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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1944.

D. F. Dobson, M.B. D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.





Report of Medical Officer of Health.  
for Year ended December 31st, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Knaresborough Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1944 which, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, is brief and confined to changes in the conditions affecting the health of the Town, and to any special occurrence of disease. The observations of the Sanitary Inspector have been included in the Report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. F. DOBSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1945.

### POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for 1944 is 7,773.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births numbered 169 giving a birthrate of 21.7 per 1,000 of the population.

Deaths numbered 100 giving a deathrate of 12.8 per 1,000 of the population.

The infantile deathrate under one year of age was 31.0 per 1,000 live births.

### EVACUATION

At the end of the year there were 245 evacuated persons billeted in the town, including 137 children.

### HOUSING

There has been no housing development during the year: recording and inspection of houses is not taking place, but plans have been made for a complete survey as soon as circumstances permit.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The incidence of infectious disease has remained high, including 108 cases of measles and 46 cases of scarlet fever.

There was one death from scarlet fever.

There were 7 cases of diphtheria, 3 occurred in the Scotton Banks Emergency Hospital and two were adults. Of the 2 remaining cases, one was a child admitted to a Knaresborough Hostel from an adjoining area, the other a boy of 14 years, who had been immunised. The case was one of morphological diphtheria.



There were 2 cases of ophthalmia neonatorum, both were removed to the Harrogate General Hospital.

There have been no cases of poliomyelitis or cerebro-spinal fever.

Systematic immunisation against diphtheria was continued during the year, the results were satisfactory and a high level of immunisation has been attained.

The number of cases of tuberculosis notified during the year was approximately equal to the number for the preceding year, but some cases occurred also among the staff at the Scotton Sanatorium.

The number of cases of Scabies has remained small, regular treatment is being carried out at the First Aid Post under arrangements with the County Medical Officer.

#### SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

No alteration in the Sewage Disposal Works was made during the year.

#### WATER SUPPLY

The water supply has been constant and reliable. Chemical and bacteriological tests have been satisfactory.

There are no stand pipe supplies of water in the town.

#### CAMPING SITES

Five licensed camping sites are in the area, this type of holiday dwelling is becoming more numerous and strict control is necessary to prevent nuisance.

Bye-laws were in operation in the added area, these were adequate and are in force on all camping sites. Regulations have been adopted by the Council in furtherance of these Bye-laws.



MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Registrations:	Retail Purveyors	24
	Wholesale Traders	9
Farms and other premises used as dairies		16
Separate Dairies		3

Sampling of milk under the National Milk Testing Scheme has gone on during the year with encouraging results.

INFESTATION


Infestation, particularly with fleas, has caused a considerable amount of work during the year, but it is not sure that this work is increasing.

GENERAL

Sanitary inspection of the District is carried out well in spite of difficulties due to additional work, and on the whole the sanitary circumstances are satisfactory.

D. F. DOBSON.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
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