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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OF MALTON.

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Annual Report

OF THE  
Medical Officer of Health.

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FOR THE YEAR, 1944.

# MALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.*

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

The Population (estimated) for the year is 5,688.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The following are some extracts from the Vital Statistics of the year :-

				Male	Female	Total
Live Births	{	Legitimate	...	65	36	101
		Illegitimate	...	6	4	10
		Total	... ..	71	40	111
Still Births	...	...	...	4	1	5
Deaths	...	...	...	24	20	44
Deaths (under one year)	...	...	...	2	—	2

Our Birth Rate is therefore 19·5 per 1,000 population as against 17·6 for England and Wales, whilst our Death Rate is 7·7 as against 11·6. A satisfactory state of affairs.

As analysis of the causes of Death show the following figures :-

					Male	Female	Total
Cancer	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	8	8	16
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Digestive Disease	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Congenital Malformation	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Road Traffic	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
All other causes	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
					24	20	44



The following Civilian Cases of Infectious Disease were notified :-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	2	—	2
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	1	—	1
Scarlet Fever ... ..	2	3	5
Diphtheria ... ..	1	1	2
Measles ... ..	3	3	6
Whooping Cough ... ..	8	14	22
	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 38

No deaths occurred from these diseases.

Our cases have again been treated at the Emergency Isolation Hospital at Norton Grove, and both this hospital and the Ministry Maternity Home at Westow has been of considerable assistance to us. Similarly, the Emergency Pathological Laboratory at Northallerton has been of great value to the District as a whole.

The Immunisation of children against Diphtheria has been steadily improved—at any rate in children of School Age and I estimated the percentage immunised at 31/12/44 as 40 under five years of age and 85 between five and fifteen.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The majority of Parishes are supplied with water received from the Street Villages Regional Scheme. The Parishes of Coneysthorpe and Ganthorpe have a private supply, while Scackleton has not yet been connected to the Regional Scheme, and has no piped water supply laid on. During the year water samples have been regularly submitted for analysis and the reports have consistently shown the water to be of a high standard and entirely fit for all domestic purposes.

### Drainage and Sewage.

In the main townships the surface water drains are used as sewers. Minor improvements have been effected to the drains and sewers in various parts of the District as a result of action by the Health Department.

During the year a motor driven trailer pump was acquired and a service of cesspool cleansing is now in operation.

### **Closet Accomodation.**

The majority of properties are still served by privies, privy middens and pail closets. A small number of conversions to water closets have taken place.

### **Rivers and Streams.**

There is no serious pollution of streams in the Area.

### **Scavenging.**

During the year the quarterly collection of unburnable refuse was resumed throughout the Area.

### **Housing.**

Owing to the shortage of labour and materials it has only been possible to affect minor improvements to housing property in the District. During this year eight Council Cottages were built to relieve the acute shortage of housing accomodation.

### **Schools.**

The sanitary condition of schools in the Area is on the whole fair.

### **Sanitary Inspection of the Area.**

During the year inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector were in connection with—

Housing, Nuisances under the Public Health Act, Water Supplies, Meat and Foods, Milk and Dairies Order, Sewage, Drainage, Infectious Diseases, Disinfection, Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium.