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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ILMINSTER.ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

for the year ending 31st December,
1948.

To the Ilminster Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report of the Sanitary Conditions of the Ilminster Urban District for the year 1948.

During the year there was practically no unemployment in the district, and a number of people from the surrounding Rural area also found work in the town.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The District was very free from Infectious Disease during the past year and the usual outbreak of Influenza and Respiratory Catarrh which usually occurs to some degree in the early months of the year was only slight.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Measles.	2	--	--
Whooping Cough.	6	--	--
Pneumonia.	1	--	--

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Respiratory.	2	--
Non-Respiratory.	2	--

SCABIES.

No Cases came to my notice during 1948.

VITAL STATISTICS.LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	31	23
Legitimate.	31	23
Illegitimate.	--	--

STILL BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	1	--
Legitimate.	1	--
Illegitimate.	--	--

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total.	2	1
Legitimate.	2	1
Illegitimate.	--	--

All under one week.

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Acute Enccephalitis.	1	-
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1	-
Cancer of Breast.	-	1
Cancer of other Sites.	3	1
Inter Cranial Vascular Lesions.	1	2
Heart Disease.	4	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	-	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1	-
Congenital Malformations, birth injuries and infant diseases.	2	1
All other causes.	1	-
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WATER SUPPLY.

The supply to the area was sufficient in quantity and satisfactory in quality after Chlorination. 10 samples of water going into supply were examined bacteriologically with satisfactory reports.

NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ON SUPPLY.

(a) Supply direct to houses	700.
(b) From standpipes.	150.

There were no extensions or improvements carried out during the year.

MILK.

(a) Number of Dairy Farmers on Register.	7
(b) Number of Retailers.	3
(c) Number of Producer Retailers included in "b".	1
(d) Number of Licensed Pasteurising Plants.	1

ICE CREAM.

(a) Number of Premises for Manufacture.	-
(b) Number of Premises for Sale.	4

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of licensed Slaughter Houses.	1.
Number of Registered Registered Slaughter Houses.	Nil.
Number of Horse Slaughter Houses.	Nil.
Number of Knackers Yards.	Nil.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There were no extensions made to the Sewerage Systems during 1948. A duplicate pumping plant was installed for the lower part of the town.

HOUSING.

HOUSES ERECTED DURING YEAR.

	Perm.	Temp.	<u>Houses in course of erection.</u>		<u>Conversion to flats or dwelling</u>
			Perm.	Temp.	
Local Authority.	28	-	6	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING (Continued).

Houses Required.

(a)	To replace those unfit.	50.
(b)	To abate overcrowding.	10.
(c)	Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. two families living in same house but not included in (a) or (b).	20.
Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year.		247.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

These have been regularly inspected during the year and found to be in a satisfactory Sanitary condition.

I remain Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

Yours faithfully,

C.C. Court M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

Ilminster Urban District Council.

17th October, 1949.

