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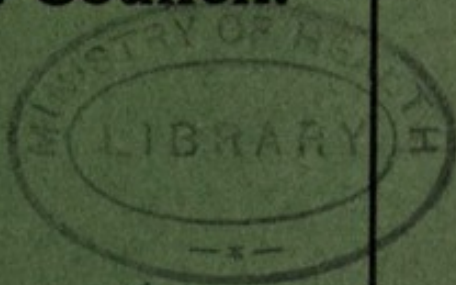
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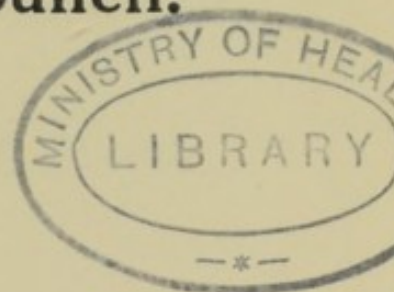
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Cannock Rural District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1925.

CHESLYN HAY, WALSALL,

MAY 24th, 1926.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1925.

Estimate of Population of the District, 23,320.

Brewood Sub-Registration District	11,300
Cannock (Rural) Sub-Registration District	12,020
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			23,320

Larger Parish Estimates.—

Bushbury	4150	Brewood	2560
Cheslyn Hay	3500	Penkridge	2400
Great Wyrley	...	...	3000	Huntington	...	...	1400
Essington	...	...	2800				

Coal mining the principal industry; edge tool workers, agricultural, and in Bushbury, electric workers, motor mechanics, and railwaymen.

Births in the Year **526.**

Males, 256.

Females, 270.

Illegitimate Births 12

Birth Rate, 22.5 per 1,000.

In 1924	...	...	...	23.7	per 1,000.
1923	...	...	...	21.9	,,
1922	...	...	...	22.8	,,
1921	...	...	...	23.8	,,
1920	...	...	...	27.4	,,
1919	...	...	...	19.4	,,

The serious social problem to-day is the artificial restriction of births, and amongst a class in a position to rear and

educate a good-sized family. Supposing the Birth Rate in this country for the next 10 years went down in the same proportion as in the last twenty years, the outlook would be most serious, and our Imperial prestige sadly reduced.

Deaths in the Year 255.

Males, 119. Females, 136.

Death Rate, 10.9 per 1,000.

In 1924	...	...	...	10.7 per 1,000.
1923	...	...	...	11.1 „
1922	...	...	...	13.1 „
1921	...	...	...	9.13 „

Causes of Deaths in Infants ... 35.

Congenital Debility and Premature Birth	...	...	14
Bronchitis	...	...	4
Pneumonia	4
Whooping Cough	5
Convulsions	2
Enteritis	1
Diarrhœa	1
Other Causes	4

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35

The General Causes of Deaths.

Measles	...	5	Lung Tuberculosis	...	10
Whooping Cough	...	10	Pneumonia	...	14
Diphtheria	...	3	Bronchitis	...	18
Influenza	...	11	Other Lung Diseases	...	2
		—			—
		29			44
Cancer	...	24	Diarrhœa	...	4
Diabetes	...	7	Appendicitis	...	3
Brain Disease	...	8	Nephritis	...	2
Heart Disease	...	46			
Arterial Sclerosis	...	1			
		—			—
		86			9

Congenital Debility	...	14
Suicide	...	4
Accident	...	10
Other Diseases and Age		59
		—
		87

TOTAL ... 225

The notable points in these Returns are the number of deaths from Influenza and Whooping Cough; from Lung and Heart Disease; and from Cancer.

Deaths in the Larger Parishes in 7 Years.

					Average per year.
Brewood	...	...	201	...	28.5
Bushbury	...	...	252	...	36
Cheslyn Hay	...	...	272	...	38.9
Penkridge	...	...	183	...	26.1
Great Wyrley	...	...	168	...	24
Essington	...	...	145	...	20.5
Huntington	...	...	74	...	10.4

Causes of Death of District Residents in Institutions Outside the District.

Old Age	...	...	4	Heart Disease	...	...	5
Appendicitis	...	...	3	Pneumonia	...	...	2
Accident	...	...	6	Nephritis	...	...	2
Gall Stones	...	...	1	Uremia	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	1	Intestinal Obstruction	...	...	1
Diabetes	...	...	1	All Other Causes	...	...	21
Whooping Cough	...	...	2				
Bronchitis	...	...	5	TOTAL	...	...	56

Mostly from: Union Infirmary, Wolverhampton General Hospital, Walsall Hospital, Burntwood Mental Hospital, and Stafford Infirmary.

Infectious Diseases Notified.

MEASLES.

Cheslyn Hay	...	...	63	Hatherton	...	...	1
Huntington	...	...	17	Essington	...	...	1
Wyrley	...	...	16	Saredon	...	...	1
Brewood	...	...	9	Stretton	...	...	1
Penkridge	...	...	3				—
Hilton	...	...	1				113

SCARLET FEVER.

Essington	...	...	11	Huntington	...	...	1
Cheslyn Hay	...	...	6	Penkridge	...	...	1
Dunston	...	...	6	Lapley	...	...	1
Bushbury	...	...	5				—
Acton	...	...	3				—
Wyrley	...	...	2				36

DIPHTHERIA.

Cheslyn Hay	...	...	14	Huntington	...	...	6
Brewood	...	...	9	Bushbury	...	...	1
Penkridge	...	...	9	Dunston	...	...	1
Saredon	...	...	7				—
Essington	...	...	5				52

PNEUMONIA.

Cheslyn Hay	...	...	8	Dunston	...	...	1
Wyrley	...	...	4				—
Huntington	...	...	8				17
Bushbury	...	...	1				

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Huntington	...	...	2
Hatherton	...	...	1
			—
			3

ERYSIPELAS.

Wyrley	...	...	4
Essington	...	...	4
Cheslyn Hay	...	...	2
			—
			10

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.

Wyrley	2
Bushbury	1
			—
			3

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

Bushbury	1
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PUERPERAL FEVER.

Huntington	1
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WELFARE WORK.

NURSE ROSE'S REPORT.

Average Monthly Attendance.

Essington Centre	13
Cheslyn Hay Centre	...	...	...	12
Huntington Centre	...	...	...	9
Measles Cases visited	..	...	...	103

Pregnant Women visited	...	...	100
Tuberculosis visits	...	...	176
General visits paid	...	...	3523

NURSE WILCOX'S REPORT.

Measles visits	...	...	35
Tuberculosis visits	...	...	237
Expectant Mothers visited	...	...	98
Whooping Cough visits	..	...	30
General visits paid	...	...	3907

Average Centre attendances

Bushbury Centre	...	...	51
Penkridge Centre	...	...	15
Brewood Centre	...	...	17

Each Nurse during the year paid over 14 visits a day, with several large areas, sparsely populated, and several miles apart. In addition to this, 72 days in a year are allocated for Centre work, and all the Centres are widely apart. I have examined the Nurses Record Books, and advised that more details should be inserted, as to condition of mother, of child, or of environment.

It is proposed to start an Ante-natal Clinic in the District, and I have instructed the Nurses in all cases of suspicious oedema in pregnant women to have specimens of urine submitted for examination by the Welfare Doctors or myself, and to refer any woman with abnormal symptoms to their own Doctor or the Clinic Doctors.

Child Welfare.

Early in the New Year, the Council authorised the Health Visitors to visit a number of Child Welfare Centres with a view to studying the various systems in operation.

On the suggestion of the Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Dudley Joint Committee, the Council had under consideration the appointment of an After-Care Committee for Tuberculosis Cases. Under the scheme of the Joint Committee, the following districts have been constituted:—

- No. 1. Acton, Bednall, Coppenhall, Dunston, Huntington, Kinvaston, Penkridge, and Teddesley Hay.
- No. 2. Brewood, Stretton, and Lapley.
- No. 3. Bushbury.
- No. 4. Essington.
- No. 5. Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.
- No. 6. Featherstone, Hilton, Shareshill, Saredon, and Hatherton.

A number of ladies have been invited to serve on the above

Committee, and to visit cases in the various districts coming under the notice of the Joint Committee.

Towards the end of the year it became apparent that there was a growing necessity for the establishment of an Infant Welfare Centre at Landywood, Great Wyrley. Action was taken by the Council to obtain suitable premises to hold a Centre.

It was decided to hold the Centre at Brewood on the fourth Wednesday in each month, instead of the fourth Thursday.

Bushbury Sewerage.

Instructions were given for the preparations or carrying out of schemes of sewerage, and the treatment and disposal of sewage for the Low Hill, New Oxley, and Fordhouses portions of the Parish of Bushbury. The proposals of the Council have been submitted to the Minister of Health, and the necessary Local Enquiries held. In the case of New Oxley and Fordhouses, a loan has been sanctioned of £15,360 to defray the cost of carrying out the schemes and for the construction of the works. A Contract has been entered into in each case. The scheme for Low Hill includes provision for dealing with storm and surface water. Negotiations are proceeding to obtain a loan for carrying out the work.

Bushbury Mortuary.

A Hand-wheeled Ambulance, fitted with moveable stretchers has been purchased, much improvement being thereby effected.

Bushbury, Essington, Featherstone, and Hilton Sewerage.

During the year a joint scheme for the drainage of portions of the Parishes of Bushbury, Essington, Featherstone, and Hilton was prepared. A Local Enquiry has been held, and a loan of £11,000 sanctioned. This loan has been obtained. A Contract has been entered into for the construction of work. Good progress with the work has been made.

Isolation Hospital.

Early in the year, the Engineer, Mr. H. M. Whitehead, submitted to the Council plans and proposals for the provision of a Porter's Lodge and Discharge Block near the Entrance Gates to the Hospital. In view of the financial liabilities of the Council, it was decided to postpone the work.

Yours respectfully,

W. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL REPORT FOR 1925.

Patients Admitted in 1924 and Discharged in 1925.

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
Georgina Russon, Walsall Bor.	10	...	Scarlet Fever	... 37
Joyce Mellor, Cannock	...	10	...	... 36
Hilda Cockayne, Walsall Bor....	7	...	Diphtheria	... 35
Dorothy Moseley, Walsall Bor.	6	...	...	... 26
Eric Morris, Essington	...	2	Scarlet Fever	... 35
Maud Siddons, Walsall Borough	13	...	...	... 37
Frank Tipper, Walsall Borough	18	...	...	... 33
Bertha Handy, Walsall Borough	5	...	Diphtheria	... 27
Edna Coad, Walsall Borough	...	5	Scarlet Fever	... 36
May Pritchard, Cannock	...	8	...	... 36
Elizabeth Couchman, Dunston	...	8	...	... 35
Bertha Bates, Bushbury	...	13	...	... 33
Roland Foster, Walsall Rural	...	2½	...	... 37

Cases Admitted and Discharged in 1925.

Lilian Williams, Walsall Borough	27	...	Diphtheria	... 26
Evelyn Collins, Walsall Borough	21	...	...	... 26
Edna Thomas, Walsall Borough	4	...	Scarlet Fever	... 42
Gwendoline Newport, Walsall B.	11	...	Diphtheria	... 22
Gladys Harper, Walsall Borough	2	...	...	... 21
Florence Bowdler, Walsall Bor.	20	...	...	... 21
Doris Groves, Walsall Borough	17	...	...	... 21
Nellie Jones, Walsall Borough...	9	...	Scarlet Fever	... 39
Arthur Bowers, Dunston	...	8	...	... 40
Ivy Barker, Acton	...	9	...	... 36
Jack Vicars, Essington	...	12	...	... 43
Marjorie France, Essington	...	4	...	... 43
Dorothy Nunce, Essington	...	15	...	... 44
Sidney Bayliss, Walsall Borough	10	...	...	... 42
Hilda Bayliss, Walsall Borough	9	...	...	... 42
Edith Newbrough, Huntington...	2	...	Diphtheria	... 31
Eileen Adams, Brewood	...	5	...	... 22
Louisa Benton, Walsall Borough	14	...	Scarlet Fever	... 43
Marion Bickley, Penkridge	...	16	Diphtheria	... 19
Olive Farnell, Cheslyn Hay	...	5	...	... 16
Nellie Middleton, Walsall Bor.	2	...	Scarlet Fever	... 43
Walter Jones, Walsall Borough	10	...	Diphtheria	... 26
Mary Bowers, Dunston	...	11	Scarlet Fever	... 46
Ernest Bowers, Dunston	...	5	...	... 46
Emily Bradford, Walsall Borough	2	...	...	... 34
*Horace Barker, Walsall Borough	5	...	Diphtheria	... 8
Walter Brookes, Walsall Bor....	5	...	...	... 23
Ivy Harper, Walsall Borough	...	6	...	... 23
Fred Ward, Walsall Borough	...	9	...	... 22
Greta Williams, Cannock	...	2½	...	... 27
Charles Bowers, Dunston	...	20	...	... 27
Edna Taylor, Brewood	...	10	...	... 22

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
May Faith, Walsall Borough	...	5	Scarlet Fever	30
May Beddoes, Walsall Borough	...	11	"	42
Frank Grice, Huntington	...	14	Diphtheria	22
Marjorie Mytton, Cheslyn Hay	...	19	Scarlet Fever	21
Winifred Fox, Walsall Borough	...	4	"	43
Violet Saunders, Cannock	...	5	Diphtheria	24
Lilian Astley, Dunston	...	4	Scarlet Fever	45
*Frank Sutton, Cannock	...	15	Diphtheria	18
John Richardson, Walsall Bor.	...	10	Scarlet Fever	40
Harold Williams, Cannock	...	5	Diphtheria	45
Archie Williams, Cannock	...	10	"	23
Kathleen Williams, Cannock	...	12	"	23
Clifford Brookes, Cannock	...	3	"	23
Fred Taylor, Shifnal	...	19	"	22
Stanley Poxon, Cheslyn Hay	...	4	Scarlet Fever	42
Lily Poxon, Cheslyn Hay	...	2½	"	40
Ethel Hodson, Walsall Borough	...	12	"	32
George Westwood, Walsall Bor.	...	11	"	42
Daisy Harvey, Walsall Borough	...	6	"	46
Maisie Colley, Cannock	...	9	Diphtheria	21
Annie Roden, Cannock	...	9	"	23
Percy Elsmore, Cannock	...	7	"	25
Renee Pugh, Cannock	...	8	Scarlet Fever	44
Barbara Harvey, Cannock	...	2	Diphtheria	26
William Cooper, Walsall Borough	...	8	Scarlet Fever	42
Amelia Deakin, Cannock	...	14	Diphtheria	24
Douglas Crosbie, Cannock	...	2	"	21
Victor Jackson, Cannock	...	4	"	23
Mary Hinkes, Essington	...	8	"	26
Florence Astley, Penkridge	...	27	Scarlet Fever	42
*Nora Ankrett, Huntington	...	8	Diphtheria	5
Elsie Poole, Brewood	...	4	"	28
Fred Barnett, Cheslyn Hay	...	12	"	20
Ethel Smith, Essington	...	18	Scarlet Fever	38
Reginald Hargreaves, Walsall B.	...	3½	Scarlet Fever	36
William Glover, Walsall Borough	...	5	"	35
Norman Robinson, Brewood	...	3	Diphtheria	12
*Marion Henson, Saredon	...	8	"	12
Dorothy Edwards, Walsall Rural	...	1	"	22
Lizzie Edwards, Walsall Rural	...	18	"	29
Sidney Somes, Bushbury	...	35	"	22
Lorna Walters, Cheslyn Hay	...	8	"	25
Annie Blemen, Walsall Borough	...	7	Scarlet Fever	29
Florrie Carter, Walsall Rural	...	4	"	27
Ernest Richards, Walsall Bor.	...	9	"	42
Annie Clayton, Shifnal	...	23	Diphtheria	22
Kathleen Kilgallon, Huntington	...	2	"	21
Annie Poole, Brewood	...	35	"	29
Ralph Davies, Cheslyn Hay	...	13	"	25
Grace Statlers, Cheslyn Hay	...	6	Scarlet Fever	44
Winifred Kenny, Penkridge	...	8	Diphtheria	37
Mayard Kenny, Penkridge	...	6	"	36
Alice Salt, Walsall Borough	...	9	Scarlet Fever	27
Dolly Poole, Penkridge	...	4	Diphtheria	15
Kathleen Kenny, Penkridge	...	11	"	35
Minnie Reynolds, Cannock	...	16	Scarlet Fever	37

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
William Perrins, Cheslyn Hay	12	...	Diphtheria	24
Lily Worsey, Saredon	9	...	Diphtheria	24
Leslie Goodwin, Walsall Borough	20	...	Scarlet Fever	36
Maud Birch, Walsall Borough	12	...	Scarlet Fever	39
Edith Edwards, Cheslyn Hay	4½	...	"	39
Maurice Edwards, Cheslyn Hay	3	...	"	35
Jack Marriott, Cannock	9	...	"	40
Doris Jenkins, Cheslyn Hay	5	...	Diphtheria	18
Wilfrid Brassington, Walsall Rur.	3	...	"	25
Leslie Jenkins, Cheslyn Hay	7	...	"	25
Florence Hough, Essington	16	...	"	21
Winifred Devney, Cheslyn Hay	3	...	"	22
Dorothy Craddock, Huntington	10	...	Scarlet Fever	22
Gertrude Brassington, Walsall R.	8	...	Diphtheria	22
*Florence Lowbridge, Walsall Rural	3½	...	"	14
Eunice Marshall, Cheslyn Hay	11	...	"	17
Raymond Worsey, Saredon	7	...	"	20
Jean Thomas, Cheslyn Hay	9	...	"	21
Albert Brotherton, Brewood	4	...	"	19
John Rathbone, Walsall Borough	6	...	Scarlet Fever	44
Sarah Williams, Cannock	10	...	"	42
Geoffrey Hough, Essington	7	...	Diphtheria	22
Kathleen Hough, Essington	4	...	"	22
Nellie Nield, Acton	11	...	Scarlet Fever	43
Edith Emery, Essington	22	...	Diphtheria	23
Jean Haynes, Saredon	4	...	"	20
Thomas Hayes, Saredon	28	...	"	19
Samuel Haynes, Saredon	28	...	"	17
Thora Haynes, Essington	8	...	"	17
Kenneth Gigley, Wyrley	2½	...	"	22
May Millington, Walsall Borough	8	...	Scarlet Fever	45
*Maisie Garbett, Walsall Borough	2½	...	"	6
Nellie Hill, Dunston	11	...	"	43
George Brown, Cannock	2	...	"	42
Albert Kennerley, Dunston	17	...	"	41
Lilian Williams, Cannock	3½	...	"	44
Roland Lloyd, Walsall Rural	6	...	Diphtheria	30
Frances Perkins, Walsall Rural	14	...	"	20
*Dennis Lockley, Cannock	2½	...	Scarlet Fever	4
Arthur Doughty, Brewood	7	...	Diphtheria	21
Doris Main, Walsall Borough	9	...	Scarlet Fever	42
Kathleen Main, Walsall Borough	4	...	"	42
Lilian Carrington, Bushbury	8	...	"	42
*William Colebath, Walsall Bor.	5	...	Diphtheria	7
Ronald Titley, Walsall Borough	4½	...	"	27
Hilda Edwards, Walsall Borough	10	...	"	29
Reginald Roberts, Walsall Bor.	13	...	"	22
Leslie Hill, Walsall Borough	2	...	"	22
Florence Hill, Walsall Borough	24	...	"	22
George Mirandole, Walsall B.	10	...	Scarlet Fever	42
Emmie Hodson, Bushbury	22	...	Diphtheria	20
Joseph Carrington, Bushbury	14	...	Scarlet Fever	45
Norman Carrington, Bushbury	6	...	"	45
Winnie Carrington, Bushbury	12	...	"	45

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.	
Joan Goodall, Essington	...	2	Diphtheria	...	21
Doris Ward, Penkridge	...	22	"	...	15
Eleanor Ward, Penkridge	...	50	"	...	10
Beatrice Rudge, Walsall Borough	...	25	"	...	14

* Fatal Cases.

Cases Admitted in 1925 and Discharged in 1926.

Rose Asbury, Essington	...	6	Scarlet Fever	...	...
Alice Taylor, Lapley	...	10	"	...	...
Doris Turner, Wyrley	...	7	"	...	...
Ernest Farmer, Bushbury	...	5	"	...	...
Fred Davies, Cheslyn Hay	...	1½	Diphtheria	...	...
Herbert Massey, Cannock	...	7	Scarlet Fever	...	...
Gertrude Adams, Cannock	...	7	Diphtheria	...	...
Ada Owens, Walsall Borough	...	29	"	...	...
Eleanor Banks, Walsall Borough	...	23	"	...	...
Muriel Hinks, Essington	...	7	Scarlet Fever	...	...
Lorna Barker, Essington	...	10	"	...	...
Gwendoline Barker, Essington	...	11	"	...	...
Ellen Ashpole, Brewood	...	3	Diphtheria	...	...
Amy Roberts, Walsall Borough	...	6	Scarlet Fever	...	...
Frank Hinks, Essington	...	14	"	...	...

Patients Admitted into Hospital.

1904 to 1911	...	8 years	...	436
1912 to 1919	...	8 years	...	380
1920 to 1923	...	4 years	...	284
1924 and 1925	...	2 years	...	275

Average per annum ... 62.

Scarlet Fever	...	1003
Diphtheria	...	332
Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria	...	10
Influenza	...	13
Enteric Fever	...	7

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Locality of the Cases.

Bushbury	...	207	Hatherton	...	34
Essington	...	195	Shareshill	...	17
Cheslyn Hay	...	132	Saredon	...	20
Penkridge	...	122	Dunston	...	20
Brewood	...	108	Walsall Borough	...	122
Great Wyrley	...	90	Cannock Urban	...	128
Acton and Bednall	...	42	Walsall Rural	...	48
Lapley	...	20	Lichfield	...	1
Stretton	...	12	Shifnal	...	2
Coppenhall	...	1			
Teddesley	...	3			
Huntington	...	41			

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Locality of Cases in 1925.

Walsall Borough	...	49	Brewood	8
Cannock Urban	...	23	Penkridge	8
Walsall Rural	...	8	Bushbury	...	...	7
Shifnal	...	2	Essington	...	...	15
		—	Cheslyn Hay	17
		82	Wyrley	2
			Huntington	5
			Dunston	7
			Acton	2
			Saredon	7
			Lapley	1
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TOTAL ... 161

A Wireless Installation has been effected in the Hospital from voluntary contributions.

A revision has been made in the Nursing Staff. The Matron has a Staff Nurse and two Assistant Nurses, and outside help has not been required. Miss Griffiths acted as temporary Matron for several weeks early in the year, and her work gave general satisfaction all round. Miss Kershaw entered upon duty as Matron on March 30th, and has proved herself a most capable administrator in all departments.

I would express my thanks to the Nursing Staff, the Clerk, and the Inspector for their useful co-operation, and to Colonel Whitehead who is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever any trouble arises in the Hospital.

Yours respectfully,

W. M. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

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Workshops (including Workshop Laundries): Inspections, 105; Written Notices, 2.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces: Want of cleanliness, 16 found; 16 remedied. Sanitary accommodation unsuitable or defective: 2 found; 2 remedied.

Other matters: Notified by H.M. Inspector, 1.

W. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

May 15th, 1926.

Medical Officer of Health.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector,

MR. J. T. H. HALL, Cert. Royal San. Inst.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Cannock Rural
District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report as Sanitary Inspector, etc., for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

Scavenging.

The Council, by Contract, undertake the work of removal of House Refuse in the Parishes of Bushbury, Cheslyn Hay, Essington, Huntington, and Great Wyrley.

In the remainder of the District, at present, this work devolves upon the occupiers of the houses themselves.

There are in the above five Parishes, 3,530 Houses, being 1,325, 694, 548, 345, and 618 respectively.

Since the appointment of my assistant, much more efficient supervision of this work has been possible, and it is being carried out a great deal more satisfactorily.

The total of 4,524 ashpits, which have been inspected, shows more frequent visits, and the results are evident, as there are no large number of houses with accumulations of refuse.

The L.M. and S. Railway Company have been tipping the refuse from some of their Stations at Fordhouse Road, Bushbury. As this refuse was rather offensive and was being tipped too near to houses, the Company have, at my request, ceased tipping at this place.

Considerable time had to be spent in supervising the emptying of cesspools at Oxley, and the Low Hill Estate, Bushbury, and at 44 houses, Cannock Road, Essington. The large cesspool in Greenwood Road, Bushbury, has had to be frequently treated with disinfectants.

Ashpits inspected	...	...	...	...	4524
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Bushbury	...	...	...	...	64
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Cheslyn Hay	...	...	...	...	6
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Great Wyrley	...	...	...	...	4
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Essington	...	...	...	...	25
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Huntington	...	...	...	...	0
Ashpits reported for emptying in Bushbury	...	...	...	...	59
Ashpits reported for emptying in Cheslyn Hay	...	...	...	...	36

Ashpits reported for emptying in Great Wyrley	...	49
Ashpits reported for emptying in Essington	...	127
Ashpits reported for emptying in Huntington	...	21
Total receptacles emptied in Bushbury	...	15600
Total receptacles emptied in Cheslyn Hay	...	3659
Total receptacles emptied in Great Wyrley	...	3916
Total receptacles emptied in Essington	...	3292
Total receptacles emptied in Huntington	...	6580

The middens at 24 houses at Saredon, Holly Bush Cottages, were also emptied.

Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection.

There are at the end of the year 19 Slaughter Houses in the District; 12 of these are Licensed and 7 are Registered, and they are situate as follows: Bushbury 4, Brewood 6, Cheslyn Hay 3, Essington 1, Penkridge 3, Wheaton Aston 2, and there is one place Licensed as a Knackers' Yard at Penkridge.

During the year 13 Licences were renewed, and one new Licence granted to erect a Slaughter House.

314 Inspections of Slaughter Houses were made, and 9 of them required whitewashing, and these were done. On the whole the places are kept satisfactorily.

903 Inspections of meat were made at the Slaughter Houses and Shops, and the Meat generally was of a very good quality. Several organs and portions of meat were found to be diseased, and these were destroyed.

Under the Meat Regulations, 268 visits were made to shops and private houses where pigs were slaughtered. I found the regulations were fairly well carried out. In every case I found the cottager's pig of very good quality, and this I attribute to the cleaner food and better care given to the animals.

Workshops and Bakehouses.

93 Inspections of Workshops and Bakehouses were made. Nine Bakehouses and 7 Workshops were found to need white-washing and these were done. The sanitary accommodation at two Workshops was defective and was remedied.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District, situate as follows: Bushbury 2, Brewood 6, Cheslyn Hay 2, Great Wyrley 2, Penkridge 4, and Wheaton Aston 2.

Petroleum Acts.

68 Inspections were made under the Petroleum Acts, and the places were found to be kept satisfactorily.

There are 37 persons licensed to store and sell petrol, and of these 15 have now underground tanks and pumps, which is the best method of storing petrol in bulk.

37 Petrol Licences and 7 Carbide Licences were renewed, and 4 new Licences to store Petrol and 4 to store Carbide of Calcium were granted.

Shop Acts, 1912-1913.

I have made 326 visits under the Shops Acts, and on the whole I found that the requirements were being complied with, except the exhibiting of the notice showing the day of closing.

I have supplied information to a large number of shop keepers on various points.

There are now on the Register 240 Shopkeepers.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

There were on the Register at the end of the year 211 persons, 142 as wholesale producers of milk, 42 as wholesale producers and retail purveyors of milk, and 28 as retail purveyors of milk.

During the year 12 persons were registered as wholesale producers of milk, and 3 as retail purveyors of milk.

240 Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies were made. A good number of the sheds required whitewashing, and these were subsequently done. The drainage at 8 sheds was defective, and at 18 sheds the light and ventilation was defective, and at 20 sheds there were defective channels. Notices for these to be remedied were served.

The efforts on the part of the milk producer to ensure cleaner milk are becoming noticeably better, but there is a lot of alteration needed in the methods at a good number of farms before really clean milk is general.

The New Regulations which are proposed to be made under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, will be eagerly awaited.

There are in this District three farms which produce Grade A milk, at two of which the milk is bottled. Grade A Milk Certificates are granted by the County Council.

This Council have granted a licence for "Pasteurised Milk" to be produced at one farm. At this farm there is a good and efficient pasteurising plant. The milk is put into containers, where it is retained for 30 minutes at a temperature of 145 degrees

Far., and afterwards cooled by brine cooler to about 40 degrees Far., and it is then immediately automatically bottled and sealed. There is also a refrigerator in which all milk not for immediate delivery is stored. There is a good apparatus for washing the bottles, and for which there is a good supply of water and steam.

The sample I took for bacteriological examination had a temperature of 42 degrees Far., and the analyst's certificate showed that Coliform Bacillus were present in 1/10th cubic centimetre, but in 1/100th cubic centimetre, Coliform Bacillus were entirely absent, and the total organisms present were under 1,000 per c.c. This is a very low count

Water Certificates and Water Supplies.

I have inspected 357 newly erected Houses and 32 Bungalows, for which applications have been made for Water Certificates under the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878.

Certificates were granted for all these, and they were situate as follows:—

BUSHBURY.

Greenwood Road	...	56 Houses
Oxley Bank	... ..	14 Houses and 11 Bungalows
Oxley	... ..	5 Houses and 1 Bungalow
Old Fallings Lane	... ..	13 Houses
Moors Lane	... ..	2 Houses
Church Road	... ..	7 Houses and 1 Bungalow
Coven Heath	... ..	1 House and 3 Bungalows
Fordhouses	... ..	1 House
Low Hill Estate	... ..	108 Houses

Total ... 207 Houses and 16 Bungalows

BREWOD.

Horsebrook Lane, 2 Houses.

The Hattons, 1 House.

ESSINGTON.

Cannock Road, 20 Houses.

HUNTINGTON.

Stafford Road, 50 Houses (C.R.D.C.)

Stafford Road, 36 Houses (Littleton Collieries).

HATHERTON.

Calf Heath, 1 House.

PENKRIDGE.

Wolverhampton Road, 20 Houses (18 C.R.D.C.).

WHEATON ASTON.

1 Wooden Bungalow.

GREAT WYRLEY.

Walsall Road	...	...	15 Houses and 8 Bungalows
Benton's Lane	...	...	1 Bungalow
Churchbridge	...	...	4 Bungalows
Watling Street	...	...	1 House and 2 Bungalows
Church Road	...	...	4 Houses

Total ... 20 Houses and 15 Bungalows

All the Houses in Bushbury and in Brewood are supplied from the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Mains.

The Houses at Huntington, Great Wyrley, and Penkridge are supplied from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Mains.

The Houses at Cannock Road, Essington, are supplied from the Hilton Main Colliery.

One House at Hatherton, one at Brewood, and one at Wheaton Aston are supplied from wells.,

The Wolverhampton Corporation have laid the Water Mains in Brewood, and there is now a good supply available. I have sent notices and particulars to all owners of houses, and a request to have the premises connected to the mains as soon as possible. At the end of the year there were 147 houses connected, and a number of others in hand.

Dunston and Coppenhall Water Supplies.

I have made a survey of the supplies of water in the Parishes of Dunston and Coppenhall. I have taken a sample of water from each well and tested same.

In Dunston there are 63 Houses, 22 along the Stafford Main Road from Acton Gate to Dunston Hall, 30 on Dunston Heath from the Schools to the Toft, and 11 on Little Heath.

At these Houses there are:—

23 Wells with Pumps.

6 Open Draw Wells.

7 Cottages having no independent supply.

Of the 29 samples tested, 6 were, in my opinion, of fairly good quality and quite fit for drinking. Ten showed some little pollution and were unsafe for drinking, and 13 were rather badly polluted and were unfit for drinking.

At Coppenhall, there are 19 Houses, and these are supplied from 11 Wells with Pumps and one Open Draw Well.

One House is connected to the South Stafford Water Mains at the Hyde Lea Boundary.

I tested 11 samples, and, in my opinion, 5 of them were fairly good, and 6 showed more or less pollution, and were unsafe for drinking.

The Water in Coppenhall was, on the whole, of a better quality than in Dunston.

Drainage, Oxley.

The New Sewers at Oxley, Bushbury, are now in hand, and when completed the Houses can be connected, and so end the insanitary conditions caused by the cesspools.

Broad Lane, Long Lane, and Newtown, Essington.

The insanitary state of the drainage and disposal of the sewage at the premises in Broad Lane, Long Lane, and Newtown, continues.

Some progress has been made with the scheme for new Sewers and Sewage Works, but there are difficulties in the way of the work being commenced.

Drainage, Great Wyrley.

The extension of the Sewer near the Great Wyrley Church has now been put in hand, and the nuisance caused from several premises, the drainage from which lay in the ditch, will soon be remedied.

Penkridge Sewerage.

In the village of Penkridge there are a large number of premises at which the drainage and the disposal of the sewage is very bad and insanitary.

I am unable to do much to properly remedy these matters, and the work is being held up and conditions are getting worse through the lack of proper sewers.

The provision of a proper system of sewers and sewage works for the village of Penkridge is much needed.

Bushbury Housing.

During the year, a Survey was made of 902 Houses in the Parish of Bushbury, in connection with overcrowding.

In these Houses there were 3,760 inmates, giving an average of 4.16 per house.

There are 54 Houses with 2 families, and in these houses there are 306 inmates, giving an average of 5.66 per house.

34 of these families expressed a desire to have a separate house.

There are a large number of workpeople, working in Bushbury, but now residing elsewhere, who wish for a house in Bushbury.

To show the variation of numbers of occupants, there were 10 three-bedroined houses with only one occupant to each, and 130 with 2 occupants, and 227 houses with 3 inmates in each house.

The total number of inmates in these 367 Houses was 951, having only an average of 2.59 per house.

The following particulars as to the Housing and Sanitary arrangements in the Parish of Bushbury will be interesting:—

In the whole of the Parish there are 1,250 occupied Houses, 1 Church, 2 Schools, and 3 large Works (Electrical Construction Company, The Star Engineering Company, and Macfarlane and Robinson's).

Number of Houses (occupied)	...	...	1250	
Number of Water Closets (flushing cisterns)	579	percentage	45.9	
Number of Waste Water Closets	...	...	507	40.2
Number of Privy Middens	...	...	77	6.2
Number of Privy Pans	...	...	98	7.7
Number of Ashpits	...	...	328	31.7
Number of Dust Bins	...	...	708	68.3
Number of Houses with Well Water	...	...	133	10.6
Number of Houses with Tap Water	...	...	1117	89.4

Number of Water Closets at the various Works and Schools in the Parish which discharge into the C.R.D.C. Sewers, the sewage of which is treated at the Wolverhampton Sewage Works:—

Star Engineering Works, Showell Road	...	...	11	Water Closets.
Electric Construction Company	...	...	57	„
Macfarlane and Robinson's	...	...	34	„
Bushbury Lane Council Schools	...	..	17	„
Bushbury L.M.S. Cleaning Sheds	...	...	4	„
Roman Catholic Schools, Old Fallings Lane	...	...	5	„

Total ... 128 „

Number of Slaughter Houses	...	...	4	All Licensed.
Number of Bakehouses	...	...	1	
Number of Workshops	...	...	9	
Number of Dairymen	...	...	22	

All the Houses with Tap Water are connected to the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Mains.

The Scavenging is done by Contract, the dust bins and pans are emptied once every fortnight, and the ashpits every two to three months. The tip for dry refuse is at the Northeycote Farm, and all nightsoil is carted direct on to the land.

Since 1918, New Houses have been built as follows:—

40 Houses have been erected by the Cannock Rural District Council, and Contract has also been given for 24 more at Fordhouses.

46 Houses erected with Subsidy from other Authorities.

42 Houses erected (without Subsidy) by Private Enterprise.

42 Houses have been erected with Subsidy from the Cannock Rural District Council.

274 Houses have been erected by the Wolverhampton Corporation, which are all occupied. (156 of these are on the Oxley Estate, and 118 are on the Low Hill Estate.

1000 Houses are being erected on the Low Hill Estate, and, in addition to the 118 occupied, a large number of others are near completion.

722 Houses are connected to the Sewers of the Cannock Rural District Council, the sewage of which is treated by the Wolverhampton Corporation.

54 Houses are connected to the Heath Town Sewers.

34 Houses are connected to the Cannock Rural District Council Sewers at Fordhouses, and treated at a small Outfall Works there.

The Cannock Rural District Council are now constructing Sewers and a Pumping Station to take the drainage from about 200 Houses at New Oxley and Oxley Bank, with provision for further developments. This sewage will be pumped to the Wolverhampton Sewage Works.

Summary of Inspections and Work Done during 1925.

Complaints received and dealt with ...	...	...	111
Number of Houses inspected ...	...	...	1064
Re-inspections, calls, etc. ...	...	...	2301
Nuisances found ...	...	...	624
Nuisances abated ...	...	...	437
Number of Workshops and Bakehouses inspected ...	...	...	93
Bakehouses required White-washing ...	...	...	9
Slaughter Houses inspected ...	...	...	314
Slaughter Houses White-washed ...	...	...	9
Slaughter House Licence granted ...	...	...	1

Slaughter House Licences renewed	...	...	...	13
Meat Inspected	...	...	...	903
Meat Regulations	...	...	...	268
Cowsheds and Dairies inspected	...	...	...	240
Cowshed nuisances found	...	...	...	46
Cowshed nuisances abated	...	...	...	34
Canal Boats inspected	..	...	...	37
Piggeries, Stables, etc., visited	...	...	...	34
Inspections under Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	68
Petrol Licences renewed	...	...	...	37
New Petrol Licences granted	...	...	...	4
Carbide Licences renewed	...	...	...	7
New Carbide Licences granted	...	...	...	4
Drainage Work examined	...	...	...	90
Shops visited	...	...	...	326
Ashpits reported for emptying	...	...	...	292
Ashpits inspected	...	...	...	4424
Total Ashpits emptied	...	...	...	33037
Cases of Infectious Disease investigated	...	...	...	95
Cases of Infectious Disease removed	...	...	...	75
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease	...	...	...	85
School disinfected	...	..	...	0
Notices to Schools for exclusion of Children	...	...	...	44
Reports on Infectious Cases to M.O.H.	...	...	...	72
New Houses inspected for Water Certificates	...	...	...	390
Water Certificates granted	...	...	...	389
Informal Notices issued	..	...	...	104
Number of Privies converted to W.C.'s	...	...	...	26
Water Samples tested	...	...	...	60

Housing.

I estimate there are in the Cannock Rural District at the end of 1925, 5,501 Houses and Hutments. The number of newly-erected Houses in 1920 was 16; in 1921, 211; in 1922, 205; in 1923, 68; in 1924, 81; and in 1925, 390.

During 1925 the following inspections were made and action taken:—

Number of Houses inspected	...	...	...	1064
Number of Houses found to be unfit for human habitation	3			
Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to making Closing Orders	...			3
Number of Houses in respect to which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	3
Number of Houses demolished after Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	1

Number of Houses unfit for human habitation against which action is proceeding	...	...	...	5
Number of Houses, the defects of which were remedied by the issue of preliminary notices	...	...	...	71
Number of Houses, the defects of which are in course of being remedied or in which action is proceeding				40
Number of re-inspections made	...	...	...	1301

The general character of the defects of the above premises were defective roofs, defective privy accommodation, foul sinks, defective drains, floors, boilers, plaster of walls and ceilings, eaves and downspouts, windows, defective light and ventilation, dampness, pumps out of order, no proper ashpit accommodation, defective sculleries, etc.

Total defects found	624
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CANAL BOATS ACTS, 1877-1884.

Thirty-seven Canal Boats were inspected during 1925

The Boats were occupied by 124 persons, and the registration accommodation being for 148. The average number of occupants per boat is 3.35. No boat was detained for disinfection.

All boats were properly marked, and were generally in good repair, clean, and free from overcrowding. Three occupants had to be cautioned for want of cleanliness.

All certificates were produced, and I received every courtesy from the occupants.

This Council is not a Registration Authority for Canal Boats.

J. T. H. HALL,

Canal Boats Inspector.

Housing Conditions.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Area (acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	52469
Population (1921)	...	...	...	...	...	...	21551
Number of Inhabited Houses (1925)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5501
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers (1925) (approx.,	...	...	...	...	...	...	5901
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£175,552
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£630

HOUSING.

Number of New Houses erected during the Year:—

(a) Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	390
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme—							
Wolverhampton Corporation	...	...	...	...	...	...	164
Cannock Rural District Council)	...	...	...	...	...	...	68

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection: (1) Total Number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1064
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1916	...	...	...	...	...	...	650
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	89

2.—Remedy of Defects 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
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, Etc., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
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(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit:—

(a) By Owners ... Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by Owners of intention to close ... Nil.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 89

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied:—

(a) By Owners ... 71

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, Etc., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ... 3

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 3

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit ... Nil.

(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil.

(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished ... 1

(Signed) WM. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Water Supplies to Schools.

Bushbury.—Council Schools, Bushbury Lane; Bushbury Old Schools. These Schools have water from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Brewood.—Church of England Schools; Roman Catholic Schools; The Grammar Schools. These Schools have now got the water laid on from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Bishops Wood Schools.—There is a well at these Schools, but the drinking water is obtained from a spring near the gateway, the water of which is quite good.

Coven School.—Now obtain the water from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Bednall Schools.—Water is obtained from a well.

Cheslyn Hay Schools.—Water obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

Dunston Schools.—Obtain water from a well. The water is of a fair quality, but the Stafford Corporation are laying water mains in Dunston, and it will be possible for these Schools to be connected.

Essington C. of E. and Council Schools.—Water obtained from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Great Wyrley and Landywood Schools.—Water is laid on from the South Staffordshire Mains.

Gailey Schools.—Obtain water from well.

Penkridge C. of E. and Council Schools.—Obtain water from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

Shareshill Schools.—Obtain the water from well, but the water mains are now laid, and it will be possible to have the tap water laid on.

Stretton School.—Water from well.

Wheaton Aston School.—Water from well.

Huntington C. of E. and Council Schools.—Water is laid on from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

(Signed) WM. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,
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