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Knaresborough Rural District Council.



Medical Officer's Annual Report

For the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1923.

*To the Chairman and Councillors of the Knaresborough
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to submit for your consideration my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1923.

The Ministry of Health only requires a detailed report every five years, and in the intervening years a report of a more simple character. This Report is arranged in the manner suggested by the Ministry of Health, and is the third of the minor reports.

I am indebted to your Sanitary Inspector for his assistance in preparing statistics of sanitary matters and housing.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. FORBES,

May, 1924.

Medical Officer of Health.

Principal Statistics, 1923.

Area (acres) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37,862
Population, 1921 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,640
Estimated Population (Ministry of Health), 1923 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,609
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1921 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not available
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers, 1921 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not available
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£91,660
Sum represented by Penny Rate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£277
		Total.	Male.	Female.				
Number of Births ...	{	Legitimate ... 120	... 62	... 58	Total, 129			
	}	Illegitimate ... 9	... 7	... 2				
Birth Rate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14·97
Deaths—Males, 44; Females, 51 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Death Rate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11·03
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of,)	Childbirth ...	...	...	...	} from Sepsis ... Nil other causes ... Nil			
					
Deaths of Infants under one year of age, per 1000 births ...	{	Legitimate, 44·1				Total, 51·8		
	}	Illegitimate, 7·7						
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
" Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
" Diarrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Population.

The population as given by the Registrar General is 8,609. This amount you will notice is less than his estimate for last year or for the census year (1921). I do not think that the population of your district is decreasing, but on the contrary I feel sure we have an increase on previous years. My estimate of the population is 8,920.

Births.

The number of births as furnished by the Registrar General is 129—69 males and 60 females. This gives an annual birth rate of 14·97 per thousand of the estimated population. This is a slight improvement on last year when there were 17 births less. The corresponding birth rate for England and Wales was 19·7. Nine births, 7 males and 2 females were registered as illegitimate. The number in 1922 was 7.

Deaths.

The number of deaths of residents of the district was 95—44 males and 51 females. This is 21 less than in the previous year, and gives a death rate of 11·03 per thousand per annum of the estimated population. The corresponding death rate for England and Wales was 11·6.

Infantile Mortality.

There were 7 deaths of infants under 1 year of age. This is the same as in 1922. Five of these were due to premature birth. One was due to convulsions and one to congenital specific disease. This gives an infantile mortality of 51·8 per thousand births registered. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 69.

Causes of Death at all Ages.

The principal causes of death were:—Heart Disease, 17; Cancer, 11; Apoplexy, 9; Phthisis and other Tubercular Diseases, 8; Bronchitis, 4; Pneumonia, 3; Diabetes, 3; and Influenza, 2.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified in 1923 was 34. In the previous year there were 39 cases.

Diphtheria.

There were only 2 cases of Diphtheria notified during the year. There were no deaths from this cause. They were both admitted to hospital.

Scarlet Fever.

Eleven cases of Scarlet Fever were notified. The number treated in hospital was 10. There were no deaths from this cause.

Enteric Fever.

There were no cases of Enteric Fever notified.

Puerpural Fever.

There were no cases of Puerpural Fever notified.

Pneumonia.

There were 8 cases of Pneumonia notified. There were 3 deaths from this cause. Two of these were notified.

Erysipelas.

There were no cases of Erysipelas notified.

Phthisis and other Tuberculous Diseases.

Five cases of Phthisis and 6 of other Tubercular Diseases were notified. The deaths from this cause were 7 of the lungs, and 1 from spine.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

There was 1 case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified. This case was treated at home, and the vision was unimpaired. There was no death from this cause.

Measles.

Measles was not very prevalent during the year. There were no deaths from it.

Whooping Cough.

Whooping Cough was epidemic nearly all over the district. It was not of a severe type, and there were no deaths from it.

Encephalitis Lethargica.

There was 1 case of Encephalitis Lethargica notified, and it was fatal.

Causes of Sickness.

There was no particular cause of sickness or invalidity of special note during the year.

Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals, and other Institutions available for the District.

The County Council are the authority under the Notification of Births and Child Welfare Acts for the whole of the District.

For Health Visiting and School Nursing purposes the District is divided into 6 nursing areas, one area being worked by a whole-time Nurse, and the remaining 5 by District Nursing Associations. These latter Associations, in addition to performing Health Visiting and School Nursing Work on behalf of the County Council, undertake Midwifery and District Nursing Work.

The following are the 6 areas:—

Name of Nursing Association.	Area.
Burton Leonard	Burton Leonard.
Farnham and Scotton	Farnham, Scotton, Ferrensby, Brearton.
Killinghall	Killinghall, Ripley, and Nidd.
Spofforth	Follifoot and Plompton.
Pannal	Pannal and Beckwithshaw.
Whole-time Nurse	Hampsthwaite, Bilton, Haverah Park, Felliscliffe, Starbeck, Goldsborough, Flaxby, Scriven, Knaresborough Outer, South Stainley, and Walkingham.

MIDWIFERY SECTION.

Midwifery is undertaken by the District Nurses in Hampsthwaite, Farnham, Scotton, Brearton, Ferrensby, Burton Leonard, Pannal, Beckwithshaw, and Killinghall.

No Nurses are employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR COUNTY COUNCIL.

(1) Tuberculosis.

The Local Authority does not provide hospitals for Tuberculosis, but this class of case is admitted to hospitals provided by the County Council, none of which are situated in this district.

(2) Maternity.

There is no Maternity Hospital in the district.

(3) Children.

There is no hospital for the treatment of children in the district.

(4) Fever.

The Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Hospital, situated in Knaresborough Outer, provides accommodation for 72 patients.

(5) Small Pox.

The Small Pox Hospital, situated in Killinghall, is provided by the Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Committee. It has 16 beds.

(6) Other Hospitals.

There are no other hospitals in the district. The hospitals available for the district are the General and Special Hospitals situated in Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, and York.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

There are no Institutions within the district for unmarried mothers or illegitimate children.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance facilities for (a) infectious cases are provided by the Harrogate and Knaresborough Joint Isolation Hospital Committee; (b) non-infectious cases, an ambulance (unhorsed) can be borrowed from the Knaresborough Union Hospital.

Laboratory Work.

The West Riding County Council carry out Bacteriological examinations at their laboratory at Wakefield. Outfits for specimens are supplied to medical men on application.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin can be obtained by medical practitioners for use in necessitous cases from the Medical Officer of Health.

Urban Powers possessed by the Rural District Council of Knaresborough, and adoptive acts in force.

Under the Public Health Act, 1875—

Sections 42 and 44 so much as is not already in force.

Sections 157 and 158.

Sections 169, second and third paragraphs.

Section 170.

Date of Order, 14th September, 1878.

The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888—

Section 3. Date of Order, 12th October, 1895.

Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1882, 52 & 53 Vict. chap. 72.
Adopted 3rd June, 1896, came into force 1st August following.

**The Private Street Works Act, 1892, for certain streets in the Parish of
of Pannal.** Date of Order, 2nd May, 1896.

So much of Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act,
1890, 53 and 54 Vict. chap. 29, as is specified in Section 50.
Certain Sections of Parts II., III., IV. and X. of the Public Health
Acts. Article 1 (Amendment) Acts, 1907. Date of Order. 6th
Sept., 1912.

Within the contributory places of Bilton and Starbeck.

The Public Health Act, 1875—

Sections 25 and 26.

Section 42, so much as is not already in force.

Section 44, so much as is not already in force.

Sections 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115.

Section 157, so much as is not already in force.

Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act,
1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section
160 of that Act.

Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act,
1847, with respect to Slaughter-houses as are incorporated with the
Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 169, second paragraph. Section
169, third paragraph, and Section 170. The Public Health (Buildings
in Streets) Act, 1888, Section 3. The Public Health Acts, Amend-
ment Act, 1890, Section 23, so much as is not already in force.

With the contributory places of Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer,
and Scriven.

The Public Health Act, 1875—

Sections 25, 26, 47, 112, 113, 114, 115.

Such of the Provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act,
1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section
160 of that Act.

The Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890, Section 23, so
much as is not already in force.

Within the contributory place of Pannal.

The Public Health Act, 1875—

Sections 25, 26, 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115, and such of the
provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as are
incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that
Act.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Section 23, so
much as is not already in force.

Article II.

The expenses incurred or payable by the said Rural District Council in the execution of the powers conferred upon them by Article I. of this Order and in the execution of the Urban Powers already possessed by them, and in the execution of the powers possessed by them under Section 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and under Section 23 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, by reason of the adoption as aforesaid by the said Rural District Council, or Part III. of that Act, except so far as such expenses may relate to their Establishment and Officers, shall be deemed to be "Special Expenses" within the meaning of the Public Health Act, 1875, and shall be charged as such upon the contributory place in respect of which they may have been incurred. Date of Order, 6th February, 1897.

Such of the provisions of Section 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and of Section 23 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, as are not already in force by reason of the adoption by the Rural District Council of Part III. of the last mentioned Act, in the Parish of Follifoot, and the expenses incurred in the execution thereof will be special expenses.

Date of Order, 18th October, 1897.

N.B.—The Infectious Diseases Notification Act and Part III. of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Section 50, are applicable to the whole of the District.

Where not otherwise specified the Urban Powers apply to the contributory places of Bilton, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, Scriven, Starbeck.

Sanitary Administration.

A tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department is given in Table C appended. The Sanitary Inspector undertakes the whole of Article 19 of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1922.

Public Health Staff.

Also see Table C.

Housing.

A tabular summary of "Housing" is given in Table D appended.

Water Supply.

The Parishes provided with a good water supply cover an area equal to two-thirds of the whole area of the district. The remainder of the district gets its supply from wells, mostly surface wells. Three bore holes have been sunk in the village of Scotton. This will remedy the inadequate and impure supply of this village. In Hampsthwaite the wells are liable to pollution from surface water, and in most summers there is a shortage of supply.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
All Causes	44	51
Influenza	—	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	5
Other Tuberculous Diseases... ..	—	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease	6	5
Diabetes	1	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.	3	6
Heart Disease	6	11
Artereio-sclerosis	1	1
Bronchitis	2	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	—	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	3	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	2	3
Suicide	2	—
Other Deaths from Violence... ..	2	1
Other defined Diseases	13	6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	3	4
" " Illegitimate	—	1

	Males.	Females.
Total Births	69	60
Legitimate	62	58
Illegitimate	7	2

Population 8,609

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	TOTAL DEATHS
Small Pox ... ..	..	..	...
Scarlet Fever	11	10	Nil
Diphtheria	2	2	Nil
Enteric Fever	Nil	...	...
Puerpural Fever	Nil	..	...
Pneumonia	8	Nil	3 (ages 5, 21 & 36 years)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	1	Nil	Nil
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	Nil	1 (age 59)

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	..	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
35	1	1	...	..	1	2	...	...
45	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
55	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL ...	2	4	1	4	2	4	...	1

TABLE C.—1923.

Medical Officer of Health.—W. J. FORBES, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Sanitary Inspector } WILLIAM LUPTON.
Building Inspector }

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1923, for Nuisances only, 269.

Nuisances reported in 1923, 42.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1922, 16.

Notices served—Informal, 52; Complied with, 41.
Statutory, 2; Complied with, 2.

Total needing abatement, 58; Abated during 1923, 45; Outstanding end of 1923, 13.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, None.

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Knackers Yards, 1; No. in District, 1; No. on Register, 1;
Total No. of Inspections made, 5: General Condition, satisfactory; Legal Proceedings (if any), None.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Any developments during 1923? Extension at Pannal, 55 yds.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers—Burton Leonard, Ferrensby, Scotton, South Stainley, Hampsthwaite, Kettlesing; (b) Improvement of defective sewers—None.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints relating thereto? No.

Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens, 297.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 58.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 1,072.

No. of Water Closets, 792.

Waste Water Closets, one.

No. of Privies reconstructed during 1923—(a) as W.C.'s, 12;
(b) other, None.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1223—(a) W.C.'s, None; (b) other, None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1923 for new houses (a) W.C.'s, 16; (b) other, one E.C.

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1923? No.

Performed by (a) Council—Pannal. (b) Contractor—Yes.

How is refuse disposed of? (a) Tips—One. (b) Farmers—Where suitable. Total annual cost, £225.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer.

Any utilization or salvage of waste material? No.

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1923? No.

Was supply restricted in any way? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where? Hampsthwaite.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? Saltergate Hill (Killinghall), Ferrensby.

MILK SUPPLY.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? (a) For Retailers—Yes. (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—“Certified” Milk—No. “Grade A”—No. “Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)”—None. “Grade A (Pasteurised)”—None. “Pasteurised”—None.

Have any Retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts? 5. No. adulterated? 1.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination? None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1923? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk? 123. No. registered? 123.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers? 31; No. who are Milk Retailers only? 5; Total No. of Milk Sellers registered? 36.

Total No. of Cowsheds? 199; Total No. of Inspections in 1923? 123.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Regulations? 1st July, 1911. Any Legal Action? None.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? None.

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Act? None.

No. of seizures of unsound food? 11; Kind and quantity? Pork—2 carcasses and lesions, 1 head. Cattle—6 carcasses, 2 forequarters. Tinned Meat—18½ stones. No. of Prosecutions? None.

Any Public Abattoir? No. What accommodation? Licensed Slaughterhouses.

No. of Slaughterhouses? 12; No. Licensed? 10; No. unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position? 1.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected? 4 to 25. Total No. of Inspections? 108.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs? None; (b) Unsound Food? None; (c) *re* Slaughterhouses? None.

Bakehouses, No.? 1. Any underground? None. Total No. of Inspections? Occasional.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations taken? 3; No. of Cautions? 2; Legal Notices? None; Summonses? None.

No. of Workshops? 32; No. of times each Workshop inspected? Occasional.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Acts adopted during 1923? None.

Any Urban Powers obtained in 1923? None.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS—

Any Bye-Laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements? None.

Any others adopted or revised during 1923? None.

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1923? None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influence threatening the health of the District? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.
 Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS—

- (a) General: Accident? None; Children? None.
- (b) Local: Hospital, Cottage, No; Infectious, General? One;
 Address: Thistle Hill, Knaresborough Outer; Smallpox?
 One; Address: Killinghall.
- (c) Maternity? None. Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal
 Fever cases? No.
- (d) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County
 Council Scheme? None.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infec-
 tious Diseases Hospital? No.

TUBERCULOSIS.—*Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification:*

- (1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop? None.
- (2) Examination for contacts? None.
- (3) Is house disinfected? Yes. When? After removal of
 patient.
- (4) Leaflets, Lectures, &c., distributed? None.
- (5) Action *re* spitting? None.
- (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes.
- (7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary
 Tuberculosis with T.B. in Sputum? No.
- (8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to
 notification observed by general practioners? Yes, as a rule.

BACTERIOLOGY (*County Laboratory*)—Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions? No.
 What organised effort to control it? None.
 Any Voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.
 Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1923? None.
 Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action? No.

VITAL STATISTICS—

BIRTHS during 1923—Males, 69; Females, 60. Total, 129.

No. illegitimate, included in above, 9. No. of Still Births
 (not included), Not known.

DEATHS during 1923—

(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the Dis-
 trict *without any correction?* 85.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated—Males,
 44; Females, 51.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above)? None.

MORTUARIES—What accommodation? None.

SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £180.

Name of Sanitary Inspector, William Lupton; Annual Salary as Inspector, £180. Other appointments held: Building Surveyor; Salary for such other appointments, £120.

Any Assistants? One. Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

CLINICS. Any suggestions—

(a) Tuberculosis? No.

(b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest? Patients sent by their own Medical man. There has been no difficulty in reaching nearest.

(c) Child Welfare? No. (d) Ante-Natal? No. (e) School? No. (f) Dental? No.

ANY REMARKS—No.

TABLE D.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1923.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1922.

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. (Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923).—140.

Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).—97.

Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18), 1909.—79.

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1923 under Acts and Regulations.

Total inspected and recorded.—74.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection.—6.

Houses needing further action.—68.

Houses not reasonably fit. Action under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923.

Houses found with defects.—14.

Houses of this class remedied without formal notice.—7.

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.—4.

Houses made fit after formal notice.—4.

Houses in respect of which the Council executed or were executing work in default of owner.—None.

Houses in regard to which owner elected to close house instead of complying with notices.—1.

Action under Public Health Acts in cases of Houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923.

Houses with defects.—23.

Houses remedied without service of formal notice.—26.
 Houses in regard to which formal notices were served.—None.
 Houses made satisfactory after formal notice.—None.

Unfit Houses. Action under Sections 17 or 18, 1909.

Houses found to be totally unfit.—21.
 Houses closed voluntarily.—8.
 Unfit houses remedied without formal notice.—None.
 Houses represented to Council for closing orders.—None.
 Houses in respect of which closing orders were made.—None.
 Houses closed after service of closing order.—1.
 Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council.—1
 Houses demolished voluntarily.—None.
 Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council.—4.
 Houses demolished compulsorily.—None.

Appeals.—None.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1923.—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919 ;
 Section 10, 1923.—137.
 Houses (recorded under "Housing") with minor defects. (Public
 Health Acts).—95.
 Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909.—74.

OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSES.

Total number of Houses in District.—2,089.
 Number of Working Class Houses.—1,244.
 General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health
 in Manual Vol. I., 1919.—Under, excepting the Parishes of
 Pannal, Knaresborough Outer, and parts of Killinghall.

Obstructive Buildings.—

Any Building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1850
 Act?—No.
 Any building represented by Local Government Electors under
 Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act?—No.

Unhealthy Areas.—

Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1920 Act? If so
 give particulars.—No.

Re-construction Schemes.

Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890
 Act? No.

Conversion of Houses.—

Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under
 the 1219 Act? If so, give particulars.—No.

Unfit Houses.—

Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act?—No.

Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894?—No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923?—No.

Any scarcity of Houses? If so, where?—Yes, in all Parishes (Working-class Houses).

Any overcrowding in houses, and where?—Two families living in one house.

Any special activity in house building, and where?—(Residential type) Pannal and Knaresborough; (Smaller type) Hampsthwaite and Starbeck, Bilton.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES.

A. Scheme under 1919 Act.—

Number of Houses erected in 1923 (1) By Council, none; (2) By Private Subsidy, none.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act.

Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act?—No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval?—For Private Subsidy. Has it been approved?—Yes.

If scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same.—£77.

Number of Houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1923.—None.

Number of Houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1923.—None.

Number of Houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1923.—None.

Total number of Houses built in the District under all conditions in 1923.—17; (a) Working Class Dwellings, 4; (b) Other, Residential.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1909 Act?—No. Any action thereunder?—None.

TOWN PLANNING.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1923 deciding to prepare a scheme?—No.

Any scheme contemplated?—No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910?
William Lupton.

W. J. FORBES,

May, 1923.

Medical Officer of Health.