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## MELTON MOVBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1939

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# PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Medical Officer of Health

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Inspectors Certificate.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour of presenting our First Annual Report respecting the Health and S nitary conditions of your District for the year ending 31st. December, 1939.

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

Owing to the additional duties of the past year, chiefly connected with Air Raid Precautions, routine work has had to be curtailed, and it has not been possible to deal with the houses in the area which are unfit for habitation, but necessary repairs are receiving attention.

May we express the earnest desire that when we next present our Report, Great Britain may once more be a free and democratic country at peace.

We have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servants,
John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Camb.
Medical Officer of Health.
Hedley Buxton, M.S.I.A., A.R., San.I.,

Sanitary Inspector.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA	
Area (in acres) 5,658	
Registrar-General's estimate of:-	
(a) Resident population mid-193911,370	
(b) Average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates 11,500	
Number of inhabitated houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Book 3,303	
Rateable Value £74,741	
Sum represented by a penny rate £280	
SOCIAL CONDITIONS.	
There has not been any notable change in the social	
conditions.	
VITAL STATISTICS	
Live Births Legitimate M. 104 F. 96 Total 200	
Illegitimate M. 7 F. 4 Total 11	
111 100 211	
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1939 18.5	5
Still Births Legitimate M. 2 F. 2 Total 4	
Illegitimate M. 1 F Total 1	
3 2 5	
3 2 5	
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births 23.18	+
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# Deaths from Puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-

	Deaths	Total
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis	-	-
No.30 Other puerperal causes	1	1
Data and 1 000 total (line and still)	Dintha	4.6:
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)		••• 4•0
Death Rate of Infants under one year o		
All infants per 1,000 live birt		52
Legitimate infants per 1,000 le live births		50
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births	illegitimate	90.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England and	Wales ···	50
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CAUSES OF D		Domeles
All Causes	<u>Males</u> 73	Females 59
	==	====
Cancer	9	8
Measles		-
Whooping Cough	2	1
Diarrohea		1
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Influenza	. 1	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	2
Other Tuberculosis	2	1
Diabetes		1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	4
Heart Disease	20	17
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	7
Bronchitis	1	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	7	3
Appendicitis	· · · · · ·	1
Other Liver diseases	2	. 1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis		3
Other Puerperal diseases	-	1

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		Males	Females
Congenital causes	000	2	2
Senility	000	4	2
Suicide	000	1	-
Other violence	000	4	1
Other defined diseases		4	1

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

## 1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

The Medical Officer of Health acts for for the
Leicestershire and Rutland combined Districts in which this
District is included. The Sanitary Inspector devotes the
whole of his time to his official duties.

## (ii) Laboratory Facilities

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

Throat Swab for Diphtheria		32
Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli		90
B lood for Wassermann ,		30
Films for Gonocecci		2
Urine, General and Bacteriological		16
Urine for T.B	•••	13
Milk examinations: Bacteriological		21
Widal Test for Myphoid Fever		36
Sewage and Water Analyses	•••	-
Miscellaneous	••••	8
		248
		240

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

## 1.

(1)	WATER
	Number of samples taken for analysis:-
	(a) from wells Nil
	(b) from pipe supply 6
	Results of samples taken:-
	(a) from wells Nil
	(b) from pipe supply Satisfactory
	Number of samples condemned (from wells) Nil
	Number of wells:-
	(a) closed Nil
	(b) cleansed, repaired, etc Nil
	Number of cases in which Public Supply was substituted for well water Nil
	The Reports obtained by the Engineer & Surveyor
	show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards
	quality, and no shortage has occurred during the year.
	Further extensions to mains have been made in order
	to supply new building estates.
	Widal blood tests on 8 men employed at the Waterworks
	all gave a negative reaction to typhoid and paratyphoid
	"B".
(11)	DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE
	Number of cesspools in the district at end of 1939 8
	Number of cesspools abolished during 1939 Nil
	Extension to Sewers have been constructed to new
	estates.
(1)	CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.
	Total number in district at end of 1939:-
	(1) Privies 1 (2) Pail Closets 4 (3) Water Closets 3,340
	Number of privies and pail closets converted to the water carriage system during the year Nil
	Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year Nil

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## (11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected by direct labour and removed in modern collecting vehicles to the Refuse Destructor.

Practically all houses are provided with moveable dustbins.

Ashpits are emptied upon application being made.

Three of the remaining ashpits have been abolished and dustbins provided.

Cesspools are periodically emptied by owner or occupier of premises.

## (111) SMOKE ABATEMENT

Twelve observations were made and two nuisances were abated through greater attention and care in stoking.

## (1v) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

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

Nature of inspections:-

Inspections	Re-visits
302 2 5 37 12 - 2 13 31 18	142 2 442 8 6 1 5 3 41
422	650
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#### NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding 1st. January Issued during the year Complied with during year Statutory action necessary Outstanding 31st. December	11 56 58 9	6 21 19 - 8
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st. January Issued during the year Complied with during the year Cutstanding 31st. December	2 Nil 2 Nil	=
Summary Action		
Number of Summonses issued Number of convictions obtained	Nil Nil	=

#### (v) SHOPS

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

	Outstanding from	Defects	Defects	Outstanding
	previous year	found	remedied	31st. Dec.
Sanitary				
Conveniences	Nil	3	3	Nil
Temperature	Nil	Nil	-	
Ventilation	Nil	Nil	-	-

## (vi) CAMPING SITES

None in the area, and no licences have been issued.

## (vii) REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Common Lodging Houses. There are two common lodging houses in the area and nineteen inspections have been made.

The consideration of the provision of a suitable loding house has been postponed and the registrations were renewed for a further period of twelve months.

Tents, Vans, etc. Four inspections were made, and a van and shed were removed following visits to the occupiers of the land.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades in the

## (vil1) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Two Council Houses and ten privately owned houses were found to be infested, but generally the infestation could not be regarded as severe.

Twelve houses were disinfected during the year.

The contents of fifteen houses were treated before rehousing the tenants in Council Houses, and occasional visits made to the houses occupied by tenants of former infested property.

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(ix)	SCHOO	<u>DLS</u>
	have	The sanitary conditions are satisfactory and all the public water supply.  One Schoold was disinfected for infectious disease.
(x)	SWIMM	ING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
		(a) Publicly owned. There is one children's Swimming Pool owned by the Town Estate, and 1 Paddling Pool owned by the Urban District Council.
		The water for the Swimming Pool is treated with ros" and the pool is emptied and cleansed weekly. Running water from the Scalford Brook passes through addling Pool.
		(b) Privately owned. There is one privately owned open air swimming pool which is supplied with running water from the Rive Eye.
		HOUSING
(1)	NUMBER	R OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR
		(a) By the Local Authority Nil (b) By other bodies or persons 44
	Inspec	ction of Dwelling Houses during the year:-
		(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 161
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 210
	(2)	Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated
		(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 28
	(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 12
	(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
		idmail habitation 56

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ... 48

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## (3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

No action under Statutory Powers has been taken during the year.

Two dwelling houses have been demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders made last year.

Early in the year the Housing Sub-Committee visited the various properties scheduled in the provisional housing survey, but owing to the present situation the question of a Five-Year Programme for dealing with unfit houses has had to be postponed.

Urgent necessary repairs to houses are receiving

attention.

## (4) HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcorvded at the end	
(ii) Number of families delling therein (iii) Number of persons therein	14 16 119
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	3
cases	20
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	
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## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

## MILK SUPPLY

Cowke	epers	Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (Other than Cowkeepers)
Number on the Register Number of inspections of	25	10
Number of contraventions outstanding from	12	6
Number of contraventions found during the	4	Nil
Number of contraventions	2	2
Number of contraventions outstanding on	3	2
31st. December	3	Nil

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#### Total Contraventions

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st. Dec.
Cleansing Structural	Nil	1	1	Nil
alterations Utensils Other	Nil Nil Nil	1 2 Nil	3 2	Nil Nil

### MILK SAMPLING

No milk samples har been taken during the year.

## THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS 1936 and 1938

1 Dealers Licence has been issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk.

## (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Public Abattoirs in the District ... ... 1

## Private Slaughter-houses:-

	In Jan.	1939	In Dec.	1939
Number registered		3		3
Number licenced		1		1
Number of visits to premises other times of slaughter  Number of inspections of meat at of slaughter  Number of Knackers Yards in the Dinamber of Visits to Knackers Yards	times	:::	•••	22 420 1

### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

The following table sets out the results of the meat inspections:-

			-			
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Number killed	1,436	64	122	4,010	2,631	-
Number inspected	1,345	60	74	3,886	2,499	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	_			-	1	81
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	98	2	-	54	48	1,128
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.3%	3.3%	Nil	1.3%	2%	

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	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Tuberculosis only Whole Carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	2	1,182
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61	4	-	-	79	3,348
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5%	6.6%	-	-	3%	

The total weight of meat condemned, surrendered and destroyed was 2 tons 11 cw s. 27 lbs.

Condemned meat is disposed of at the Destructor Works.

### MEAT STALLS

Four inspections were made.

#### MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

18 Premises were visited, 24 inspections being made, 6 nuisances or contraventions were found and all abated.

## PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE

17 inspections of these premises were made, and 2 contraventions were abated.

7 tins of beef weighing 40 lbs were condemned, surrendered and destroyed.

Food exposed for sale in the open market is regularly inspected.

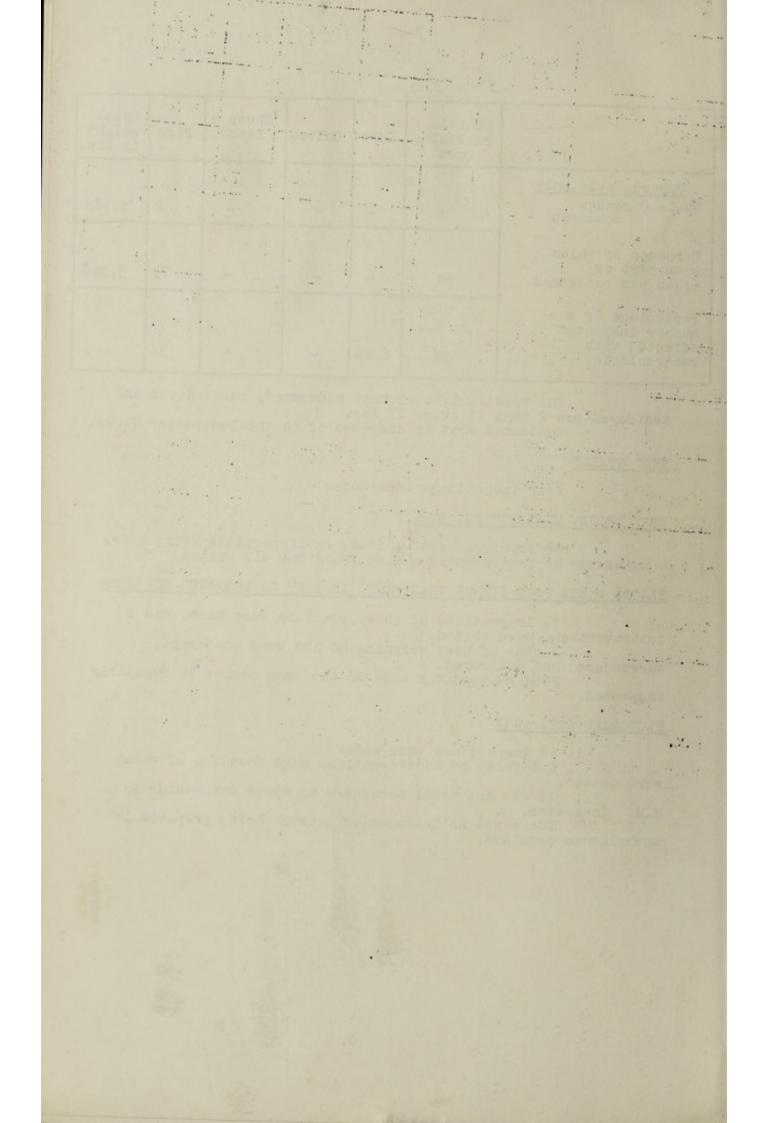
#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937

18 inspections were made.

5 defects or contraventions were found, 4 of which were abated.

It was not found necessary to refer any matter to H.M. Inspector.

There was no instance of outwork being prepared in unwholesome premises.



## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

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52 Inspections were made relating to Infectious Disease

# Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever Diphtheria	27	19	1
Pneumonia	30	_	10
Erysipelas	4	3	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	2	1	-
Measles	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	_	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	1

#### AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5 10	10	1 <u>5</u> 20	2 <u>0</u> 35	3 <u>5</u> 4 <u>5</u>	4 <u>5</u> 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever		1		2	2	15	1	2	3	1		
Diphtheria								5	1			
P numonia	2	1		3		3	2	1	5	2	10	1
Erysipeļas									2	1	1	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis						1			1			
Measles									1			
Ophthalmia Meonatorum	1											
Puerperal Pyrexia									1			
Whooping Cough	1			1								

Regulations for the notification of Measles and Whooping Cough came into operation on October 23rd. 1939.

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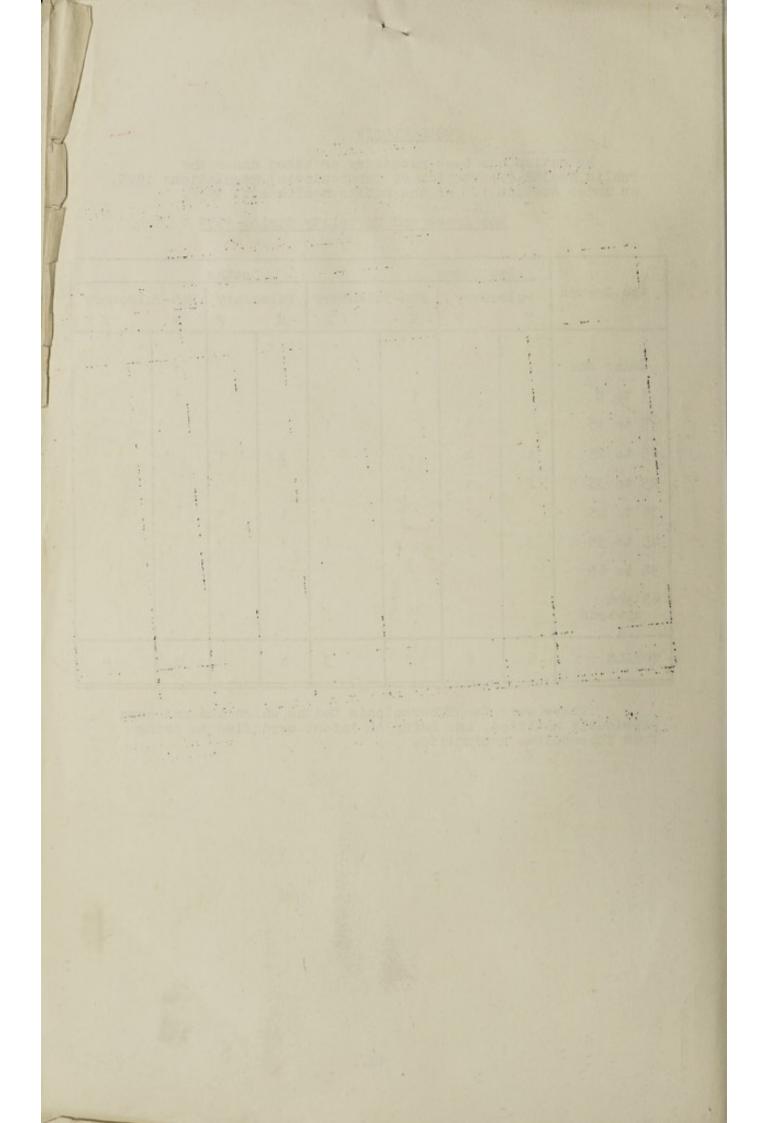
## TUBERCULOSIS

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

	I_N	ew Case	s			Death	s	
Age Groups	Pul	monary F	Non-	Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Pulmonary
	-	T	1 101	F	M	F	M	F
Under one			1		1		1	
1 to 5	1		1		1		1	
5 to 15		1		1 1		1	'	
15 to 25	1	4		1	2	1		
25 to 35	2	1				1		
35 to 45				1	1	1		
45 to 55	3		1	1	1			
55 to 65								
65 and upwards						1		
TOTALS	6	6	1	3	4	3	2	-

There were two Tuberculosis Deaths which had not been previously notified, one being an infant certified as dying from Tuberculous Meningitio.



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Erysipelas									2	1	1	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis						1			1			
Measles									1			
Ophthalmia Meonatorum	1											
Puerperal Pyrexia									1			
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Age Groups	Puln	nonary	Non-P	ulmonary	Pulm	onary	Non-Pulmonary		
ļ .	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Under one							1		
1 to 5		1	1				1		
5 to 15		1		1					
15 to 25	1	4			2	1			
25 to 35	2	1						1 , 1 = 1	
35 to 45				1	1	1		1	
45 to 55	3			1	1				
55 to 65		- 3							
65 and upwards						1			
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