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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
COUNCIL OFFICES,  
MIDHURST.

July, 1949.

*To the Chairman and Members  
of the MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the year 1948. This is the seventy-fifth report in the present series.

The live births registered during the year numbered 248 or 15 less than in 1947. The birth rate of 15.00 per 1,000 is 1.71 less than that of the previous year, and compares with a national rate of 17.9. The illegitimate live births numbered 15, which is a decrease of 4 when compared with 1947, and represents 6.04% of the total live births occurring during the year.

The deaths numbered 194 or 13 more than in 1947, giving a death rate of 11.73 per 1,000 population as compared with 11.5 for the year 1947, and a national rate of 10.8.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the District's population at mid-1948 is 16,530. This is an increase of 800 on that for mid-1947.

It is important to remember that the annual fluctuations in birth and death rates of a small population such as that of this District must be considered in the light of the figures over a number of years before any conclusions as to population trends can be drawn. The variation due to chance in an annual total of about 200 deaths or births may appear to indicate a significant change when translated into a rate per thousand for a single year. Such a conclusion would not be justified unless maintained over a number of years.

The Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign was continued throughout the year. It is estimated that at the 31st December, 1948, 80% of the children aged 5-15 years and 37.4% of those aged 1-5 years in the district had completed a course of immunisation. These figures are disappointing, especially in respect of the younger children.

July 5th, 1948, was the appointed day for the National Health Service Act of 1946, and the changes in the administration of the Health Services which resulted are summarised in this report. Now that general medical treatment for children is available without payment of fees it seems likely that General Practitioners will be called to see mild cases of disease in children which have previously been treated at home without medical advice. Many cases of Measles and Whooping Cough have in previous years never been notified, simply because they have never been seen by a doctor. Under the new Health Service, therefore, it may be that the figures of notifications for these and other notifiable diseases will show a marked increase, not because more cases are occurring, but because a higher percentage of the cases are being seen by practitioners.

Good progress in the provision of new housing accommodation has been made during the year; 118 new Council Houses have been completed and 14 houses provided by private enterprise. The figures given in the Rural Housing Survey completed during the year show how much remains to be done before the need for houses in the District will be satisfied.

Further progress in the Rogate Water Scheme resulted in the works being practically completed by the end of the year. A start was made during the year on the Lodsworth and Tillington Scheme.

Work commenced on the Cocking Drainage Scheme and the preliminaries for the Harting Drainage Scheme were completed.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement, and the Clerk and other officials of the Council for their co-operation. The work done by Mr. T. G. Henry, your Senior Sanitary Inspector, cannot be rated too highly, and I would like to call particular attention to his efforts in collecting the great volume of information which is represented by the Rural Housing Survey.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V. P. GEOGHEGAN,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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1948-1949**

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W. J. WEST

N. F. EAST



# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

## 1. General Statistics

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Area in Acres ... ..  | 66,892   |
| Enumerated Population (Census 1931) .. ..                             | 15,020   |
| Enumerated Population (National Registration Day, October 1939)... .. | 19,082   |
| Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1947)           | 15,730   |
| Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1948)           | 16,530   |
| Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1948 ... ..                      | 4,843    |
| Rateable Value (31st March, 1949) ... ..                              | £111,119 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1949) ... ..                  | £444     |

## 2. Extracts from Vital Statistics

| <i>Live Births :</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..    | 124         | 109           | 233          |
| Illegitimate ... ..  | 8           | 7             | 15           |
| Total ... ..         | 132         | 116           | 248          |

Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population : 15.00.

| <i>Still Births :</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..     | 2           | 2             | 4            |
| Illegitimate ... ..   | —           | —             | —            |
| Total ... ..          | 2           | 2             | 4            |

Rate per 1,000 of total (live and still) births : 15.87.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Deaths (Males 116, Females 78) ... ..   | 194   |
| Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population                         | 11.73 |
| Deaths from Puerperal Causes and Rates per 1,000 total live and still births ... .. | Nil   |

Number of Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

|                     | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate ... ..   | 3           | —             | 3            |
| Illegitimate ... .. | —           | —             | —            |
| Total ... ..        | 3           | —             | 3            |

Death Rate of infants under one year of age :—

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| All Infants per 1,000 live births ... ..                       | 12.09 |
| Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... ..     | 12.87 |
| Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... .. | Nil   |

Death Rate per 1,000 population from :—

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..  | .18  |
| All forms of Tuberculosis ... ..   | .24  |
| Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)  | 1.14 |
| Cancer ... ..  | 1.99 |
| Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria) ... .. | Nil  |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ..  | Nil  |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (children under 2 years of age) ... ..   | Nil  |
| Death Rate from Diarrhoea and Enteritis of Children under 2 years of age per 1,000 births ... ..                   | Nil  |

## Section I

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

The District is an agricultural one, with forestry and brick-making also providing employment.

The Summer tourist traffic has largely returned and brings trade to shops, cafes, hotels and guest houses throughout the area.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

After adjustment for inward and outward transferable births, a net total of 248 live births (132 male, 116 female) was registered in the District during the year, a decrease of fifteen compared with the previous year.

The BIRTH RATE is 15.00 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 16.71 for the previous year, 17.9 for England and Wales, and 15.04 and 16.50 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

The illegitimate live births numbered 15 or 6.04% of the total live births, a decrease of 4 or 4.7% on the previous year.

### Stillbirths

After adjustment for transfers, 4 stillbirths were registered during the year, the same number as for the previous year. This figure gives a rate of 15.87 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, and 0.24 per thousand of the population as compared with 14.98 and 0.25 respectively for 1947.

### Deaths

After correction for inward and outward transferable deaths, the net total deaths registered in and assigned to the District was 194 (116 male, 78 female), an increase of 13 on the total for the year 1947.

The DEATH RATE is 11.73 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 11.5 for the previous year, 10.8 for England and Wales, and 13.60 and 11.33 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

It will be noted that during the year there was an excess of births over deaths of 54. The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the District at the middle of the year is 16,530, being 800 above that of the previous year. This increase is the balance of movements into and out of the District.

A table on page 9 shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death during 1948. Of the total deaths, 145 or 74.7% occurred in persons aged 65 and over.

The following were the chief causes of death in order of frequency :—

|  |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system           | ... | ... | ... | 74 |
| (ii) Cancer  | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| (iii) Intra-cranial vascular lesions                       | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| (iv) Respiratory Diseases excluding pulmonary tuberculosis | ... | ... | ... | 19 |

These four causes accounted for 77.83% of the total deaths, and also for 11 of the 13 additional deaths which were registered during the year compared with the previous year.

### **Maternal Deaths and Mortality**

For the fourth consecutive year no deaths were registered as directly due to pregnancy and child-bearing. The Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births for England and Wales is 1.02 and nil and 0.8 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

### **Infant Mortality**

After correction for transferable deaths, there were three deaths (all males) of infants under one year of age, a decrease of eight compared with the previous year.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE is 12.09 per 1,000 live births as compared with 41.82 for the previous year, 34 for England and Wales, and 24 and 22 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births is 12.87 as compared with 32.78 for the year 1947.

There were no deaths of illegitimate children under one year of age. During the previous year there were three deaths amongst illegitimate children giving a death rate amongst illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births of 157.89.



Table showing Populations, Births, Deaths and Birth and Death Rates, 1841—1931

| Year | Population | Certain Year Periods | Births       |                    | Deaths       |                    | Infant Mortality |                    |
|------|------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|      |            |                      | Total Births | Average Birth Rate | Total Deaths | Average Death Rate | Total Deaths     | Average Death Rate |
| 1841 | 13325      | —                    | —            | —                  | —            | —                  | —                | —                  |
| 1851 | 13599      | —                    | —            | —                  | —            | —                  | —                | —                  |
| 1861 | 12608      | —                    | —            | —                  | —            | —                  | —                | —                  |
| 1871 | 13051      | —                    | —            | —                  | —            | —                  | —                | —                  |
| 1881 | 13964      | 1876—81              | 2504         | 30.22              | 1268         | 14.82              | 211              | 84                 |
| 1891 | 14235      | 1882—91              | 3895         | 26.91              | 2159         | 14.91              | 345              | 79                 |
| 1901 | 13612      | 1892—01              | 3411         | 24.08              | 1937         | 13.87              | 309              | 91                 |
| 1911 | 15283      | 1902—11              | 3105         | 22.92              | 1678         | 12.39              | 243              | 78                 |
| 1921 | 14550      | 1912—21              | 2559         | 17.23              | 1719         | 12.06              | 156              | 61                 |
| 1931 | 14700      | 1922—31              | 2203         | 14.96              | 1679         | 11.31              | 109              | 49                 |

Table showing Populations, Births, Deaths and Birth and Death Rates, 1932—1948

| Year | Population | Births       |            | Deaths       |            | Infant Mortality |            |
|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|      |            | Total Births | Birth Rate | Total Deaths | Death Rate | Total Deaths     | Death Rate |
| 1932 | 14500      | 188          | 12.92      | 165          | 11.33      | 7                | 37         |
| 1933 | 14480      | 191          | 13.19      | 195          | 13.46      | 5                | 26         |
| 1934 | 14510      | 195          | 13.44      | 170          | 11.71      | 10               | 51         |
| 1935 | 14420      | 205          | 14.21      | 183          | 12.69      | 13               | 63         |
| 1936 | 14410      | 203          | 14.09      | 188          | 13.04      | 7                | 34         |
| 1937 | 14350      | 197          | 13.73      | 182          | 10.02      | 11               | 53         |
| 1938 | 14460      | 206          | 14.25      | 157          | 10.86      | 5                | 26         |
| 1939 | 14480      | 179          | 12.36      | 181          | 11.47      | 7                | 38         |
| 1940 | 18100      | 189          | 10.44      | 215          | 9.86       | 4                | 21         |
| 1941 | 18740      | 202          | 10.77      | 209          | 11.15      | 6                | 31         |
| 1942 | 17790      | 261          | 14.67      | 200          | 11.24      | 12               | 46         |
| 1943 | 16930      | 281          | 16.6       | 220          | 12.99      | 10               | 36         |
| 1944 | 16330      | 269          | 16.47      | 197          | 12.06      | 17               | 63         |
| 1945 | 15520      | 216          | 13.92      | 179          | 11.53      | 5                | 23         |
| 1946 | 15720      | 257          | 16.35      | 215          | 13.42      | 14               | 54         |
| 1947 | 15730      | 263          | 16.71      | 181          | 11.5       | 11               | 41         |
| 1948 | 16530      | 248          | 15.00      | 194          | 11.73      | 3                | 12         |

## Section II.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Until 5th July, 1948, the organisation of Laboratory Facilities, Ambulance Service, Nursing, Midwifery and Hospital Services remained as in previous years. On that day—the appointed day for the coming into force of the National Health Service Act of 1946—however, there occurred sweeping changes in the administration of all these services. The changes have been largely concerned with central control and insufficient time had elapsed by the end of the year for these central changes to have had noticeable effects on the services themselves as available to the public.

The principal changes are :—

#### (1) Payments.

Notification fees to medical practitioners are no longer paid by this Council but by the County Council, except in cases of Tuberculosis. Contributions previously made by this Council towards the expenses of the Isolation Hospital, the Ambulance Service, the Laboratory Service and the Nursing Association, ceased as from the appointed day.

#### (2) Hospitals.

All the hospitals which provide accommodation and treatment for residents of the District and whether previously voluntary or maintained by the County Council, are now State property. They are administered by the S.W. Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through local Hospital Management Committees. The Hospitals concerned are :

| <i>Hospital</i>   | <i>Type of Case Received</i>                          |
|---|---|
| Chichester Isolation ... ..   | Infectious Diseases.                                  |
| St. Richard's, Chichester ... ..  | General Medical and Surgical, Maternity and Children. |
| Royal West Sussex, Chichester ... ..  | General Medical and Surgical.                         |
| Midhurst Cottage  | } ... .. General Medical and Surgical.                |
| Petworth Cottage  |   |
| Haslemere   |   |
| Petersfield   |   |
| Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea  | General Medical and Surgical, Maternity and Children. |
| Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton ... ..                                | Maternity.  |
| Worthing ... ..   | Maternity.  |
| Horsham General ... ..  | Maternity.  |
| Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington ... ..                                      | Maternity.  |
| Aldingbourne House Sanatorium ...   | Tuberculosis.   |
| Bognor Annexe to Aldingbourne House (formerly Bognor Regis Isolation Hospital) ... .. | Tuberculosis.   |

#### (3) Laboratory Facilities.

The Chichester Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service is now a unit in the national organisation and has been moved from the County Hall to St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester. The services of this Laboratory are available without charge for all routine investigations and examinations, and also for field investigations when necessary.

The following examinations were carried out by the Laboratory during the year :—

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| (a) Water examinations ... .. | 201 |
| (b) Milk examinations ... ..  | 161 |

#### (4) Ambulance Service.

Under the Act, the County Council assume possession and control of, and responsibility for, the ambulances operated by the Midhurst detachment of the British Red Cross Society, the Petworth Rural District Council and the Haslemere Urban District Council. The ambulances continue to operate from the same centres as before.

#### (5) Home Nursing and Midwifery.

The District Nursing Associations transferred to the County Council on the appointed day their responsibilities in connection with general nursing, midwifery, health visiting and school nursing services. The nurses employed by the Association were also transferred, but the local Associations continue to function in an advisory capacity.

The twelve District Nurses working in the District combine Home Nursing and Midwifery duties, and there are in addition five independent midwives. The District Nurses also undertake Health Visiting and School Nursing duties. The areas served and the number of nurses available are as follows:—

| <i>Area Served</i>  | <i>No. of Nurses Employed</i> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| CAMELSDALE ... ..<br>Hammer<br>Linchmere ... ..<br>Marley Common                                    | 1                             |
| COCKING ... ..<br>Bepton<br>Diding<br>Elsted<br>Heyshott<br>Linch<br>Treyford                       | 1                             |
| FERNHURST ... ..<br>Marley Hanger   | 1                             |
| GRAFFHAM AND LODSWORTH<br>East Lavington<br>Selham<br>North and South Ambersham                     | 1                             |
| HARTING ... ..<br>Nyewood   | 1                             |
| LURGASHALL ... ..<br>Roundhurst   | 1                             |
| MIDHURST ... ..<br>Easebourne<br>West Lavington   | 2                             |
| MILLAND AND ROGATE ... ..<br>Chithurst<br>Durleigh<br>Hartingcombe<br>Hurst<br>Terwick              | 1                             |
| STEDHAM ... ..<br>Hollycombe<br>Iping<br>Linch<br>Redford<br>Trotton<br>Wardley Marsh<br>Woolbeding | 1                             |
| TILLINGTON ... ..<br>Upperton   | 2                             |

**(6) Treatment Centres and Clinics.**

Infant Welfare Centres—held at Camelsdale, Midhurst, Rake, North-chapel and Petworth.

Ante-Natal Clinics—held at Camelsdale, Midhurst, Rake, North-chapel and Petworth.

School Clinics (Minor Ailments)—held at Chichester.

Eye Clinic—held at Midhurst.

Aural Clinic—held at Chichester.

Orthopaedic Clinic—held at Chichester.

Speech Therapy Clinic—held at Chichester.

Tuberculosis Dispensary—held at Chichester.

Venereal Disease Clinics—held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth ; the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford ; and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

**Nursing Homes.**

There are in the District four Nursing Homes duly registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These homes, all of which are privately maintained have a total accommodation for 63 patients, the largest Institution having 49 beds, the smallest, two beds. Two of the Nursing Homes provide maternity beds.



## Section III.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY

Piped water is supplied principally by the Midhurst Rural District Council, the Wey Valley Water Company, and the Petersfield Rural District Council. These three undertakers provide a supply, in part at least, to sixteen of the twenty-six parishes in the Rural District, 2,087 houses receiving from one or other of these sources, a supply, which, with the exception of four houses at Rake in the parish of Rogate, is available within the dwellings. Piped water is also provided in some 1,145 houses by Estate Companies and private individuals. Details of the supplies in each of the parishes as at 31st December, 1948, are given in the table at the end of this section.

#### **Midhurst Rural District Council Water Undertaking.**

During the year the Council's main was extended from Cocking Causeway to Bex Mill in the parish of Heyshott and piped water was laid on to some 9 dwellings at Bex Mill formerly dependent upon rain water tanks and contaminated brook water.

Specimens of raw and chlorinated water were taken for bacteriological examination from Henley and Rotherfield Works during the year. Five samples of chlorinated water were taken from each of the Waterworks and the results were of a satisfactory nature. Of the ten samples of raw water, five from each Waterworks, all were reported upon as satisfactory excepting one from Henley Works.

Further progress was made with the Rogate and Harting Water Scheme and the works were practically completed by the end of the year. At the time of writing this report, a start had been made in connecting various dwellings and farms to the new mains, the urgent cases receiving first consideration.

Work on the pumping station, reservoir and water mains in connection with the Lodsworth and Tillington Scheme was commenced during the year.

#### **Wey Valley Water Company.**

No main extensions were carried out during the year. Thirteen bacteriological and ten chemical reports were received in respect of samples of water taken from the Tilford Outlet Filters, the Tower Rising Main, the Meads Outlet Filters, the Hindhead Rising Main and Oakhanger Outlet main, all of which showed the water to be wholesome and in character suitable for public supply purposes. More trouble was experienced through inadequate pressure in the higher parts of the village of Fernhurst, but remedial measures are now in hand.

#### **Petersfield Rural District Council.**

Two reports on samples of water submitted for bacteriological examination were received and reported as satisfactory.

No main extensions were carried out.

#### **Private Estate Supplies.**

Little change has occurred in these. A total of 1,145 houses have a piped supply from estate undertakings, the water in most cases being available inside the dwellings.

During the year routine sampling of the 14 principal estate supplies was continued, 144 samples being submitted to the County Pathologist for examination. Of these 114 were reported as satisfactory, 8 as suspicious and 22 as unsatisfactory.

### Individual Private Supplies.

During the year 37 samples of water were taken from wells, and other sources supplying houses in various parts of the district. Fourteen were reported as satisfactory, 2 as suspicious and 21 as unsatisfactory.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Fernhurst Village sewers were extended to Nappers Wood during the year and some 10 dwellings, which had unsatisfactory cess-pool drainage, were connected.

Progress was made with the Cocking Drainage Scheme and the whole of the works should be completed during 1949.

A tender was accepted for the Harting Drainage Scheme and work will be commenced during the coming year.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS

Complaints were again received with regard to the condition of Harting Brook both in relation to pollution and flooding.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

Mr. C. E. Sowden, the Council's Waterworks and Housing Manager, is responsible for the Public Cleansing services of the District, and I am indebted to him for the following notes :—

### Public Cleansing.

The services for refuse collection for the northern area, Heyshott, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, etc., were taken over from the contractors from 1st April, 1948, and the whole district is now served by the Council's vehicles by direct labour, as follows :—

| <i>Parishes</i>                      | <i>Interval between Collections</i>     |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Midhurst ... ..                      | Once weekly (shops, etc., twice weekly) |
| Easebourne ... ..                    | Once weekly                             |
| Harting ... ..                       | Once weekly                             |
| West Lavington ... ..                | Once weekly                             |
| Elsted ... ..                        | Four-weekly                             |
| Rogate ... ..                        | Fortnightly                             |
| Bpton ... ..                         | Fortnightly                             |
| Chithurst ... ..                     | Fortnightly                             |
| Stedham ... ..                       | Four-weekly                             |
| Tillington ... ..                    | Four-weekly                             |
| Camelsdale, part of Linchmere ... .. | Once-weekly                             |
| Camesdale, part of Fernhurst ... ..  | Once-weekly                             |
| Other part of Linchmere ... ..       | Fortnightly                             |
| Other part of Fernhurst ... ..       | Fortnightly                             |
| East Lavington ... ..                | Four-weekly                             |
| Graffham ... ..                      | Four-weekly                             |
| Heyshott ... ..                      | Four-weekly                             |
| Lodsworth ... ..                     | Four-weekly                             |
| Lurgashall ... ..                    | Four-weekly                             |

The whole of the refuse is deposited on tips situate at Fernhurst, West Harting and Pitsham, near Midhurst.

### **Cesspool Emptying Service.**

A summary of the work carried out during the year by the Council's cesspool emptying service shows that 564 emptyings of cesspools were made, comprising 769 loads and 615,000 gallons of sewage, whilst approximately 12,037 miles were travelled by the machine in executing this work.

All cesspools in the District are now emptied by the Council's cesspool emptying vehicle.

### **Pail Closet Emptying Service.**

The free pail closet emptying service for South, East and West Harting has continued and this service is provided for properties which cannot be connected to the public sewers in the parishes of Fernhurst and Linchmere. All the work is now carried out by direct labour by the Council's own vehicle, a special fitment being incorporated in the Council's cesspool emptier for the purpose.

### **SHOPS ACT, 1934**

During the year 114 visits were made to shops and offices. As a result of action taken 3 shops were provided with sanitary conveniences and one with sink and washing facilities.

### **SMOKE ABATEMENT**

No action called for.

### **FACTORIES ACT, 1937**

A total of 146 inspections of establishments coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, were made during the year, there being 69 premises on the register. Sixty-nine visits were made to premises having mechanical power and 77 to premises not so provided. Arising out of these inspections, 17 defects were found 13 of which were remedied. These defects were :—

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Want of cleanliness ... .. | 8 |
| Sanitary Conveniences :—   |   |
| Insufficient ... ..        | 2 |
| Defective ... ..           | 7 |

Nine certificates as to means of escape in case of fire were also issued under Section 34 of this Act.

### **SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS**

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

### **CAMPING SITES**

The following licences were granted during the year under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 :—

|  |    |
|--|----|
| (a) Licences to erect or station and use moveable dwellings ...                  | 24 |
| (b) Licences authorising the use of land as a site for moveable dwellings ... .. | 2  |

During the year 58 visits were made in connection with moveable dwellings and similar structures in the District.

### **ERADICATION OF BED BUGS**

No premises were found to be infested with bed bugs during the year.

## RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

During the year 650 infestations were dealt with and it is estimated that some 4,004 rats were destroyed. The Council's sewers were also treated but these were found to be clear of rats.

## MOSQUITOES

No complaints of nuisances were received and no action was taken regarding possible infestation in the District.

## RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 AND 1937

There are no premises in the District at which Rag Flock is manufactured, used or sold.

## SCHOOLS

There are 17 Elementary Schools in the district and during the year Graffham School was provided with water-borne sanitation, a complete new drainage system having been provided. Apart from this improvement and minor repairs, conditions at the other schools remain much the same. Fifty-three visits were made to schools.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Complaints received ... ..   | 80  |
| Informal Notices served ... ..   | 472 |
| Informal Notices complied with ... ..  | 379 |
| Statutory Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ... ..        | 7   |
| Statutory Notices complied with under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ... .. | 6   |

### Visits made in connection with :—

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Housing—first visits ... ..                                     | 919  |
| Housing—revisits ... ..   | 1016 |
| Council House applications ... ..                               | 139  |
| Overcrowding ... ..   | 1349 |
| Drainage and sanitary conveniences ... ..                       | 1886 |
| Water Supplies ... ..   | 1111 |
| Privies, ditches and cesspools ... ..                           | 291  |
| Stables and piggeries ... ..                                    | 8    |
| Refuse and accumulations ... ..                                 | 41   |
| Verminous premises ... ..                                       | 32   |
| Rats and Mice destruction ... ..                                | 34   |
| Schools ... ..  | 53   |
| Moveable dwellings ... ..                                       | 58   |
| Infectious Diseases ... ..                                      | 43   |
| Factories Act ... ..  | 146  |
| Shops Act ... ..  | 114  |
| Slaughterhouses, butchers' shops and other food premises ... .. | 556  |
| Cowsheds and dairies ... ..                                     | 474  |
| Miscellaneous ... ..  | 107  |
| Total number of inspections made for all purposes ... ..        | 8377 |

**Summary of Sanitary Work and Improvements under  
Public Health and Housing Acts :—**

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Baths provided                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Ceilings repaired or renewed                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Coppers repaired or renewed                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Chimney stacks repaired or renewed                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Cooking ranges repaired or renewed                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 |
| Damp walls remedied                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Doors repaired or renewed                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Drainage systems cleared and repaired               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 |
| Drainage systems provided                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 |
| Earth closets repaired or renewed                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| Firegrates repaired and renewed                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Floors repaired and renewed                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Food Stores provided or repaired                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Foul accumulations removed                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Fuel stores provided or repaired                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Gutters and downpipes provided, cleaned or repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Hot and cold water systems provided                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Houses cleansed and redecorated                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Moveable dwellings shifted                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Plaster repaired or renewed                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
| Refuse bins provided                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Roofs repaired or renewed                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 73 |
| Sinks provided                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Stairs repaired                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Verminous premises disinfestated                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Water supplies laid on                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Wells, water tanks cleansed and repaired            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| W.C.s provided or repaired                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43 |
| Windows enlarged, provided or repaired              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 |
| Walls repaired                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Yards provided or repaired                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was necessary during the year to serve seven Statutory Notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the abatement of nuisances. All related to housing defects and the owners complied with the requirements of the Notices except in one case where the time allowed had not expired by the end of the year.

A nuisance arising from a defective W.C. tank, causing dampness and wastage of water, was also abated following proceedings against the owner-occupier for obstruction under Section 288 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, was taken against an old couple who were living in a disused lime kiln in a wood. The structure gave little protection against the weather, and as the woman was over 60 years of age and the man over 70 years, it was considered expedient to take action. The court made an order for their committal to the East Preston Institution for three months, but at the end of that period they returned to the District and have been living in the open air once more. The Council have recently (July, 1949) housed them in a requisitioned cottage which was not available before.

Summary of Rural Water Supplies as at 31st December, 1948

| Parish         | Pop. Est. Census 1948 | Pop. Est. Dec. 1948 | Statutory Undertakers |                      |                            |                           | Private Estate Undertakers |             |                                |                           | Houses Dependent on Wells, Springs, Streams, and rain water tanks | TOTAL No. of Houses |     |      |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------|-----|------|
|                |                       |                     | Area                  | Undertaking          | Source                     | Whether Chlorinated fluid | Area                       | Undertaking | Source                         | Whether Chlorinated fluid |   |                     |     |      |
| Bepton         | 292                   | 270                 | 1010                  | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Bore holes Rotherfield     | Yes                       | 38                         | 38          | Cowdrey Est. Supply            | Springs, Holey            | Yes   | 42                  | 83  |      |
| Chithurst      | 206                   | 247                 | 1200                  |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Borden Wood Supply             | Springs, Borden Wood      | No  | 25                  | 78  |      |
| Coching        | 437                   | 422                 | 2396                  | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Bore Holes Rotherfield     | Yes                       | 29                         | 29          | Cowdrey Est. Supply Ditto      | Springs, Holey            | Yes   | 78                  | 130 |      |
| Easebourne     | 1837                  | 1381                | 4214                  | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Bore Holes Rotherfield     | Yes                       | 201                        | 201         | Cowdrey Est. Supply            | Springs, Easebourne St.   | Yes   | 149                 |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Springs Henley             | Yes                       | 22                         | 223         | Ditto                          | Springs, Cowdray Park     | No  | 8                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Henley                     | Yes                       | 499                        | 507         | Ditto                          | Springs, Weymouth's Well  | No  | 7                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Ditto                          | Bore, South               | No  | 7                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Ditto                          | Ambersham                 | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Ditto                          | Springs, Upper            | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Nobles Supply                  | Springs, Upper Easebourne | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | King Ed. VII Sanatorium Supply | Street, Henley Common     | Yes   | 11                  |     |      |
| East Lavington | 161                   | 211                 | 1834                  |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Lavington Pk. Est. Supply      | Springs, Lavington        | Yes   | 47                  | 62  |      |
| Elsted         | 103                   | 183                 | 1840                  |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Elsted Manor Farms Supply      | Bore Hole, Elsted Down    | Yes   | 32                  | 56  |      |
| Fernhurst      | 1576                  | 1851                | 4050                  | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Springs, Henley Bore Holes | Yes                       | 8                          | 8           | Cowdrey Est. Supply            | Springs, The Beeches      | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       | Wey Valley Water Co. |                            | Yes                       | 499                        | 507         | King Ed. VII Sanatorium        | Springs, Henley Common    | No  | 6                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Upper Lodge Supply             | Springs, Upper Lodge      | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Verdeley Place                 | Springs, Verdeley         | No  | 10                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Cowdrey Est. Supply            | Springs, Shulbrede        | No  | 6                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Tanyard Supply                 | Springs, Tanyard          | No  | 4                   |     |      |
| Graftham       | 461                   | 530                 | 2137                  |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Lavington Pk. Est. Supply      | Springs, Lavington        | Yes   | 84                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Western W. S. Ambersham Supply | Springs, Graftham         | Yes   | 41                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Cowdrey Est. Ambersham Supply  | Bore, South               | No  | 10                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Seaham House Supply            | Bore, Seaham              | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Seaham Place Supply            | Bore, Seaham Place        | No  | 4                   |     |      |
| Harting        | 1166                  | 1352                | 7946                  |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Little Green Est. Supply       | Springs, Sth. Pond        | No  | 65                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | North Lane Supply              | Bore Hole, North Lane     | No  | 8                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | North End Supply               | Bore Hole, North End      | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Pays Farm Supply               | Bore Hole, Pays Farm      | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Wall, Down Supply              | Wall, Down                | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Kent House Supply              | Bore Hole, Kent House     | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Eye Oak Supply                 | Bore Hole, Eye Oak        | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Ladywood Supply                | Bore Hole, Ladywood       | No  | 14                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Pitt Star Supply               | Ladywood Spring, Pitt     | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Hunt Farm Supply               | Bore Hole, Hunt Farm      | No  | 3                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Elsted Manor Farms Supply      | Bore Hole, Elsted Manor   | Yes   | 4                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Upper Park Supply              | Elsted Down               | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Lady Holt Supply               | Springs, Lady Holt        | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | New Lane Supply                | Well, New Lane            | No  | 6                   |     |      |
| Heybott        | 385                   | 419                 | 2184                  | Midhurst R.D.C.      | Bore Holes Rotherfield     | Yes                       | 4                          | 4           | Cowdrey Est. Supply            | Springs, Hill-foot        | Yes   | 62                  |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       | Wey Valley Water Co. |                            | Yes                       | 8                          | 8           | Hoyle Supply                   | Bore Hole, Hoyle          | No  | 2                   |     |      |
| Iping          | 432                   | 396                 | 2235                  | Wey Valley Water Co. | Bore Holes                 | Yes                       | 8                          | 8           | Bridghlands Supply             | Well, Bridghlands         | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Queens Farm Supply             | Springs, Queens Farm      | No  | 5                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Robins Farm Supply             | Springs, Robins Farm      | No  | 2                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | Wardley Supply                 | Springs, Wardley          | No  | 8                   |     |      |
|                |                       |                     |                       |                      |                            |                           |                            |             | North End Fm. Supply           | Well, North End           | No  | 2                   |     |      |
| Totals C/P     | 6066                  | 7242                | 32046                 |                      |                            |                           |                            | 869         |                                |                           |   | 821                 | 604 | 2234 |



**SUMMARY OF RURAL WATER SUPPLIES as at 31st December, 1948**

| Parish   | Area         | Popu-<br>lation<br>1931<br>Census | Popu-<br>lation<br>Est.<br>Dec.<br>1948 | Total<br>No. of<br>houses<br>in<br>Parish | A<br>No. of Houses<br>with piped<br>water under<br>pressure from<br>public mains<br>and Estimated pop-<br>ulation supplied | B<br>No. of Houses<br>with piped<br>water under<br>pressure from<br>private Estate<br>mains | C<br>No. of Houses<br>without piped<br>water within<br>100 yds. of<br>public main | D<br>No. of Houses<br>without piped<br>water within<br>100 yds. of<br>private Estate<br>main | E<br>Gr'ps of 20 H'ses<br>placed within<br>quarter mile<br>diameter<br>without piped<br>water under<br>pressure | F<br>No. of Houses<br>without piped<br>pressure and<br>not lying in<br>Groups as in<br>E |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|  |              |                                   |   |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>1. Parishes with water supply from Public Mains.</b>    |              |                                   |   |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Bepton .....   | 1910         | 292                               | 270                                     | 83  | 38   | 42  | 1   | —  | —   | 2  |
| Cocking .....  | 2596         | 437                               | 422                                     | 130                                       | 29   | 80  | 2   | 6  | —   | 13   |
| Easebourne ..  | 4214         | 1537                              | 1361                                    | 419                                       | 223  | 187   | —   | —  | —   | 9  |
| Fernhurst .....  | 4950         | 1576                              | 1851                                    | 570                                       | 507  | 34  | 8   | —  | —   | 21   |
| Heyshott .....   | 2184         | 385                               | 419                                     | 129                                       | 4  | 84  | —   | 15   | —   | 26   |
| Iping .....  | 2235         | 432                               | 396                                     | 122                                       | 8  | 22  | —   | —  | —   | 92   |
| Linchmere .....  | 2066         | 1057                              | 1205                                    | 371                                       | 346  | 11  | —   | —  | —   | 14   |
| Lurgashall .....   | 4815         | 588                               | 591                                     | 182                                       | 14   | 16  | —   | —  | 29  | 123  |
| Midhurst .....   | 669          | 1812                              | 1942                                    | 598                                       | 598  | —   | —   | —  | —   | —  |
| North Amber-<br>sham .....                                 | 1168         | 168                               | 189                                     | 58  | 34   | 6   | —   | —  | —   | 18   |
| Rogate .....   | 5016         | 1098                              | 1184                                    | 361                                       | 163  | 8   | —   | —  | 72  | 118  |
| Stedham .....  | 2493         | 592                               | 591                                     | 182                                       | 15   | 131   | 1   | —  | —   | 35   |
| Tillington .....   | 3816         | 698                               | 728                                     | 224                                       | 3  | 66  | —   | —  | 79  | 76   |
| Trotton .....  | 3600         | 429                               | 419                                     | 129                                       | 14   | 24  | —   | —  | —   | 91   |
| West Lavington   | 678          | 287                               | 280                                     | 86  | 82   | 3   | —   | —  | —   | 1  |
| Woolbeding .....   | 1851         | 288                               | 244                                     | 75  | 9  | 12  | —   | —  | —   | 54   |
| Sub-total .....  | 44261        | 11676                             | 12092                                   | 3719                                      | 2087   | 726   | 11  | 22   | 180   | 693  |
| <b>2. Parishes without water supply from Public Mains.</b> |              |                                   |   |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Chithurst .....  | 1200         | 266                               | 247                                     | 78  | —  | 25  | —   | —  | —   | 53   |
| East Lavington   | 1834         | 161                               | 211                                     | 62  | —  | 47  | —   | —  | —   | 15   |
| Elsted .....   | 1840         | 193                               | 183                                     | 56  | —  | 32  | —   | —  | —   | 24   |
| Graffham .....   | 2137         | 461                               | 530                                     | 169                                       | —  | 142   | 17  | —  | —   | 10   |
| Harting .....  | 7946         | 1166                              | 1352                                    | 416                                       | —  | 126   | —   | —  | 198   | 92   |
| Linch.....   | 850          | 83                                | 78                                      | 24  | —  | 11  | —   | —  | —   | 13   |
| Lodsworth .....  | 2441         | 510                               | 598                                     | 184                                       | —  | 7   | —   | —  | 75  | 102  |
| South Amber-<br>sham .....                                 | 1502         | 154                               | 114                                     | 35  | —  | 23  | —   | —  | —   | 12   |
| Terwick.....   | 783          | 203                               | 192                                     | 59  | —  | —   | —   | —  | 17  | 42   |
| Treyford .....   | 2098         | 147                               | 133                                     | 41  | —  | 6   | —   | —  | —   | 35   |
| Sub-total .....  | 22631        | 3344                              | 3638                                    | 1124                                      | —  | 419   | —   | 17   | 290   | 398  |
| <b>TOTALS of<br/>Tables 1 &amp; 2 ...</b>                  | <b>66892</b> | <b>15020</b>                      | <b>15730</b>                            | <b>4843</b>                               | <b>2087</b>  | <b>1145</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>39</b>  | <b>470</b>  | <b>1091</b>  |



## Section IV.

### HOUSING

Housing is still to the forefront of the Council's duties and the provision of new houses is proceeding at a fair pace. One hundred and eighteen council houses were completed and 14 were provided by Private Enterprise (see separate table).

During the year, a further 266 houses were inspected and recorded under the Rural Housing Survey and the final figures are as follows :—

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Category 1.—Houses in all respects satisfactory ... ..  | 134 (4.0%)   |
| Category 2.—Houses with minor defects ... ..  | 395 (11.7%)  |
| Category 3.—Houses requiring repair, structural alterations and improvements ... ..             | 1745 (51.6%) |
| Category 4.—Houses appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts ... .. | 769 (22.7%)  |
| Category 5.—Houses unfit for human habitation and beyond repair at reasonable cost ... ..       | 337 (10.0%)  |
|   | <hr/>        |
|   | 3380         |
|   | <hr/>        |

Detailed information of housing conditions gained as a result of the Survey is given at the end of this section. The figures speak for themselves and while the classifications have been based on the "target" standard mentioned in last year's report, the overall picture is not a very bright one. It will be observed that 40% of the dwellings are still dependent upon wells, springs, streams and rain water tanks for their water supplies, many of which are of doubtful purity—56% are without W.C.s, 70% without baths, and 53% are dependent upon paraffin for lighting purposes. The number of houses legally overcrowded is very small, but if living rooms are not counted for sleeping purposes, the percentage overcrowded would amount to about 10%. One hundred and ninety-two dwellings are occupied by two or more families.

The remedy for these unsatisfactory housing conditions lies in the repair and reconditioning or condemnation of unfit dwellings and the provision of new dwellings. So far as repair and reconditioning work is concerned, owing to shortage of labour and materials, a great deal cannot be done, but no doubt a big impetus in this respect will be given when the new Rural Housing Bill now before Parliament becomes law. At the same time it should be noted that no programme of reconditioning can be truly effective until main services are provided in all villages. A good start has been made in this direction and it is hoped that, so far as water is concerned, the whole district will be served within the space of the next two or three years.

### HOUSING NEEDS

An analysis of all Council House Applications was made and checking these for actual need with the information gained from the Rural Housing Survey, it is estimated that the number of new dwellings required is as follows :—

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| (i) Number of new houses required to replace condemned or likely to be condemned dwellings .....    | 223   |
| (ii) Number of new houses required to abate overcrowding.....                                       | 47    |
| (iii) Number of new houses required to provide separate housing accommodation for each family ..... | 276   |
|   | <hr/> |
|   | 546   |
| Less Post-War Houses built .....  | 130   |
|   | <hr/> |
| Net Housing need .....  | 416   |
|   | <hr/> |

## NEW COUNCIL HOUSES COMPLETED

| Parish                         | Erected Pre-War | Erected Post-War |      |       | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|-------|-------------|
|                                |                 | 1947             | 1948 | Total |             |
| <b>CHITHURST</b>               |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Chorley Common Cottages        | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 10          |
| Council Cottages ... ..        | —               | —                | 6    | 6     |             |
| <b>COCKING</b>                 |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Malthouse Cottages ... ..      | 8               | —                | —    | —     | 8           |
| <b>EASEBOURNE</b>              |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Canada Cottages ... ..         | 12              | —                | —    | —     | 12          |
| <b>ELSTED</b>                  |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Hill View Cottages ... ..      | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
| <b>FERNHURST</b>               |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Dale Copse Cottages ... ..     | 6               | —                | —    | —     | 22          |
| Hogs Hill Cottages ... ..      | —               | —                | 16   | 16    |             |
| <b>GRAFFHAM</b>                |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Woodcote Cottages ... ..       | 6               | —                | —    | —     | 26          |
| Guillod Cottages ... ..        | —               | —                | 20   | 20    |             |
| <b>HARTING</b>                 |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Loppers Ash Cottages ... ..    | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 44          |
| Knightsfield Cottages ... ..   | 4               | —                | —    | —     |             |
| Tipper Lane Cottages ... ..    | 8               | —                | —    | —     |             |
| South Harting ... ..           | —               | —                | 28   | 28    |             |
| <b>HEYSHOTT</b>                |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Austins Cottages ... ..        | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 16          |
| Bakersfield Cottages ... ..    | 4               | —                | —    | —     |             |
| Leggatts Flats ... ..          | —               | —                | 4    | 4     |             |
| Austins Cottages ... ..        | —               | —                | 4    | 8     |             |
| <b>IPING</b>                   |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Crossways Cottages ... ..      | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
| <b>LODSWORTH</b>               |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Berryfield Cottages ... ..     | 2               | —                | —    | —     | 6           |
| Barnfield Cottages ... ..      | 4               | —                | —    | —     |             |
| <b>LURGASHALL</b>              |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Greengate Cottages ... ..      | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
| <b>MIDHURST</b>                |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Barn Flat Cottages ... ..      | 12              | —                | —    | —     | 46          |
| June Meadow ... ..             | —               | 12               | —    | —     |             |
| Nine Acres ... ..              | —               | —                | 22   | 34    |             |
| <b>ROGATE</b>                  |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Paddock Cottages ... ..        | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 12          |
| Parsonage Cottages ... ..      | —               | —                | 8    | 8     |             |
| <b>STEDHAM</b>                 |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Common View Cottages ... ..    | —               | —                | 10   | 10    | 10          |
| <b>TERWICK</b>                 |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Mill Lane Cottages ... ..      | 8               | —                | —    | —     | 8           |
| <b>TILLINGTON</b>              |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Willetts Field Cottages ... .. | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
| <b>TROTTON</b>                 |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Mill Lane Cottages ... ..      | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
| <b>WOOLBEDING</b>              |                 |                  |      |       |             |
| Claypit Cottages ... ..        | 4               | —                | —    | —     | 4           |
|                                | 114             | 12               | 118  | 130   | 244         |

## HOUSES ERECTED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Fourteen houses were provided by private enterprise during 1948 as follows :

|                      |   |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| East Lavington ..... | 1 | Linchmere .....      | 2 |
| Fernhurst .....      | 8 | Trotton .....        | 1 |
| Harting .....        | 1 | West Lavington ..... | 1 |

### REQUISITIONING OF PROPERTIES FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

#### Ministry of Health Circulars 2485 and 138/45

Mr. C. F. Linton, in the capacity of Emergency Housing Officer, is responsible for the formal procedures and the Senior Sanitary Inspector advises regarding the adaptation, repairs and conversion, etc., of houses requisitioned.

The following statement gives details of the action taken during the year in connection with requisitioned premises :—

|   |        |     |
|---|--------|-----|
| Number of properties held under requisition at 31st December, |        |     |
| 1947  | ... .. | 110 |
| Number of units of accommodation provided                     |        | 158 |
| Number of persons accommodated                                |        | 507 |
| Number of properties requisitioned during 1948                |        | 3   |
| Number derequisitioned  |        | 4   |
| Number of properties held under requisition at 31st December, |        |     |
| 1948  | ... .. | 109 |
| Number of units of accommodation provided                     |        | 163 |
| Number of persons accommodated                                |        | 532 |

### HOUSING STATISTICS

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

|     |     |   |      |
|-----|-----|---|------|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)   | 919  |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 1935 |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932   | 266  |
|     | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 266  |
| (3) |     | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                    | 48   |
| (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 habitation | 450  |

#### 2. Remedying of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice.

|   |        |     |
|---|--------|-----|
| Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the local Authority or their officers | ... .. | 339 |
|---|--------|-----|

#### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

|     |  |   |     |
|-----|--|---|-----|
| (a) | Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 : |   |     |
|     | (1)  | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil |
|     | (2)  | Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices : |     |
|     | (a)  | By owners   | Nil |
|     | (b)  | By Local Authority in default of Owners   | Nil |

|  |  |     |
|--|--|-----|
| (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :   |  |     |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..   |  | 7   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :   |  |     |
| (a) By Owners ... ..   |  | 6   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..   |  | Nil |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :  |  |     |
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made ... ..   |  | 2   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition order ... ..   |  | Nil |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :  |  |     |
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms of which Closing Orders were made ... ..   |  | Nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..     |  | Nil |
| <b>4. Housing Act, 1946, Part IV : Overcrowding.</b>   |  |     |
| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of the year ...   |  | 25  |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... ..  |  | 33  |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..  |  | 175 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..  |  | 22  |
| (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..  |  | 19  |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..  |  | 149 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... .. |  | Nil |

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

|                               | Bpton | Chithurst | Cocking | Easebourne | East Lavington | Elsted | Fernhurst | Grafham | Harling | Heyshott | Iping | Linch | Linchmere | Lodsworth | Lurgashall | Midhurst | North Ambersham | Rogate | South Ambersham | Stedham | Terwick | Tillington | Treyford | Trotton | West Lavington | Woolbeding | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------------|------------|-------|
| <i>No. of houses recorded</i> | 63    | 64        | 109     | 261        | 44             | 45     | 372       | 94      | 292     | 104      | 94    | 22    | 263       | 136       | 145        | 350      | 29              | 232    | 30              | 152     | 44      | 197        | 35       | 89      | 52             | 62         | 3380  |
| <b>GRADES</b>                 |       |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |
| Grade 1                       | —     | 1         | 2       | 4          | 7              | 2      | 30        | 4       | 2       | 1        | —     | 1     | 40        | 4         | 1          | 6        | 3               | 6      | —               | 9       | —       | 3          | —        | 4       | 4              | —          | 134   |
| Grade 2                       | 4     | 8         | 4       | 56         | 8              | 5      | 77        | 15      | 11      | 3        | 7     | 4     | 49        | 8         | 12         | 54       | 6               | 17     | 1               | 13      | 1       | 18         | —        | 9       | 3              | 2          | 395   |
| Grade 3                       | 41    | 23        | 51      | 105        | 15             | 19     | 200       | 53      | 160     | 61       | 42    | 7     | 164       | 79        | 44         | 249      | 13              | 119    | 5               | 91      | 34      | 67         | 13       | 37      | 31             | 22         | 1745  |
| Grade 4                       | 16    | 15        | 29      | 84         | 11             | 16     | 51        | 19      | 72      | 13       | 30    | 8     | 4         | 33        | 65         | 6        | 5               | 57     | 22              | 34      | 8       | 84         | 16       | 33      | 5              | 33         | 769   |
| Grade 5                       | 2     | 17        | 23      | 12         | 3              | 3      | 14        | 3       | 47      | 26       | 15    | 2     | 6         | 12        | 23         | 35       | 2               | 33     | 2               | 5       | 1       | 25         | 6        | 6       | 9              | 5          | 337   |
| <b>TYPES</b>                  |       |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |
| Detached houses               | 20    | 21        | 26      | 34         | 14             | 13     | 118       | 22      | 56      | 25       | 39    | 11    | 121       | 31        | 62         | 28       | 15              | 78     | 10              | 29      | 7       | 47         | 11       | 33      | 12             | 24         | 907   |
| Semi-detached houses          | 35    | 21        | 61      | 105        | 17             | 21     | 152       | 47      | 128     | 36       | 44    | 8     | 98        | 72        | 59         | 91       | 13              | 81     | 12              | 64      | 21      | 66         | 18       | 47      | 19             | 33         | 1369  |
| Terrace houses                | 7     | 15        | 19      | 111        | 2              | 4      | 75        | 10      | 91      | 37       | 8     | 2     | 14        | 26        | 14         | 180      | —               | 37     | 6               | 37      | 3       | 46         | 6        | 5       | 17             | 4          | 776   |
| Flats                         | —     | 1         | 1       | 2          | —              | —      | 8         | 2       | 4       | —        | —     | —     | 4         | 1         | —          | 41       | —               | 7      | —               | 4       | —       | —          | —        | 2       | 2              | —          | 79    |
| Bungalows                     | 1     | 2         | 2       | 5          | 11             | 5      | 18        | 11      | 11      | 6        | 3     | 1     | 26        | 6         | 10         | 10       | 1               | 29     | 2               | 18      | 13      | 34         | —        | 2       | 2              | 1          | 230   |
| Back-to-back houses           | —     | 4         | —       | 4          | —              | 2      | 1         | 2       | 2       | —        | —     | —     | —         | —         | —          | —        | —               | —      | —               | —       | —       | 4          | —        | —       | —              | —          | 19    |
| <b>ACCOMMODATION</b>          |       |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |
| 1-bedroom                     | 2     | —         | 3       | 15         | 3              | 2      | 6         | 2       | 9       | 5        | 2     | —     | 6         | 4         | 4          | 23       | 1               | 5      | 2               | 2       | 2       | 7          | 1        | 3       | 5              | —          | 114   |
| 2-bedroom                     | 14    | 22        | 31      | 115        | 13             | 16     | 107       | 28      | 111     | 45       | 31    | 7     | 76        | 64        | 55         | 120      | 11              | 106    | 11              | 50      | 16      | 70         | 9        | 27      | 13             | 20         | 1188  |
| 3-bedroom                     | 45    | 35        | 66      | 119        | 21             | 22     | 245       | 55      | 150     | 45       | 50    | 11    | 170       | 56        | 62         | 186      | 13              | 101    | 14              | 88      | 25      | 104        | 23       | 47      | 25             | 34         | 1812  |
| 4-bedroom                     | 2     | 6         | 6       | 9          | 4              | 5      | 13        | 7       | 17      | 6        | 8     | 3     | 11        | 10        | 15         | 21       | 4               | 19     | 3               | 8       | 1       | 11         | 2        | 7       | 9              | 6          | 213   |
| 5-bedroom and over            | —     | 1         | 3       | 3          | 3              | —      | 1         | 2       | 5       | 3        | 3     | 1     | —         | 2         | 9          | —        | —               | 1      | —               | 4       | —       | 5          | —        | 5       | —              | 2          | 53    |

| Owner/Occupiers | LIGHTING AND VENTILATION<br>Houses insufficiently lighted and ventilated. | ARTIFICIAL<br>Houses lighted by gas (main).<br>Houses lighted by electricity (main)<br>Houses lighted by electricity (private plant).<br>Houses lighted by oil<br>Houses lighted by where gas or electricity mains available. | HEIGHT OF ROOMS<br>Houses where height of rooms is generally below 7ft. | DAMPNESS<br>Houses affected with rising dampness. |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
|                 | Bepton  | 18  | 18  | 6   |
|                 | Chithurst   | 28  | 14  | 19  |
|                 | Cocking   | 53  | 44  | 28  |
|                 | Easebourne  | 83  | 60  | 42  |
|                 | East Lavington  | 18  | 13  | 3   |
|                 | Elsted  | 14  | 19  | 4   |
|                 | Fernhurst   | 96  | 85  | 51  |
|                 | Graffham  | 34  | 28  | 8   |
|                 | Harting   | 153   | 111   | 60  |
|                 | Heyshott  | 66  | 55  | 29  |
|                 | Iping   | 63  | 42  | 42  |
|                 | Linch   | 13  | 8   | 8   |
|                 | Linchmere   | 25  | 26  | 32  |
|                 | Lodsworth   | 81  | 65  | 51  |
|                 | Lurgashall  | 90  | 70  | 40  |
|                 | Midhurst  | 99  | 59  | 56  |
|                 | North Ambersham   | 10  | 7   | 5   |
|                 | Rogate  | 128   | 50  | 34  |
|                 | South Ambersham   | 17  | 17  | 7   |
|                 | Stedham   | 66  | 58  | 22  |
|                 | Terwick   | 8   | 5   | 2   |
|                 | Tillington  | 111   | 82  | 64  |
|                 | Treyford  | 21  | 20  | 4   |
|                 | Trotton   | 42  | 20  | 26  |
|                 | West Lavington  | 21  | 15  | 6   |
|                 | Woolbeding  | 35  | 25  | 12  |
|                 | Total   | 1393  | 1016  | 661   |

|  | Bepton | Chithurst | Cocking | Fasebourne | East Lavington | Elsled | Fernhurst | Gratham | Harting | Heyshott | Iping | Linch | Linchmere | Lodsworth | Lurgashall | Midhurst | North Ambersham | Rogate | South Ambersham | Stedham | Terwick | Tillington | Treyford | Trotton | West Lavington | Woolbeding | Total |  |
|--|--------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------------|------------|-------|--|
| <b>WATER SUPPLIES</b>                          |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| Houses with piped water supply :               |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| (a) From Statutory Undertakers.                | 27     | —         | 15      | 116        | —              | —      | 309       | —       | —       | —        | —     | —     | 238       | —         | 9          | 350      | 11              | 75     | —               | 10      | —       | 3          | —        | —       | 43             | 11         | 1217  |  |
| (b) From Private Estates :                     |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| (i) Laid on in house.                          | 28     | 18        | 60      | 126        | 33             | 20     | 22        | 62      | 42      | 56       | 21    | 7     | 13        | 11        | 15         | —        | 3               | 5      | 15              | 113     | 5       | 45         | 9        | 15      | 3              | 13         | 760   |  |
| (ii) Not laid on in house.                     | 4      | 8         | 12      | 8          | —              | 3      | 5         | 10      | 80      | 1        | 6     | —     | —         | 1         | —          | —        | 4               | 1      | 3               | 2       | 1       | 4          | 7        | 3       | —              | 3          | 166   |  |
| Houses dependent on :—                         |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| (i) Wells.                                     | 3      | 30        | 15      | 7          | 7              | 14     | 28        | 16      | 141     | 31       | 59    | 10    | 5         | 108       | 98         | —        | 4               | 123    | 10              | 23      | 23      | 134        | 15       | 67      | 2              | 21         | 994   |  |
| (ii) Rainwater tanks.                          | 1      | 5         | 6       | —          | 4              | 8      | —         | 6       | 19      | 4        | 3     | —     | —         | 2         | 4          | —        | 1               | 13     | —               | —       | 14      | 2          | 2        | 1       | —              | 1          | 96    |  |
| (iii) Springs.                                 | —      | 1         | 1       | 4          | —              | —      | 8         | —       | 5       | 6        | 5     | 5     | 7         | 12        | 16         | —        | 6               | 14     | 2               | 4       | —       | 1          | 1        | 3       | —              | 12         | 122   |  |
| (iv) Streams.                                  | —      | 2         | —       | —          | —              | —      | —         | —       | 5       | 6        | —     | —     | —         | 2         | 3          | —        | —               | 1      | —               | —       | —       | —          | 1        | —       | 4              | 1          | 25    |  |
| <b>SANITARY CONVENIENCES</b>                   |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| Houses without w.c.s                           | 42     | 61        | 97      | 46         | 22             | 32     | 85        | 65      | 249     | 93       | 82    | 12    | 34        | 119       | 123        | 8        | 19              | 187    | 24              | 114     | 41      | 165        | 34       | 66      | 32             | 52         | 1904  |  |
| Houses without indoor w.c.s.                   | 48     | 61        | 100     | 191        | 28             | 36     | 233       | 79      | 265     | 95       | 83    | 15    | 158       | 121       | 126        | 196      | 20              | 192    | 24              | 118     | 41      | 170        | 34       | 70      | 39             | 55         | 2598  |  |
| Houses without separate sanitary conveniences. | —      | —         | —       | 6          | —              | 1      | 6         | 1       | 3       | 4        | 2     | —     | 2         | 2         | 1          | 29       | —               | 4      | —               | —       | —       | —          | —        | —       | —              | —          | 63    |  |
| <b>WASHING FACILITIES</b>                      |        |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |  |
| Houses without sinks                           | 4      | 16        | 26      | 3          | 4              | 2      | 7         | 5       | 48      | 20       | 4     | —     | 2         | 19        | 5          | 12       | 3               | 28     | 1               | 2       | 6       | 12         | 7        | 4       | 16             | 3          | 259   |  |
| Houses without fixed baths.                    | 44     | 47        | 93      | 178        | 27             | 30     | 197       | 64      | 235     | 85       | 72    | 15    | 132       | 109       | 105        | 251      | 17              | 179    | 29              | 94      | 31      | 150        | 32       | 59      | 40             | 48         | 2363  |  |
| Houses without hot and cold water systems.     | 50     | 58        | 103     | 201        | 28             | 38     | 258       | 69      | 268     | 97       | 83    | 16    | 160       | 120       | 123        | 275      | 19              | 199    | 29              | 123     | 43      | 172        | 35       | 70      | 44             | 56         | 2737  |  |

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| <i>Washing Facilities</i><br>(continued)<br>Houses without cop-<br>pers or clothes boi-<br>lers.   | 5  | 4  | 8  | 29  | 9  | 7  | 65  | 16 | 38  | 18 | 17 | 2  | 50  | 23 | 17  | 84  | 6  | 36  | 3  | 24  | 5  | 17  | 3  | 9  | 5  | 7  | 507  |
|  | 44 | 46 | 73 | 105 | 30 | 30 | 160 | 71 | 174 | 73 | 68 | 19 | 68  | 85 | 105 | 62  | 26 | 153 | 23 | 101 | 37 | 160 | 22 | 61 | 26 | 40 | 1862 |
| COOKING FACIL-<br>ITIES<br>Houses with solid<br>fuel ranges as only<br>means of cooking.<br>Houses with gas<br>cookers (main).<br>Houses with elect.<br>cookers. | —  | —  | —  | 96  | —  | —  | 90  | —  | —   | —  | —  | —  | 146 | —  | —   | 218 | 2  | —   | —  | —   | —  | —   | —  | —  | 10 | —  | 562  |
|  | —  | 1  | 12 | 16  | 4  | 6  | 83  | 12 | 77  | 2  | —  | —  | —   | 42 | —   | 1   | 57 | —   | 32 | 4   | 4  | 22  | 3  | 6  | 2  | —  | 386  |
| Houses with oil<br>cookers as only<br>means of cooking.<br>Houses without pro-<br>per cooking facilities.  | 4  | —  | 2  | 6   | 1  | 3  | 13  | 1  | 5   | 3  | 4  | —  | —   | 10 | 6   | 4   | —  | 9   | 1  | 9   | —  | 5   | 2  | 6  | 3  | 5  | 102  |
|  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | 1  | 3   | 1  | 3   | 1  | 1  | 1  | —   | 1  | 4   | 3   | 1  | —   | —  | 1   | —  | —   | 2  | 1  | —  | 1  | 24   |
| FOOD STORAGE<br>Houses without<br>lighted and venti-<br>lated food stores.   | 13 | 19 | 38 | 108 | 6  | 13 | 95  | 20 | 113 | 40 | 18 | 1  | 36  | 29 | 25  | 158 | 3  | 85  | 3  | 22  | 15 | 54  | 6  | 28 | 29 | 16 | 993  |
| HEATING<br>Houses without<br>means of heating in<br>any bedroom.   | 3  | 12 | 19 | 17  | 7  | 2  | 36  | 5  | 44  | 18 | 11 | 2  | 8   | 27 | 21  | 47  | 4  | 35  | 6  | 21  | 4  | 25  | 6  | 7  | 10 | 8  | 405  |
| FUEL STORAGE<br>Houses without suffi-<br>cient fuel stores.  | 2  | 6  | 12 | 8   | —  | 3  | 10  | 2  | 13  | 4  | 6  | —  | 12  | 9  | 7   | 48  | —  | 29  | —  | 1   | 5  | 5   | 4  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 193  |



|  |       |           |         |            |                |        |           |         |         |          |       |       |           |           |            |          |                 |        |                 |         |         |            |          |         |                |            |       |
|--|-------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------------|------------|-------|
|  | Bpton | Chithurst | Cocking | Easebourne | East Lavington | Elsted | Fernhurst | Grafham | Harting | Heyshott | Iping | Linch | Linchmere | Lodsworth | Lurgashall | Midhurst | North Ambersham | Rogate | South Ambersham | Stedham | Terwick | Tillington | Treyford | Trotton | West Lavington | Woolbeding | Total |
| REFUSE DISPOSAL<br>Houses without suitable refuse bins.  | 56    | 57        | 88      | 166        | 33             | 41     | 164       | 77      | 228     | 84       | 80    | 20    | 89        | 116       | 138        | 149      | 22              | 194    | 30              | 126     | 40      | 180        | 34       | 82      | 35             | 55         | 2384  |
| DRAINAGE<br>Houses drained to Local Authority's sewer.<br>Houses not properly or sufficiently drained.                               | —     | —         | —       | 182        | —              | —      | 221       | —       | —       | —        | —     | —     | 203       | —         | —          | 342      | —               | —      | —               | —       | —       | —          | —        | —       | 13             | —          | 961   |
| PAVING<br>Houses without adequate external paved area.<br>Houses without satisfactory means of access to public highway              | 20    | 26        | 60      | 24         | 6              | 6      | 31        | 20      | 98      | 44       | 24    | 9     | 11        | 60        | 54         | 1        | 8               | 79     | 8               | 13      | 15      | 49         | 13       | 21      | 24             | 19         | 743   |
| STAIRCASES<br>Dangerous staircases.<br>Inadequately lighted staircases.<br>Staircases without handrails.                             | 18    | 22        | 26      | 72         | 11             | 8      | 86        | 25      | 107     | 26       | 41    | 4     | 81        | 55        | 57         | 91       | 16              | 114    | 9               | 29      | 17      | 103        | 15       | 35      | 22             | 20         | 1110  |
| BAD ARRANGEMENT.<br>Houses without separate access to each bedroom.<br>Houses with outside doors opening directly into living rooms. | 6     | —         | 5       | 3          | 1              | 1      | 10        | 3       | 21      | 3        | 18    | 1     | 8         | 8         | 24         | 1        | 7               | 4      | 9               | 14      | 4       | 7          | 5        | 8       | 5              | 16         | 192   |
|  | 1     | 3         | 16      | 4          | —              | —      | 5         | —       | 18      | 9        | 6     | —     | 3         | 14        | 8          | 27       | 1               | 31     | 2               | —       | —       | 11         | 3        | 1       | 1              | 2          | 166   |
|  | 3     | 16        | 24      | 24         | 6              | 3      | 59        | 11      | 47      | 33       | 13    | 7     | 7         | 22        | 24         | 26       | 5               | 44     | 7               | 10      | 2       | 66         | 7        | 12      | 11             | 8          | 497   |
|  | 9     | 14        | 32      | 51         | 10             | 12     | 122       | 25      | 106     | 33       | 33    | 8     | 45        | 62        | 69         | 81       | 8               | 69     | 16              | 26      | 10      | 83         | 11       | 20      | 15             | 12         | 982   |
|  | 5     | 16        | 13      | 51         | 7              | 9      | 86        | 12      | 70      | 22       | 21    | 2     | 12        | 42        | 47         | 57       | 12              | 44     | 10              | 23      | 4       | 64         | 12       | 14      | 13             | 19         | 687   |
|  | 21    | 14        | 45      | 113        | 15             | 11     | 131       | 28      | 138     | 49       | 31    | 5     | 47        | 78        | 65         | 116      | 10              | 105    | 13              | 65      | 17      | 74         | 14       | 32      | 24             | 21         | 1282  |

|  | Bepton | Chithurst | Cocking | Easebourne | East Lavington | Elsted | Fernhurst | Graffham | Harting | Heyshott | Iping | Linch | Linchmere | Lodsworth | Lurgashall | Midhurst | North Ambersham | Rogate | South Ambersham | Stedham | Terwick | Tillington | Treyford | Trotton | West Lavington | Woolbeding | Total |
|--|--------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------------|------------|-------|
| OCCUPANTS AND OVERCROWDING<br>Houses surveyed.                     | 63     | 64        | 109     | 261        | 44             | 45     | 372       | 94       | 292     | 104      | 94    | 22    | 263       | 136       | 145        | 350      | 29              | 232    | 30              | 152     | 44      | 197        | 35       | 89      | 52             | 62         | 3380  |
| Houses legally overcrowded.  | —      | 2         | 1       | 4          | —              | —      | 2         | —        | 4       | 1        | 2     | —     | 3         | 4         | 1          | —        | —               | 3      | 1               | 1       | —       | 1          | 1        | 1       | 1              | 1          | 34    |
| Houses overcrowded if living rooms excluded from permitted number. | 15     | 9         | 18      | 37         | 3              | 4      | 47        | 5        | 49      | 4        | 6     | 1     | 6         | 23        | 11         | 19       | —               | 37     | 3               | 8       | 3       | 10         | 2        | 3       | 2              | 8          | 333   |
| Houses occupied by more than one family.                           | 12     | 4         | 11      | 21         | —              | 3      | 36        | 3        | 18      | 4        | 8     | —     | 27        | 11        | 5          | 4        | 1               | 9      | 1               | 1       | —       | 2          | 4        | 1       | 4              | 2          | 192   |
| Houses occupied by one person only.                                | 2      | 3         | 11      | 28         | 5              | 1      | 18        | 7        | 20      | 10       | 8     | —     | 10        | 13        | 1          | 25       | 2               | 19     | 2               | 9       | 4       | 14         | 2        | 3       | —              | 3          | 220   |

## Section V.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### MILK SUPPLY

##### Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, and Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1942

At the commencement of the year 153 farms were duly registered and producing milk for sale for human consumption. Of the 153 premises, 114 were licensed for the production of Designated Milk (Tuberculin Tested 45, Accredited 69). During the year 10 new registrations were granted and 5 additional producers received licences from the County Council to produce Tuberculin Tested milk. The position at the end of the year is as given below :—

|  |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of farms in the district registered and producing milk at 31st December, 1948 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 163  |
| Number of dairy cows   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4400 |
| Number of farms producing Designated Milk :  |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| (a) Tuberculin Tested  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50   |
| (b) Accredited   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 69   |
| Number of farms producing non-designated milk  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44   |
| Number of dairymen (cowkeepers and milk sellers, etc.)                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 177  |
| Number of these registered as wholesalers  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 139  |
| Number registered as retailers   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29   |
| Number registered as wholesalers and retailers                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9    |

##### Water Supply to Dairy Premises.

Cowsheds and Dairies having :

|                                  |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) Public piped supply          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| (b) Private Estate piped supply  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 |
| (c) Well, spring or stream water | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 75 |

Details of the work carried out under the provision of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1936, are given below :—

##### Cowsheds and Dairies.

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of inspections made     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 474 |
| Number of contraventions found | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50  |

##### Number of Premises found to require

|   |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) Cleansing                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| (b) Structural or sanitary improvements | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |

##### Number of requirements carried out.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) Cleansing                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| (b) Structural or sanitary improvements | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 |

##### Dairies and Cowsheds

Inspections of cowsheds and dairies have continued throughout the year and in spite of difficulties in connection with labour, standards of cleanliness have been fairly well maintained. During the year 161 samples of undesignated milk were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. Eighty per cent. or 128 samples reached the standard laid down as satisfactory for Accredited milk.

During the year 3 cowsheds were reconditioned, 3 new cowsheds and 5 new milking bails were constructed. In addition, 9 concrete yards were put down at milk producing establishments.

### Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1942

The following licences were granted during the year :—

(a) BY THE MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL :

*Tuberculin Tested Milk—*

(1) Dealers' Licences ... .. 3

*Pasteurised Milk—*

Dealers' Licences ... .. 1

(b) BY THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL :

*Producers' Licences—*

(1) Tuberculin Tested ... .. 50 (-)

(2) Accredited ... .. 69 (8)

The figures in parentheses denote the number of producers who also hold licences to bottle milk.

During the year 787 samples of Designated milks were collected by Sampling Officers of the West Sussex County Health Department and submitted to the Methylene Blue Test.

The following table shows details of the 787 samples examined :

| <i>Designation</i>    | <i>No. of Samples</i> | <i>Satisfactory</i> | <i>%</i> | <i>Unsatisfactory</i> | <i>%</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Tuberculin Tested ... | 336                   | 296                 | 88       | 40                    | 12       |
| Accredited ... ..     | 440                   | 338                 | 77       | 102                   | 23       |
| Pasteurised ... ..    | 11                    | 8                   | 73       | 3                     | 27       |
| TOTALS ... ..         | 787                   | 642                 | —        | 145                   | —        |

In addition, twenty samples of Tuberculin Tested milks were submitted to the Coliform Test, sixteen being satisfactory and four unsatisfactory, whilst of thirteen Accredited milks similarly examined, ten were satisfactory and three unsatisfactory. A further twenty-four samples of Designated milk were examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli, and with one exception, all gave negative results. In the case of the one positive result the infected animal was ascertained and slaughtered.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No regular slaughtering of animals, other than cottagers' pigs for home consumption, has been carried out at any of the slaughterhouses in the district all of which have remained closed by virtue of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940. All meat for sale in the district continues to be slaughtered elsewhere, supplies for consumption being delivered from Chichester and Worthing to a central depot at Midhurst for distribution to retail butchers.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops, etc., in the district together with details of inspections of these establishments carried out during the year.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of butchers' shops ... ..   | 8   |
| Number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption ... .. | 10  |
| Number of visits to above premises ... ..  | 279 |
| Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream ... ..   | 6   |
| <i>(There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district)</i>   |     |
| Number of visits to Ice Cream premises ... ..  | 25  |
| Number of cafes, restaurants, private hotels and guest houses  | 21  |
| Number of visits to above ... ..   | 52  |
| Number of Grocers and General Stores ... ..  | 50  |
| Number of Fishmongers and Poultry Shops ... ..   | 4   |
| Number of Greengrocery Shops ... ..  | 5   |
| Number of Sweet Shops ... ..   | 4   |
| Number of visits to above premises ... ..  | 180 |
| Informal Notices served ... ..   | 10  |
| Informal Notices complied with ... ..  | 8   |

#### Inspection of Pig Carcasses for Home Consumption

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Number inspected ... .. | 54 |
|-------------------------|----|

*All diseases except Tuberculosis.*

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Whole carcasses condemned ... ..  | Nil |
| Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned ...                                 | Nil |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ... .. | Nil |

*Tuberculosis only.*

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Whole carcasses condemned ... ..                                     | 1    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...              | Nil  |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... .. | 1.85 |

The following list gives details of meat condemned in butchers' shops during the year :

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Beef (English) ... ..     | 74 lbs.    |
| Beef (Argentine) ... ..   | 1,058 lbs. |
| Beef (New Zealand) ... .. | 11½ lbs.   |
| Lamb (Argentine) ... ..   | 14 lbs.    |
| Corned Beef ... ..        | 38¾ lbs.   |

#### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Fourteen licences were in operation under the provisions of this Act for the slaughtering of animals, all of which expired at the end of December, 1948. No licence was revoked during the year under review.

#### Bread

There are fifteen bakehouses in the district, of which 52 inspections were made. Five informal notices were served in respect of cleanliness and limewashing, all of which were suitably complied with.

#### Food and Drugs Act, 1938

The County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration sections of this Act.

Details of the number of samples and commodities taken in the Rural District during the year are not available for inclusion in this Report.

## Food Hygiene

A meeting of all those engaged in food shops, cafes, restaurants, etc., was held at the Midhurst Grammar School during the early part of the year and an address was given by Dr. Parfitt of the Central Council for Health Education. The importance of washing facilities and strict attention to cleanliness and personal hygiene were duly stressed. Your Sanitary Inspectors have continued to advise in this respect and no opportunity is lost in impressing upon all concerned the need for the thorough washing of hands after using sanitary conveniences.

Further improvements such as the replacement of earth closets with water closets and the provision of wash-hand basins and hot and cold water will take place on completion of main drainage and main water schemes now in progress in different villages in the district.

## Other Foods

The following other foods were found to be unfit for sale for human consumption and were condemned :

| <i>Description</i>                 | <i>Weight</i>         |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Evaporated Milk, 76 tins ... ..    | 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. |
| Full Cream Condensed Milk, 2 tins  | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.  |
| Minced Beef Loaf, 3 tins ... ..    | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.  |
| Canadian Pork Loaf, 1 tin ... ..   | 12 ozs.               |
| Canadian Meat Lunch, 2 tins ... .. | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.  |
| Steak, 4 tins ... ..               | 4 lbs.                |
| Veal Loaf, 1 tin ... ..            | 12 ozs.               |
| Cooked Meat, "Whalepress" ...      | 10 lbs.               |
| Lamb Stew, 12 tins ... ..          | 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. |
| Sausage Meat, 3 tins ... ..        | 4 lbs.                |
| Bacon ... ..                       | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. |
| Salmon, 3 tins ... ..              | 2 lbs.                |
| Silver Hake, 2 tins ... ..         | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.  |
| Sprats ... ..                      | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone |
| Witches ... ..                     | 6 stone               |
| Plaice ... ..                      | 5 stone               |
| Cod ... ..                         | 12 stone              |
| Lobsters ... ..                    | 60 lbs.               |
| Herrings ... ..                    | 21 stone              |
| Smoked fillets ... ..              | 3 stone               |
| Fish Cakes ... ..                  | 168                   |
| Grape Fruit Juice, 2 tins ... ..   | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.  |
| Orange Juice, 10 tins ... ..       | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. |
| Plums, 2 tins ... ..               | 4 lbs.                |
| Peaches, 2 tins ... ..             | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.  |
| Lemons ... ..                      | 60 lbs.               |
| Baked Beans, 7 tins ... ..         | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.  |
| Peas, 1 tin ... ..                 | 10 ozs.               |
| Carrots, Sliced, 1 tin ... ..      | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.  |
| Beetroots, Sliced, 9 tins ... ..   | 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. |
| Sweet Corn, 4 tins ... ..          | 4 lbs.                |
| Mincemeat, 1 tin ... ..            | 14 ozs.               |
| Peach Jam, 5 tins ... ..           | 10 lbs.               |
| Marmalade, 6 tins ... ..           | 104 lbs.              |
| Tea ... ..                         | 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. |
| Bean Soup, 1 tin ... ..            | 1 lb.                 |
| Dripping, 2 tins ... ..            | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.  |

## Section VI.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Measles epidemics occur throughout the country with remarkable regularity every two years, starting usually during the last quarter of the year and lasting until about June of the following year. The expected increase of measles notifications did in fact occur in the second half of 1948, the figures for the four quarters being :—

| <i>Period</i>      | <i>Number of cases notified</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st quarter ... .. | 1                               |
| 2nd quarter ... .. | 16                              |
| 3rd quarter ... .. | 88                              |
| 4th quarter ... .. | 147                             |
| Total ... ..       | <hr/> 252 <hr/>                 |

These figures are further analysed below.

With the introduction on July 5th of the National Health Service, general medical treatment without payment of fees became available for the first time for children. In consequence, it seems probable that practitioners are now called to see children suffering from mild attacks of various diseases which hitherto have been treated without medical advice. If this is so, then the figures for notifications of infectious diseases are likely to be affected to a considerable degree, especially where measles and whooping cough are concerned. It will of course be impossible to assess for some years to what extent the figures have been affected by this change, but at the very least the possible importance of this new factor must be considered before comparisons are drawn between pre-1948 and post-1948 statistics of the common infectious diseases.

#### SMALLPOX

No cases of Smallpox were notified in the district during the year, and no contacts of cases entered the District.

#### DIPHThERIA

For the third consecutive year no cases of this disease were notified to the Department.

#### SUPPLY OF DIPHThERIA ANTI-TOXIN

Anti-toxin is now obtainable by Medical Practitioners for the treatment of suspected cases and contacts from the Royal West Sussex Hospital and St. Richard's Hospital at Chichester, and from the Isolation Hospital, Worthing.

#### DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION

The work in connection with the immunisation campaign continued during the year. As in previous years the inoculations were given by Medical Officers of the County Health Department.

In addition to steps taken by the Welfare Authority publicity has been undertaken by means of display posters and press advertisements.

During the year 15 children of school age and 134 children under five years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 76 children received "follow up" injections. At the end of the year it was estimated that 80% of the children in the district aged 5 to 15 years, and 37.4% of the children aged 1 to 5 years had received a course of injections.

### SCARLET FEVER

During the year sixteen cases of Scarlet Fever were notified as compared with eight in the previous year.

Eight of the sixteen cases were admitted into the Isolation Hospital.

The distribution of the cases is shown in the following table :—

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Jan.</i> | <i>Feb.</i> | <i>Mar.</i> | <i>Apr.</i> | <i>May</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>Aug.</i> | <i>Sep.</i> | <i>Oct.</i> | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>Dec.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Fernhurst     | —           | —           | 4           | 1           | —          | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | 5            |
| Lodsworth     | —           | 2           | 2           | —           | —          | —           | —           | —           | —           | 3           | —           | —           | 7            |
| Lutgashall    | —           | —           | 1           | 1           | —          | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | 2            |
| Rogate ...    | 1           | 1           | —           | —           | —          | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           | 2            |
| TOTALS ...    | 1           | 3           | 7           | 2           | —          | —           | —           | —           | —           | 3           | —           | —           | 16           |

### ERYSIPELAS

Four cases of this disease were notified during the year as compared with two in the previous year.

### CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS AND ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA

For the second consecutive year no cases of either of these diseases were notified.

### ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS

No cases of this disease were notified during the year.

### PNEUMONIA

#### (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)

There were nine cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia and one case of Acute Influenzal Pneumonia. These figures compare with six cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia only in the year 1947.

Deaths registered during 1948 as due to all forms of pneumonia totalled eight, a similar number to the previous year.



## WHOOPIING COUGH

During the year thirty-seven cases of this disease were notified as compared with eleven in 1947. The distribution of the cases is shown in the following table :—

| <i>Parish</i>     | <i>Jan.</i> | <i>Feb.</i> | <i>Mar.</i> | <i>Apr.</i> | <i>May</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>Aug.</i> | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Oct.</i> | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>Dec.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Easebourne        | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | -            | 1           | -           | -           | 1            |
| E.Lavington       | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | 1           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1            |
| Elsted ...        | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | 1            | -           | -           | -           | 1            |
| Graffham ...      | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 6           | 1           | 1            | -           | -           | -           | 8            |
| Fernhurst         | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 10          | 10           |
| Harting ...       | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | 3           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 3            |
| Heyshott ...      | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | 2            | 3           | 3           | -           | 8            |
| Lodsworth         | -           | -           | -           | 2           | -          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 2            |
| N. Amber-sham     | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | 1           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1            |
| Rogate ...        | 1           | -           | -           | -           | 1          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 2            |
| <b>TOTALS ...</b> | <b>1</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>    | <b>6</b>    | <b>6</b>    | <b>4</b>     | <b>4</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>10</b>   | <b>37</b>    |

## MEASLES

A total of 252 cases of Measles were notified during the year as compared with 79 cases in 1947. Six cases were admitted to the Isolation Hospital.

Distribution of the notified cases is shown in the table below :—

| <i>Parish</i> | <i>Jan.</i> | <i>Feb.</i> | <i>Mar.</i> | <i>Apr.</i> | <i>May</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>Aug.</i> | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Oct.</i> | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>Dec.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bpton .....   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 3           | 2           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 3           | 8            |
| Cocking ...   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 1           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1            |
| Chithurst     | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 1           | 4           | -            | -           | -           | 13          | 18           |
| Easebourne    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 1           | 6           | 3           | -            | 2           | 17          | 4           | 33           |
| Fernhurst     | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 3           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 3            |
| Graffham      | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 5           | -           | 2            | -           | 1           | 6           | 14           |
| Harting ...   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 1           | -           | -           | -            | -           | 1           | -           | 2            |
| Iping .....   | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | 1           | 13          | 15           |
| Linch .....   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 1           | 1            |
| Linchmere     | -           | -           | -           | 1           | 1          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 2            |
| Lodsworth     | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -          | -           | 20          | -           | -            | 1           | 1           | 4           | 27           |
| Lurgashall    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 1           | 1            |
| Midhurst ...  | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 2           | 32          | 2           | -            | -           | 11          | 39          | 86           |
| Rogate .....  | -           | -           | -           | 2           | -          | -           | 1           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 1           | 4            |
| Stedham ...   | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1          | -           | -           | 1           | -            | 1           | 2           | 6           | 11           |
| Tillington    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | 1           | -           | -            | -           | 1           | -           | 2            |
| Trotton ...   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 1           | 4           | -           | -            | -           | -           | 5           | 10           |
| Woolbeding    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 2           | -           | -           | -            | -           | 6           | 6           | 14           |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>3</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>76</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>2</b>     | <b>4</b>    | <b>41</b>   | <b>102</b>  | <b>252</b>   |

## MALARIA

Two cases of relapses of Tertian Malaria were notified during the year.

## ENTERIC FEVER AND DYSENTERY

For the second consecutive year no cases of these diseases were notified during the year, neither were any deaths attributed to these causes.

## INFLUENZA

Four deaths (3 male, 1 female) were registered as due to Influenza as compared with one in the previous year.

## PUERPERAL PYREXIA

No cases of this condition were notified as compared with two cases in 1947.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

No cases of this disease were notified in the District during the year as compared with one case in the previous year.

## NON-NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Information regarding these diseases among school children is obtained from returns made by head teachers of public elementary schools. During the year under review there were nineteen cases of chicken-pox.

## SCABIES

No cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Department as compared with five cases for the previous year.

It was not necessary to take any formal action during the year under the Scabies Order, 1941.

## CANCER

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 33 (16 males and 17 females), an increase of seven compared with the year 1947. The Cancer Death Rate for the year is 1.99 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, compared with a rate of 1.65 for the previous year. Corresponding rates for the Administrative County, the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.19, 2.25 and 2.13 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to Cancer during the year :

| <i>Ages</i>      | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Totals</i> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0-45 ... ..      | 2            | —              | 2             |
| 45-55 ... ..     | 5            | 3              | 8             |
| 55-65 ... ..     | 3            | 6              | 9             |
| 65-75 ... ..     | 3            | 4              | 7             |
| 75 and up ... .. | 3            | 4              | 7             |
| Totals ... ..    | 16           | 17             | 33            |

### Localisation of the Disease

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Digestive Organs and Peritoneum :             |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Oesophagus                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Stomach and Duodenum                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Pancreas                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Rectum  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Intestines other than Duodenum or Rectum :    |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Colon   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Brain and other Parts of the Nervous System : |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Brain   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Skeletal System :                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Spinal Column                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Respiratory System :                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Bronchus                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Lung  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Larynx  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Female Genital Organs :                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Breast  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Bladder                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Vulva   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Uterus  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Male Genital Organs :                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
| Prostrate                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Penis   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Unspecified Organs                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| <i>Total number of Deaths from Cancer</i>     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |

### TUBERCULOSIS

Seventeen new cases of tuberculosis were added to the Notification Register during the year as compared with twenty in the previous year. Of these, sixteen were notified to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and one from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Three deaths (2 male and 1 female) from pulmonary tuberculosis were recorded during the year, a decrease of one compared with the previous year. Deaths from all other forms of tuberculosis numbered one (a female) as compared with two in the previous year.

The pulmonary tuberculosis death rate for the year is 0.18 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a rate of 0.25 for the previous year, whilst the rate for all forms of tuberculosis is 0.24, the corresponding rate for the previous year being 0.38. The death rates from pulmonary tuberculosis for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex for the year under review are 0.37 and 0.30 respectively.

The following tables give details of the number of cases on the Notification Register, together with particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease for the year 1948 :

## Notification Register of Tubercular Patients

|  | <i>Pulmonary Cases</i> |          |              | <i>Non-Pulmonary Cases</i> |          |              | <i>Total Cases (all forms)</i> |          |              |
|--|------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|
|  | <i>M</i>               | <i>F</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>M</i>                   | <i>F</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>M</i>                       | <i>F</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| 1. No. on Register at 1.1.48                                     | 24                     | 19       | 43           | 11                         | 4        | 15           | 35                             | 23       | 58           |
| 2. Cases previously removed and returning during 1948            | —                      | —        | —            | —                          | —        | —            | —                              | —        | —            |
| 3. New cases notified (or otherwise coming to knowledge) in 1948 | 10                     | 6        | 16           | 1                          | —        | 1            | 11                             | 6        | 17           |
|  | 34                     | 25       | 59           | 12                         | 4        | 16           | 46                             | 29       | 75           |
| 4. Cases removed from Register in 1948                           | 3                      | 1        | 4            | 1                          | —        | 1            | 4                              | 1        | 5            |
| 5. Number on Register at 31.12.48                                | 31                     | 24       | 55           | 11                         | 4        | 15           | 42                             | 28       | 70           |

### New Cases and Mortality

| <i>AGE PERIODS</i> | <i>NEW CASES</i> |          |                      |          | <i>DEATHS</i>    |          |                      |          |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
|                    | <i>Pulmonary</i> |          | <i>Non-Pulmonary</i> |          | <i>Pulmonary</i> |          | <i>Non-Pulmonary</i> |          |
|                    | <i>M</i>         | <i>F</i> | <i>M</i>             | <i>F</i> | <i>M</i>         | <i>F</i> | <i>M</i>             | <i>F</i> |
| 1 to 5             | —                | 1        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 5 to 10            | 1                | —        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 10 to 15           | 1                | —        | 1                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 15 to 20           | —                | 1        | —                    | —        | —                | 1        | —                    | —        |
| 20 to 25           | 2                | 3        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 25 to 35           | —                | —        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 35 to 45           | 1                | —        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 45 to 55           | 2                | 1        | —                    | —        | 1                | —        | —                    | 1        |
| 55 to 65           | 3                | —        | —                    | —        | —                | —        | —                    | —        |
| 65 to 75           | —                | —        | —                    | —        | 1                | —        | —                    | —        |
| TOTALS             | 10               | 6        | 1                    | —        | 2                | 1        | —                    | 1        |

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Table showing Notifications and Deaths from certain Infectious Diseases.

| Year    | Scarlet Fever |        | Diphtheria |        | Enteric Fever |        | Erysipelas |        | Measles |        | Whooping Cough |        | Diarrhoea & Dysentery |        | Smallpox |        |
|---------|---------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|--------|------------|--------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|
|         | Cases         | Deaths | Cases      | Deaths | Cases         | Deaths | Cases      | Deaths | Cases   | Deaths | Cases          | Deaths | Cases                 | Deaths | Cases    | Deaths |
| 1876-79 | —             | 3      | —          | 13     | —             | 10     | —          | 2      | —       | 7      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 13       | 4      |
| 1880-89 | —             | 23     | —          | 40     | —             | 21     | —          | 12     | —       | 18     | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 37       | 6      |
| 1890-99 | 207           | 3      | 271        | 39     | 87            | 18     | 96         | 6      | —       | 13     | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 37       | —      |
| 1900-09 | 235           | 9      | 81         | 11     | 31            | 6      | 53         | 2      | —       | 6      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 20       | —      |
| 1910-19 | 147           | 3      | 77         | 4      | 18            | 2      | 24         | 2      | 352     | 7      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 16       | —      |
| 1920-29 | 320           | 2      | 43         | 3      | 2             | —      | 6          | —      | 1       | 1      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 6        | —      |
| 1930-34 | 122           | 4      | 25         | —      | 2             | —      | 8          | —      | —       | 2      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 4        | —      |
| 1935    | 14            | —      | 1          | —      | 1             | 1      | —          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 1        | —      |
| 1936    | 5             | —      | 1          | —      | —             | 1      | —          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 1        | —      |
| 1937    | 4             | —      | 6          | —      | 2             | —      | 1          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | —        | —      |
| 1938    | 5             | —      | 6          | —      | —             | —      | 2          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | —        | —      |
| 1939    | 16            | —      | 2          | —      | —             | —      | 4          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | —        | —      |
| 1940    | 8             | —      | 7          | —      | —             | —      | 8          | 1      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | —        | —      |
| 1941    | 21            | —      | 8          | —      | —             | —      | 4          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | —        | —      |
| 1942    | 18            | —      | 1          | 1      | —             | —      | 4          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 2        | —      |
| 1943    | 20            | —      | 3          | —      | —             | —      | 2          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 9        | —      |
| 1944    | 13            | —      | 2          | —      | 1             | —      | 3          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 1        | —      |
| 1945    | 9             | —      | 1          | —      | —             | —      | 4          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 12       | —      |
| 1946    | 7             | —      | —          | —      | —             | —      | 4          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 9        | —      |
| 1947    | 8             | —      | —          | —      | —             | 1*     | —          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 4        | —      |
| 1948    | 16            | —      | —          | —      | —             | —      | —          | —      | —       | —      | —              | —      | —                     | —      | 11       | —      |
|         |               |        |            |        |               |        |            |        | 252     |        |                | 37     |                       |        |          |        |

\* Paratyphoid B.

NOTE :—Details of notification of infectious diseases are only available since 1890. Measles and Whooping Cough have been notifiable only during 1914-1918 War and since 1939.

Table showing Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year.

| DISEASE                           | Total No. of cases Notified | Cases admitted to Isolation Hospitals | Total Deaths | AGE DISTRIBUTION |     |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                                   |                             |                                       |              | Under            | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | Over 65 |
| Measles ... ..                    | 252                         | 6                                     | —            | 13               | 25  | 18  | 19  | 132 | 32   | 3     | 7     | 3     | —     | —     | —       |
| Whooping Cough ... ..             | 37                          | —                                     | —            | 3                | 3   | 8   | 4   | 16  | 1    | —     | 1     | —     | —     | —     | —       |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia ... ..    | 10                          | —                                     | 8            | —                | —   | —   | —   | 3   | —    | —     | —     | 2     | 3     | 2     | 2       |
| Erysipelas... ..                  | 4                           | 1                                     | —            | —                | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | 1     | —     | 1     | —     | —     | —       |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..              | 16                          | 8                                     | —            | —                | —   | 1   | 2   | 8   | 2    | 1     | 1     | 1     | —     | —     | —       |
| Malaria Relapses (Tertian) ... .. | 2                           | —                                     | —            | —                | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | 1     | —     | 1     | —     | —       |
| TOTALS ... ..                     | 321                         | 15                                    | 8            | 16               | 28  | 27  | 25  | 159 | 35   | 5     | 10    | 7     | 4     | 4     | 4       |











