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THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

DEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended

31st Docember, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the CONISBROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1947.

Section A - Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Gonisbrough, within whose boundaries is situated the ancient castle, is a fairly compact Urban District of 1,593 acros and lies in the industrial part of South Yorkshire. The chief occupation is deep seam mining at the Denaby Main andCadeby Collieries.

Gonoral Statistics.

1593 Acros
15,860
18,174
16,190
4,002
£ 56,306
£ 210

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births. The number of births registered during the year were:-

Logitimato. Illogitimato	Malo 233 11	Fomnlo 197 7	Total. 430 18
Birth rate per 1,000	ostimated resident popular catimated resident popular for England and Walos.	ntion mid 1947 ation mid 1946	27.7 24.3 20.5
Still Births. Logitimate Illeritimate	Malo 4	Fomalo 6	Total 10

The total of 10 stillbirths gives a rate of .62 per 1,000 population.

The still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 21.

Deaths,		
	Malo Form	alo Total.
From all causes	127 8	4 21
Doath rate per 1,000	estimated population.	13. 0
Doath rate per 1,000	for England and Wales (provision	nai) 12.0
Doath rate per 1,000	for this district in 1947	9.3

Infantilo Mortality.

In 1947 there were 33 deaths of infants under one year of age which represents a rate of all infants per 1,000 live births of 74. This shows considerable increase on last year's figure of 42 and compares unfavourably with the infant mertality rate for England and Wales of 41 per 1,000 live births.

Doaths form Puerporal Causes.	Donths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puorporal Sopsis.	1	2.18
Other Puerperal Causes.		
Total	1	2.18

The total maternal mortality representing deaths of mothers in child birth per 1,000 live and still births is 2.18, and compares with the figure of 1.12 for the aggregate of West Riding Urban Districts, and a figure of 1.17 for England and Wales (provisional).

	Malos.	Formal os.	Total.
Doaths from Cancer (all ages)	18	9	27
Deaths from Measles (all ages)		-	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)		: -	
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3	1	4

CONISBROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Based on Registrar-General's Figures.

	Conisbro' Urban District.	Aggrogate Wost Riding Urban District.	West Riding Admin. County.	England and Walos. (Provincial) figures)
BIRTH RATE (por 1,000 ostimated population)	27.7	21.6	21.5	20.5
DEATH RATES:- (All por 1,000 estimated population	nl			
All Causos.	13.0	12.7	12.3	12.0
Zynotic Discases (seven principal)	x 0.25	0.16	0.16	xx
Tuborculosis of Rospiratory Systom.	0.93	0,38	0.39	0.47
Other Forms of Tuberculesis.	0.12	0.09	0.09	0.08
Respiratory Diseases //. (excluding tuberculesis of respiratory system)	1.98	1.41	1.37	xx
Cancor.	1.73	1.87	1.80	1.85
Hoart and Circulatory Discasos	3.83	4.23	3,08	xx
INFANT MORTALITY (Don'ths under one year per 1,000 live births)	74	44	45	41
DIARRHORA (doubts in infants under 2 years of ago per 1,000 live births)	8.93	5.17	5.31	5.8
MATERIAL MORTALITY. (Don'ths of Mothers in childbirth por 1,000 live and still births)				
Puorporal Sopsis	2.18	0.24	0,21	0.26
Other Causes	-	0.88	1.07	C.91
Total	2.18	1.12	1.28	1.17

x Combined death rate from smallpex (if any), searlet fever, enteric fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, also diarrheea in infants under 2 years of age.

// Combined death rate from Brenchitis, pneumonia, and other Respiratory Diseases, excluding Tuberculesis of the Respiratory System.

// Combined death rate from Heart Disease and other Diseases of the

Circulatory System.
xx Figures not available.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.		
	The state of the s	Males.	Females.
	All Causes	127	84
1.	Typhoid and Faratyphoid fevers.	1	_
2.	Cerebro Spinal Fover	-	_
	Scarlot Fovor	-	-
4.	Whooping Cough	-	_
	Diphthoria	_	
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	8	7
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	-
8.	Syphilitic diseases.	1	1
	Influenza	1	2
10.	Monslos	-	-
11.	Acuto Polio-myolitis-oncophalitis.	-	-
	.Acuto Infoctivo oncophalitis	-	-
13.	Cancor of Buccal.cavity and Oosophagus (M)	-	-
14.	and Uterus (F)	-	2
14.	Cancer of Stemach and Duodenum.	8	
15.	Cancor of Bronst	-	3
16.	Cancor of all other sites.	10	4
17.	Diabotos.	1	1 6
18.	Intra-cranial vascular losions.	9	6
19.	Honrt Discusos,	34	23
20.	Other Diseases of circulatory system.	2	23 3 1
21.	Bronchitis.	11	1
	Pnoumonia.	12	8
	Other respiratory diseases.	-	-
	Ulcor of Stomach or Duodonum	-	-
25.	Diarrhoon (under 2 years)	3	1
	Appondicitis	1	-
	Other digestive diseases	1 2	2
	Nophritis.	2	5
	Puorporal and Post-abortive sepsis.	-	1
	Other maternal enuses.	AL	-
	Promaturo birth.	6	5
32.	Congonital malformation, birth injury, Infantile		
	disfunction.	5	-
	Suicido	1 2 6	1 1 3 3
	Road Traffic Accident.	1	1
	Othor Violent Chuses.	2	3
30.	All other causes.	6	3

SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AFEA.

1. Public Hoalth Officers of your Authority:-

Dr. D.T. Clark, M.B., Ch.B., C.I.B., Modical Officer of Health.

Mr. R.E. Ingloby, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., R.P.C., Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. A. Jones, Clerk to the Sanitary Inspector.

2. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens in connection with the diagnosis of diseases are sent to the Cpunty Council Laboratory at Wakefield and a portion of them also to the Sheffield, Royal Infirmary through the kindness of the Board.

(b) ADBULANCE FACILITIES.

A motor ambulance is provided by the West Riding County Council for the removal of accidents and other cases to Hospital. This service has proved adequate.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

Unfortunately under the present conditions there is no private Nursing Association in the district, proviously the district had two District Nurses available under a private Nursing Association at Donaby Main.

I am of the opinion that at least one District Nurse should be available for work within the district, and I am doubtful if one nurse would be able to fulfil all the calls made in connection with this most dosirable facility for the area.

(d) CLINICS.

Ante-Natal and School Clinics are held at the Church Read, Denaby Main, and Cenisbrough Wolfare Centre. The latter is a weekly Clinic opened on Monday afternoon in connection with Anto-Natal and Infantile care.

The Church Road, Donaby Main Clinic is open all wook, provision being made here for school dental services, dental services for expectant mothers and Ultra-Violet light treatment, and on Thursday of each week one hour for immunisation purposes against Diphtheria.

an Ear, Nose and Threat Clinic, an Orthopaedic Clinic and Paediatric Clinic are provided for the treatment of children of your area at the Montagu Hospital, Moxborough.

(o) HOSPITALS.

The Council are a constituent authority of the Doneaster and Moxborough Joint Hospital Board . The hospital is situate at Conisbrough and receives patients for the following diseases:-

Diphthoria, Scarlot Fovor, Typhoid Fovor, Corobro-Spinal Fovor, Enteric and Para-typhoid Fovor. The Board have also a Small Pox Hospital.

A motor ambulance is provided by the Joint Hospital Board, for the purposes of removed to Hospital, cases suffering from Infectious Discases. The Joint Hespital Board also provide facilities for the disinfostation of clothing and bodding at a small charge to the Authority.

The Fullerton, Hespital covers most of the acute medical and surgical work of your Urban District.

A Mortuary is provided at the Council Offices by the Local Authority.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

By the Conisbrough (Constitution of U-box District and Division inta Wande) Order 1920, the Infactious Diseases (Transtian) Act 1890, and the Baths Ama Wash houses Acts 1864 to 1869 were declared to be in force in the Urban District.

Part 111 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890 has been adopted and came into force on the 1st May, 1922.

Part II, IV and X of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907 have been adopted and came into force on the 1st May, 1922.

Part II of the Public Health Act, 1925, has been adopted. Cortain sections of the above have been repealed by the Public Hoalth Act, 1936.

By Order of the Minister of Health dated 8th September, 1924, Byolaws with respect to New Streets came into operation in the Urban District. By Order of the Minister of Health dated 30th December, 1939, new Building Byolaws came into operation.

By Order of the Minister of Health dated 27th June, 1930, Byolaws with respect to Recreations Grounds became operative.

SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The provalence of Measles was marked this year, 104 cases being notified as against 5 the provious year, but the incidence of Scarlet Fever was lowef, only being 20 netified this year compared with 46 the provious year. Diphtheria is also declining, and only 5 netifications were received this year with no deaths, compared with 20 netifications the previous year with one death. There were 3 cases of Infantile Paralysis and outbreak of which occurred in this country during the year. There were no deaths from this disease.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YELR 1947.

Discaso	Total cas		Total Deaths.
	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	age to see that the	
Small pox			
Scarlot Fovor	20	20	
Diphthoria /	5	5	
Entoric Fovor. (including			
Para-typhoid)	-	_	
Puorporal Pyroxia.	4	4	
Pnoumonia.	22		20
Poliomyolitis	2	1	-
Policoncophalitis.	1	_	
Erysipoles	3	-	-
Monslos	104	And a -	
Whooping Cough	14	_	

An analysis of the total notified cases under the following ago-groups is attached.

1 yoar, 1-,2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 35-, 45-, 65 and over.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculesis) Regulations, 1925, (relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculesis employed in the milk trade), or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936, (relating to the compulsory removal to hespital of a person suffering from Tuberculesis).

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1947.

Particulars of now cases of Tuberculesis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1947 are given in the following form:-

		Now C				3000	thm.		
Ago Poriod.	Rospi	ratory	Non-Ros	piratory.	Rospir	ntory	1 -1	ospin Ac	
	M.	P.	И.	F.	M.	P.	М	- 7	
0-1	-	_	_	_	-		-		
1-5	1	-	-	1	-		1	-	
5-15	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
15-25	6	1	-	-	1		**		
25-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35-45	-	-	-		-	**			
45-55	3	-	-	- 1	1	-		10.4	
55-65	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
65 & upwards.		1	-		_	-		-	
Total	10	2	1	2	2	_	3.	-	a mare

The number of cases on the Tuberculesis Register for your area at the end of the year was 90. I am quite satisfied regarding the officiency of notifications of Tuberculesis in your area.

GENERAL.

The birth-rate continues high and with the high figure of 27.7 for 1947 it is anticipated that the infants classeswill be unusally large in the year 1952. The infant death-rate is showing wide variations but it is thought that the rate will steady in the next few years at about 40 per 1,000 live births. I consider the health statistics for this year to be quite satisfactory.

In conclusion Contlomen, I have to thank all the officers of the Council for the co-operation providing the information I have required, and in particular for the assistance the Sanitary Inspector has given me in compiling this Report. (Associal) As this is my last Report to the Consbrough Urban District Council, I should like to thank the Public Health Committee and the Council for their continued support and help during my term of office.

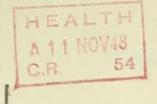
I am, Gontlomon, Your obodient servant,

D.T. CLARK .

Medical Officer of Health.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN AGE PERIODS.

	Under 1 year	to 2 years	to 3 years	to 4 years	to 5 years	to 10 years	to 15 years	to 20 years	to 35 years	to 45 years	to 65 years	years and over.	
	-	Н	CI	3	4	10	10	5	20	33	3	69	Total
Scarlet Fovor Diphthoria Puorperal Pyroxia Incumonia Poliomyelitis	- 1 - 1	1	1	1 2 - 1 -	1	9 - 1	4 1	1 - 1 1	1 4 4 1	1 - 2 -	- 8 -	- 4 -	20 5 4 22 2
Policonc ophalitis	-	1	-		-	-	-		-	-	-		1
Erysipolas	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
Hoaslos	4	9	13	11	29	35	2	-	1	-	-	-	104
Whooping Cough	1	2	3	1	2	4	-			1	-	-	14



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SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year ended

31st Docombor, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the CONISBROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gontlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you a Report on the work done by the Sanitary Inspector's Department which includes the Public Cleansing Service, which unfortunately due to the pressure of work was not completed in time to be incorporated in the Medical Officer's Annual Report, and under the circumstances, I must tender an apology to you.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The supplies in this district are obtained from boreholes, the water being pumped by the Doncaster and Tickhill Joint Water Board and the National Coal Board, the supplies being purchased from these authorities.

A portion of this water is delivered into a service reservoir situate at Conanby, but the majority of the water is supplied to this district directly out of the service mains as they enter the district, and thus, a constant supply is obtained within the area.

PURIFICATION.

A portion of the supply purchased from the N.C.B. is treated for hardness, followed by a filtration process, but no further treatment is undertaken by the authority, whilst the Doneaster and Tickhill Joint Water Board supply receives no treatment at all.

ANALYSIS.

30 samples of water were submitted for Bacteriol analysis by the Conisbrough Urban District Council and the National Coal Board during the year.

Eight of these samples contained caliform bacilli in a 100cc, and are classed as a 2nd class water supply.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

Nine reports of this type of analysis are available and appear to be satisfactory although the supply is definitely hard and the hardness is of a temperary character.

SUPPLY .

The approximate number of dwelling houses supplied within the district is 4,040.

DRAINAGE AND SEVERAGE.

No extensions to the sewers or sewage works have been made during the year but one anticipates such extensions will become necessary if the future housing programme as proposed by the Housing Committee is put into effect during the next few years, or, alternatively if local industries are developed upon any scale. Furthermore, in times of heavy rain the present storm water facilities appear to require review to remove the nuisance of theflooding of certain parts of the district with the resultant nuisance to the inhabitants living in these areas.

Ropairs to, and additional connections have been made to the existing drainage during the year and there has been an increase in notifications to this department of the proposed alterations and for repairs, especially in the Conisbrough area, but Denaby appears to be remarkably free from drainage troubles, the standard of workmanship with regard to this matter is considerably improving in this area.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There are at present within the district the following forms of sanitary convenience:-

Pail Closots	2
Privy Middons	18
Podostal Wator Closets	4570
Wasto Water Closets	162
Trough Closots	28

Councils policy of convorting these undesirable types of sanitary convenience is very commendable, but unfortunately the local builders can obtain plenty of more congenial repairs and although they undertake this work by contract, the speed with which it is accomplished leaves much to be desired, in fact, I am in agreement with the opinion which has been expressed in the Council Chamber that only by adopting direct labour methods will this work be accomplished before a number of years have clapsed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

It has not been found necessary to take any action in connection with pollution with the rivers or streams within the district.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Complaints have been made with regard to the output of undesirable material exhausted into the atmosphere as products of combustion and it appears an appropriate time for the installation of atmospheric pollution recording equipment for the purpose of obtaining a true picture of the conditions apportaining in the area. Unfortunately, whilst the use of inferior fuels for firing purposes is adherred to, which possess a lower B.T.U output, a cortain increase in undesirable products of combustion must be expected, unless boiler capacity is increased or combustion chambers are so designed with a biggor area to burn more of this material to obtain the same output without creating a nuisance.

Whilst the country is its present economical difficulty one has to accept a decrease in the standards although this appears most undesirable, but it is desirable that a true record of this decrease should be recorded so that at a future date an improvement on this standard can be demanded and the

undosirable standard is only allowed as a temperary measure.

SHOPS.

20 visits wore made under the Shops Act, 1934, those constituted routine inspections and the premises were found in most cases to be satisfactory with rogard to the provision of the Shops Acts.

SWILLING BATHS.

There is one swimming bath under the control of the local authority within the district which at present is not used for this purpose, it is hoped that the necessary plant may be available in the near future so that this amonity will be again restored to the residents of the district at a future date.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No. of Council houses found to be infested No. of other houses found to be infested No. disinfested by the Council No. disinfosted by the property owner.

The disinfestation of Council's property is carried out by the Council's workmon, an approved spray disinfestation agent being used for this purpose, household linen etc., being disinfested by a steam process. (The)

Contd:-

Eradication of Bod Bugs contd:-

The extermination of this post cannot be too rigorously prosecuted, and the Council's intention that all future cases of infestation of Council's property is due to tenant's neglect, and that the tenant should pay for disinfestation service should tend to create a more cleanly habit amongst them with a resultant saving of revenue from treatment costs.

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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE MARRA

No. of houses visited (Housing Consolidated Amended Regulation 1932) None.

do do do Complaints received a No, of re-inspections	Factorios Bakohousos Dairios and Cow Shods Rofuso Tip	0 3 11 20 25 1434 107 31
No. of houses disinfo No. of drains tested Total number of defec Informal notices serv Statutory Notices sor No. of nuisances abat	stod ts discovered od vod	31 56 887 149 22 626

CHIEF SANITATY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

Some of those have been dealt with in detail in other portions of this report briefly those are as follows:-

- (1) The conversion of Privy Middons into Water Closets.
- (2) The conversion of Trough Closets into Water Closets.
- (3) The conversion of Waste Water Closets into Water Closets.
- (4) The paving of back streets and unmade reads.
- (5) The clearing of proviously demolished housing sites.
- (((6) The redevelopment of these sites where possible.
 - (7) The provision of a suitable for the refuse tip. This has partially been evereene by the proposal of developing certain land as a play field but due to the unsuitability of the reads leading to the site alternative means will have to be provided.

LIST OF NUISANCES DISCOVERED

Defective drains. Choked sewers. Defective soil pipes and W.C. Defective rainwater pipes, gutter and roofs. Defective and wet plaster work. Dirty and vorminous houses and promises. Dangorous Buildings. Dirty and dolapidated closets. Accumulations of Refuse. Defective and uneven gullies. Insanitary sinks. Defective fire ranges. Defective slop water pipes. Choked wasto water closets. Defective tipplers to Wasto Water Closets. Chokod W.C. Insanitary Yards. Insufficient and unsatisfactory ventilation. Burst Water Pipes. Dofoctive floors. Misc. Nuisances. Rodont Infostations.

HOUSING.

CHANGERAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE HOUSING CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The housing conditions in the district is causing great concorn amongst a considerable portion of the publicand I propose to deal with this under two headings:-

(1) Those already housed. (2) Those desiring houses

Conditions found as a result of complaints reveals that the general standard apportaining in the district is declining; the number of repairs required is considerably increasing, in fact, there are few houses in the district which can still be called first class property requiring no repairs, and landlords cannot altogether boblamed for their condition .. Labour for this work is one of the primary causes of delapidation in this area; insufficent building staff is available, landlords report that they have given the works specified to a cortain builder and upon enquiry at the builder's, I find this statement is correct but the builder usually has too much work on to execute the works specified immediately or is unable to obtain certain materials and is disinclined to commence work until he has all the meterials required. This causes considerable extra work in inspections and enquiries, but the result is always the same that the householder has to suffer the inconveniences, what would perhaps have been a simple repair by the time it is attended to has become a major repair of considerable expense. - 5 -

Gonoral Observations of Housing Conditions Contd:-

The most unfortunate aspect of this position is the fact that under these conditions the builders cannot catch up with the delapidation and unless steps are taken in the immediate future housing conditions as we know them will be a thing of the past. A considerable pertien of the elder property in the area requires drastic action to deal with it, but this brings no to my second point.

Those desiring houses.

There is within this area a considerable number of people desiring houses briefly:-

- (a) Those persons who were before the war requiring re-housing.
- (b) The children of these days (before the war) who are parents of to-day and are living with their parents or in unsuitable evererowded conditions.
- (c) Those persons living in delapidated old property which would, had things been normal, not been allowed to serve this purpose for so long.
- (d) The segregation of those families where cortain diseases are found in ever-crowded conditions.

A considerable number of new houses are required to meet these demands in the area and it does appear unfortunate for the area that permission cannot be obtained for more rapid development of the housing project that the Council has approved. With regard to the repairs required, heans will have to be found to ensure that notices are enforced without this considerable delay. Perhaps the proposed idea of supplementing the present labour force available in the district would be one means of evercoming this difficulty.

THINTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

No. in district 6 Action with regard thereto 1.

The action doesed necessary is at present awaiting a hearing in court.

NUMBER OF HOUSES FRECTED DURING THE YEAR:-

A total of 30 Permanent houses were erected during the year, and construction has commenced of a further 12 houses to be known as the Apprenticeship Schome.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

Inspections have been carried out of the producer's promises and the dairies used by wholesalers and retailers in the district. These have been found to be in a satisfactory condition at the time of inspection.

Milk Supply contd:-

The conditions of the vehicles used for rotail purposes are such that in numerous cases they require replacement and I am informed that application to purchase new vehicles have been made by the owners and it is hoped that these will be forthcoming in the near future.

There has been no additions to or deletions from the register of retailers and producers during the year and the quantity supplied has not decreased. Most of this is heat tested milk.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The supply of meat for the district is still obtained from the M.O.F. slaughter house at Shoffield and delivered to a central point in the district for distribution to the local butchers. Complaints are senetimes received with regard to transportation and I am of the opinion that this could still be improved.

The butchers' shops upon inspection have proved satisfactory, but the conditions apportaining in the making up have not all been made satisfactory in accordance with the provisions of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938. Here again difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the necessary building labour and materials, and permits.

SHIZURE OF UNSOUND FOOD.

No legal proceedings were necessary in respect of this matter during the year,

The quantities of food condemned during the year were as follows:-

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

This service afforded to the Community is expanding with the increased housing being made available in the district, and the policy of the Cpuncil with regard to the abolition of the ashpits in the district, although a commendable step in the right direction, makes it necessary that the whole of the district will receive weekly attention instead of a portion receiving monthly attention as at present.

Unfortunately, the new vehicles ordered have not yet been received, and additional expenditute must be expended to keep the decrepit existing vehicles in a road worthy condition.

TIPPING

Facilities for tipping in this area are very limited and this matter will cause some consternation if a further site cannot be obtained in the near future.

SALVAGE.

Council's policy of assisting the National Effort by concentrating upon the recovering of as much useful material as possible, has proved to be a commendable policy and the salvage receipts for the year have increased proportionately to a figure of £523 approximately 300% above last years figure

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

7,372 tons of Refuse was removed from the district at a cost of £2,984. 13. 2d. this resulting in a cost per ton of 8/1d.

The cost per house was $14/9\frac{1}{4}d$.

39 loads of night soil was removed at a cost per house of £2. 3. 7d per year.