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MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HELLTH

for the Year 1940

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of

MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my Annual Report respecting the health and sanitary conditions of your District for the year ending 31st. December, 1940.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Ministry of Health, and in the interests of economy the Report has been made as brief and concise as possible.

It will be readily understood that routine work has often to take second place to the serious and urgent health problems arising during the course of the War. Every effort is made to safeguard the public health as far as possible in these times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) 113,025
Registrar General's estimate of:-
Resident population mid-1940 16,760
Number of inhabitated houses end of 1940 according to Rate Book 5,638
Rateable Value
Sum represented by a penny rate
SOCIAL CONDITIONS
The District is essentially agricultural, most of the land being grazed. On the industrial side there is an Iron-smelting Works at Asfordby, and there are Ironstone Quarries at Eaton, Sewstern, Holwell and Wartnaby.
VITAL STATISTICS
Live Births Legitimate M. 128 F. 120 Illegitimate M. 3 F. 9
171 100
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Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1940 15
Birth Rate for England and Wales 15.15
Deaths M. 112 F. 117 Total 229
Death Rate per 1,000 estimate average population 14.58
Comparative Death Rate (i.e. allowing for age and sex distribution) 14.58
Death Rate for England and Wales 14.3
Deaths from Puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis Nil No.30 Other maternal causes 1
All Infants per 1,000 live births 38.4
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales 55

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CAUSES OF DEATH

All Causes	Males	Females
	112	117
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	restantificación con constitue de la constitue
Scarlet Fever	-	1
Diphtheria	1	2
Tuberculosis of Respiratory Type	3	6
Influenza	3	2
Cancer of b. cav. and uterus	_	1
Cancer of Stomach and duodenum	1	
Cancer of Breast	_	3
Cancer of all other sites	7	3
Diabetes	2	3
Intra cranial vascular lesions	14	11
Heart Disease	21	
Other diseases of circulatory system		39
Bronchitis	12	4
Pneumonia	7	
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	4
Other Digestive disorders	6	1
Nephritis	4	1
Other maternal causes	1	1
Premature Birth	-	1
Congenital maleformation	-	2
(Birth injury)	3	2
Suicide	1	1
Road Traffic Acd dents	4	_
Other violent causes	9	6
All other causes	11	17

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland combined Districts in which this District is included.

The Sanitary Inspector who is also Sanitary Surveyor devotes the whole of his time to his official duties. He is aided by two Assistant Inspectors.

(ii) LabotatoryFacilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

337

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-(a) from wells ... (b) from pipe supply Results "f samples taken:-(a) from wells Mil (satisfactory) (unsathsfactory) from pipe supply ... (satisfactory) Number of wells:-(a) closed Nil (b) cleansed ... Number of cases in which pipe supply was substituted for well water Nil Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 22

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Humber of Parishes with piped water supply:-(a) from public mains (b) from private Reservoirs... The quality of some of the existing supplies from wells is doubtful and as soon as circumstances permit the Council will proceed with the sampling of water from all public wells. No exceptional shortage of water was reported during the year. The scheme to provide water to the villages of Nether Broughton and Old Dalby was completed during the year. The supply of water at Stathern was greatly improved by the linking up of the Eastwell supply. (11) DRAINAGE AND SEVERAGE Number of cesspools in the District at end of 1940 539 Number of cesspools abolished during 1940 Nil Number of cesspools constructed during the year Nil Although the Council have had under consideration schemes for sewage disposal in several villages, owing to prevailing conditions these have been held in abeyance. 2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION Total number in District at end of 1940:-Privies Pail Closets 807 3281 Water Closets 1239 Number of Water Closets converted to the water carriage system during the year:-Privies Pails 14 Number of Privies converted to Pail Closets during the year Nil (11) PUBLIC CLEANSING Weekly collections of household refuse are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in the majority of the villages the refuse being taken to tips and covered up. Weekly collections of night soil are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in the majority of villages, the night soil being taken to arable land to be ploughed in.

(iii) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Council's Scavengers once each fortnight and special collections are made on application. Salvage material consists of tins, bones, rags, glass, iron, brass, aluminium, paper and cardboard of all kinds.

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(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number	of	complaints	received	 87
Total number	of	defects or	nuisances	
gradovered		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	*** *** ***	 695

		nspection	Re-visits
Drelling houses (all Tents, Vans, etc. Slaughterhouses Food premises Dairies and cowsheds Offensive trades Animal Keeping Workshops, etc. Shops Other premises	purposes)	574 10 90 754 - 4 71 18 93	197 - 12 238 - 9 - 5 31
		1614	492

In addition to the above-mentioned inspections 1041 inspections were made in connection with pail conversions, sewage works, sewers and refuse collection and disposal and salvage work.

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing.	Other
Outstanding on 1st. January Issued during the year Complied with during year Statutory action necessary Outstanding 31st. December	31 39 58	24 51 51 14
Statutory .		Mark and the
Outstanding 1st. January Issued during the year	29	A 2
Complied with during year Outstanding 31st. December	29	=
Summary Action	-	-
Summary Action		
Number of Summonses issued Number of convictions obtained	4	_
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(v) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the Provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	Outstanding from previous year	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding 31st. December
Sanitary Conveniences Temperature Ventilation	=======================================	2 6	2 6	

(vi) CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in area used for camping purposes during the year Nil Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued ... Nil Estimated number of campers resident in area during summer season...

(vii) REGULATED BUILDINGS

Common Loding Houses. There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. There is one Van in the District and ten inspections were made. General conditions were satisfactory.

Canal Boats. There are no Canal Boats in the

Offensive Trades. There are no Offensive Trades in the area.

(viii) SCHOOLS

The sanitary conditions were quite satisfactory. The water supply is mostly from pumps. Six Schools are piped from the Council's mains.

(ix) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There are no Swimming Baths and Pools in the District

INSPECTION ALD SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	Cov	keepers	Dairymen Or Purveyors of Milk other than Corkeepers
Number on the Register Number of inspections of	•••	772	291
Number of contraventions		518	236
outstanding from previous			
Number of contraventions	•••		~
found during the year Number of contraventions	***	326	109
remedied during year Number of contraventions		306	97
outstanding 31st. Dec.,		20	12

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Total Contraventions

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during Year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st. Dec
Cleansing Structural	-	212	182	30
Alterations Utensils Other	-	16 163 44	74 163 44	2 .

MILK SAMPLING

227 ordinary milk samples were taken; of this number 181 were satisfactory and 46 unsatisfactory. Regarding the unsatisfactory samples, the premises were visited and instructions given with a view to improving the standard.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESGINATIONS) ORDERS 1936 and 1938

Two Supplementary Licences have been issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Public Abattoirs in the District ... Nil Private Slaughter Houses:-

In De	ec, 1940	2
Number registered	30	
than at times of slaughter Number of inspections of meat at	Nil	
times of slaughter	Nil	
District Number of visits to Knacker Yards	3 23	
Meat Stalls:-		
Number of inspections		Nil
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.		
Number of inspections		68
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-		
Number of inspections		51

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HOUSING

1.	INS	PECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR
	(1)	(a) Total number of dvelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)
		(b) Number of inspections made see the
	(2)	
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 4
	(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 sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human
2.	RIME OF F	DY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE ORMAL NOTICE
		Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 58
3.	ACTI	ON UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR
	(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:
		(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs Ni
		(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices:-
		(a) By Owners 29 (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Fill
	(b)	No proceedings under Public Health Acts were taken during the year.
	(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the H ousing Act, 1936:
		(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
		(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 10
	(ā)	No proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1930 were taken during the year.

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HOU	SING CT,	1936 - PART IV - OVERCROVDING	
	(1)		30
	(11)	Number of families dwelling therein	37
		Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)	Humber of	f cases of overcrowding reported during	Nil
(o)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
	(11)	Number of persons concerned in such	-

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FREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIPUS AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Pneumonia Erysipelas Cerebro Spinal Mening Puerperal Pyrexia Typhoid Fever Measles Whooping Cough Acute Polio Encephalic	180	22 7 - 1 4 2 1 - 1	1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

AGE GROYPS

Disease	Under	1-2	2-3	3-4	4~5	-	-	15	-	-	45 65	65 å •ver
Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Pneumonia Erysipelas Cerebro Spinal Meningitis Puerperal Pyrexia Measles Myphoid Fever Acute Polio Encephalitis Whooping Cough	2	1 . 6	1 12	2 11	321	1033 1 73 3	28	1 3 9	3171 39	161 21	1 8	7 6 2

TUBERCULOSIS

No action has been necessary or taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New Cases and Mortality during 1939

AGE GROUPS	-	New Cases				1	Deaths	
	Pulmonary M F		Non-pu M	Pulm M	onary F	The state of the s		
Under one 1 - 5 5 - 15 15 - 25 25 - 35 35 - 45 45 - 55 55 - 65 65 and upwards	111121111	1-15111	1411411111	1 14 14 14 14 15	4444144141	44444444	- A PERFEREN	-11-1-10-1-1-1
Totals	3	7	2	2	-	-	_	1

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