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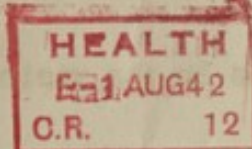
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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Medical Officer of Health
for the
Lothingland Rural District
for the Year 1941.



Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting you with my Annual Report for the year 1941. It has been reduced in size from motives of economy.

A. Extracts from Vital Statistics

	1941.	1940.	England & Wales 1941
Birth rate per 1000 population	17.6	13.37	14.2
Still Births per 1000. live & still births	32.4	22.12	
Death rate per 1000 population	14.77	11.86	12.9
Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age			
All infants per 1000 live births	58.14	40.9	59.
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate births	53.9	28.9	
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births	117.6	237.	
Deaths from Puerperal Causes			
Puerperal sepsis	0.	1.	
Other puerperal causes	0.	0.	
Deaths from Cancer	23.	18	-
" Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	-
" Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	-
" Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3.	0.	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following notifications were received during the year. There were 26 compared with 21 last year. They were as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	11
Diphtheria	1
Opthalmia Neonatorum	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	4
Paratyphoid B.	1
Erysipelas	4

Y One Erysipelas was found to be negative.

Scarlet Fever. Notified from the following parishes:- Belton (4), Carlton Colville (3), Fritton (1), Frostenden (1), Henham (1) and Kessingland (1).

They were notified in the following months:- March (1), May (2), July (1), August (3), October (2) and December (2).

One family had 3 cases, all the others were in different households. All were very mild cases, but 2 cases were removed to Hospital.

Diphtheria. One case from Belton in July - From his history and his long stay in Hospital, this may have been a carrier discovered through an attack of Tonsillitis.

Opthalmia Neonatorum. Five cases notified in May (2), July (1), August (1) and December (1) came from the parishes of Belton, Bradwell, Herringfleet, Hopton and Wangford. One case was treated in Hospital.

Puerperal Pyrexia. 4 cases notified, in August (1), October (2), and November (1), came from parishes of Bradwell (2) Burgh Castle (1)

and Carlton Colville (1). It is possible that bombs in the vicinity accounted for 2 of the cases.

Paratyphoid B. 1 case at Burgh Castle in August, possibly contracted outside the district.

DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1941.

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	11	2	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum	5	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	0	0
Paratyphoid B.	1	0	0
Erysipelas	4	2	0
Pneumonia	17	1	9
Measles	267	0	0
Whooping Cough	73	1	0

AGE GROUPS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Para-typhoid B	Erysipelas
Under 1 year	0	0	0	0	0
Between 1 - 2 years	0	0	0	0	0
" 2 - 3 "	0	0	0	0	0
" 3 - 4 "	1	0	0	0	0
" 4 - 5 "	1	0	0	0	0
" 5 - 10 "	4	0	0	0	0
" 10 - 15 "	2	1	0	1	0
" 15 - 20 "	0	0	1	0	0
" 20 - 35 "	2	0	3	0	1
" 35 - 45 "	1	0	0	0	1
" 45 - 65 "	0	0	0	0	2
65 years & upwards	0	0	0	0	0

	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping Cough
Under 1 year	2	9	6
Between 1 - 2 years	1	14	6
" 2 - 3 "	2	13	4
" 3 - 4 "	0	9	8
" 4 - 5 "	0	26	11
" 5 - 10 "	0	101	37
" 10 - 15 "	0	71	1
" 15 - 20 "	0	17	0
" 20 - 35 "	6	7	0
" 35 - 45 "	2	0	0
" 45 - 65 "	4	0	0
65 years & upwards	0	0	0

Table comparing this Year with 5 previous Years.

Year.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Opthalmia Neonatorum
1936	61	9	0	3	2	0
1937	27	0	2	4	2	2
1938	15	7	0	1	1	1
1939	31	3	1	0	2	1
1940	13	0	0	1	4	0
1941	11	1	1	4	4	5

Year.	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping Cough	Measles & Whooping Cough made notifiable on Oct. 23rd 1939.
1939	11	1 ^x	12 ^x	
1940	11	4	41	
1941	17	267	73	

PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS
1927.

17 cases were notified as Pneumonia from the following parishes:-
Blundeston (1), Carlton Colville (2), Henstead (1), Herringfleet (1),
Kessingland (5), Lound (2), Mutford (1), Reydon (3) and Somerleyton (1).

They were notified in the following months:- January (1), February (3),
March (4), April (1), May (2), June (1), July (1), August (1),
September (1) and December (2). 8 were notified as Lobar Pneumonia,
3 as Influenzal and 1 as Broncho-pneumonia.

MEASLES & WHOOPING COUGH REGULATIONS 1939 & 1940.

267 cases of Measles were notified from the following parishes in the
following months:-

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
Wrentham	74	16	14	1	2		
South Cove	5		6				
Frostenden	11	2	23	2			
Benacre	9	1	3				
Covehithe	3	8	3				
Wangford	2	1	3	3			
Uggeshall	1		1	2			
Reydon			9	2	6	1	
Kessingland			1	1	15	13	1
Henstead					5	3	

In addition:- Belton (1) Hopton (1), Bradwell (3), Barnby (2),
Mutford (3), Fritton (1) and Gisleham (2).

Whooping Cough 73 cases notified from the following parishes in the
following months:-

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wangford	1								
Fritton		2							
Reydon				5	3	2	7	2	3
Belton				3					
Kessingland						1			
Frostenden							2		4
Carlton Colville								1	1
Wrentham								2	11
Blundeston								2	
Benacre								2	3
Somerleyton									6
Rushmere									1
Herringfleet									3
South Cove									4

TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS 1912, 1921, 1924.

Under these Regulations 29 notifications were received 22 pulmonary
and 7 non-pulmonary. Of the 22 pulmonary 11 were on Form A, 5 on Form C,
1 on Form D and 5 were notified otherwise than by notification (i.e. a
case that had moved into the district and had been notified before).
Of the 6 cases on Form C & D all had been notified before.

Of the 7 non-pulmonary cases, 4 were on Form A and 2 on Form C and
1 was an old case that came into the district.

Five of the pulmonary cases received Sanatorium treatment and two of
the non-pulmonary cases received Hospital treatment.

AGE & SEX OF CASES NOTIFIED

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 year								
1 - 5 years			2					
5 - 15 "			1					
15 - 25 "	1	1	1				1	
25 - 35 "	3	3			1			
35 - 45								
45 - 55		1			1	1		
55 - 65		1				1		
65 & upwards	1							
	5	6	4	0	2	2	1	0

At the beginning of the year there were 40 cases on the Register. 19 pulmonary (10 males & 9 females) and 21 non-pulmonary (16 males & 5 females). During the year 24 cases were added, 19 pulmonary (10 males & 9 females) and 5 non-pulmonary (4 males & 1 female). 17 cases were deducted, 13 pulmonary (7 males and 6 females) and 4 non-pulmonary (3 males & 1 female). At the end of the year there were 47 cases, 25 pulmonary (13 males & 12 females) and 22 non-pulmonary (17 males & 5 females).

The cases of removal from the Register were as follows:-
Cured 5. Died 6. Removed 5 and non-tuberculous 1.

Of the fatal cases one had not been notified.

TABLE OF CASES NOTIFIED IN 5 PREVIOUS YEARS.

	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1936	4	3	6	3
1937	3	5	3	2
1938	3	4	5	2
1939	3	6	2	1
1940	0	7	1	1

WATER SUPPLY

Two samples of water were examined chemically.
One from a new well at Mutford was satisfactory and a certificate issued under Sec. 137. Public Health Act 1936. The other from an old well at Benacre was not satisfactory and the well was cleaned out.

SCHOOLS.

There is no change in their sanitary circumstances from last year. From the returns sent to me by the Head Teachers, the more severe outbreaks of minor infectious diseases were as follows:-

At Wrentham Sen. & Jun. Measles from January to March.
At Belton, Measles from January to March. Chickenpox in November.
At Blundeston Chickenpox in February & Whooping Cough in October.
At Kessingland Lower, Measles in May.
At Mutford, Measles in July.
At Somerleyton, Whooping Cough in December.

Scabies - a few cases appeared towards the end of the year in the following parishes:- Carlton Colville (2), Reydon (2), Rushmere (1) and

and Gisleham (1).

Diphtheria Immunisation - During the year there was a satisfactory response to the appeal to have children from the ages of 1 to 15 years treated and great credit is due to the teachers and district nurses who encouraged the parents to have their children treated.

At the end of the year out of 673 children under 5 years of age, 437 had completed treatment, that is 64.9%.

Out of 2019 schoolchildren, 1808 had completed treatment, that is 89%.

INFANT WELFARE.

Ninety-nine children were placed on the Register as having attended during the year.

Of these 50 were new cases and 49 had attended before.

Of the new cases 23 were under 1 year of age and 27 between 1 & 5 years of age.

Of the old cases 9 were under 1 year of age.

The Centre was opened on 23 occasions during 1941, no Clinic being held on Jan. 1st owing to the weather. A doctor was in attendance at all the sessions.

The total number of children's attendances was 497, an average of 21.6 per session.

The total number of consultations was 201, an average of 8.7 per session.

	Number of Sessions	Children attending Number	Average	Consultations Number	Average
1st quarter	5	93	18.6	23	4.6
2nd quarter	6	94	15.7	43	7.1
3rd quarter	6	158	26.3	59	9.8
4th quarter	6	152	25.3	76	12.7

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE, OFFENSIVE TRADES, FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

No alterations since last year.

HOUSING.

Few plans have been passed during the year and inspections have been reduced, only the most urgent cases for repairs have been considered.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

On the Register at the end of the year there were 67 persons in wholesale and retail trade, 74 for wholesale and 29 for retail, a total of 170 for the district.

In 2 cases neighbouring districts reported unsatisfactory samples from milk produced in the district, investigations were made and in one case the result was negative.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Under the present slaughtering arrangements, the majority of the meat killed in the district is inspected in the Borough of Lowestoft, but 1647 carcasses were inspected and 11 tons 3 cwt of meat condemned.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health
Sanitary Inspector.

Ambulance Facilities are as before and the service was **adequate** and satisfactory.

LO ESTOFT ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Lothingland Patients treated during 1941.

	Admitted	Days maintenance
Scarlet Fever	1	25
Whooping Cough	1	17
Erysipelas	2	14

STOWMARKET ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Scarlet Fever	1	26
Diphtheria	1	119

I have to thank all the Officials whom I have come in contact with during the year for the kindness and courtesy they have shown in assisting me.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

June 30th 1942.

LAURENCE GIBSON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR, 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report.

INSPECTIONS - The following tabular statement gives the inspections made during the year.

House Inspections	...	...	50
Cowshed & Dairy	...	...	219
Meat & Foods	...	...	136
Factory	...	...	26
Miscellaneous	...	...	860
Total			<u>1,291</u>

NOTICES ISSUED.

	No.	Complied with	Outstanding
Informal	58	58	-
Statutory	1	-	1

DISINFECTION:- 3 Rooms were disinfected with pneumatic sprayer and fumigating lamps. 1 lot of bedding was removed for steam disinfection at the Isolation Hospital.

COWSHEDS & DAIRIES:- At the end of the year there were 182 persons on the Register as under:-

Registered Premises	182
Wholesale & Retail Purveyors	67
Wholesale Traders	74
Retail Traders	29

MEAT INSPECTION:-

Carcases Examined	1,647
Approx. weight of meat certified unfit for human consumption:	11 tons 3 cwt.

including 34 bovine carcasses and 5 pigs. (These figures are included in those for Borough of Lowestoft).

NEW BUILDINGS:- 10 Plans were deposited for consideration under the building byelaws, most of them relating to temporary buildings and all but one were approved.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

A. O. ADCOCK

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor

June 1st. 1942.

THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
of
LOTHINGLAND.

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For the Year 1941.

LAURENCE GIBSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.