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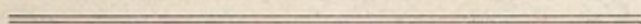
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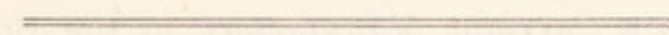
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# TO THE HUNTINGDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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GENTLEMEN,

The population of the Borough approx. in 1923 was 4149.

## **Births—Vital Statistics.**

The Births of 76 children were registered during the year, of these 38 were boys and 38 were girls. There were 2 boys and 2 girls born out of wedlock. The estimated population being 4149, makes an average of 18·3 per 1000 persons living, compared with 19·7 the birth-rate for England and Wales.

## **Deaths.**

The Deaths of 24 males and 27 females occurred, making an average of 12·3 per 1000 persons living, compared with 11·6 the death-rate for England and Wales.

## **Infantile Mortality.**

Four deaths of children under one year of age occurred, being 52·6 per 1000 births.

## **Places over which the Council has Supervision.**

There is one registered lodging house in the Borough. *Factories, Workshops, Slaughter Houses, Bakehouses, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops* are all regularly inspected.

There is a *Carriage Manufactory* in the Borough, the sanitary arrangements of which are satisfactory; also three Motor Body Building Works.

The Schools are under the management of the County Education Committee.



### Water Supply.

The water supply is good and the analysis of same satisfactory.

### Sewerage.

The sewers are being periodically cleaned out but a considerable amount of attention is still required. A few lengths of sewer pipes have been re-laid.

### Scavenging.

A refuse destructor is required for the Town, at present the refuse is carted to a field on the outskirts. Many complaints are received from the smell of the burning material.

### Abatement of Nuisances.

Your Inspector of Nuisances makes frequent Inspections, and if nuisances are not abated he gets an order from your Council for their removal.

### Infectious and Notifiable Diseases.

Twenty-four cases have been notified.

Scarlet Fever	...	3	
Diphtheria	... ..	1	
Pneumonia	... ..	4	of which 2 died.
Enteric	... ..	1	Diagnosed after admittance into County Hospital.
Tuberculosis	... ..	13	of which 5 died.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		2	

### Cancer.

Thirteen cases proved fatal during the year.

### **Jaundice.**

During the year there has been an epidemic of Infectious Jaundice of unknown origin. An inspector from the Ministry of health was unsuccessful in tracing the cause.

### **Isolation Hospital.**

The Isolation Hospital is now used for Infectious Diseases by the following District Councils:— Huntingdon, St. Ives, St. Neots (Urban and Rural) and Godmanchester, and is managed by a Joint Hospital Committee.

### **Housing.**

Three small houses have been erected during the year. Many old ones require demolition.

HUNTINGDON, 1924.

CHARLES E. HICKS,  
*Medical Officer of Health,*  
*Huntingdon Urban District Council.*

### Sanitary Inspector's Report, 1923.

Number of Inspections made	...	...	367
Number of Notices served	...	...	Nil.
Premises, Houses, etc.	...	...	No. inspected 281
			Nuisances abated 275
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	...	...	No. inspected 32
			Nuisances abated All
Lodging houses	...	...	No. registered 1
			No. of inspections 14
Slaughter houses	...	...	No. licensed or registered 8
			No. of inspections 28

### FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

Workshops	...	...	...	No. on register (including bakehouses)	3
Bakehouses	...	...	...	No. on register	3

The Council during the past year have made a good improvement in the sewer in Nursery Road, the whole length being relaid with reinforced concrete. The two Septic Tanks have been cleaned during the year and are in fairly good order giving off a good effluent. The New Town Tank will require attention at an early date on account of the extra amount of sewage now passed through it. There are many places in the Town that require attention as regards sewers, St. Germain's Street in particular. It is satisfactory to know that with the completion of the work at Nursery Road the whole of the sewers on the Hartford Road section of the Town have been completed.

O. W. GILLSON,  
*Sanitary Inspector.*

**Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.**

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers)—

No. in District	...	...	...	...	...	10
No. Registered	...	...	...	...	...	10
No. of Inspections of Premises	...	...	...	...	...	28
No. of Inspections during Milking Time	...	...	...	...	...	19
No. of Premises requiring Whitewashing, Cleansing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	8
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary Improvements	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Have Regulations been adopted	...	...	...	...	...	Yes

OWEN W. GILLSON,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

*March 28th, 1924.*

**Waterworks.**

I have made periodical inspections of the Borough in connection with the waste of water, and during the past year numerous new washers have been supplied. It would be a great help if Landlords and Tenants would assist by calling attention to any leaking tap so that the matter may be at once dealt with.

OWEN W. GILLSON,

*Water Inspector.*

## APPENDIX.

## HOUSING CONDITIONS.

## STATISTICS.

Year ending 31st December, 1923.

## GENERAL.

(1)	Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	976
(2)	Estimated population	...	...	...	...	...	4149
(3)	General death-rate	...	...	...	...	...	12 3
(4)	Death-rate from tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1 3
(5)	Infantile mortality	...	...	...	...	...	52 6
(6)	Number of dwelling-houses of all classes	...	...	...	...	...	1056
(7)	Number of working-class dwelling-houses	...	...	...	...	...	—
(8)	Rateable value	..	...	...	...	...	£24933
(9)	Sum represented by penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£92

**Causes of Death in the Borough of Huntingdon, 1923.**

			Males.	Females.
All Causes (Civilians only)	...	...	24	27
1. Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...
2. Small Pox	...	...	...	...
3. Measles	...	...	...	...
4. Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...
5. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...
6. Diphtheria	...	...	...	..
7. Influenza	...	...	...	...
8. Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...
9. Meningococcal Meningitis	...	...	...	...
10. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	1	...
11. Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	3	1
12. Cancer, Malignant Disease	...	...	6	7
13. Rheumatic Fever	...	...	...	...
14. Diabetes	...	...	...	...
15. Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.	...	...	2	2
16. Heart Disease	...	...	1	3
17. Arterio-sclerosis	...	...	...	1
18. Bronchitis	...	...	1	...
19. Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	2	1
20. Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	1
21. Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	...	...	1	...
22. Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...
23. Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...	...	1	...
24. Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...
25. Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...
26. Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...
27. Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	...	...	...	...
28. Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth.	...	...	1	1
29. Suicide	...	...	...	...
30. Other Deaths from Violence	...	...	1	2
31. Other Defined Diseases	...	...	4	8
32. Causes Ill-defined or Unknown	...	...	...	...

TABLE V.—BOROUGH OF HUNTINGDON DISTRICT.

Infantile Mortality during the year 1923.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under one year of age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 1 Month	1-2 Months	2-3 Months	3-4 Months	4-5 Months	5-6 Months	6-7 Months	7-8 Months	8-9 Months	9-10 Months	10-11 Months	11-12 Months	Total Deaths under One Year
	<b>All Causes</b> {	1	1	1			1			1							
Certified ...	1	1				1											0
Uncertified ...																	1
Atrophy, Debility, Marasmus ...						1											1
Diarrhoea ...																	
Premature Birth ...									1								1
Bronchitis ...																	
Other Tubercular Diseases ...																	
Pneumonia ...																	
Other Causes ...	1	1	1														2
	1	1	1			1			1								4

District (or Sub-division) of Huntingdon.

Births in the year { Legitimate ... 72  
 Illegitimate ... 4  
 Deaths from all Causes at all ages, 48

Population Estimated in middle of 1923, 4149.

Deaths in the year ... { Legitimate Infants, 3  
 Illegitimate ,, 1

**Ten Years Fatal Cases of:**

Year.	Cancer.	Phthisis and Tubercular Disease.
1914	9	7
1915	7	0
1916	8	8
1917	10	2
1918	3	7
1919	4	7
1920	2	7
1921	4	5
1922	5	2
1923	13	5
	65	50

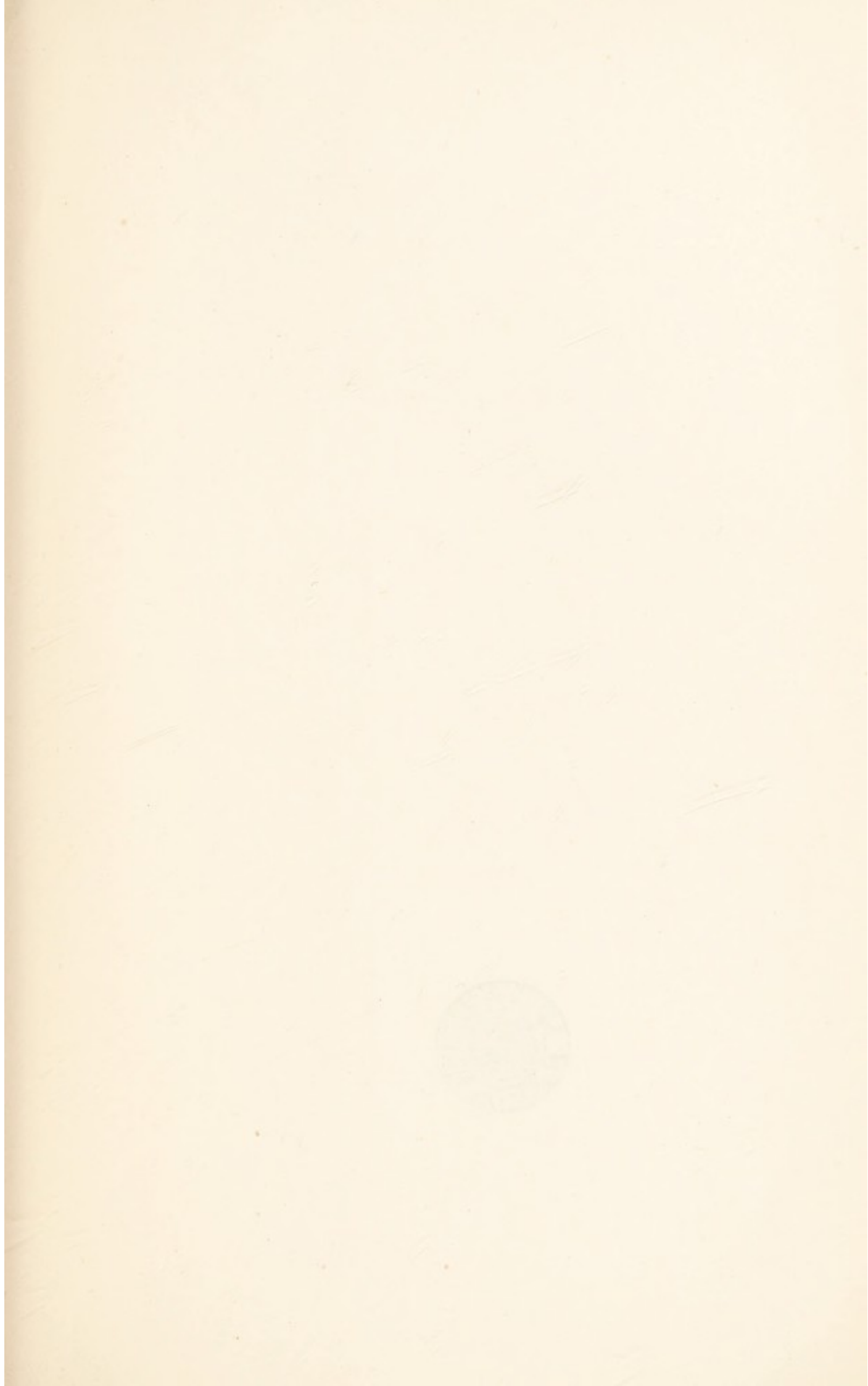


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