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Council Offices,

Ham, Surrey.

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March, 1926.

To The Chairman & Members of the Ham Urban District Council.

Gentlemen.

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the District during the year ended December 51st, 1925.

The Ministry of Health requires special detailed reports at intervals of five years, and this report is of that nature. It is, therefore, drawn up on the lines suggested in the Ministry's Circular No.648 of December 10th, 1925.

Natural & Social Conditions of the District.

Area (in Acres	1			1896.
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Population (Cer				1512
Population, 19				1535.
No.of inhabite	d houses (192	1)		295.
No. of families	or separate	occupiers	(1921)	332.
Rateable Value				an a con
Sum represente	d by a penny	rate		274.

Physical Features and General Character of the Area.

Although Ham is not far from London, and is surrounded by populous suburban districts, it still retains its rural character, although lately building has been carried on to some extent. Ham is surrounded by open spaces, and although many of the cottages are old most of them are in good repair and free from sanitary defects.

the river level), and slopes gradually from the high ground in Richmond Park to the river. The subsoil varies in different parts. At the upper part there is clay, but principally the subsoil is gravel and sand.

There is one large Motor Works in the area, but Ham is mainly residential. Some of the inhabitants are engaged in working on the market gardens.

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year.

		Total. Males.				
Births	(Legitimate)	25	k3	4	12	2.
	(Illegitimate)	-	-	1	-	2

Birth rate - 16.2 per 1000 of the population.

Deaths.

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Death rate - 11.07 per 1000 of the population.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childhirth:-

From Sepsis, Nil. From other causes, 1.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age, per 1000 births

Legitimate, 160.

Deaths from Measles... Nil.

" " Whooping Gough.. ...

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)..

Causes of Deaths in Ham during 1925.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.
Influenza. Heart Disease. Arterio Sclerosis. Bronchitis. Pneumonia (all forms). Accidents & Diseases of) Pregnancy & Parturition) Congenital debility etc. Other defined diseases.	1 1 0 2 1	02100
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The ages at death were as follows:-

4 under 1 year of age.

2 between 25 years of age and 45 years of age.
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7 over 65 years of ago.

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1925.

Pneumonia. 2

Deaths.

During the year 8 deaths were registered as occurring in the District.

Nine persons usually redident in the District died in cutside districts, so that the total of deaths belonging to Ham is 17, which gives a Death rate of 11.07 per 1000, as compared with 12.2 in England & Wales.

Births.

Twenty five births were registered during the year, 13 males and 12 females. This gives a Birth rate of 16.2 per 1000 of the population, as compared with a Birth rate of 18.3 for the whole of England & Wales.

In 1924 the Birth rate in Ham was 15.5. Infantile Mortality.

The number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 4, and this gives an Infantile Mortality of 160 per 1000 births, as compared with 75 per 1000 births in the whole of England & Wales.

Of course it is not a fair comparison, since we are dealing with such small numbers as 25 births and 4 deaths, but at the same time it should be noted that in the previous three years the deaths of infants under one year have been: 1922 one, 1923 one and 1924 none, with practically the same number of births.

The four deaths of infants occurred at the following ages:- Newly born, 8 days, 2 mths. and 4 mths.

The child newly born was found on the foreshore of the River.

	No.of Births.	Deaths of Children under 1 yr. of age.		
1922.	25.	1.	40.	
1923.	22.	1.	47.	
1924.	24.	0.	0.	
1925.	25.	4.	160.	

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals for Tuberculosis and Smallpox are provided by the County Council.

The Hospitals available for General Medical & Surgical treatment are the Royal Hospital Richmond, Kingston Hospital

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and the Infirmarios controlled by the Guardians of Richmond and Kingston.

Isolation Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases in this area requiring removal are conveyed to the Tolworth Isolation Hospital, which is managed by a Joint Hospital Board.

Arrangements have been made whereby bedding, etc. can be removed from an infected house and taken to Tolworth for disinfection.

An ambulance is available at Tolworth for the removal of patients.

Ambulance Facilities for Non-Infectious Cases.

An arrangement has lately been entered into with the Richmond Corporation, whereby the Ambulance of that Authority is available for accident and other cases in this district.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The School Medical Service, the Maternity & Child Welfare Centres and the treatment of Venereal Diseases are all under the County Council.

the Maternity & Child Welfare Centro is mentioned below. The nearest Venereal Disease treatment Centre is at the Royal Hospital, Richmond.

	Situation.	n. Provided by.		
School Clinics.	Kingston.	Surrey	County	Council.
Maternity & Child Welfare Centre.	Petersham.	"	"	"
Tuberculosis Dispensary.	Kingston.	"	11	"
Venereal Disease Centre.	Richmond, Royal Hospital.	"	"	"

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

C.S. Brebner, M.D., D.P.H., (part time)
also M.O.H. for Richmond (Surrey)

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Contribution to the salaries of both Officers is made under the Public Health Acts.

Midwives.

Only one Midwife practises in the area. No subsidy is given by the Local Authority.

Legislation in Force.

The following adoptive Acts and Bye-laws are in force in the District:-

Adoptive Acts.

Public Health Act (Amendment) Act, 1890.
Adopted Sept. 1896.
Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890.
Adopted May, 1902.

Bye-laws.

Nuisances. Common Lodging Houses. New Streets and Buildings. Slaughterhouses. Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

This is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. The supply is constant, and practically all houses have a water supply.

River & Streams.

Since my 1924 report there has been no complaint of contamination of the Latchmere Brook.

Drainage & Sowerage.

Ham has a dual system of drainage, and practically every house is now connected up to the sewers. Additional surface water sewers have been completed, in the year under review. The sewage is treated chemically, and then passed into precipitation tanks. After passing through contact filters the effluent discharges into the river. There has been no complaint as to the character of the effluent.

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Practically all the houses are supplied with

galvanized iron dust bins. The contents are removed weekly and burned at the Sewage Works.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	e to House Inspections	 	 27.
Houses inspect	ed for sanitary defects	 	 40
	Bakeries	 	 3.
	Piggeries		 10.
11 11	Dairies and Cow Sheds	 	 14.

Notices served. Total. Statutory. Informal. Housing Defects 30. 1. 29. Insanitary Piggeries ... 2. 1. 1. Dairies and Cow Sheds ... 5. - 5.

Result of Notices. All notices complied with, with the exception of one insanitary piggery, but the necessary work was carried out after summons.

Sanitary Defects etc. found on Inspection of Houses.

Defective	Dustbins				 1.
"	Water Sup	ply			 12.
17	Drains				 5.
"	Roofs.				 13.
"	Fireplace	B			 9.
17	Yard Pavi	ing.			 9.
"	Floors				 10.
17	Pointing	to ex	ternal	walls	 10.
"	W.Cs				 6.
Dirty wal:	ls and cei	lings			 10.
Dampness (17.
		-			200
		4	otal Do	erects	 102.

Sanitary Defects etc. found on Inspection of Piggeries.

Defective	Floors to	o Sties			 	1.
"	Drains					1.
	Cesspool				 	2.
Accumulati					 	2.
Dirty sur	roundings	genera	lly		 	1.
		Po	tal	Defects	 	7.

Sanitary Defects found on Inspection of Dairies & Cow Sheds.

Limewhiting required	 3.
Accumulation of Manure	 2.
Proper accommodation required for cows.	 1.
Total Defects	 6

Schools.

The Schools have been visited principally in connection with the occurrence of Minor Infectious Diseases.

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Chicken Pox, Thooping Cough and Influenza have been provalent during the year, and it was necessary to recommend the closure of the schools for 12 days in February on account of Influenza.

Housing.

- 1. General Housing Conditions in the Area.
- 1. The houses in the district, although many are fairly old, are generally in a good state of repair. There is no unhealthy area in the District.
 - 2. (a) Extent of Shortage or Excess.

There is, as is general in other parts, a shortage of house accommodation, but probably this would be met by the provision of 30 houses.

(b) Measures taken or contemplated to meet the shortage.

The Council have recently determined to creet 24 houses. The Scheme has been passed and the work will shortly be put in hand.

From the table under Sanitary Inspection of the Area, it will be seen that certain defects were found on inspection of houses under the Housing Regulations. Most of the defects have been remedied without Statutory Notices.

Housing Statistics for the year 1925.

	r of new houses erected during the year:-	-
(a)	Total	8.
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts,	
	(1) By the Local Authority	-
	(2) By other bodies or persons	8

- 1. Unfit Dwelling-Houses.

 Inspection (1) Total Number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 40.
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 27.
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.

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2.	Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	29.
3.	Action under Statutory Powers.	
A	Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.	date
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- (a) By owners (b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	Nil.
B	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	1.
	(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.	l. Nil.
C.	· Proceedings under Sections 11,14,& 15 of the Housing	Act, 192
	(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	Nil.
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	Nil.
	(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil.
	(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuar of Demolition Orders	nce Nil.
	Inspection & Supervision of Food.	
Mill	k Supply.	
	There are 5 premises used as Dairies and Co	wsheds.
At :	2 of these the milk is sold wholesale, All have been	visited
and	suggestions made for their improvement and for general	1
cle	anliness.	

There has been no application for licence to sell milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923.

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Meat.

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district, and this has been visited very regularly since the Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 came into force. The owner must notify the Medical Officer of Health when he is going to slaughter and the careass or careases are then examined.

No meat has been condemned or surrendered. Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

The County Authorities take samples under those

Acts. In 1925 two samples of Butter were taken and one sample

of Milk. No adulteration was found.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

During 1925 there has been almost a complete absence of the notifiable diseases.

Only two cases of Pneumonia were notified during the year.

In 1924, there was also an absence of notifiable diseases, with the exception of a case of Tubercular Meningitis.

There have been cases of German Measles and Chicken Pox in the district, but on the whole the general health has been exceptionally good.

Arrangements have been made for the examination of throat swabs in cases of suspected Diphtheria, and the Council pay the cost of the investigation.

Tuberculosis.

There were no new cases of this disease, and no deaths due to it during 1925.

The following are particulars of Infectious Diseases notified in the last 4 years:-

Disease.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	
Scarlet Fever	 21	5	0	0	
Diphtheria	 5	0	0	0	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	 1	1	0	0	

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1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops & Workplaces.
(including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances).

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Promisos.	Inspections (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions.			
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	3.		Accepta			
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premis	62	man mah				
Total:	. 3.	Nil.	Nil.			

Defects found in Factories, Workshops & Workplaces.

Number of Defects. Particulars. Found Remedied Referred Number of to H.M. | prosecut-Impoctor ions. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Nuisances under the Public Health Acts: Want of cleanliness ... Want of Ventilation ... Overcrowding ... Want of drainage of floors ... Othor Nuisances Sanitary accommodation: (a) insufficient ... (b) unsuitable or defective (c) not separate for sexes. Offences under the Factory & Work-shops Acts. Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse Other Offences (excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories & Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921) Total: Nil. Nil. Nil. Nil.

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Maternity & Child Welfare.

The County Council is responsible for the work of the Maternity & Child Welfare Centre.

During the year a Contre was started for the Ham mothers, but as there is no suitable building in Ham the centre is held at Petersham. This Centre is open once a fortnight, and a Medical Officer of the County Council Staff and a Health Visitor attend for the purpose of giving advice to the Mothers regarding children under school age.

No case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

Medical Officer of Health.

C. S. Brebner