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of
HALTEMPRICE



Annual Report

of
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year ended 31st December,

1941



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THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HALTEMPRICE.

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Medical Officer of Health :

J. M. HERMON, M.D., C.M.

Sanitary Inspectors :

J. HILARY STEELE, R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
(Senior).

FRANK RHODES, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. (Away on Military Service).
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Clerk of the Council :

L. STOTT.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
HESSLE.

June, 1942.

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1941, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 2604 (England).

As in the years 1939 and 1940, this Circular suggests that Reports should be materially shortened and directed principally towards the careful preservation of all records and statistics, and should not include any reference to activities in connection with wartime industrial, military or other important developments.

I.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a) Area in acres	9,026
(b) Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1941	31,820 X
(c) Number of inhabited houses (end of 1941) according to the Rate Book (estimated).	9,988 X
(d) Rateable value (end of 1941)....	£189,498
(e) Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	£752

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS numbered 507, being :—

	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	241	249
Illegitimate	3	14

This gives an Annual Birth Rate of 16 compared with 16.3 for 1940, and 14.2 for the whole of England and Wales for 1941.

STILL BIRTHS numbered 16 — 7 being males and 9 females—1 illegitimate—giving a Still Birth Rate of 0.5.

Both the above rates are expressed in terms per 1,000 civilian population.

DEATHS numbered 313 (previous year 296)—154 being males and 159 females—giving an Annual Death Rate of 9.8 for the year, compared with 9 for the year 1940 and 12.9 for the whole of England and Wales for 1941.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	....	0
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	....	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	....	28
16 being males and 12 females (all legitimate) giving an <i>Infant Mortality Rate</i> of 55.2, compared with 33.8 for the year 1940 and 59 for England and Wales for 1941.		
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	....	57
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	....	No deaths
Deaths from Cancer	....	45
being 22 males and 23 females.		
Deaths from Measles	....	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	....	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....	6

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
during the year 1941.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	38	28	0
Diphtheria	8	8	0
Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid)	8	7	0
Pneumonia	1	0	12
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0
Whooping Cough	14	0	0
Measles	101	0	0
Erysipelas	4	0	0

4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 ...	1	...	3	1	...	...	1	...
15 ...	2	3	1	...	...	3	...	...
25 ...	3	4	...	3	3	5	...	...
35 ...	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
45 ...	2	5	...	1	2	1	...	...
55 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...
Totals ...	12	12	6	6	6	9	2	0

5.—GENERAL REMARKS.

The standard of health of the general public throughout the year has been good.

Sanitary services have been well maintained, but the need for increased and better drainage and sewage disposal has been emphasised on several occasions.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

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

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1941.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 188 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	97
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	14
„ privy pails or middens	7
„ roofs	13
Accumulations of refuse or manure	5
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.	1
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	12
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	4
„ house floors	4
Dampness in walls	4
Defective windows and other woodwork	2
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	4
„ sink and bath waste pipes	6
„ wall and ceiling plaster	4
Offensive smells	1
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	4
Defective pumps	2
Foul cesspools	—
„ ditches	—
Miscellaneous	4

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INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	251
" " houses and premises re-inspected	310
" " miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	561
" " visits to works in progress	...	...	...	...	893
" " visits to slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	171
" " " " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops					25
" " " " bakehouses	...	...	...	...	21
" " " " schools	...	...	...	...	3
" " " " workshops and factories	...	...	...	...	38
" " " " <i>re</i> cases of infectious disease	...	...	...	...	21
" " " " disinfect after cases of infectious disease and others...	...	...	...	...	25
" " " " shops, etc., <i>re</i> Food Inspection					186
" " " " Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	11
" " " " to verminous premises	...	...	...	...	2
					—
					2,518
					—

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	174
Statutory Notice under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Statutory Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	1
					—
					175
					—

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc.....	....	....	....	....	140
New provided	....	....	....	....	—
Relaid	....	....	....	....	1
New gullies fixed....	....	....	....	....	2
New vent shafts fixed	....	....	....	....	—
Cesspools abolished	....	....	....	....	—

WATER CLOSETS.

New pans fixed....	....	....	....	....	....	5
New W.C.'s installed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Cisterns repaired	....	....	....	....	....	10
New cisterns fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	3
Privies converted to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	....	—
Soil pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
New soil pipes fixed	....	....	....	....	....	—

SINKS AND BATHS.

New provided	....	....	....	....	....	1
New waste pipes provided	....	....	....	....	....	3
Waste pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	5

R.W. PIPES.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	....	4
Renewed	....	....	....	....	....	—

WATER SUPPLY.

Wells closed	....	....	....	....	....	—
Pumps repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
Water supplies laid on	....	....	....	....	....	—
Service pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	11
Pumps abolished	....	....	....	....	....	—

YARD, PAVING, ETC.

Yards paved	....	....	....	....	....	—
Paving repaired	....	....	....	....	....	5
Yards cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	1

DUST RECEPTACLES.

Provided	....	....	....	....	....	23
New privy pails provided	....	....	....	....	....	3

DAMPNESS.

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	14
Eaves gutters provided	....	....	....	....	....	5
Eaves gutters repaired	....	....	....	....	....	6
Walls rendered or pointed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Ventilation provided under floors	....	....	....	....	....	1

GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

Walls repaired	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
Windows repaired	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
House floors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
Ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Animals removed	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Accumulations removed	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
Rooms ventilated	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Wall Plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Additional Windows provided	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Obstructive buildings removed	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Premises closed	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Rooms cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Cellars filled in	....	....	....	....	....	....	—
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	....	1

SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The necessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small "general" type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

	No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	131	193
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	11	25

(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	—
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	18
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.				
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	....		25
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.				
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	....			2
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	—
			carried forward from 1936		18
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				—
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied....	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :				
	(a) By owners	....	....	....	—
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				—
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....			—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....		—

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	....	—

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A.	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	....	....	4
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	....	....	4
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	....	....	28
B.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	1
C.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	2
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	....	12
D.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....	....	....	—
E.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	....	....	....	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	....	....	....	87
Number of Cowkeepers	....	....	....	58
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	....	....	....	70

FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

Bovines	...	...	...	877
Sheep	...	...	...	6,583
Pigs	...	...	...	565
				8,025

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle including Calves	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	877	6,583	565
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcasses condemned	3	7	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	66	56	35
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.84%	.95%	6.37%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcasses condemned	2	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	51	—	5
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	6.43%	—	.88%

In addition to the foregoing, the following shews the quantity of other foods also inspected and the amount found to be unsound and unfit for food :—

	Inspected.	Condemned.
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs—approx.	50 lbs.	50 lbs
Made up Meats	500 lbs	500 lbs.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There is no public slaughter-house in the District, and slaughtering is carried out at 18 private slaughter-houses in the District. These slaughter-houses are classified under the heading of :—

Licensed	18
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The occupiers of the slaughter-houses give written notice of regular slaughtering days and hours as required under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. Routine meat inspection is carried out. Special notice of intention to slaughter on days other than regular slaughter days is forwarded to the Health Departments.

The slaughter-houses, lairs and yards have been found to be sanitary and clean at all times, with one exception, and as a result of constant contravention of the Public Health Act, the licence was not renewed. Periodical lime washing of slaughter-houses and lairs is carried out.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	....	....	....	....	44
Factories (no power)	....	....	....	....	28
Workplaces	....	....	....	....	—
					—
					72
					—

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory, with the exception of one case and here new conveniences were extended.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout the district is now undertaken by direct labour. The Cottingham Ward, until October, 1941, was formerly carried out by contract, but when the Council acquired a new motor refuse collection vehicle, direct labour was instituted, with very satisfactory results. Mechanical transport is used in the Cottingham and Central Wards, whilst at Hessle horse-drawn vehicles are used.

All house refuse in the 3 Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD	—	Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.
CENTRAL	„	Controlled tipping at the Ripplingham Cross Roads tip.
HESSLE	„	Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from populated areas and have proved satisfactory.

With regard to the nightsoil collected, this is disposed of to the market gardeners in the district for manuring purposes.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

HILARY STEELE,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEMALES.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ....	....	....
2 Cerebro-spinal fever	1	1
3 Scarlet fever ....	....	....
4 Whooping cough ....	....	....
5 Diphtheria ....	....	....
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	6	9
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	2	....
8 Syphilitic diseases ....	....	....
9 Influenza	1	4
10 Measles ....	....	....
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph. ....	....	....
12 Ac. inf. enceph. ....	....	....
13 Cancer of b. cav. and œsoph. (M) uterus (F) ...	3	1
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	4	4
15 Cancer of breast ....	....	7
16 Cancer of all other sites	15	11
17 Diabetes ....	....	3
18 Intra-cran. vasc. lesions	15	23
19 Heart disease....	32	32
20 Other diseases of circ. sys.	4	7
21 Bronchitis	8	3
22 Pneumonia	6	6
23 Other respiratory diseases	6	1
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	....
25 Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	4	2
26 Appendicitis ....	....	1
27 Other digestive diseases	5	4
28 Nephritis	8	10
29 Puer. and post-abort. sepsis ....	....	....
30 Other maternal causes ....	....	1
31 Prem. birth	3	3
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	3	4
33 Suicide ....	....	1
34 Road traffic acc.	4	2
35 Other violent causes....	9	4
36 All other causes	13	15
All Causes	154	159
Deaths of Infants under 1 year { Total Legitimate Illegitimate	16 16	12 12
Live Births { Total Legitimate Illegitimate	For I.M. etc. M. F. 250 264 247 250 3 14	For B. rate M. F. 244 263 241 249 3 14
Still-Births { Total Legitimate Illegitimate	7 10 6 10 1	7 9 6 9 1
Resident Population	31,820	



