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The Rural District of Hastings.

St. Rode

~~Springfield House,~~

London Road,

St. Leonards-on-Sea

13th March, 1920.

Gentlemen,

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

Natural and Social Conditions of the District.

Population.

The population at Census 1911, was 1768, and the estimated population for 1919 is 1958.

Physical Features and General character

The District is a sparsely populated agricultural area, situated to the North East of Hastings, and includes the Parishes of Fairlight, 2995.551 acres, Guestling, 3575.859 acres, Pett, 2025.008 acres, and a part of Ore.

The Rateable value is approximately £14561. The soil is fertile, in parts sand, gravel, and sandstone, with patches of clay. There are no chalk formations.

It is a beautiful residential district, with a salubrious climate, and a low death rate. It has the advantage of being situated in parts at 400 feet above sea level, its high position contributing to its bracing climate. To the South it is on the Coast line, and includes the small sea-side resort of Pett, which would develop rapidly if building accommodation could be provided.

The sunlight average compares favourably with that of other districts on the South Coast.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants are chiefly agriculturalists, with some big schools, and a number of retired people living in large houses.

The Houses are scattered, and there is no appreciable amount of overcrowding.

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The amount of Poor Law relief is extraordinarily small. Hospital accommodation is provided in case of need by the East Sussex Hospital at Hastings.

Vital Statistics.

Births. Total Number - 20 Male - 10 Female - 10
 Legitimate - 19 Illegitimate - 1

Birth rate 12.539.

Deaths. Total number - 22 Male - 10 Female - 12
Death Rate 14.369.

Causes of Death.

Malignant Disease	5
Influenza	1
Diseases of the Circulatory System	4
" " Respiratory "	3
" " Alimentary "	1
" " Nervous "	3
Old Age	2
Other defined diseases.	3
	22

Ages at Death.

Over 90 years.	3
" 80 "	4
" 70 "	5
" 60 "	4
" 50 "	4
" 40 "	1
" 20 "	1
Under 1 year.	0
	22

Respiratory Death Rate. -

Bronchitis	1.306
Pneumonia	1.306
Phthisis	0
Zymotic	0

Senile Mortality (over 65, from all causes) 8.491.

Cancer 3.265.

Sanitary Conditions of the District.

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

Rivers & Streams. There is no pollution of rivers and streams. Part of the Royal Military Canal is situated within the District.

Drains & Sewerage. The sewerage is chiefly by means of cess-pools, closets, and a few privies. Having regard to the character of the District, these arrangements are sufficient. A part of Ore, contiguous to the Boundary of Hastings, is drained into the Borough sewers. Disposal is by spreading on the land, sewage works being at present unnecessary.

Scavenging. Arrangements are in progress for the regular collection of house refuse.

Sanitary Inspection. In connection with the Sanitary Administration, the Inspection Inspector has paid 502 visits of inspection. Defects have been found and remedied.

Premises controlled There is one slaughter house in the District, which I

by Bye-Laws. have inspected several times during the year. There are two factories and fifteen workshops, which are all visited frequently by the Inspector, and defects in cleanliness have been remedied. There are no underground sleeping apartments.

Schools. Special attention is given to the sanitary condition and water supply of schools.

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Food.

Milk supply. Sufficient milk is produced in the District to supply the inhabitants, and to send a large quantity in to Hastings. The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order is strictly enforced. No action has been necessary with regard to tuberculosis milk. All the cowsheds and Dairies have been visited by the Inspector.

Milk and Cream Regulations. This work is undertaken by Officers of the County Council.

Mothers and Children Order. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of milk for necessitous mothers and children.

Other Foods. The District is well supervised by the County Council Inspectors. Bakenhouses are periodically inspected, and lime-washing enforced.

Sale of Food This is also in the hands of County Council Officers.

Drugs Act.

Prevalence and control over infectious diseases.

The following notifications have been received during the year

Measles	6
German Measles	1
Chicken Pox	11
Scarlet Fever	1
Diphtheria	1
Pulmonary Tubercul.	1

Materhity and Child Welfare.

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

Sanitary Administration.

Staff.

The staff consists of one Sanitary Inspector and an assistant Inspector for Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops.

Acts in Force.

The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

" " " (Prevention) Act, 1890.

Part 3 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

Hospital accommodation.

Provision is made for the immediate isolation of all cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric, etc. in the Borough of Hastings Sanatorium.

In the event of an out-break of small-pox, a contract has been entered into with the same Council, whereby any cases occurring in the Rural District will be isolated and treated in the Hastings Small-pox Hospital.

The Council have made no special provision for sanatorium treatment of cases Pulmonary Tuberculosis, but, when necessary, cases from the District are sent to sanatoria elsewhere.

Housing.General Housing conditions.

Number of houses 498.

The Housing accommodation is totally inadequate. There have been no houses for the working classes erected during the year and there are none in the course of erection. The Council were prompt in formulating a scheme for the erection of 50 houses, which has been sent to the Ministry of Health and approved.

The Houses are to be put up in the proximity of farms, where the need is most urgent. Land has been secured, and tenders received, and it is hoped shortly to begin building operations.

Overcrowding.

There is no serious overcrowding.

Fitness of Houses.

The general standard is fair. The most usual defects found are defective roofs, outside walls, eaves & gutters,

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Education for the year 1900-1901.

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Table 2 of the Public Schools and Teachers for 1900-1901.

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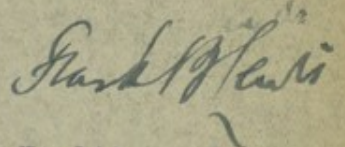
insufficient drainage and sanitary accommodations.

In connection with the Housing and Town Planning Act, the Inspector has paid 381 visits. He found 40 houses with defects, which were remedied without closing orders. No houses were found unfit for habitation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) FRANK B. LEWIS.



Medical Officer of Health

for the Rural District of
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Your obedient servant,

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(Ed.) FRANK S. FOSTER

National Officer of Health

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