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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITION
OF THE HARTISMERE RURAL DISTRICT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.



Gentlemen,

We present the report for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

STATISTICS.

Area.	96,486 acres.
Population.	16,420.
Inhabited houses.	5,003.
Rateable Value.	£38,954.
Sum raised by ld. rate.	£168. 2. 10d.

BIRTHS.

	M.	F.	Total.	Rate	18.7 (for England 20.5)
Legitimate	154.	130.	284.		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		

Still-births.

	M.	F.	Total.	Rate	.6 (for England .5)
Legitimate	3.	4.			
Illegitimate	1.	2.	10.		

DEATHS.

117.	95.	212.	Rate	12.8 (for England 12).
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Infant mortality.

Legitimate	7.	5.	12.	Rate per 1,000 live births 38.8.
				(for England 41).

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Cerebro-spinal fever.	1.	-	Other respiratory dis.	2.	1.
Pulmonary Tubercle	1.	3.	Ulcer of stomach	1.	1.
Syphilis	2.	-	Other digestive dis.	2.	2.
Influenza	1.	-	Nephritis.	1.	1.
Cancer	14.	18.	Premature birth	1.	1.
Diabetes	3.	2.	Congenital causes	5.	4.
Apoplexy	5.	13.	Suicide	1.	-
Heart disease	56.	39.	Road traffic	2.	-
Other cardiac causes	3.	2.	Other violence	2.	2.
Bronchitis	4.	5.	Other causes	6.	9.
Pneumonia	4.	2.			

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles	68.	Jaundice	8.
Whooping Cough	16.	Diphtheria	1.
Pneumonia	14.	Erysipelas	3.
Scarlet Fever	11.	Meningitis	1.
Polio-myelitis	2.	Puerperal Pyrexia	2.

Total - 126.

Two scarlet fever and one polio-myelitis, notified, were not confirmed the latter proving to be influenzal meningitis. The serious outbreak of Polio-myelitis touched the district lightly. Special arrangements for treatment were made by the County M. O. H. The two cases recovered satisfactorily without serious disability. Infectious disease incidence, 7.5 per 1,000.

TUBERCULOSIS.

11 new cases were notified, four of these were transfers from other districts.

Ages. Males - pulmonary. 24, 26, 30, 58.
Females- do. 23, 26, 27, 32, 50.

Males - non-pulmonary. 7, 67.
Females - do. Nil.

4 deaths occurred, one male, non-pulmonary 52 and three females, pulmonary 22, 26, 27.

56 cases remained on the register at the end of the year.

Notification of all infectious diseases is satisfactory.

NOTES.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Under five, 198. 5 - 14, 117. "Booster" doses, 173. The response still continues fairly good but the percentage done are still not sufficient to ensure a fully protected community. Figures of the incidence of the disease, however, are encouraging. It may interest the Council to hear that the number of cases in the country as a whole for 1947 were one quarter of those for 1940 and the number of deaths one tenth, both figures being the lowest ever recorded.

Housing.

Built by the Council - Permanent 8; prefabricated 36;
By private enterprise 3.
The programme for 1948 is 48 but, in view of recent regulations, a proportion of the licences for these may be allocated to private enterprise.

Milk.

18 new registrations were received. The number of accredited establishments is 17 and Tuberculin tested 18. 17 samples were tested and found non-tuberculous.

Water.

25 parishes out of 52 are supplied, mainly by standpipes but there are several supplies piped into the houses and more still to farms. It is not possible to give the proportions, as there is no recent census of village population of reliable value.

The water is tested quarterly, bacterially, from supply. No adverse sample has occurred.

Six new extensions of the supply are planned for 1948 involving the villages of Mendlesham, Bodfield, Winfield, Lexfield, Rickinghall and Wyverstone. Shortages occurred during the year in four villages where carting was necessary.

Sewerage.

No new schemes were undertaken but plans are forward for the villages of Mendlesham, Fressingfield, Botesdale and Rickinghall, which, it is hoped, will be effected in 1948.

Extensions to the graveyards of Mendlesham and Fressingfield were inspected and allowed.

Scabies is much lessened and under better control, owing to the valuable help of the Health Visitors in treatment.

Several minor housing complaints were remedied by informal action and the same applies to a few private water supplies both to house and farm premises.

A general refuse collection is planned for 1948; this is a long overdue reform. Insanitary, fly-infested dumps are a feature of many villages, aggravated by the great increase in empty tins in recent years, creating a most suitable source for the origin and spread of illness.

HUBERT PEDLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

H. AUSTIN REEVE,

Chief Sanitary Inspector and
Surveyor.

The following are the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the National Association of Manufacturers, Inc., for the year 1924.

Executive Committee: Mr. J. B. Connelley, Chairman; Mr. J. B. Connelley, Secretary; Mr. J. B. Connelley, Treasurer; Mr. J. B. Connelley, Auditor.

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