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REPORT BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE
CLEVEDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
1925.



Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my report upon the Health & Sanitary conditions of the Clevedon Urban District Council for the year 1925 included in which is a Summary of your Sanitary Inspector's report for the same period.

Natural and Social Condition of the area:-

Area - 3017 acres

Population (1921 gross census) - 6724
Estimated for 1925 - 6261.

Number of private families 1921 - 1534

Number of structurally separate dwellings - 1347

Rateable value - £46,587.

Sum represented by one penny rate - £167.

There is nothing to add to the descriptions in former reports of the natural conditions of the District, and there has been no alteration of note in the social condition of the people.

From the middle of January to the beginning of April a widespread epidemic of measles fell upon the younger children in the elementary schools, the infant departments of which were closed for short periods. This epidemic was of moderate severity, and no fatal cases occurred. From the close of this epidemic to the end of the year the schools have been singularly free from infectious disease.

Vital Statistics.

| BIRTHS. | | MALE. | FEMALE. | |
|---------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | 46 | 32 | |
| | Legitimate | 1 | 4 | |
| | Illegitimate | | | |
| | Total | 47 | 36 | - 83. |

The Birth Rate for the year is therefore 13.2 per 1000 as compared with 12.8 in 1922, 11.8 in 1923, 11.5 in 1924, and 18.3% for the whole of England and Wales for 1925.

DEATHS. Male - 41; Female - 56. Total - 97.

The Crude death rate from this total - 15.4 per 1000, and when this is corrected for age and sex distribution the true death rate - 12.4 per 1000 as compared with the rate of 12.2 per 1000 for England & Wales. The average age at death is 60 years. Included in the above total are the deaths of 5 infants under 1 year of age. The cause of death in their cases is as follows:-

Three were premature infants, two male children surviving $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour and 1 hour respectively, while the third, a female, survived 4 weeks; one child of 8 months died after a protracted illness from ulcerative stomatitis and enteritis, and an illegitimate female child of 22 hours died from over-laying.

The infant mortality figure resulting from these 5 deaths - 48.2 per 1000 births, as compared with a corresponding rate of 75 per 1000 births for England and Wales.

General Provision of health services:-

It is a source of considerable satisfaction that the alterations to and re-equipment of your Isolation Hospital have now been completed so that satisfactory isolation of two or even three infectious diseases and the segregation of the sexes can be effected at the same time should the necessity arise.

| DATE | AMOUNT | REMARKS |
|------|--------|---------|
| 1935 | 100 | ... |
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| 2000 | 100 | ... |

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The provision of a better vehicle for the transport of infectious cases to the hospital is also very helpful.

The local Cottage Hospital which is supported by voluntary subscriptions, is of great service to the community, and it is a pity that no further steps have been taken in the proposed scheme of linking up all such local hospitals with the large general hospitals in Bristol. The local Tuberculosis Dispensary and Treatment Centres are conducted by the County authority which exercises supervision over the Maternity and Infant Welfare Centre, and the District Nursing Association. The two local district nurses continue to do admirable work among the people.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF:-

Medical Officer of Health (part time) G. Macleod, M.D. D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor (whole time) G. W. Knowles

A.M.I.C.E.

Assistant " " " " F. D. Rose

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Sanitary Circumstances in the area:-

The public water supply, though suffering from its permanent hardness, is very pure and ample, and bacteriological analysis by the County Analyst has been carried out twice during the year, with entirely satisfactory results. Rivers and streams in the area are kept in a satisfactory condition, and it is gratifying to find that recommendations for improvement in the sewage outfall are about to be put into effect. It is hoped that this will result in the prevention of the flooding of the low level sewer at high tides. The adoption of more modern and less objectionable methods of flushing and cleansing the low level

sewer is a measure which is appreciated by the townspeople. It is hoped that this method will definitely supersede the old method of dragging the sewer. Two lengths of new sewer have been laid to meet the demands of new buildings, 200 yards being laid in Old Church Road and 160 yards in Walton Road. Owing to the prevalence of a considerable mosquito nuisance during the Autumn and Winter of 1924 all ponds and ditches in the area have been sprayed with paraffin on several occasions during the Spring and Summer with, it would appear, very satisfactory results, as the presence of, and trouble from, mosquitoes during the Autumn and Winter have been practically negligible.

There is nothing to report as a result of the regular inspection of the elementary schools and local factories which have been found in a satisfactory condition.

The following is a summary of work done by the sanitary staff:-

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|--|------------|
| General nuisances attended to and abated | 32 |
| Testing of drains and sewers:- attention to sanitary defects in houses and complaints re house refuse. | 31 |
| Repair and renewal of sanitary fittings & fixtures | 53 |
| House refuse removed during the year | 4712 tons. |

Inspection and supervision of food:-

(A) MILK SUPPLY.

(1) Farms, cowsheds, and dairies have been regularly

inspected and it is a source of satisfaction that,

generally speaking, producers have evinced during

the past five years an increasing interest in and

attention to the general wellbeing of their herds & the

... in a manner which is substantiated by the following...
... is hoped that this method will definitely supersede the
... method of drinking the water. The length of the water
... have been laid to rest the remains of the buildings, 200 yards
... being laid in the garden road and 100 yards in the main road.
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... have been found in a satisfactory condition.
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... staff:-
... General nuisances attended to and noted:- 35
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... complaints in houses visited. 31
... Report and removal of sanitary nuisances 25
... A list of 25
... Houses where removal during the year 4711 houses.
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... inspected and it is a matter of satisfaction that
... generally speaking, producers have adhered to the
... the past five years an increasing interest in the
... attention to the general well-being of their herds and

cleanliness of premises and processes; and where formerly no herds had been ~~pest~~ tested with tuberculin this examination has now been adopted by a few of the producers. In addition the county authority has now afforded facilities for the bacteriological examination of milk supplies for tuberculosis and samples are being submitted for this purpose. In the ordinary course samples for chemical analysis are collected by the police, but during the year one sample was submitted by us on receipt of a complaint from a householder. This was found on chemical analysis to be of normal standard.

(2) Grade A Milk and pasteurised milk produced outside the area are now available within the ^{town} but it is regrettable that so far none of the enterprising local producers have seen their way to market graded milk.

(3) There are on the register 29 producers and 25 milk vendors.

B. MEAT. (1) The Public Slaughter House is the only one in the district and its condition is satisfactory. During the year the whole carcasses of two oxen and the internal organs of another have been condemned on account of tuberculosis and were destroyed. These ~~havens~~ now to be buried as facilities for their incineration at the gas works are no longer possible. 408 bullocks, 381 calves, 1860 sheep, and 773 pigs were slaughtered during the year.

(C). OTHER FOODS. Bakehouses have been regularly inspected and notices served on owners calling for minor improvements.

PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The District has been singularly free from serious epidemics during the past five years, and when minor outbreaks

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...year one sample was submitted by me on receipt of a complaint from
...householder. This was found on chemical analysis to be of
...normal standard.

(1) These 2 milk and pasteurized milk produced contain the same
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...for none of the enterprising local producers have used their way
...to market sterile milk.

(2) There are at the present 2 producers and 2 milk vendors.
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...been condemned on account of tuberculous and were destroyed.
...these having not to be tested as facilities for their inspection
...at the end were not no longer possible. 200 samples, 200 cattle,
...100 sheep, and 100 pigs were slaughtered during the year.
(3) Other points. Bacteriologists have been regularly inspected and
...action taken on reports relative to minor improvements.

...of a certain order of the district.
...the district has been singularly free from disease
...between the past five years, and when minor outbreaks

have occurred they have never threatened to assume anything approaching alarming proportions. At the beginning of September 1925 we experienced a small outbreak of a very virulent type of diphtheria. Three cases occurred, all of which appear to be closely related to a visitor convalescent from severe tonsillitis, and in spite of energetic treatment two of these cases died. The probable carrier had already left the town, but all contacts were swabbed and found negative, and no further cases developed after the isolation of the three primary cases, which had developed practically simultaneously. Diphtheria antitoxin is supplied by the local authority in the treatment of all & necessitous cases or suspected cases pending bacteriological examination - 120,000 units were supplied during the year.

The notification locally of pneumonia, malaria, dysentery, and trench fever does not appear to serve any useful purpose, and apart from pneumonia there have been no notifications in this group of diseases. Disinfection of dwellinghouses or rooms is effected by paraldehyde spray and this is carried out after all infectious diseases, tuberculosis, some cases of cancer and whenever a request is made for disinfection by householders or doctors in attendance. Clothing is treated in the steam disinfectant - 105 articles were dealt with during the year.

Notifiable diseases:-

Four cases of diphtheria occurred during the year; one of these was satisfactorily isolated at home, and of the remaining three treated at your Isolation Hospital two died.

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Fourteen cases of labor pneumonia and five of influenzal pneumonia were notified during the year. One case of encephalitis lethargica occurred in June, and the child, aged 5 years, died. Apart from tuberculosis these were all the notifiable diseases reported during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES & MORTALITY DURING 1925.

| Age periods. Years. | NEW CASES. | | | | DEATHS. | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|
| | <u>Pulmonary.</u> | | <u>Non Pulmonary.</u> | | <u>Pulmonary.</u> | | <u>Non Pulmonary.</u> | |
| | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | Male. | Fem. |
| 1 - 5 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| 10-15 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 15-20 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 20-25 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 25-35 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35-45 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 45-55 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55-65 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Totals - | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - |

HOUSING.

(1) The housing conditions in the district have been reported upon frequently and the need for further housing accommodation for the working classes still exists. It is gratifying in this connection to find that steps are about to be taken to erect more houses as a municipal undertaking. These should help to relieve the present congestion of two or more families in small houses originally constructed for the use of one family only and also the occupation of basements in some of the larger houses where dampness and inadequate lighting are a menace to the health and wellbeing more particularly of young children.

(2) While action to abate statutory overcrowding has had

Number of cases of Infectious diseases and type of infectious

diseases were notified during the year. One case of

measles notified in 1948 occurred in June, and the child,

aged 5 years, died. No other infectious diseases were

notifiable diseases reported during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES & MORTALITY DURING 1948.

Age Period: 0-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years, 15-19 years, 20-24 years, 25-29 years, 30-34 years, 35-39 years, 40-44 years, 45-49 years, 50-54 years, 55-59 years, 60-64 years, 65-69 years, 70-74 years, 75-79 years, 80-84 years, 85-89 years, 90-94 years, 95-99 years, 100 years and over.

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| 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | 80-84 | 85-89 | 90-94 | 95-99 | 100 years and over |
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REMARKS: (1) The housing conditions in the district have been reported upon frequently and the need for further housing

improvement for the working classes still exists. It is

estimated in this connection to find that there are about 20

to 25 extra more houses as a minimum undertaking. These

should help to relieve the present congestion of two or more

families in small houses originally constructed for the use of

one family only and also the congestion of basements in some of

the larger houses where dampness and inadequate lighting

to be taken in three cases only during the year it is yet quite obvious to any district visitor that there are many newly married couples and families who long for a home of their own, within their means, in which they can enjoy some measure of comfort and the privacy of family life.

(3) The housing defect that is most frequently met with is dampness of the walls from lack of damp ~~proof~~^p roof courses in the older houses or from their being built with their back walls against rock or soil. Where the soil is the cause of dampness in this way the clearing of an area around the house would mitigate the evil but such a measure is frequently neglected by the owners. In very few cases have properties been damaged by the wilful acts or the neglect of the tenants and it is instructive to notice how much owner occupiers have done to improve houses which when they acquired them were in a more or less dilapidated condition. Regular inspection and action taken under the Public Health Acts and the Housing Acts has led to general improvement of the older houses. Such formal or informal action by the Officers of the Local Authority one might consider unnecessary when property owners or their agents must see for themselves or have pointed out by their tenants when the weekly rent is collected, defects and dilapidations which in the interests of their property the owners should hasten to make good.

HOUSING STATISTICS -

Number of new houses erected during the year - Total - 40

(a) by local authority - Nil (b) by other bodies or persons
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it is evident to any disinterested visitor that their are many
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is the absence of the walls. The lack of damp-proof courses in
the older houses of town their being built with their walls
wells against the soil. Where the soil is the cause of
dampness in this way the placing of an area around the house
would assist the soil but such a measure is frequently
neglected by the owner. In very few cases have properties
been damaged by the wind or the neglect of the tenants
and it is therefore to be noted how much more often it is
done to improve houses when they acquire them than in
a more or less dilapidated condition. Regular inspection and
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HOUSING STATISTICS -
Number of new houses erected during the year 1914 - 1915
(a) by local authority - 111 (b) by other bodies or persons

1. Unfit dwelling houses:-

- (1) Total number inspected for housing defects
under Public Health of Housing Acts 11
- (2) Number of dwelling houses inspected and
recorded under Housing Regulations 1910 & 1925 3
- (3) Number of houses found to be in a state so
dangerous or injurious to health as to be
unfit for human habitation Nil
- (4) Number of houses (exclusive of those under
Sub-sec 3) found not to be in all respects
reasonably fit for human habitation 3

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal
notices:-

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in
consequence of informal action by local
authority ... 9

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under Section 3 of Housing Act 1925.

- (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices
were served requiring repairs Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after
service of formal notices Nil
- (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 Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Act.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which

1. Public Health Department:-

- (1) Total number inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts
- (2) Number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under Housing Regulations 1910 & 1925
- (3) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
- (4) Number of houses (exclusive of those under Sub-sec 3) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices:-

- Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by local authority

3. Action under statutory powers.

A. Proceedings under Section 5 of Housing Act 1925.

- (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs
- (2) Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices
- (a) by owner + Nil (b) by local authority
- in default of owner - Nil

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which

effecting repairs became operative

B. Proceedings under Public Health Act.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which

notices were served to remedy defects

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- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice
(a) by owners - 2 (b) by local authority in default of owners - Nil.

C. No closing orders were made or determined.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen, etc.,

*Yours obedient servant,
J. W. Macewood.*

Clevedon, 10th May, 1926.

