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## The Rural District of Hastings.

F.B. Lewis.

Springfield House,

M. O. of Health.

144, London Road,

St. Leonards on Sea.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the Health and sanitary condition of the Rural District of Hastings for 1913.

### Infectious

The District has been very free from notifiable infectious diseases, only three cases of measles, and one of Pulmonary Tuberculosis having been notified.

### Diseases.

In common with other parts of the country, we were visited with the Influenza epidemic, which was widespread in the district during the autumn. The cases

### Influenza.

were of a less severe type than in other areas and, so far as I can ascertain, there were few cases of Pneumonia and no deaths. No doubt, the lack of congestion in the neighbourhood, its high altitude, and the sea air contributed to make the visitation less deadly than in many areas.

### Sanatorium

Provision is made for the immediate isolation of cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric, etc., notified to the Council, in the Borough of Hastings Sanatorium. In the event of an outbreak of smallpox, a contract has been

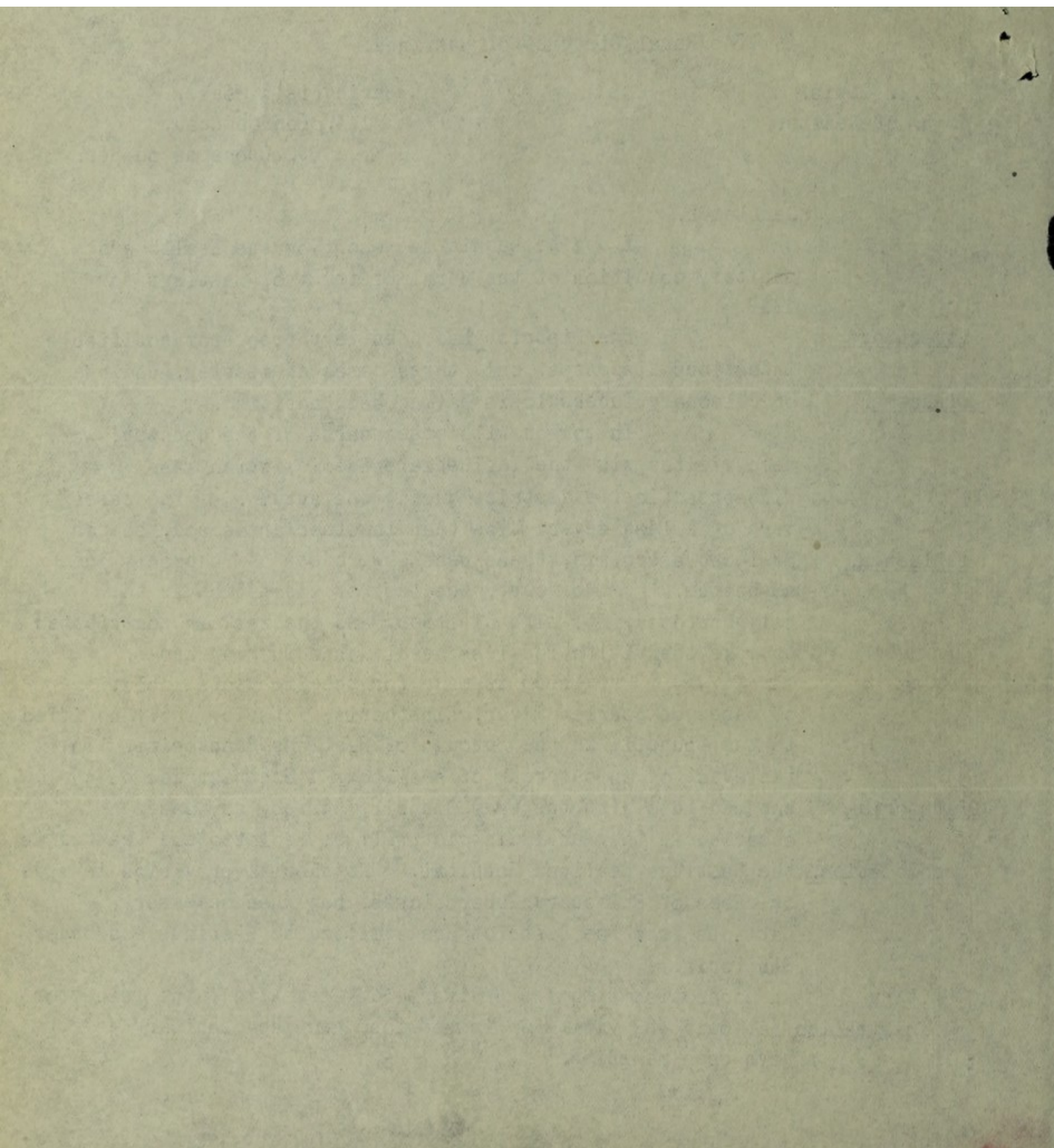
### Accommodation.

entered into with the same Council, whereby any cases occurring in the Rural District will be isolated and treated in the Hastings Smallpox Hospital. No special provision is made for cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, but when necessary, patients from the District are admitted to Hastings and other Sanatoria.

### Sanitary

In connection with the Sanitary Administration, the Inspector Administration has paid 488 visits of inspection, and many sanitary defects have been remedied.





Classification of Diseases.

The Housing accommodation is quite inadequate.

Housing

accommodation.

To keep abreast of modern requirements in housing, there ought to be provision made for the erection of at least 100 new residences during the next three years. There is especially a deficiency of accommodation for agricultural workers at convenient distances from their farms. A minimum of 60 cottages are an immediate necessity. In connection with the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909. the Inspector has paid 367 visits; 36 houses were found with sanitary defects, which were remedied without the necessity for action by the Council.

Births.

The total number of births was 27, (3 illegitimate) 19 male and 8 female, the birth rate being 13.832 an increase on the rate for the previous year.

Deaths.

The total number of deaths registered in the district was 12, with a total death rate of 6.147, and a nett death rate of 6.659. There was one death under one year.

Respiratory Death Rate.

Bronchitis.	0
Pneumonia.	.512
Phthisis	1.024
<u>Senile Mortality</u> (over 65, from all causes)	2.048
Cancer	1.024
Zymotic Death Rate	1.024

For Official Report,  
(Ed.) S. B. Lewis,  
Medical Officer of Health for  
the Rural District of Salisbury.



The Housing accommodation is quite inadequate. To keep abreast of modern requirements in housing, there ought to be provision made for the erection of at least 100 new residences during the next three years. There is especially a deficiency of accommodation for agricultural workers at convenient distances from their farms. A minimum of 80 cottages are an immediate necessity. In connection with the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, the Inspector has paid 387 visits; 38 houses were found with sanitary defects, which were remedied without the necessity for action by the Council.

The total number of births was 37, (33 illegitimate) 19 male and 18 female, the birth rate being 18.882 an increase on the rate for the previous year. The total number of deaths registered in the district was 12, with a total death rate of 6.147, and a net death rate of 6.882. There was one death under one year.

Respiratory Death Rate.

Bronchitis.	0
Pneumonia.	1.812
Phthisis.	1.034
<u>Deaths Mortality (over 45, from all causes)</u>	2.048
Cancer.	1.034
<u>Female Death Rate</u>	1.034

Housing

Accommodation.

Births.

Deaths.

Classification of Diseases.

Malignant Diseases	2
Diseases of the Circulatory System	4
" " " Respiratory "	3
Old age	2
Violent Death	1
Other defined diseases	1

Ages at death.

Over 70 years	3
" 60 "	4
" 40 "	2
" 20 "	2
Under " "	1
" 1 year	1

Alterations and Additions in the District during 1913.

The Plans of new houses erected represent the approximate cost of £950. The work has been carried out in accordance with the byelaws.

Area. 9125 acres,

Rateable Value approximately £14531

Population about 1952

No. of Houses 489

No. of people to a house about 4.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) F. B. Lewis,

Medical Officer of Health for

the Rural District of Hastings.



Classification of Diseases.

2	Malignant Diseases
4	Diseases of the Circulatory System
3	" " " Respiratory
2	Aids
1	Violent Death
1	Other defined diseases

Age at death.

3	Over 70 years
4	" " 60
2	" " 40
2	" " 20
1	Under " "
1	" 1 year

Alterations and Additions in the District during 1913.

The plans of new houses erected represent the approximate cost of £350. The work has been carried out in accordance with the bye-laws.

Area. 9125 acres.

Estimated Value approximately £10000

Population about 1950

No. of houses 489

No. of people to a house about 4.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) W. E. Lewis,

Medical Officer of Health for

the Rural District of Hastings.