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EPPING URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

-of-

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

- and -

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1940.

U R B A N D I S T R I C T O F E P P I N G

MEDICAL and SANITARY OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health	}	... ..	Dr.H.A.Watney, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic.			
Sanitary Inspector	}	... ..	Mr.H.J.Mead, M.S.I.A.
Meat and Food Inspector			
Health Visitor	...	... ..	Miss Sarah Myers.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Epping.

Gentlemen,

Following the procedure outlined in my Report for last year this report is an interim one.

S E C T I O N A .

(i) GENERAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area of District	... ..	1,486 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid-1940)	... ..	6,195
Number of inhabited houses	... ..	1733
Rateable Value on 31st December 1940.	... ..	£38,065.
Produce of a penny rate	... ..	£148.12. 6.

(ii) VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births:-</u>	Total.	M.	F.	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 16.4
Legitimate	103	51	52	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
<u>Stillbirths:-</u>				Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 28.3
Legitimate	3	1	2	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
<u>Total Births:-</u>	106	52	54	
<u>Deaths</u>	87	40	47	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popula- tion - 14.2

Deaths from puerperal causes -

Deaths of Infants under one year:-

	...	M.	F.
Legitimate	...	1	1
Illegitimate	...	-	-
Total	...	2	

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	19.4
Legitimate infants per 1,000 leg. live births	... ..	19.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illeg. live births	... ..	0
Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea	... ..	0

Deaths at various ages during 1940:-

Age	Deaths :	Age	Deaths :	Age	Deaths:
Under 1 year	3	15 & under	5	55 & under	13
1 & under 2	-	25 " "	3	65 " "	21
2 " "	5	35 " "	2	75 and upwards	31
5 " "	1	45 & "	8	<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>	<u>88</u>

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE R.A.

- (a) Laboratory Facilities. No change.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities. The private ambulance situated in the town has continued to give prompt and effective service.
- (c) Nursing Facilities. No change.
- (d) Clinics and Treatment Centres. No change.
- (e) Hospitals. Considerable extension of St. Margarets Hospital, both in the matter of accommodation and surgical equipment and appliances.
- (f) Maternity and Child Welfare. No change.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

- (i) Water. No change.
- (ii) Drainage and Sewerage. Despite the increased flow due to the continued presence of Evacuees in the District, both Works continue to give satisfactory results.
- (iii) Schools. No change.
- (iv) Public Cleansing. No change.
- (v) Closet Accommodation. No change.
- (vi) Public Conveniences. No change.
- (vii) Smoke Abatement. Complaints of a nuisance from smoke and obnoxious smells arising from the Incinerator at St. Margarets Hospital have been referred to the County Council but the cause of complaint has so far not been removed.
- (viii) Swimming Bath. No change.
- (ix) Eradication of Bed Bugs. No serious cases.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

No new houses were erected during the year.

Since the outbreak of war it has not been possible to continue the making of regular inspections, although every complaint received was effectively dealt with, and a number of defects remedied.

The Evacuation Scheme continues to cause a certain amount of overcrowding from time to time, and although it is impossible to adhere to pre-war standards, steps have been taken to deal with the worst cases and safeguard the interests of the public health.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

Meat. Occasionally small quantities of meat unfit for human consumption have been seized.

Milk. No change.

Bakehouses.

Camping Grounds.

Hairdressers' Premises.

Shops Act.

No Change. No complaints.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, and CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS and OTHER DISEASES.

The number of infectious cases arising from St. Margarets Hospital has increased.

There has been no widespread epidemic and the health of the community has been good.

Notifications received during the year:-

			Total	Sent to Hospital.
Scarlet fever	...	...	13	10
Diphtheria	...	...	8	8
Fuerperal Pyrexia...	...	...	2	1
Erysipelas	...	...	7	5
Paratyphoid	...	...	0	0
Chicken Pox	...	...	24	0
Pneumonia	...	...	3	0
Measles	...	...	5	2
Dysentery	...	...	1	0
Meningococcal Meningitis	...	...	1	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS			NEW CASES				DEATHS			
			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 -	...	...								
1 -	...	...				1				
5 -	...	...				1				
15 -	...	...		1						
25 -	...	...				1				
35 -	...	...								
45 -	...	...					1			
55 -	...	...	1							
65 and upwards	...	...	1			1				
TOTALS	...	...	2	1		4	1			

SECTION G.

FACTORIES.

A number of inspections have been made.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

H. A. WATNEY,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Eng.),
M.B., B.S. (London.)

30th August, 1941.