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CHIPPENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH for the YEAR
1921.

To, The Chairman and Members of the Chippenham Rural District Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have again the pleasure of presenting my Annual Report.

The Report is compiled upon the lines indicated in the Memorandum and circular 269, issued by the Ministry of Health.

The Rural District of Chippenham has an area of 56,239 acres and an estimated population of 14,420.

1921 was a healthy year, no special reports were made or required.

The most important measure that received your attention was the water supply of Box, a scheme costing £6,000 is under consideration.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	M.	F.	
BIRTHS.	Legitimate	273	136	137	Birth Rate R.G. 18.93 per 1,000 Population 14420
	Illegitimate	14	9	5	

DEATHS. 170 79 91 Death Rate 11.70

Birth Rate R.G. 22.4 Death Rate R.G. 12.1

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth. from sepsis Nil from other causes, 1

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:-

Legitimate 9 (Rate 25.6) Illegitimate 1 (Rate 4.21) Total 10.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

23 cases of Diphtheria were notified, 20 were admitted to the Isolation Hospital, 1 died.

20 cases of Scarletina were notified, 8 admitted to the Isolation Hospital, all recovered.

13 cases of Tubercular disease were notified, 12 Pulmonary, 1 other non-pulmonary, 5 males and 8 females.

There was no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

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PARAGRAPH 4.

There was no death from Puerperal Fever, Measles , Whooping cough
1 case only from Diarrhoea, a child under one year old.

PARAGRAPH 5.

The nursing arrangements are worked from Trowbridge by the County
Medical Officer of Health.

There are 3 district Nurses provided by private subscription,
besides the Workhouse Infirmary there is an Isolation Hospital and a
Cottage Hospital. The Cottage Hospital is maintained by private
contributions and some payments from patients. The Isolation
Hospital is maintained by the Local Authority. There are two
ambulances 1 for infectious cases and 1 for accidents and non-
infectious cases.

PARAGRAPH 6,

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are in regular use,
Antitoxin can be obtained at the Isolation Hospital by Medical
Men free of charge.

PARAGRAPH 7.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

A number of earth and other defective closets are gradually being
converted to the water carriage system.

Owing to the dry season there was a shortage of water throughout
the district. Those Villages having a supply from Chippenham excepted.

Mr. Rhodes the Inspector is a whole time Officer, he reports 1669
inspections. 246 Cowkeepers are registered, 1000 Cowsheds are
under his observation.

5 Slaughter Houses are registered and are inspected. All houses or
rooms where infectious disease has been present are disinfected.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total	4
(b) As part of a Municipal housing scheme.	--

There was no death from typhoid fever, cholera, or any other acute infectious disease during the year 1911.

Sanitation

The municipal authorities have taken steps to improve the sanitary condition of the city.

There are 12 public water works in the city, and a number of private ones. The water supply is maintained by means of a system of pipes and conduits. The water is distributed by means of a network of pipes. There are two public water works, and a number of private ones.

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I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM HENRY WOOD, S.A., S.P.

General Officer of Health