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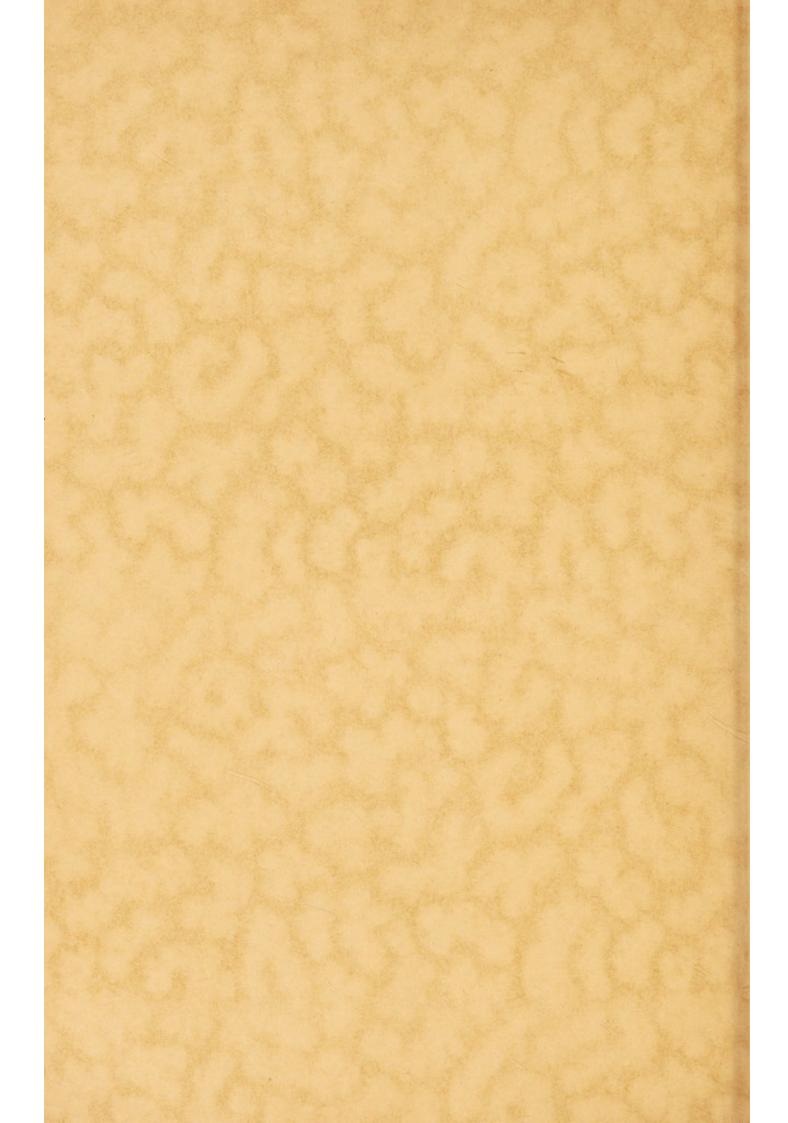
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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
HEXHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hexham Urban District Council:—

GENTLEMEN-

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

This report does not take the usual form, being condensed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, and is mainly statistical.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
G. PATTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Sec. A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Ac	res						5,926
Estimated	Populatio	n, 194	0				10,400
Number of	Inhabited	Hous	ses, end	of 1940), accor	ding	
to Rat	e Book						2,618
Rateable V							
Rate (£68,197)				f.	266	5s. 9d.

Social Conditions, including Industries carried on IN THE AREA.

	No large industries; nothing affecting Public	Health.
1	VITAL STATISTICS.	
	LIVE BIRTHS.	
	TOTAL M. F.	
	Legitimate 127 58 69	
	Illegitimate 7 1 6	
	STILL BIRTHS.	
	Total M. F.	
	Legitimate 5 3 2	
	Illegitimate — — —	
]	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Population	12.8
]	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	13.3
	DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.	
	Rate per	
	Total (Live Deaths I	
	1	
	TOTAL 1	7.1
	DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF	AGE.
	All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	43.4
	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	47.2
	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live	
	Births	Nil
	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	21
	Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
10000	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population...

Nil

DEATHS.—Age Groups in each Ward, also Adult, Infant and Uncertified Deaths.

Wari	os.	Gilesgate.	Leazes.	Priestpopple.	Hencotes.	TOTAL.	
AGE GROU 0-1 1-2 2-5		 2 1	=	3	1	6	
5—1 15—2 25—4	5 5 5	 _ 2 8	3	1 1 5	1 -3 7	2 1 13	
45—6 65—7 Over	5	 8 8 4	6 16 13	8 16 8	12 11	29 52 36	
Totals all	ages	 25	38	42	35	140	
Uncert.	M. F.	 1	1	1 —	1 1	4	
Infant	M. F.	 1 1	=	1 2	1	3 3	140
Adult.	M. F.	 13 10	16 22	18 21	21 13	68 66	1

The chief causes of Death are set out in the following tables:—

CAUSES OF	DEAT	Н.			M.	F.
Typhoid and Parat. Fevers					_	_
Cerebro-spinal Fever					2	-
Scarlet Fever					-	-
Whooping Cough					-	-
Diphtheria					-	2
Tub. of resp. system					4	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis						-
Syphilitic Diseases	***				1	-
Influenza						-
Measles					_	1
Ac. polio-myel. and polio-en	ceph				_	-
Ac. inf. enceph						_
Cancer of b. cav. and oesopl	h (M)	uterus	(F)		2	2
Cancer of stomach and duoc	lenum				1	-
Cancer of breast						1
Cancer of all other sites					6	9
Diabetes					2	
Intra-cran. vasc. lesions					9	7
Heart disease					13	11
Other dis. of circ. system					1	2
Bronchitis					5	5
Pneumonia					1	4
Other resp. dis					1	-
Ulcer of stomach or duoden					_	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years						-
Appendicitis						1
Other digestive dis						1
Nephritis					7	6
Puer. and post-abort. sepsis						_
Other maternal causes					_	1
Premature birth					1	
Con. mal. birth inj. infant d					1	_
Suicide						1
Road Traffic Accident					1	
Other violent causes					2	
All other causes					11	13
The state of the s					11	13
			-		71	69
				-		40

Infant Mortality.—There were 6 deaths of infants under one year of age as compared with 4 in 1939. The Infant Mortality Rate is 43.4 per thousand births compared with 36.6 for 1939.

	r 1.000 irths		Total Deaths under one y	55	19	54	50	43	
BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1940.	Rate per 1.00 Live Births		Diarrhoea & teritis (und years)	4.6	2.6	4.4	5.8	1	
YEAR									
THE	on		Influenza	0.32	0.59	0.30	0.18	1	
RING	opulati		Diphtheria	90.0	0.02	0.02	0.01	1	
TY DU	J 000'1	qSnc	Whooping Co	0 02	0.03	0.03	0.00	1	
RTALI	te per		Scarlet Fever	00.0	00.0	0.00	0.00	1	
F Mo	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population		Measles	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.01	60.0	
VSIS O	inual D		Small-pox	1	ale y	1	1	1	
ANAL	An	ers.	Typhoid & Pa	0.00	00.0	0.00	0.00	1	
AND			All Causes	14.3	15.8	12.8	17 8	13.4	
RATE,	per	ation	Still Births	0.55	0.64	0.55	0.44	0.48	
EATH-	Rate	Popula Popula	Live Births	14.6	16.0	15.7	13.7	12.8	
re, Di				ales	oughs in- nn Towns	000 to	:	:	
н-КА				and W	t Towr Londc	ions 25, t Censu	:	n U.D.	
BIRT				England and Wales	& Great Towns, including London 148 Smaller Towns (estimated Resident	Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	London	Hexham U.D.	
	_			H	100 10	2	7		_

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1940.

Total Deaths.	2 2 1	8
Cases admitted to Hospital.	100 10 10 10	25
biswqu & co	1111-1111	1
45 to 65.	1111110011	9
25 to 45.		14
15 to 25.		5
.č1 ot č	9 117 117 1	136
.è ot 2	2 41 8	75
.2 of I	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	19
Under 1.		5
At all Ages.	110 1 10 1 10 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	261
Notifiable Disease.	Smallpox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Enteric Fever Puerperal Pyrexia Pneumonia Cerebro-Spinal Fever Erysipelas Measles Whooping Cough Ophthalmia Neonatorum	TOTALS

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—There were 2 cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum during the year under review.

TUBERCULOSIS.—New cases and Mortality during 1940:—

Age periods.		New (Cases		Nett Deaths in Hex- ham Urban District			
	Pulm	onary	Non	l'ulm	Pulm	onary	Non	Pulm
	М	F	М	F	M	F	М	F
0—1		_	_	_		_	_	_
1-5		-	-	-	-	_	-	_
5—15	_	1	1	-		-		-
15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	1	2	1		1	2	-	
35-45	2		-	-	2		-	
45-55	_	_	-		1	_	-	
55-65			-	-	-		-	-
65 & over		-	-	-	-		_	
Totals	3	3	2		4	2		_

	Cases Notified.	Deaths
Gilesgate Ward	 4	1
Leazes Ward	 1	1
Priestpopple Ward	 1	2
Hencotes Ward	 2	2
	8	6

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Does not differ in essentials from the report of the previous year.

Diphtheria Immunisation, 1940.

	Total number of Children Immunised	Pre- School Children	School Children
Diphtheria Immunisation	190	17	173

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

**	0110 /	TIVE	INSPE	CITON	5.			
Bakehouse inspections								14
Common Lodging House	s					***		18
Choked Drains								42
Disinfection at Schools								6
Disinfestation of Rats								29
Evacuation visits								11
Farms Inspections								35
Factories and Workplace	s							30
Filthy Houses								2
Housing Inspections								30
Housing Re-Visits								69
House-to-House Inspecti	ons							77
House-to-house Re-visits								105
Houses measured								5
Infectious Disease visits								44
Infectious Disease Re-vis	its							60
Knackers' Yard								22
Markets and Marts								61
Milk Shops, Dairies, etc.								37
Military Billets Inspectio	ns							87
New drainage visits								21
,, ,, Re-visits								54
Overcrowding Re-visits								68
Public Health Visits								86
Public Health Re-visits								97
Reconstructed drainage v	isits							10
,, ,, I	Re-visit	s .						25
Slaughter House								500
Shops, Foodstores, etc.								238
Smoke Abatement								1
Stables								10
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.		-						60
Visits to Travelling Show	s							. 7
Various nuisance visits								19
Verminous Houses and R	e-visits							9
Water Supply (not housing	ıg)							9
					Tota	1	1	000
					Tota	1	1,	,998

SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED, 1940.

	Hexham Urban District. Inspector—H. MITCHELL.	After Letter or Interview	After Informal Notice	After Statutory Notice	Total
Sanitary Conveniences	Privies abolished ,, repaired Privy ashpits abolished ,, ,, roofed or repaired Pail-closets abolished Water closets provided ,, ,, repaired Sanitary bins provided ,, ,, renewed	3 8 -			
Drainage	New drains constructed Drains repaired or constructed Additional gullies provided Old gullies replaced Scullery sinks provided , waste pipes repaired , trapped Yards repaired or reconstructed	20 10 18 3 1 3 2	1 1 2 - 1 - 12		21 11 20 3 2 3 2 12
Water	Sources closed or discontinued — New service provided 1:		f house:		ed — 3
Cases	s detected — ,, edied — ,,	ulars—			

D.—HOUSING.

HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1940.

			ith State sistance.	Unaided	TOTAL.
(a)	By Local Authority	•	_	-	_
(b)	By other Bodies or Persons		_	5	5

FOOD INSPECTION, 1940.

UNSOUND FOOD.		Surrendered		Seized	Legal Pro- ceedings	
			stones	lbs.		
Beef (home-killed)			2567	61/2		
" (Imported)			15	6		
Mutton (home-killed)			306	12		
" (Imported)			8	3		
Pork			252	1		
Bacon						
Fruit						
Other Foods:			24	12		
Г	OTAL		3174	121		

URBAN DISTRICT OF HEXHAM, 1940.

Inspection of Factories, Workshops & Workplaces,

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Maked Street prints the same	Number of				
Premises (1)	Inspections.	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)		
Factories (including Laundries)	22	6			
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	8	2	relegant so		
Total	30	8			

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

	1	Number of defects in			
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	respect of which Prose cutions wer instituted	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3			
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	***				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary (insufficient					
Conveniences unsuitable, defective	2	1		1	
(S.7) not separate for sexes				***	
Other offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937).	7	7	•••		
Total	12	11			
SHOPS	AC1, 1	934.			
Sanitary Conveniences Providences	ded			1	
FOOD & DR	UGS A	CT, 1938			
Registration for Sale of Ice C	ream			3	
Transfer of Registration	···	•••		1	
MILK AND DAI	RIES	ORDER,	1926.		
Section 6	(1) and	1 (4).			
Number of Cowkeepers (regis	tered) in	n district		26	
Approximate number of cows				450	

THE MILK (SPECIAL	DES	IGNA	TION	S) O	RDE	ER, 1	936.
Supplementary Licences	s Grant	ed (P	asteur	ised	Milk)		3
Transfer of the second		12			,		
			ODDI		1000		
MILK AND	DAIL	RIES	ORDI	ER,	1926.		
Registration of Retail P	urveyo	ors du	ring Y	ear			Nil
Registration of Dairies	during	Year					Nil
SLAUGHTER	OF A	NIM	ATS A	СТ	1033		
			ILO I	101,	1933		
Renewals of Licence to							23
New Licences Granted							2
	DISINF	ECTIO	N.				
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis							12
Cases of Scarlet Fever							11
,, ,, Tuberculosis							1
,, ,, Cancer							1
,, ,, Diphtheria							10
,, ,, Erysipelas		• • • •	• • •				3
", ", Chicken Pox					•••	• • • •	6
School Rooms and Outbuild			•••		• • • •	•••	4
Library Books destroyed (bu			•••				2
Other Rooms and Outbuildi Small Articles disinfected							20
Mattresses and Eiderdowns		•••			•••		20
Pillows		•••					9
Blankets							23
Bedding destroyed (lots)							6
Other bedding, beds, etc., w							2
Vehicles							5

