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FOR THE YEAR 1958

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Report on the health of the district for the year 1958.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in Acres)-1,1471.

Population—The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population—3,120.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1957) according to the Rate Book—1,031.

Number of unoccupied houses-13.

Rateable Value—£48,432.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£182.

The town of Kingsbridge is the market centre of an agricultural and highly attractive country district, and its inhabitants are mainly engaged in commerce.

The social conditions are generally favourable to health and longevity.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:	Total	M.	геомри F.
Legitimate	40	19	21
Illegitimate	IAL RE	JVIVI	4
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	41	20	21
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the	e estimated re	esident po	pulation: 13.1
Still Births		100770	1
Rate per 1,000 tota	al (live and st	till births)	: 13.14
Deaths	56	27	29
Death Rate per 1,000 of the	e estimated re	esident po	opulation: 17.9
Deaths from Maternal General's Short List):	causes (hea	ding 30 d	of the Registrar-
	CIAL COMPL	Dear	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and ths. still births).
*Pregnancy, Childbirth, Ab	ortion		- Population-
Death Rate of Infants unde	r 1 year of ag	e:	Population of
All Infants per 1,000 li	ve births		Rate Book-1,0
Legitimate Infants per	1,000 legitim	ate live b	irths —
Illegitimate Infants per	r 1,000 illegiti	mate live	births —
Deaths from Cancer (all age	es)	Kingsoniki Watasa	6
Deaths from Measles (all ag	ges)		mainly engaged
Deaths from Whooping Cou	igh (all ages)		- valivogo-1

CAUSES OF DEATH

			M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System		Helen	
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis		10 10	_
3.	Syphilitic Disease		-	-
4.	Diphtheria		Dopen	-
5.	Whooping Cough		111-10	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections		IOTA I	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis		Service	VIII
8.	Measles		niq ee H,	1
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Disease		5m=-52	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach		3	- 1
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus		1	_
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast		buz al di	1
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		Diam of	-
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms		2	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia		The last of	-
16.	Diabetes			
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System		3	4
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	*****	11	1
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease		The state of	1
20.	Other Heart Diseases		3	5
21.	Other Circulatory Disease		-	3
22.	Influenza		-	
23.	Pneumonia		1	2
24.	Bronchitis		- 53	1
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System		1127	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum		_	_
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea		10112-49	_
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis		DrDer	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate		oher of	-
30.	*Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion		or <u>L</u> vea	bell
31.	Congenital Malformations		1	_
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases		2	2
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents		38	20
34.	All other Accidents		45 man	1
35.	Cuisida		TREE TE	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War		ansk co	- 00
00.	Tronneide and Operations of war		I STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	15 500
			27	29

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The Public Health Officers of the Authority are a Medical Officer of Health (also Medical Officer of Health of Plympton Rural District, Kingsbridge Rural District and Salcombe Urban District).

Deputy Medical Officer of Health (occasional). One full-time Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory Service provides a service at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water supplies, ice cream and foodstuffs, etc.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES. The Devon County health handbook gives details of the various services provided in the district by the County.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS).

DURING THE YEAR 1958

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Erysipelas	1	and—it is	ART - MADE TO
	1		San Langerina

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958.

	New Cases.			Deaths.			
			N	on-		N	on-
Re	espi	ratory	Resp	iratory	Respiratory	Respi	iratory
Age Periods	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	ol Troub	demiliano v	on titles	TT .08
1—5 years	-	_	_	-	oitemotel l	Alexander.	A 15
5—15 years	-	-	_	-		-	-
15—25 years		_	-	A TOMO	an-orangement	abasu	THE AND
25—35 years	-	-	-	No. of Lot	an the laid	011-01	75 - 88
35—45 years	-	-	_	-	-commonk	20000	10 34
45—55 years	_	-	_	_		- Total	7 71
55—65 years	_		-	-		-	- 100 m
65 years and							
upwards	-	-	_	_		_	
Totals		_	_	1		-	_

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY. The public supply is from the South Devon Water Board; it continues to be abundant and of good quality.

It is hoped that the new filtration plant will be in operation

during 1959.

During the past year, 93 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Results were as follows: Satisfactory 87, Unsatisfactory 6.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. No new works were done but an extensive programme of machine cleaning was carried out. This showed that the main sewers had been badly restricted by silt over many years.

The results of the work were very satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. The system remains precisely as in previous years.

HOUSING. The contract for Old Folks Flats and Bungalows was completed during 1958. The tenants have, without exception, said how pleased they are with the results.

Also during the year the first two houses built solely for slum clearance were completed and occupied by families removed from

premises to be demolished.

Four further houses were considered under the Slum Clearance scheme, and to deal with these the Council bought and renovated two cottages and accepted undertakings to repair the other two by the owners.

At the end of the year the Council owned 179 houses, 52 flats and 6 bungalows.

FOOD STUFFS CONDEMNED. 433 tins various, 44 jars various, 51 lbs. cooked ham, 1 box haddock, 42 lbs. herrings, 94½ lbs. bacon.

FOOD.

1. The numbers of types of food premises in the area remain as follows:

Greengrocer, 5; Grocer, 14; Butcher, 5; Restaurants, 6; Wet Fish Shops, 1; Fried Fish Shops, 2; Baker, 4.

In addition to the above, one person maintains premises for the reception, cleaning and preparation for sale of wet fish and thereafter sells from a properly constructed vehicle.

2.	The number of food premises	registered	under	Section	16
of the	Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is	as follows	:		
	Manufacture of Icecream	FLYTh		1 / ///	
	Storage of Icecream for sale			23	
	D				

Preparation or manufacture of Sausages, etc. 4
Number of Dairies registered under the
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1954
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- 3. The number of inspections of food premises in the year was 61. This number does not include re-visits where found necessary. The general standard of food premises in the town is good.
- 4. The Method of Disposal of Condemned Food: In the rare cases where large amounts are required to be disposed of, this is done through a recognised firm specialising in the preparation of fertilizers, etc. In other cases, goods are removed by the refuse collection gang and buried at the disposal site, or burnt in the furnace of the local laundry.
- 5. It was not necessary during the year for any special examination of a stock or consignment of food to be undertaken.

APPENDIX.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	181	Name of	Toy or	624	1	the bas
Number inspected	164	zazac	1	464	1	OSL.
All diseases except Tube culosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemn Carcases of which some part or organ was co	ned ne		Nil			
	17 per ith	5%		3 0.82%		
Tuberculosis only:	1	ve, on	the abo	03 1101	addit	nl
Cysticercosis	alpurtence.		Nil	modt el		Chercal

NUISANCES, Etc.

Number of complaints rec	eived:					
(a) alleging nuisance	S	10	TOME 3	DATE S	10	18
(b) alleging housing	defects					231
(c) other complaints						6
Nuisances proved			1,101.27	OMP	HANNI	12
Minor housing repairs dealt	with					193
Other complaints remedied						4
Informal letters sent						20
Statutory Notices						1
Total number of inspections	in con	necti	on with	erection	on of	
new houses and conve	ersions,	inch	uding n	ew Co	uncil	
houses						77
Total number of inspectio	ns in	conne	ection w	rith P	ublic	
Health			1			61

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises		Inspect'ns	Written	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	3	in sodm	Total nu Heal
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	42	17		-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers' premises)	-	-		-
TOTAL	47	20	_	-

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,

October, 1959.

Medical Officer of Health.

