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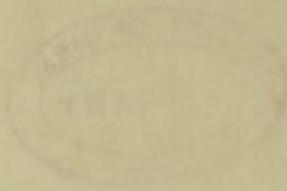
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Mr. Chairman, Miss Moulson and gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Reports for 1939 and 1940. These have been considerably reduced in length in accordance with the directions received from the Ministry of Health in Circular 2067. It is satisfactory to note that the epidemics anticipated have not materialised. I wish to express my great appreciation of the services rendered to the Council by the Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Kent and Mr. Helmer.

Your obedient servant,

W.R. DUNSTAN.

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Water Supplies.

Extensions of the Council's Mains have been made as follows:-

- Plumpton Lane to Ashurst Road,
- Station Road Newick to Beechlands Road, Newick.
- Chailey Green to Chailey Moat.
- Barcombe Street to Spithurst and Boast Lane.
- Plumpton Cross to Beresford Manor.
- Plumpton Cross to St. Helena Road.
- Plumpton Lane to Novington Lane,
- Chailey Cross Road to Warrs Hill.
- Plumpton Lane to Plumpton Place,
- Station Road, Newick to Jacky's Road.
- Newick Green to Goldbridge Road.

Ringmer Water Supply.

The need for a public water supply to the Parish, referred to in my report of last year, became acute towards the end of the year as a result of the increase in the population of the Parish due to Evacuation and the establishment at Glyndebourne of Special Nursing Parties. The whole question was again surveyed and in October the Council resolved to extend their Main from Barcombe to Ringmer. The necessary negotiations were in progress at the end of the year.

Meat Inspection.

In February of this year a scheme for 100% meat inspection drawn up by the Chief Sanitary Inspector was put into operation. This entailed a regular inspection to ten slaughter houses on five evenings of every week.

Sewage Disposal.

The schemes for the Sewering and treatment of Sewage for Peacehaven, Rodmell, Kingston and Iford, and the scheme for Sewering and treatment of Sewage for Ditchling and Neighbouring parishes were completed during the year and were ready for submission to the Ministry of Health but owing to the outbreak of war were indefinitely postponed.

Cesspool Emptying.

This service is doing excellent work and is working to capacity.

Evacuation.

In order to cope with minor ailments among evacuated children, Hospitals were opened at Chailey and Peacehaven. Both these Hospitals were in use within one month of the outbreak of War. A Clinic for the cleansing of children was opened at Peacehaven.

Public Cleansing.

This service continued over the whole of the Rural District. The collection of waste paper was commenced in November.

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Water Supplies.

Extension of the Council's Mains was made as follows:-
Barcombe Street to Church Road, Barcombe.

Ringmer Water Supply.

As a result of the Council's decision to extend their water Main to the Parish of Ringmer a Public Enquiry into the Council's application for sanction to raise a loan for that purpose was held in March. The loan was duly sanctioned and the work put in hand. Good progress had been made by the end of the year.

Public Cleansing.

The Collection of House refuse for all parishes continues. Salvage of waste material commenced last year increased to such an extent that in March of this year a two ton lorry was purchased to deal exclusively with Salvage work. By the end of December waste material to the value of £595 had been collected and sold.

Cesspool Emptying Service.

The increased demand for the use of the machine has exceeded its capacity, partly due to War conditions and accordingly in a report to the Council in May of this year the Sanitary Inspector strongly urged the purchase of an additional Machine. To date no decision has been arrived at.

Evacuation.

The Government Scheme for centralised slaughtering of food animals came into operation early in the year with the result that apart from occasional slaughtering for private use there are no slaughterhouses operating in the district.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

54 children were immunised against Diphtheria during 1940. Of these 9 were Evacuees, 27 School Children and 18 under school age.

The Immunising was carried out by Dr. Lewis Davies without charge and the Council has expressed its appreciation of his public spirited action.