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KNARESBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1945.

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

Medical Officer of Health.

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Report of Medical Officer of Health for
Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1945 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.

July, 1946.

POPULATION.

The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for 1945 is 6,842.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births numbered 115 giving a birthrate of 16.8 per 1,000 of the population.

Deaths numbered 115 giving a deathrate of 16.8 per 1,000 of the population.

The infantile deathrate under one year of age was 26.0 per 1,000 live births.

The estimated resident population shows considerable decline, the population is now less than that of 1939.

There is also a considerable fall in the birth rate, the number of births being reduced from 169 to 115.

The Infantile death rate remains very low.

EVACUATION.

At the end of the year there were 28 evacuated persons billeted in the town.

HOUSING.

During the year a general survey was made of the houses in the town and a list was prepared in which houses requiring demolition or extensive repairs were classified with a view to a further programme of clearance and repair.

A definite standard was adopted and some 500 houses were roughly examined.

This survey remains to be completed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of infectious disease has diminished very much.

There were 44 cases of measles, 54 of whooping cough, 17 of scarlet fever and 13 of diptheria.

A considerable number of cases of Sonne Dysentery were notified from the Scotton Banks Emergency Hospital.

Analysis of the cases of diptheria shows that 8 were in adults and 2 of the remainder were in the Emergency Hospital; of the remaining 3, 2 had been immunised and the 3rd not immunised.

There was no evidence of any increase of Tuberculosis during the year.

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

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

The number of cases of Scabies remains small, the cases are now treated by their own Doctors, as the Clinic at the First Aid Post is not available.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

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

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply from the Harrogate Borough 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 are in force on all camping sites. Regulations have been adopted by the Council in furtherance of these Bye-laws. Under the present legislation it is becoming increasingly difficult to control these sites as the dwellings are becoming more permanent in character and are being occupied continuously throughout the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Registrations : Retail Purveyors: 22.
Wholesale Traders: 9.

Farms and other premises used as dairies: 15.
Separate dairies: 3.


Sampling of milk under the National Milk testing Scheme is not now undertaken by this Authority but samples for the "Methylene Blue" test have been taken with satisfactory results.

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 Health.



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