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ANNUAL REPORT

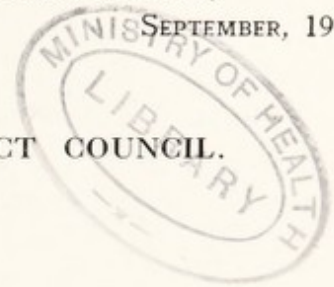
for the Year ending December 31st, 1925.



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THORNABY-ON-TEES,

SEPTEMBER, 1926.



To THE MIDDLESBROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present for your consideration my First Annual Report.

This Report is a Survey Report and deals with matters concerning the health of your district during the past five years.

I would desire at this point to add my testimony to the high opinion this Council held of the late Mr. Symon, who met his death by accident under very sad circumstances. This Council and myself have lost a most highly esteemed Officer for whose ability we all had the utmost respect. His Report was given to me only two days before his fatal accident.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Your District is principally Agricultural and there is a population of 4.79 persons per acre.

Area 12,218 Acres.

Population ... 1921 Census, 2435. Estimated 1925, 2,550.

Number of Inhabited Houses, 474.

Number of Families or Separate Occupiers, 483.

Assessable Value, £18,964.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate, £75.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of Births was 32 :—

Legitimate—

Males 23.

Females 7.

Illegitimate—

Male 1

Female 1

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32

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Birth Rate, 12.53 per 1,000.

DEATHS.

The number registered during the year was 27. (12 Males and 15 Females).

Infantile Deaths, 1 Male.

The DEATH RATE was 10.58 per 1,000.

The INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE was 31.24 per 1,000 Births.

A Comparative Table for England and Wales is given below.

Death Rate	12.2
Birth Rate	18.3
Infantile Mortality Rate	75.0

The amount of Outdoor Poor Law Relief distributed in your district was £107 5s. 0d.

The following is a table showing the Birth Rate, Death Rate, and Infantile Mortality Rate for the past five years :—

	Years	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Birth Rate		12.97	18.1	14.98	11.27	12.53
Death Rate		7.07	11.5	6.87	8.23	10.58
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births.		64.51	45.45	27.02	137.96	31.24

Your District compares very favourably with the remainder of England and Wales inasmuch that the Death Rate is lower and the Infantile Mortality Rate is also lower. Against this however, is the Birth Rate which is also lower. The health of the District has been uniformly good.

Below is a Table showing the various causes of Mortality :—

Cancer	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4
Heart Disease	4
Bronchitis	3
Nephritis	1
Due to Parturition or Pregnancy	1
Death from Violence	1
Other Defined Diseases	9

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

Cases of Infectious Diseases are sent to Middlesbrough Fever Hospital.

Cases of Small Pox to Hemlington Small Pox Hospital, under arrangements with Middlesbrough Corporation.

General Hospital facilities are obtainable at the North Riding Infirmary and the North Ormesby Hospital, and also at the Poor Law Infirmary.

All situated in Middlesbrough.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

No Ambulance is maintained by your Council. Cases of Infectious Diseases are removed by the Fever Hospital Ambulance by arrangement with the Middlesbrough Corporation.

MIDWIVES.

There is one Registered Midwife resident in your District, at Maltby.

There is no Maternity Home and no provision for Hospital treatment of abnormal cases, apart from the Holgate Hospital of the Middlesbrough Board of Guardians.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor of Highways, his whole time being devoted to his offices under the Council; Medical Officer of Health (part time).

Contributions are made by the County Council towards the salaries of the Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

There was one complaint during the year. That of a well being polluted from the surface. The Owner remedied the defects.

The water supply is from wells and from the Tees Valley Water Board.

During the year 26 houses have been connected with the mains of the Tees Valley Water Board, having previously derived their supplies from wells.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Contracts have been entered into for the provision of a system of sewers and the construction of two sewage disposal works for the whole of the parish of Ormesby, and part of the parish of Marton.

The remaining part of the parish of Marton requires similar treatment, the existing sewage works being inadequate for their purpose.

The Sewage of the Village of Stainton discharges into two small tanks, which are entirely inadequate to deal with the flow of sewage from this Village, there being now a good proportion of water closets and baths in the Village.

The Stainton District requires a more systematic arrangement for disposal of sewage.

The inhabitants at present are responsible for its disposal.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Pan Closets converted into Water Closets	...	2
Pit Closets	" " "	1
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Total	...	3

All new houses are being constructed with water closets and baths.

SCAVENGING.

The Parishes of Marton and Ormesby are systematically scavenged by Contract or direct labour, and only one complaint was received during the year as to inattention.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUISANCES.

Complaints received	...	...	...	3
Informal Notices to abate Nuisances	...	...	...	8
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	8
Statutory Notices to abate Nuisances	...	...	...	Nil.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No nuisances have arisen in this connection and no action found necessary.

WORKSHOPS.

There are 10 workshops in the District, five being Joiner Shops and five Blacksmiths' shops, all of which are in a satisfactory state.

There are no Out-workers in the District.

There are no places where food is prepared in the District.

BYE-LAWS.

New Bye-Laws were drawn up and are now in force, as follows :—

Regulations for Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Bye-Laws with respect to Slaughter Houses.

HOUSING.

NEW DWELLING HOUSES.

Built with the assistance of Subsidy	13
Without Subsidy	10
Total new Houses built in 1925	23
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HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACTS.

Number of Houses inspected	31
Number of Houses recorded	31
Informal Notices served	...	...	28
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	28
Statutory Notices served under Sec. 28., 1919 Act			Nil.
Statutory Notices served under Section 17 & 18, 1919 Act	...	...	Nil.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS and MILKSHOPS.

Number of Cowsheds in the District	...	...	56
Informal Notices served <i>re</i> whitewashing &c...			112
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	112
Visits of Inspection	...	...	118
Cowsheds certified to produce Grade A Milk...			1
Inspections of Cowshed	...	...	3

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are three Registered Slaughter Houses in the District, and nine inspections have been made during the year. At one of the Registered Slaughter Houses very little slaughtering is done.

MEAT REGULATIONS.

These Regulations came into operation on 1st April, 1925. Posters have been displayed, and leaflets distributed throughout the District stating in full the Regulations as set forth in the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

In all cases where the carcase is not considered suitable for human consumption it is conveyed by the Middlesbrough Corporation in Motor vehicles to their Destructor and Recovery plant in Middlesbrough.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

These duties are carried out by an Inspector of the County Council.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Your District during 1925, was almost free from Infectious Disease. One case of Diphtheria, one case of Erysipelas, one case of Scarlet Fever, and one case of Chicken Pox being notified.


There were no deaths from Infectious Disease.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID E. YOUNG,

Medical Officer of Health.



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