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# THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GAINSBOROUGH

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

Caskgate Street,  
Gainsborough.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your district.

### SECTION A.

The area of the district is 78,598 acres.

The estimated population is 10,100.

The Rateable Value on March 31st, 1945, was £35,474.

The estimated penny rate product for the year ending March 31st, 1946, is £145.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live births			
Total	88	111	199
Legitimate	77	104	181
Illegitimate	11	7	18
Still births	1	1	2

The birth rate is 19.7.

### DEATHS.

Disease.	Male	Female
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	
Respiratory Tuberculosis		1
Other forms of tuberculosis		1
Syphilitic diseases	1	
Measles	1	
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	1
Cancer of breast		1
Cancer all other sites	8	7
Diabetes	1	1
Intracranial vascular lesions	6	5
Heart disease	18	18
Other circulatory diseases	1	3
Bronchitis	5	4
Pneumonia	2	
Other respiratory diseases	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	
Other digestive diseases	2	2
Nephritis	2	1
Congenital malformation, etc.	3	1
Violent causes	4	3
All other causes	8	5
Total	69	56

The death rate is 12.3.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:—

	Male	Female
Legitimate .....	5	1
Illegitimate .....		2
Total .....	8	

Infantile mortality rate 42.01 per 1,000.

#### SECTION B.

##### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

- (a) One part-time Medical Officer of Health.  
(b) One Sanitary Inspector.
- (a) Laboratory facilities. There is an Emergency Public Health laboratory which serves the County Council and the District Council.  
(b) There are District Nurses in several villages.  
(c) Isolation. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to the Urban District Council Isolation Hospital.

#### SECTION C.

##### WATER SUPPLY.

This is improving and a good many villages have now a piped supply.

A commencement has now been made to supply the villages of Grayingham and Blyborough, Willoughton, Glentworth, Fillingham, Hemswell, Walkerith, Wildsworth and East Ferry. This will complete the whole of the area.

##### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Six drains have been examined and repaired.

##### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There is only one in the area and in this there have been no contraventions of regulations.

#### SECTION D.

##### HOUSING.

- Inspections.  
293 houses have been inspected during the year. These inspections have been made where and when complaints have been received.
- Defects.  
15 defects were remedied in consequence of informal action.
- New houses.  
None have been built.

#### SECTION E.

##### (a) MILK SUPPLY.

This is quite good. Samples are taken for testing regularly by the County Council.  
There are no milk-shops or dairies on the register.  
Cowsheds: There are approximately 220 in the area.  
No contraventions of regulations.

##### (b) MEAT.

There are sixteen slaughterhouses on the register.

SECTION F.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE DURING 1945.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever .....	12	7	...
Pneumonia .....	3	...	2
Measles .....	151	...	1
Whooping Cough .....	19	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	14	5	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	1	...	...
Erysipelas .....	1	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	1	1	...

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

124 Children under 3 years were immunised.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases notified and mortality during 1945.

Age Period.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 "	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
15 "	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
25 "	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
35 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ..	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...

This is my 35th and concluding annual report. I should wish to place on record my appreciation of the friendly and helpful relations which have always existed between myself and the succeeding officials and members of the Gainsborough Rural District Council during this quite considerable period of years.

I think there is no doubt that the change-over is greatly to the advantage of the District.

I remain,

Your former obedient servant,

H. B. WILLOUGHBY SMITH.

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