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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
MADRON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
for the year 1925.

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Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the District of Madron for the year 1925.

The Area of the Civil Parish and Urban District is 5,521 acres of land, 8 acres of water, and 30 acres of foreshore. The population in 1925 was 3,436.

The number of inhabited houses is 872. The Rateable value is £15,874, and the sum represented by a penny rate is £51.

VITAL STATISTICS.

During the year there were 41 births (21 male and 20 female), giving a birth rate of 11.9 per 1,000 per annum, and lower than the rate for England and Wales, which was 18.3.

Deaths numbered 48 (18 male and 30 female), giving a death-rate of 13.9 per 1,000 per annum, and lower than that for England and Wales, which was 12.2. *higher*

There were three illegitimate births registered during the year.

No woman died in, or in consequence of child birth.

Three infants died under the age of one year, giving an infantile death-rate of 73.1 per 1,000 births, the infantile death-rate for England and Wales being 75.

There were no deaths from Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, or Diphtheria.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES	ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
Diphtheria	2	0	0

There were no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

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CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There were no epidemics or abnormal sickness.

SUMMARY of NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS and other Institutions available for the District.

Professional nursing in the Home (a) General:- There is a District Nurse who resides at Madron who also undertakes Midwifery. She is not provided by the County Council nor does she receive any financial assistance from these bodies.

The superintendence and control of Midwives is in the hands of the Cornwall County Council.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

(a) Maternity and Child Welfare Centres - One at Heamoor. There are no Day Nurseries, School Clinics, Tuberculosis, or Venereal Diseases Clinics in the District.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority, or by the County Council. None of either (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6).

Any Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children in the District? Yes, the Poor Law Institution.

Ambulance facilities: (a) For infectious cases. None; (b) for other cases. Penzance St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

LABORATORY WORK.

There are no arrangements made for pathological and bacteriological examinations, except for Venereal cases, which are carried out by the Cornwall County Council.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is issued free in necessitous cases.

WATER SUPPLIES.

New water mains have been laid at Tolcarne Lidden Estate. In other parts of the District water was laid on to five new houses at Church Town, and 23 at Tolcarne. Total new supplies 28.

CHAPTER OF RIGHTS

There will be a separate or annual meeting.

ARTICLE 11. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERS.

Professors serving in the name of the Society shall be entitled to receive the same as those who are not members. The Society shall provide for the payment of the expenses of the members and shall be responsible for the financial statements and reports of the Society to the members.

ARTICLE 12. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The officers of the Society shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting. The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The members shall have the right to elect and remove officers.

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SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Public Health (Amendment) Act of 1870 is adopted, and the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, is also adopted.

The ordinary Bye-laws and regulations are in force in the District.

Houses in Heamoor, Tolcarne, Wherrytown and Chyandour, are provided with water closets.

In the Rural area the conservancy system is the one most in vogue. Seven earth closets have been converted to hand-flushed W.C.'s.

Refuse from Wherrytown and the Lidden Estate is removed once a week by cart. Tolcarne house refuse is removed twice a week. Chyandour refuse is taken away once a week. This also applies to other areas in the District. The house refuse is utilized on the land by farmers.

The question of the proper sewerage of Tolcarne has been before your Council for many years, and plans are in existence for carrying out this scheme. Serious consideration should be given to this subject, as at the present time the Newlyn river is badly polluted by drainage from the small and defective drain pipes opening into it at different points. A drainage scheme should be started at once, and a sewer laid to below low water mark.

A subject which has been before your Council at many of your meetings, is that of the provision of an Isolation Hospital. It would be advantageous to the District if such a hospital could be provided, especially if a suitable site were found near the Penzance Isolation Hospital. Seeing that the latter is in the Madron District, arrangements ought to be possible to build a small hospital for 4 beds in the vicinity to serve Madron. This would be most important to both Councils, since infectious diseases in one district may rapidly spread to the adjoining district, and it is to the advantage of both public bodies to endeavour to prevent this.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are two at Lescudjack which were inspected 18 times from April 26th to Dec. 28th. A new main was laid in one and both were lime-washed twice and are now satisfactory.

NOTICE OF SLAUGHTERING.

24 Notices received. Attended 18.
 Number of Bullocks 11
 Pigs 28
 Calves 21

One bullock was condemned by the Veterinary Surgeon but otherwise all was satisfactory.

The Humane Killer is sometimes used.

Three Butchers' shops in the district. Inspected 11 times and no complaints.

Two Fried Fish shops in district. Kept clean and in good order.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

392 Premises were visited.
 3 Courts found in a dirty state
 4 Stable yards were in a dirty condition.
 21 Drains were choked.
 4 Sink traps defective.
 3 Fish offal heaps uncovered in fields and causing a nuisance.

These defects, etc., were remedied.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are 37 milk producers registered. Inspections were made at frequent intervals and no cause of complaint was found.

There are 9 milk retailers. These premises have been regularly inspected, and found satisfactory.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISINFECTION.

The disinfectant used by the Sanitary Authorities is Izol and all premises are disinfected by the Formalyn lamp in cases of infectious diseases.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUG ACT.

No action taken. The police act in these cases.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Complaints were received from Heamoor and it is considered that some action should be taken.

REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON FEBRUARY 28, 1890, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE
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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Your Council employs an Inspector of Nuisances, who acts also as Surveyor; and also Inspector under the Housing and Town Planning Act.

The Inspector is a whole-time Officer.

The Medical Officer is a part-time Officer.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year	10
As part of a Municipal Housing scheme	0
Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	53
Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulation 1910	0
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous as unfit for human habitation and put in order.	4
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officer	37
No action was taken under Statutory Powers	
No Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing Town Planning, etc.,	

Houses are still being erected on the Lidden Estate, and it is to be hoped that there will be an extension of the thoroughfare to the Land's End road.

FACTORIES.

There is a Hide and Wool factory at Alverton, which has been inspected.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

W.J.Paramore, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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