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THE

Urban District Council of Farsley.

REPORT

on the
Sanitary Condition
of Farsley in 1920,
by
JOHN R. LAMBERT,
—— M.B., ——
Medical Officer of Health.

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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF FARSLEY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING . . .

DECEMBER 31st, 1920.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE FARSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,-

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I have the honour to submit to you my Twenty-first Annual Report on the Health of the District.

A Circular accompanying the memorandum issued by the Ministry of Health, regarding the arrangement of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health, requests that matters be dealt with as exhaustively as possible, and the fullest publicity given to the Report throughout your area, and copies exchanged with other Authorities.

The population at the 1911 Census was 5,996, and is now estimated at 6,160.

The area of the District, comprising land and inland water, is 840 acres. The soil is loam with clay and gravel on sandstone rock.

The altitude varies from 202 feet above sea level at Bagley, to 600 feet at Dike Lane.

Streams passing through the District are Red Beck, Farsley Beck, and Stanningley Beck.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are Agriculture, Electrical and General Engineering, Printing, and Woollen and Worsted Manufacturing, the last of which greatly predominates. There are no trades having a deleterious effect on the public health.

Vital Statistics.—The total number of Births registered in the District during the year was 112, to which are to be added two transferable births, making a total of 114, being 46 more than in 1919, and consisting of 55 Boys and 59 Girls.

The total of 114 calculated on an estimated population of 6,160, as supplied by Somerset House, gives a Birth-rate of 18.5 per thousand, which is 7.5 higher than the previous year, and may be regarded as a very satisfactory increase.

A very gratifying item is the absence of any illegitimate births, none being registered during the year.

During three weekly periods of the year no Births were registered, as compared with 14 weekly periods in the year 1919.

The Birth-rate for England and Wales was 25.44, and our District is therefore still below the average.

Seventy-three Deaths were registered in the District during the year—27 Males and 46 Females (one male being nonresident and therefore transferable), to which are to be added 7 deaths of males and 5 of females which occurred outside the District; in all 33 males and 51 females, a net total of 84 Deaths, and being 3 less than in 1919. The total of 84, calculated on an estimated population of 6,160, gives a Death-rate of 13.6 per thousand, being 1.0 lower than the previous year.

The Death-rate for England and Wales was 12.4.

There were 8 deaths of Infants under one year of age, giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of 70.1 per 1,000 Births registered, a decrease of 32 on the previous year.

The Rate for England and Wales was 80.

There were 6 Inquest cases, one of which was transferable, and, as previously noted, no deaths of illegitimate children were registered.

PLACE OF DEATH.	Age.	Sex.	Cause of Death.
Bradford Hospital.	4 months	м.	Mucous Enteritis
Leeds	34	F.	Pueperal Eclampsia.
Darrington	41	М.	Myelitis.
Pudsey	28	М.	Drowned (Inquest).
Calverley Hospital	28	F.	Enteric Fever.
do.	3	F.	Scarlet Fever.
Clayton	51	М.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
do.	74	F.	Cerebral Apoplexy.
Menston Asylum	59	F	Melancholia.
Leeds Infirmary	30	М.	Meningitis.
do.	5	М.	Empyema.
Stanningley	46	М.	Spastic Paraplegia.

DEATHS OF INHABITANTS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

Deaths were due to the following causes:—Bronchitis, 9; Apoplexy, 7; Heart Disease, 6; Phthisis, 5; 4 each Influenza and Insufficient Vitality; 3 each Diabetes, Cancer, and Rheumatism; 2 each Gastritis, Hodgkin's Disease, Pneumonia, Broncho-Pneumonia, and Nephritis; 1 each Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Lupus, Enteric Fever, Measles. Hemiplegia, and Meningitis; 11 Senility; 6 Other Causes; and 6 Inquests.

The Rateable Value of the Urban District of Farsley is $f_{27,227}$. The Poor Rate was 8/- in the pound, and the District Rate 7/- in the pound.

The General Infirmary and the Hospital for Women and Children in Leeds, and the Royal Infirmary and the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital in Bradford, accept patients from Farsley as well as other districts in the West Riding. They are all voluntary institutions, and receive contributions for support from Farsley and several other districts.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the year was the opening, in July, of a Child's Welfare Centre at the Methodist School, Farsley. This has been held every Tuesday, and there have been present the Nurse (Childs Welfare), the District Nurse, and several lady helpers, including Mrs. Shaw, Miss Haynes, and Miss Clough, and the Medical Officer. The number of mothers has varied from as few as eight to a maximum of 24. A few school children have been seen chiefly for skin lesions, glands, and infantile paralysis.

The babies have been of an exceedingly healthy type. The advice given by the Medical Officer has chiefly been with regard to feeding and minor babies' ailments. A few simple drugs have been prescribed in suitable cases, and where necessary a communication has been sent to the patients own medical attendant. Only two babies have died—from Gastro-Enteritis and Meningitis,

One of Dr. Kaye's assistants from Wakefield has visited the Clinic.

Necessitous cases have been supplied with food free of charge. All new cases are seen on admission by the Nurse, and examined by the Medical Officer, and all cases are seen and examined once a month.

Water.—We have a constant and sufficient supply, purchased from the Bradford Corporation. The quality is good, and there is no complaint of any contamination of the water by lead. There is no pollution of streams in the District.

Drainage and Sewerage.—The Drainage is quite adequate in every respect, and our Sewage Works fully up to requirements.

Closet Accommodation.—The conversion of Closets from the conservancy to water carriage system is being rapidly proceeded with. For full particulars of this work I would refer you to the Report of your Inspector of Nuisances, also for statistics regarding scavenging. Schools.—On two occasions during the year I ordered the closing of Schools owing to the prevalence of Infectious Diseases, namely, Whooping Cough and Measles.

Milk Supply.—This being of local production is sufficient in quantity and pure in quality. The cowsheds are in a satisfactory condition, both externally and internally.

Infecticus Diseases.—There were 7 Notificatinos in the first Quarter of the year, 8 in the Second, 12 in the Third, and 16 in the Fourth, a total of 43 cases, being a decrease of 2 on 1919, and made up as follows.—

Scarlet Fever,—Thirty notifications were received during the year, this being 17 more than in 1919, and as pointed out one death was registered as due to this disease.

Erysipelas.—Two cases, being the same number as notifed in 1919. Both mild cases.

Diphtheria.-Two cases, a decrease of 5. No death.

Enteric Fever.—Four cases against no cases in 1919. One death registered as due to this disease.

Tuberculosis.—As noted Five new cases were notified during the year.

Notification of Tuberculosis cases and the Tuberculosis Dispensary have ensured earlier treatment of incipient cases. Hygienic measures and a higher standard of living among the poorer classes have incerased their resistance to the Tubercle Bacilli. Sanitorium treatment and educational steps taken by Medical Officers of Health have to some extent taught the practice of living and sleeping in the open air and the avoidance of infection.

Measles became prevalent early in the year, and on January 9th I ordered all Schools to be closed for two weeks owing to Measles and Whooping Cough. In October we had another visitation which affected, as is usual, the young children. The cases increased in number, and the disease became epidemic in November. The Central Infants' School was closed on the 2nd of November, and the Frances Street Infants' Department on December 1st, both remaining closed until after the Christmas Holidays. The epidemic continued until the end of December, and some of the cases were very poorly, but only one death was registered as due to this disease. Measles is not now notifiable. **Vaccination.**—The number of Exemptions from Vaccination in these days is remarkable and has grown incredibly of late years. We are only vaccinating between 30 and 40 per cent. of the children. It is not always a case of conscientious objection, but simply apathy on the part of parents. The only cure for smallpox iş—smallpox— then people get alarmed and rush to be vaccinated.

	Registered.	Vaccinated	Insusceptible to Vaccination.	Removed	Statuary Declaration of Objection	Dead Unvaccinated	Postponed owing to health of Child.
CALVERLEY AND FARSLEY	167	69	I	I	85	5	6
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CALVERLEY JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

	Scarlet Fever	Typhoid	Diph- theria.	Admitted	Discharged	Died
CALVERLEY	20	0	0	20	7	I
Eccleshill	13	I	4	18	14	0
FARSLEY	29	3	4	36	33	2
Idle	32	o	0	32	34	0
PUDSEY	17	0	6	23	18	3
. Total	111	4	14	1 29	106	6

January 1st, 1920, December 31st, 1920.

Now a few words about our Hospitals generally, which do such magnificent service.

Here is a suggestion, not an entirely original one I admit. The Hospitals have usually large waiting lists. There are some private mansions in our district, standing unoccupied. Why do not some of our wealthy gentlemen rent or buy these places and then patients, after operation, can be brought there in a motor ambulance when able to be moved? Convalescents or operation cases get better more quickly in the country and the bed in the Hospital can be used for another urgent opration case.

The Summary of Housing Work during 1920, Table C and your Inspector's Report, are appended.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN R. LAMBERT,

Medical Officer of Health.

FARSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES

FOR THE YEAR 1920.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE FARSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,-

I have great pleasure in presenting you my First Report of the various works carried out in my department during the year ending December 31st, 1920.

I trust that the information and particulars contained in this Report will be of interest and satisfactory to each Member of the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

VICTOR WILSON, C.E., M.S.I.A.

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

PLANS.

The following is a list of Plans which have been approved by the Council during the year, 1920:----

New Garage	 I
Workshops (Sheds)	 3
Canteen	 I
Alteration and Additions	I
New Water Closets	 19

HICHWAYS.

The following is a summary of the work done on the Highways during the year:---

Leeds and Bradford Road.—This road from Old Road to Wood Nook, from Cote Lane to Priesthorpe Road, and from Duckell's Farm to Woodhall Road, on the up side to Bradford, was relaid with tar macadam, 250 tons of material being used; also from Owlcotes Lane to Charity Farm, on the down side, was relaid with Granite and bound with Rocmac.

Other District Roads.—Town Street, from Church Corner to Calverley Lane, Water Lane from New Inn to Sunny Bank, Sun Street, Stanningley, and Bagley from Springfield Mill bottom gates or South Street to Boundary, have all been relaid with $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. Granite and bound with Glutrin.

Woodhall Lane.—A portion of this road has been repaired with Screened Granite.

Footpath.—The front of Sunny Bank Mill Offices, Town Street, has been relaid with Concrete Flags.

The following	shows the q	uantity of road	materi	al used :
Tar Macadam	250 Tons.	Main Road		250 Tons.
Granite	450 ,,			
		Water Lane.		
		Bagley		
		Sun Street		25 ,,

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Tar Spraying was done on the following roads:—Leeds and Bradford, Galloway Lane, New Street (Mr. Gaunt's to Town Street), from Church Corner to Old Fold, from Holling's Shop to Green Street, and Bagley Lane from Fleece Hotel to Springfield Mill.

WATER SUPPLY.

A good and adequate supply of water was obtained during the year. The quantity of water registered at the Boundary Meters is as follows:---

Low Level.	High Level.	Total.
10,069,000 galls.	28,080,000 galls.	38,149,000 galls.
The following is	quantity of water used	for trade purposes :
Low Level.	High Level.	Total.
4,876,000 galls.	4,245,000 galls.	9,121,000 galls.

By deducting the total amount of water used for trade purposes from the quantity registered at the boundary meters, and taking the population at 6,000, the amount consumed for domestic purposes per head for every 24 hours is 13.25 gallons per head.

Several new Valves have been fixed and old ones repaired.

STEAM ROLLER.

The Roller has been engaged $159\frac{3}{4}$ days during the year, which is accounted for as follows:—

Other Authorities	$72\frac{1}{4}$	days.
Own Roads		
Main Roads	8	,,
Private	3	,,
	1591	,,

PUBLIC LICHTING.

Durig the lighting season 252 Lamps were lighted and fixed with Incandescent Burners.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

FARM.

During the lighting season 252 Lamps were lighted and fixed carried out at the Farm, all the plots of land for treating Sewage have been ploughed, worked and cleared, all the Willows have been pulled up. The Precipitation Tanks and Lagoons are emptied periodically, the sewage is treated on the whole of the land, and Alumino Ferric is used. The Farm generally is fairly satisfactory, and much better condition than when I first came to Farsley. The whole of the sludge has been taken by farmers, about 630 loads being disposed of during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 38 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified to me, which are as follows:—4 Diphtheria, 30 Scarlet Fever, and 4 Enteric. All these cases are notified by your M.O.H. Each case was visited and the drains and fittings inspected and disinfectant given out.

SLAUCHTER-HOUSES.

There are Seven Slaughter-houses in the district. All have been inspected at various times and are generally kept clean and in good order.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, & MILKSHOPS.

The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops registered in the district have been inspected, and were found clean and in good order, and lime-washing has been carried out.

BAKE-HOUSES.

The Bake-houses have been inspected and found clean and well kept.

NUISANCES.

Five notices have been served, two for insanitary closets, two defective drains, and one for keeping fowls in workshop. All notices complied with.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

During the year I am pleased to state that 48 Water Closets have been connected to sewer, 14 Privies have been converted into 34 Water Closets and 14 Water Closets to works. These have all been built since I took up duties at Farsley. The present accommodation is as follows:—

Water Closets	 753
Pan or Pail Closets	 5
Midden Privies	
Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	 120
Dust Bins	 350
Cesspools	
Open Middens and Ashpits	
Waste Water Closets	

ASHPITS.

Ashpits emptied during the year :---

Ashpit	s Emp	tied		 			 	1584
								Loads.
								1008
,,	,,	on	Land	 			 	1170
					To	tol		2178

TABLE C.

YEAR 1920.

FARSLEY SANITARY DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1920?

Any insufficiency, and where? No.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? None.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Any developments during 1920? None.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of sewers: None. (b) Improvement of defective sewers: None.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints as to smells? No.

Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection? Yes.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens, 79.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 5.

- No. of Prives with covered middens, 277.
- No. of Water Closets, 73. Waste-water Closets, 24.
- No. of Privies re-constructed during 1920—(a) as w.c.'s, 48. (b) other, None.
- No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1920— (a) w.c.'s, 38. (b) other.

SCAVENGING.

Any change during 1920? None.

Performed by (a) Council, Yes. (b) Contractor.

How is refuse disposed of— No. of loads to (a) Destructor: None. (b) Tips: 2,178. (c) Farmers: 1,170.

Total annual cost, £1,000.

No. of Closets constructed in 1920 for new houses (a) w.c.'s, None. (b) other.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? None.

Any utilization or salvage of waste material? None.

NUISANCE INSPECTION.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1920: No record.

Informal Notices served: No record.

Complied with: No record.

Statutory Notices served: 5. Complied with: 5.

- Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1919: None. At close of 1920: None.
- Total No. of Nuisances reported during 1920: No record. Abated during 1920: No record.

Total No. of Summonses or other legal proceedings: -.

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.		No. on In- Regis- ter.	General Condition.	Legal Proceedings (if any.)
Common Lodging Houses	None			
Houses Let in Lodgings	do.			
Canal Boats	dø.			
Knackers Yards	do.			
Tents, Vans & Sheds	do.			
Offensive Trades Please Specify Kind.)	do.			

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades, eg., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc.? None.

SCHOOLS.

Schools visited by M.O.H.: Frances Street. Action taken: Closure. Schools closed: One (twice).

MILK SUPPLY.

- No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts: None.
- No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination: None.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? Arrangement with Local Vet.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1020? None. No. of Cowkeepers in district: 11. No. Registered: 11.

- No. of Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers: 7. No. who are Purveyors only: 2. Total No. Registered: 9.
- Total No. of Cowsheds: 11. No. of Inspections in 1920: 11. General Condition: Good.
- Approx. No. of Milch Cows in District: 160. Any insufficiency in Milk Supply? No.
- Legal proceedings under D.C.M. Orders: None.
- Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? None.
- Milk (Mothers and Children) Order, 1919. Any action? None.

OTHER FOODS.

- No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Foods and Drugs Acts: None.
- No. of seizures of unsound food : None.
- No. of Slaughter Houses: 7. No. Registered: 7. No. Licensed: 7. No. Unsatisfactory? Good condition.
- No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs: —. (b) Unsound Food: —. (c) re Slaughter Houses: —.

No. of Bakehouses : 10.

Is there a Public Abattoir? No.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Any Smoke nuisances, and where? None.

No. of Smoke observations taken: —. No. of Cautions: —. Legal Notices: —. Summonses: —.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Acts adopted during 1920: None.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Any Bye-Laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements: None.

Any other adopted or revised during 1920: None.

Any relaxation of Bye-laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act 1919: None.

Any other Bye-laws needed? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1920? Measles. State months: October and November.Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.Any prevalence of Venereal Diseases? A few cases.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification :--

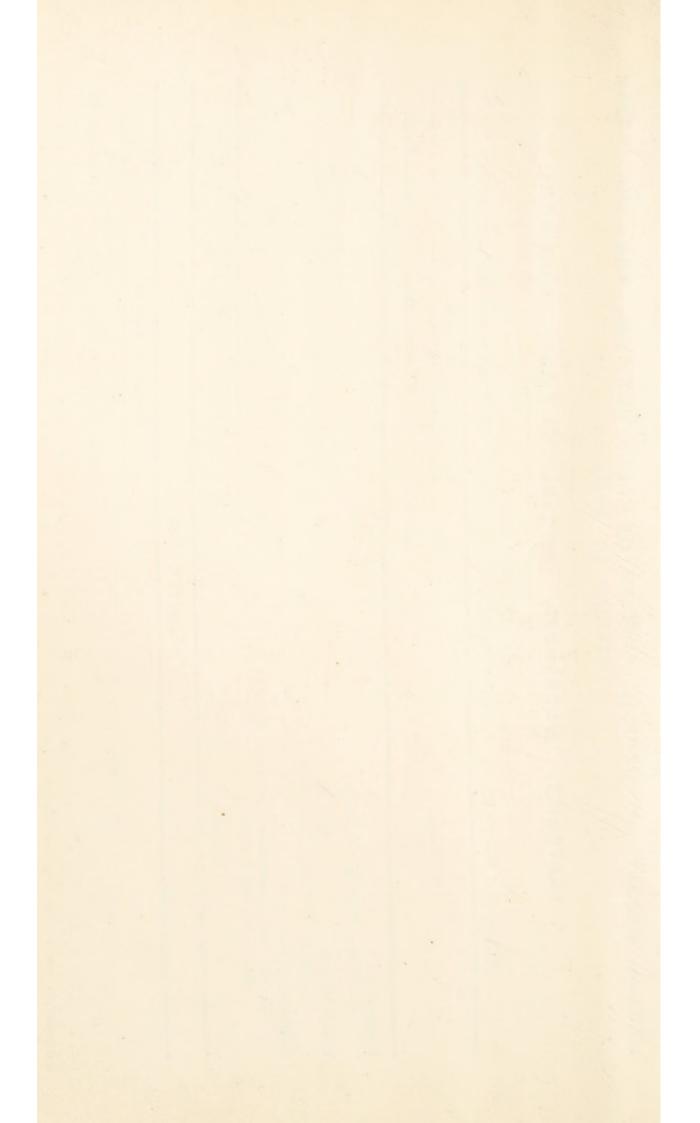
- (I) Inspection of patient's home and workshop: If necessary.
- (2) Examination for contracts : --.
- (3) Is house disinfected: Yes. When? In fatal cases.
- (4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed : ---.
- (5) Action re spitting : --.
- (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? No.
- (7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum: Dealt with at Dispensary.
- (8) Tuberculosis Dispensaries.-Any suggestions: No.

BACTERIOLOGY.

Is County Laboratory utilized? Yes. Any suggestions? No.

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INFANT MORTALITY.

What organised effort to control it? Nurse appointed by W.R.C.C. and Childs' Welfare opened in 1920.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No. Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1920: —. Suggestions will be welcomed regarding—

(a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes : ---.

(b) Ante-natal Schemes: --.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births during 1920—Males, 55; Females, 59; Total, 114. No. illegitimate included in above, o. No. if Still Births (not included), o.

- **Deaths** during 1920—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction, 73.
 - (2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated: Males, 33; Females, 51.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above), o.

MORTUARIES.

What Mortuary accommodation—(a) for accidents: None.(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital: None.

SANITARY STAFF.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £50. Name of Sanitary Inspector: V. Wilson. Annual Salary as Inspector: £100. Other appointments held: Surveyor. Salary for such other appointments: £180. Any Assistants? No. Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

