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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my Annual Report on the Health of your District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.
Area (in acres)63,717.
Population Census, 192123,196.
" 193123,544.
Estimated Resident Population 193123,780.
" " 194124,280.
Number of inhabited houses6,306.
Rateable Value£92,668.
Sum represented by a penny rate £356.

Social Conditions.

The Population is partly industrial and partly agrarian, the main industries being Coal Mining, Granite Quarrying and, to a small extent, Hosiery Manufacture. These are all situated in the North of the District.

Vital Statistics.

Births, Legitimate.	M.	212.	F.	185.	Total	397.
" Illegitimate.	M.	6,	F.	7.	Total	13.
	M.	218.	F.	192.	Total	410.
Stillbirths. 10 legitima: Birth Rate						
" " for England and						
Deaths						

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Crude Death Rate	11.2.
Death Rate for England and Wales	
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:- Legitimate - 18. Illegitimate - 1. Total	19.
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	
" " for England and Wales.	
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	30.
" " Measles. " "	
" " Whooping Cough. (all ages)	
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	
CAUSES OF DEATH. (Civilians only.)	
Causes of Deeth.	Females.
All Causes141.	131.
Scarlet Fever	131.
Measles	
Whooping Cough	2.
Diphtheria	1.
Influenza 1.	
Encephalitis Lethargica	.1.
Cerebro Spinal Fever 2.	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis 8.	1.
Other Tuberculosis	11.
Syphilis	2.
Cancer, malignant disease	47
Diabetes	13.
Intra Cranial Vascular lesions 8.	2.
Heart Disease 28.	17.
Other Circulatory Diseases 6.	31.
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Bronchitis	. 10.	3.
Pneumonia (all forms)	. 5.	4.
Other Respiratory Diseases		1.
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum		2.
Diarrhoea etc., (under 2 years)		-
Appendicitis and Typhlitis		_
Other digestive diseases		3.
Acute and Chronic Nephritis,	. 7.	4.
Congenital Causes		3.
Puerperal Sepsis		
Other maternal causes		
Premature Births	. 1.	2.
Suicide		2.
Road Traffic Accidents		1.
Other deaths from violence		4.
All other causes		18.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA. Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or County Commoil:-

- A. 1. Fever: The Isolation Hospitals are controlled by the
 Leicestershire Isolation Hospitals Committee. Patients are
 sent to such Hospitals as have beds available for the disease
 from which they are suffering. The principal hospital is
 situated in this District.
 - 2. Small Pox.: There are two Hospitals provided for the County as a whole.
- B. 1.)
 2.) Tuberculosis, Maternity and Children's Hospital.

 Accommodation is controlled by the County Council and the matter is dealt with comprehensively in the County Report.

 The County Sanatorium is situated at Markfield in this District.

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Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Infectious Cases: Motor Ambulances are provided in connection with the Isolation Hospitals.
- (b) For non-Infectious Cases and Accident: In April, the Council accepted the gift of the "Wollaston" Ambulance from Mrs. Wollaston of Shenton Hall. The Leicester Royal Infirmary and other voluntary organisations also provide facilities.

Clinics and Treatment Centres: All under the County Council. Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time official but does not engage in private practice.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector, who is also Sanitary Surveyor, devotes the whole of his time to his official duties, as also does the additional Sanitary Inspector.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

The County Council's Health Visitors visit cases in this District. There are District Nurses in all the larger Parishes.

Midwives.

The supervision of Midwives is vested in the County Council.

Chemical Work.

Analyses of foods and drugs are conducted by the County
Analyst. The Medical Officer of Health analyzes samples of
water.

Legislation in force.

Byelaws with respect to New Buildings were adopted for the whole District in 1925.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.	No.	of samples taken for analysis
Wells.	No.	closed
		of Parishes with a piped water supply from Public mains

at a south of the same of There has been no appreciable shortage of water during the year. Arrangements have been made to have available trailer tanks and tanks in lorries capable of transporting 1000 gallons to supplement local water supplies in an emergency.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No. of cesspools constructed during the year.....nil.
No. of cesspools abolished during the year.....nil.
Total number in District on December 31st......293.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in District on December 31st:-

- (2) Pail Closets......3832.
- (3) W₀ C's.....2340.

No. of closets converted to the water carriage systems during the year :-

- (b) Pails.....40.

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Under the system of centralised collection, service is now being given weekly to the whole of the Rural District, 6692 Dust-Bins and 3868 Pail Closets being emptied each week.

The strain due to evacuation has eased, but has been increased by Military causes. Labour shortage is acute owing to the calling up of men for service in the Forces, and the transfer of labour to the Mines and Munitions.

The Essential Works Order was applied to this Council on the 21st. December 1941.

(5) SALVAGE.

Salvage is collected every three weeks and comprises all classes of material as described in the monthly Salvage Return required by the Ministry.

The collection of Salvage is carried out under the direction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and is quite separate from the ordinary refuse collection. Collection from the start has been second to none in the Country, and I think it is worthy of mention

that we heard from the Ministry of Supply that for the month of May, this Rural District lead all Rural Districts in the Country per 1000 of the population.

(6) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE APEA.

Nature of Inspections: -

THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF	OF 1 STREET, S	KID IN THE REAL PROPERTY.
	Inspections	Revisits.
Dwelling Houses (all purpos	es) 535.	56.
Tents, Vans etc.,	3.	4.
Slaughter Houses.	237.	25.
Food Premises.	6.	-
Dairies & Cowaheds,	92.	32.
Offensivo Trades.	-	-
Animal Keeping.	-	-
Workshops etc.,	3.	
Shops.		-
Other premises.	1.	-
TOTAL.	877.	117.

(7) SHOPS.

Particulars of action taken during year under the Provisions of the Shops Act. 1934.

	Outstanding from previous year.	Defects found.	Defects remedied.	Outstanding 31st. December.
Sanitary convenience.	-	-	-	-
Temperature.	-	-	-	-
Ventilation.	-	-	-	-

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(8) CAMPING SITES.

No. of Sites in Area used for Camping purposes during year - Nil.

(9) REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings.	No. in District.	No. of Inspections.	Action taken.	General conditions.
Common Lodging Houses,	110-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	10.	3.	-	FAIR.
Canal Boats.	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.	1.	1.	-	FAIR.

A number of Caravans have appeared in the District as a result of War conditions. These have been visited in the normal way. Cleanliness and Sanitary conditions are fair. A congregation of Vans was discovered, however, in one Parish, in respect of which no sanitary conveniences or water supply being available, notice was served, and the site cleared.

10. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Particulars of action taken:-

- No. of other dwelling houses found infested 2.

(11) SCHOOLS.

(12) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. in Area.....NIL.

(8) CAMPING SITES.

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HOUSING.

1	· INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.
	(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)
	(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose204.
	(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 10.
	(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
	(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-
4.	HOUSING ACT. 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.
	(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year
	(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such casesNil.
	It has been found impossible to keep accurate records
	overcrowding conditions in the Area owing to the influx of
fi	ficial and unofficial evacuees and munition workers.

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(13) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply:-

COWKEEPERS.

No. on	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions.						
Register,		Outstanding from prev- ious year.	during	Curing	Outstanding on 31st. December.			
319.	72.	6.	10.	12.	4.			

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK, (other than Cowkeepers)

No. on	No. of	No. of Contraventions.						
Register. Inspections.		Outstanding from previous year.	Found during year.	during	Outstanding on 31st. December.			
134。 20.		Nil.	Nil. Nil.		Nil.			

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS.

	Outstanding from prev- ious year.	during	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on December 31st.
Cleansing.	1.	2.	3.	-
Structural Alterations.	4.	6.	8.	2.
Utensils.	-	1.	1.	-
Other.	1.	4.	5.	-

MILK SAMPLING.

Class.	Total number of samples taken for bacteriological examination.	number satisfactory.	number unsatisfactory
Designated.	***	_	-
Ordinary.	**	-	-

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(b) Meat and other Foods.

No.	of Regional Slaughter Houses in DistrictNIL.
No.	of Animals slaughtered elsewhere
No.	of animals examined elsewhere1141.
No.	of inspections of Meat at time of slaughter 426.
No.	of Knacker Yards in District

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total weight in lbs.
Number killed (if known)	-	2.	5.	1.	1540.	Not known.
Number inspected.	-	1.	-	-	1140.	Not known.
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY. Whole carcases con	•	1.	7-	-	-	Not known.
Carcases of which part or organ was condemned.	some	-	-	-	2	Not known.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	100%	-	-	6.14%	_

MEAT STALLS.

	No.	of :	inspecti	ons						.ni	1.
MEAT S	HOPS, 1	MEAT	STORES	ETC.,							
	No.	of :	inspecti	ons						. 20.	
PLACES	WHERE	FOOI	O (OTHER	THAN	MEAT)	IS	KEPT	OR	PREPARED	FOR	SALE.

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year was in each instance very similar to that of the previous year with the exception of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, of which disease only six cases were notified as compared with nineteen in 1940. The number of deaths, however, was considerably reduced, notably in the case of Diphtheria, which was responsible for only one death instead of seven as in the previous year.

In my report of last year I mentioned that a general systematic Anti-Diphtheria Immunisation of all the children in the District was then in progress, and I have now the pleasure of reporting that this was carried through most successfully, and that by October every School in the District had been visited and 2,683 children immunised. These were mostly of school age. The number of children under five years treated was very disappointing, especially in the scattered rural areas.

As it is of the utmost importance that children of this age group should not be missed, and should not be debarred from taking advantage of the treatment offered them by reason of their comparative isolation, I felt that a special effort should be made to reach them this year. Consequently, with the Council's approval, I am using their "Wollaston" Ambulance as a Mobile Unit, and at the time of writing 234 children, mainly under school age, have been immunised since tours were commenced on the 19th. May, almost, one might say, on their own doorsteps. It was obvious to me in the course of the journeys, that a big percentage of these children would never have been immunised except by this means.

Before receipt of the Ministry's Circular 2627 of the 21st. April last, I had stressed on your Council the urgent need to tackle the 1 - 5 age group, hence the decision to take immunisation to the Hamlets.

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The following cases of Infectious Disease came under observation during the year:-

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria. Scarlet Fever. Pneumonia. Erysipelas. Puerperal Pyrexia. Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. Measles. Whooping Cough.	62. 56. 23. 5. 7. 6. 253. 91.	62. 51. - 5. 6. 2. 2.	1. 9. - 3.
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In addition to the above, the following cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year:-

A	ge perio	ds.			w Ca				Death	S.
			ato	spir-	ato		Res	pir-		respir-
4 and			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 and	under 5	years.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1.	1.
5 "	" 15	"	1	-	1	5	-	1	_	-
15 "	" 45	"	8	5	-	1	3	8	-	_
45 "	" 65	"	6	-	1	-	5	2	-	1
	TOTAL.		15.	5.	2.	7.	8.	11.	1.	2.

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, nor was any action necessary under Sect. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

LABORATORY WORK.

The following specimens were examined by the County Bacteriologist:-

Milk Examinations (bact) Throat swabs for Diphtheric Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli. Sewage and Water Analyses Blood for Wassermann Test Urine. T.B. etc., Faeces for B. Typhosis Widal Test for Typhoid Feve Miscellaneous	28
	TOTAL. 437.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient servant,

T.W. GORDON KELLY, M.D., D.P.H. (Oxon)

Desford. Near Leicester. 29th. July. 1942.

Medical Officer of Health.

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