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Springfield House
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28th January 1916.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the Rural District of Hastings for 1915.

The District has again been very free from Notifiable Infectious Diseases, only one case having been notified. No cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been notified in the District.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is agriculture, from the District a large quantity of stock is delivered into Hastings.

The area is 9125 acres, the number of houses inhabited 489, & the average number of persons per house 3.99.

The approximate population is 1952, the average total rates $4/1\frac{1}{4}$, the full rateable value £11,561, and the assessable value £12,871.

The District includes Fairlight, Pett, Guestling and a part of Ore.

Parish.	Acres.	Approximate Population	Assessable Value
Fairlight	2818	419	£ 3066
Pett	1908	277	1995
Guestling	3576	690	4105
Ore.	1368	378	2704
Total	6670	1764.	£ 12,870

Sanitary

Administration

In connection with the Sanitary Administration the Inspector has paid during 1915, 495 visits of inspection & many Sanitary defects have been remedied.

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Housing

Accommodation

The Housing Accommodation for Agricultural Labourers is considered fairly sufficient. Most of the cottages are detached & there is ample air space. No special houses have been erected for the working classes.

In connection with the Housing, Town Planning Act 1909, the Inspector has paid 314 visits. Thirty Houses were found with Sanitary defects, these were all remedied without the necessity for closing orders being applied for.

Water

Supply:

The District is well supplied with water, which is soft, of good quality & quantity, samples are taken for analysis occasionally. The Borough of Hastings Waterworks supply on the intermittent system 8 houses in Fairlight & 22 in Ore.

Rivers & Streams

There is no pollution of Rivers & Streams in The District.

Sewerage and

Sewage Disposal

The Sewerage is chiefly by means of cesspools, earth-closets & a few privies. These arrangements are sufficient having regard to the character of the District. A part of Ore parish, contiguous to the Boundary of Hastings is drained into the Borough Sewers. Disposal is by spreading on the land, Sewage Works at present being unnecessary.


Scavenging:

There is no house to house collection of refuse by the Council. There are no lodging-houses or houses with underground sleeping apartments, there is one Slaughter-house in The District.

Sanatorium

Accommodation

The Council have no Sanatorium or Hospital accommodation for cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.



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Infectious Diseases

Provision is made for the immediate isolation of all infectious cases notified to the Council, in the Borough of Hastings Sanatorium. In the event of an outbreak of small-pox, a contract has been entered into with the Borough of Hastings, whereby any cases occurring in the Rural District will be isolated & treated in the Hastings Small-pox Hospital,

Poliomyelitis or Cerebral Spinal Fever.
Schools.

There have been no cases of Poliomyelitis or cerebral Spinal Fever notified in The District.

There are three non-provided schools, the sanitary conditions are satisfactory, they are adequately supplied with water, which is of good quality & quantity they have been re-drained within recent years.

Milk Supply

The Dairies Cowsheds & Milk Shops Order of 1885 is strictly enforced. No action has been found necessary with regard to Tuberculous Milk. A large quantity of milk is sent into Hastings. There are 20 Dairies in the District. Under the Dairies, Cowsheds & Milk Shops Order 1885 all the Cowsheds & Dairies have been visited by the Inspector, and defects in cleanliness have been remedied.

Other Foods

No action found necessary. The District is well supervised by the County Council Inspectors. No Tuberculous carcasses found during the year.

Births

The total number of Births was 26, 11 males & 15 females, (legitimate 25, illegitimate 1). The Birth rate being 11.739, a decrease on the rate for the previous year.

Deaths

The total number of Deaths registered in the District was 23, with a total Death rate of 13.038 & a net Death rate of 15.306.

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The number of Deaths under one year was 1.

The infantile death rate was .566 & The infantile death-rate per thousand births, 38.4461. The Zymotic death-rate per thousand of the estimated population was 0.

Respiratory Death-rate.

Bronchitis 1.701.

Pneumonia 3.402.

Phthisis .566

Senile Mortality over 65 (from all causes) 4.936

Cancer. .566.

Classification of Diseases

Malignant Disease		1
Diseases of the Respiratory System		10
Diseases of the Circulatory System		3
Diseases of the Alimentary System		1
Premature Birth. 1. Violent Deaths & Suicide		2
Result of War. 1. Ill defined		1
Old Age. 6 Other defined diseases		1

Ages at Death.

Over 90 years	1
• 80 •	4
• 70 •	4
• 60 •	8
• 40 •	6
• 20 •	2
Under 20 "	1
• 1 year.	1
	<u>24</u>

Total = 24

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Workshops
& Factories

There are two factories and fifteen workshops. The Inspector has paid visits during the year & defects in cleanliness have been remedied.

Bakehouses are periodically inspected & lime-washing enforced.

Sale of Food &
Drugs Act, Milk
& Liquor Regulation

This work is undertaken by officers of the County Council. A public analyst is appointed.

Alterations & Additions in the District during 1915.

Several new wells have been sunk. This work while being carried out was constantly surveyed

Market

There is a cattle market in the District of Ore, where a sale is held alternate Tuesdays. All the cattle are inspected and stands and lairs are washed & cleansed after each day of sale.

Midwives Act.

A Lady Inspector acts for the County Council in this matter.

Adoptive Acts in Force in the Rural District

The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act 1890.

Part 3. of The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890

I am,
Your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health for
The Rural District of Hastings.

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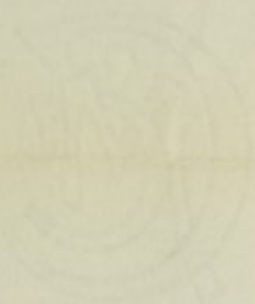
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