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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
TO THE
NEWHAVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.
1925.

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Area in acres.....	25115	Census Returns 1921.
Census population.....	3211	
Number of inhabited houses.....	1178	
Number of families or separate occupiers.....	1390	
Rateable Value.....	50261	
Sum represented by one penny rate.....	255.11.9d	

Population estimated	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
to middle of year.	3811.	3209.	5009.	5449.	5533.	7757.
Birth rate per 1000 of population.	28.0	15.1	14.1	18.0	14.0	12.0
Deaths under 1 year per 1000 Births.	54.0	53.0	82.0	78.0	31.0	41.0
Total Death Rate per 1000.	9.1	9.1	9.4	7.7	8.0	10.5
Nett Death Rate per 1000	8.3	9.0	9.0	7.7	8.0	9.0
Zymotic Death rate per 1000	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Death rate from Phthisis per 1000	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0
Death rate from Respiratory diseases per 1000.	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5
Senile Mortality deaths at 65 years & over as percentage of Nett Deaths.	31.4	65.0	49.0	24.0	35.0	43.0

Births legitimate. Total.	94.	Males.	49.	Females.	45	Birth rate 12.
illegitimate "	2.	"	1.	"	1	
Deaths.	74.	"	39	"	35	death rate 9.

Number of women dying in or in consequence of
childbirth 1

Deaths of infants under one year of age. - 4.
Death rate per 1000 Births. - 41.

Vital Statistics.

The population to the middle of the year 1925 is estimated at 7757. At Census 1921 the total Population was 3211 an increase over the census 1911 (which was 5033) of 1178 persons. The large increase is accounted for partly by the fact that the census 1921 was taken at the end of June instead of at the end of April. Usually in April private schools of which there are several in the District are closed for the holidays and the scholars are not included in the returns whereas in June the scholars were in residence and the visitors had begun to arrive. There was also a considerable increase in the Peacehaven area. The following table shows the increase of the population for the various census figures.

Census.	1901.	-	4309 persons.	Males.	2175.	Females.	2134.
	1911.	-	5033	"	2422.	"	2611.
	1921.	-	3211	"	2759.	"	3452.

The vital statistics are satisfactory except that the Birth rate is still low and shows no signs of rising.

The total Nett Death Rate is very satisfactory and remains at 9 per 1000 living at all ages.

Comparative Statistics.

	Birth rate.	Death Rate.	Infantile Mort- ality rate.
England & Wales.	19.3.	12.2	75.
Newhaven Rural.	12.0	9.0	41

Infectious Diseases.

Disease.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Enteric.	1.	1.	=
Scarlet Fever.	5.	2.	=
Diphtheria.	1.	=	=
Pul. Tuberculosis. M.7 F.3 =	13.	M.1 F.2	M.3 F.1.
Non-Pulmonary " M.3 F.2 =	5.	M.3.F.1	M.1

NURSING.

Nursing- General, Nurse provided by the Sussex County Nursing Federation.
 Hospitals.- Venereal Diseases- Brighton, Hastings & Tunbridge Wells Hospitals.
 Fever. Arrangement made with Brighton Corporation.
 Smallpox. " " " East Sussex Western Smallpox District Committee's Hospital. Plumpton.
 Tuberculosis.- County Council Hospital, Robertsbridge.
 Ambulance.- For Fever cases at Brighton Fever Hospital.

Laboratory Work.

Carried out by M.O. H. - Swabs. 14. Negative 11, Positive. 3.
 Sputum- 4. Positive. Negative 5.

List of Adoptive Acts.
relating to Public Health.

	Adopted.
Part. 3. Public Health Act. 1890.....	Aug. 20. 1890.
Sec. 92. " " " Amendment Act. 1907.....	" 1. 1910.
In Parish of Rottingdean, Private Streets Act 1892 except so far as the same relates to sewerage of streets in force in the Parish of Rottingdean.....	July. 10. 1911.
Act. 1907, in force in Rottingdean.....	Aug. 11. 1920.
Building Byelaws.....	June. 12. 1908.

Public Health Staff.

M. O. H. whole time. D. P. H.
 Sanitary Inspector also Surveyor and an Assistant to Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

- Number of new houses erected during the year. 4-
 (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)) 227.
 (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-
 (1) By the Local Authority. 23.
 (11) By other bodies or persons. 204.
 1. Unfit dwelling houses:-
 Inspection. (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.) 134.
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910 or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. 42.
 (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 1.
 (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. 4.
 2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notice. Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 45.
 3. Action under statutory powers.
 A. Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.
 (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 18.
 (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 (a) By owners. 2.
 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.
 (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close 1.

H. PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 11, 14 AND 15 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1925.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 3.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By owners. 2.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.

H. PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11, 14 AND 15 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1925.

- (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders. Nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made. one.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwelling house having been rendered fit. Nil.
- (4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. Nil.
- (5) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition orders. Nil.

During the past five years 431 houses have been built in the District, figures supplied by the Surveyor.

General Sanitary Survey.

The report of the Medical Officer of Health is to contain an account of the progress made in the general sanitation of the District. The general character of Newhaven Rural has not altered except that building operations have advanced and some Estates have sprung into existence with small houses and bungalows erected. On these Estates the roads are unmade with no sewers, cesspools being the predominant means of sewage disposal. No definite means are arranged for emptying these cesspools and this necessitates the provision of emptying vans or a drainage scheme.

The time of the Sanitary Inspector is taken up in inspecting nuisances from cesspools, disposal of house refuse, and insufficient water supplies in the houses on these new Estates, so that he has little time to devote to other work even with the extra assistance provided by the Council. When Estates are laid out for buildings they should be sewered, provided with water and a building line should be arranged.

In Rottingdean Parish there has been during the past five years a considerable amount of building on the boundaries of the Parish of Rottingdean Heights, Wick Estate and towards Brighton. In 1911 the population of Rottingdean was 2000, in 1921 it was 2760 at present the population may be estimated at 3300.

The District of Newhaven Rural is chiefly residential and agricultural mostly dairy farming. A number of the smaller houses are occupied by labourers. Many of these at South Heighton were employed at the Cement Works which are now closed and the men seek work elsewhere chiefly on the Wharf at Newhaven.

At Iford and Rodmell there are farms for the production of Grade A. certified milk. At one of these Farms foot and mouth disease broke out during the year.

Sewerage. At Rottingdean the houses are connected to the Brighton sewers discharging sewage at Portobello into the sea. In other parts of the District cesspools, pail closets, W. C.'s and privies are used.

The Building Estate of Peacehaven in Piddinghoe Parish, Rottingdean Heights, Saltdean, Telcombe and Wick Estate must receive your attention with respect to sanitary matters, sewerage, scavenging, making up roads.

Kinaston Estate has to a certain extent provided sewers & disposal works.

Scavenging of house refuse is undertaken at present at Rottingdean.

Rottingdean, including Wick Estate, Ovingdean, Telcombe obtain their water supply from Brighton.

Piddinghoe including Peacehaven, Friars Bay obtain water from the Newhaven & Seaford Co.

Kingston Estate obtains a good supply of water from deep wells in the chalk.

Falmer is supplied with water from Brighton.

Denton, Tidemill & Bishopstone obtain water from the pumping station of the Southern Railway.

Iford is supplied from a deep well. All other villages obtain water from wells.

A good supply of wholesome water is obtained from a deep well in the chalk and is used by the Company to supply Rottingdean Heights Estate and Spalden Estate.

The water from the sources is good and supplied under constant pressure.

Disinfection.

Ho. Dougalls Vap Lamp. Sulphur & Formalin.

By Steam disinfection at Brighton Sanatorium where clothing & bedding are removed.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is added.

The work of the Sanitary Inspector has been considerably increased owing to the building developments and assistance has been given to him.

In conclusion I thank the Council for the courtesy extended to me during the past year.

I thank the Clerk and other Officials of the Council for their kindly assistance.

I am.

Your obedient Servant.

(sd) Hugh Stott.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S Report.

Sanitary circumstances of the area. Parishes= Rottingdean, Ovingdean, Stanmer, Falmer part, Telcombe.

The above parishes are provided with constant service, Brighton and District water, with the exception of a few places having wells. Rottingdean Heights recently developed is supplied by the Peacehaven Estate Co. a deep well having been bored about two miles inland, the water is of good quality.

Bishopstone, Denton, South Highton, Piddington.

These parishes are supplied with a constant service. Newhaven & Seaford Water Company.

Tidemills and Bishopstone supplied by Railway Company's water pumping station Denton.

Southcare Rodmell, Kingston.

The source of water supply; "Wells".

Iford. This village is practically the property of Mr. Robinson, who has provided plant, laid pipes and provides water from a bored well with windmill power.

A portion of Kingston known as Kingstonville is supplied with water pumped from wells on Col. Smith's Estate.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The village of Rottingdean is main drained into the Brighton Intercepting Sewer having its outlet at Portobello in the parish of Telcombe.

During the past five years the Council have extended the sewers in the village and it is probable further extensions will have to be made to drain properties on the Rottingdean Heights.

Other parts of the District the drainage is principally dealt with by cesspools. The emptying and cleansing of which in the more populated parts of the area the Council have under consideration.

Closet accommodation.

Privy. Insanitary types of privy accommodation have been dealt with during the past five years, but there are a few in isolated parts still in use.

Privy closets, abolished and substituted by pail system. 12.
Still in existence. 10.

Water Closets. In populous and closely built centres where constant service of water is available the closets are provided with flushing cisterns.

No. of conversions to water carriage system during past five years.

43.

Scavenging.

Removal of House refuse. The Council undertake the removal of house refuse (under Contract) in the Parish of Rottingdean.

They have now under consideration a further extension to include Ovingdean &c. the purchase of land for dealing with the refuse.

The Council do not at present undertake the cleansing of earth closets, privies or cesspools in their area. Sanitary inspection of the area.

(1)		
(a)	Number of inspections made.....	218.
(b)	" " Statutory notices.....	5
(c)	" " Informal notices.....	35.
(d)	Result of service of notices. Complied with, with the exception of two statutory notices :-	
	(1) Lower Hoddern Cottage.	
	(2) Pannett's Cottages.	

Smoke Abatement.....	Nil.
Underground sleeping rooms.....	Nil.
Schools.....	

The schools in the area are clean, inspections are made, they are supplied with water (constant service).
 Palmer schools were closed by the Medical Officer of Health owing to measles.

Housing.

1. General. Clean and in habitable condition.	
2. The Council during the past five years have erected 23 houses. Rottingdean.	
4 ditto. Palmer.	
5 ditto. Rodmell.	
3 of which were for the County Council. 3 Houses Palmer for the County Council.	
(3) The District in parts has been cut up for building estates and a large number of houses are being erected by private enterprise on the:-	
Denton Estate. Priors Bay Estate. Peacehaven Estate.	
Saltdean Estate. Rottingdean Heights. Rottingdean Estate Co. Ltd.	
Ovingdean Estate. Downs Estate. Madeira Estate.	
upon parts of which applications have been received and sixty houses are being erected under the Housing (Financial provisions) Act, 1924.	
(4) Overcrowding.....	Nil.
(5) Fitness of houses.....	generally good.
(6) General action taken as regards unfit houses.	
(7) Unsanitary notices complied with.....	Nil.
(8) Byelaws (Tents Vans Sheds &c.) allowed by the Ministry of Health 19th. July. 1924..	
Legal proceedings taken and convictions recorded.....	3.
Housing Statistics for the year. 1925.	
No of new houses erected.....	227.
State assistance.....	Nil.
By the local authority.....	23.
By other persons.....	204.
Unfit dwelling houses.....	
Total number of dwelling houses inspected.....	134.
Number of dwelling houses found unfit for habitation.....	1.
Number of houses not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	4.
Remedy of defects without service of notices.....	18.
Proceedings under Sec. 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.	
No. of dwelling houses notices served.....	3.
" " " rendered fit by owner.....	2.
Proceedings under Sect. 11-14-15 Housing Act, 1925.	
No. of houses in respect of which Clinging orders were made.....	1.
No of houses in respect of which clanging orders were recorded by Council.....	1.
Demolition orders.....	Nil.
Adopted Acts.	

Part 3 of the Public Health Act, 1890 adopted 20th. Aug. 1897.
 Sec. 92 of the Public Health Act. (Amendment Act. 1907 in the parish of Rottingdean adopted 1st. Aug. 1910.
 Private Street Works Act, 1892 except so far as the same relates to the scavenging of streets in force in the parish of Rottingdean adopted. 10th. July. 1911.
 Sec. 82 and 83. of the Public Health Act. (Amendment Act.) 1907 in force in Rottingdean adopted 11th. August. 1920.

Byelaws approved.

Building. 12th. June. 1908.

Revised. 3rd. April. 1924.

Byelaws in respect to tents vans sheds &c, cleansing of footways and pavements, removal of house refuse from any premises.

3.
adopted 19th. July. 1924.

Inspection and supervision of food.

There are 42 cowkeepers in the district, and I find there are several of the cowbells requiring attention to bring them up to the standard required by the recent Acts, and these are receiving attention.

No. of retailers of milk..... 15.

Cattle are dealt with by the Police up to the present time my services have not been required.

Heat. There are two slaughter houses in the District.

Rottingdean. 1.

Denton. 1.

Due notices are received of slaughtering and visits made.

Slaughter houses in use.

	1920.	Jan'y. 1925.	Decr. 1925.
Licensed.	1.	1.	2.

Bakchouses.

There are six bakchouses in the District. 1 below ground, which are periodically inspected and are well kept and clean.

Prevalence of and control over infectious disease generally.

During the past five years there has not been an epidemic of any infectious disease.

The cases notified have been in the majority isolated ones.

Regarding control. upon receipt of notification the cases are visited and if deemed necessary removed to the Brighton Sanatorium or isolated at home.

The premises are disinfected by the Sanitary Inspector" He. Dougalls "vap lamps"

In cases of diphtheria prompt use of anti-toxin is made by order of the Medical Officer of Health.

The number of water certificates issued during the past five years..... 432.

It should be noted however that certificates were held up for a period at Peacehaven.

Certificates issued in 1925..... 141.

The number of infectious diseases during the past five

years.....

Scarlet Fever..... 33.

Diphtheria (Warren Farm schools).... 11.

Enteric Fever..... 5.

Consumption. T. B..... 11.

(sd) A. Courtney Grew.

Sanitary Inspector.

Peacehaven Rural District Council.

15/5/25.

