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TABLE I. - SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Year	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	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