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DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MEDICAL OFFICERS'
ANNUAL REPORT.

for the

Year Ended 31st December
1943.

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NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year Ended
31st December, 1943.

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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Nidderdale
Rural District Council.

My Lord, Lady and Gentlemen,,

We have pleasure in submitting for your
consideration our Annual Report for the year 1943.

The Ministry of Health ask only for a short
interim report as in the previous three years, reserving statistics of
Sanitary Matters until a later date.

Your obedient Servants,

J.M. BENSON.

W.J. FORBES.

July, 1944.

NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health.	(J.M. Benson, M.B., B.Ch., Edin. (W.J. Forbes, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (J.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Food Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	75,004.
Registrar General's Estimated Resident Population..	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,540.
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1943)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,675.
Rateable Value.	...	...	...	...	...	...	£61,815.
Sum represented by a penny rate..	...	...	...	...	...	...	£253.0.10d.
Social Conditions:- Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants							
Total. M. F.							
Live Births. (Legitimate.	176.	86.	90.	} Total...	...	188.	
(Illegitimate.	12.	8.	4.				
Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.	...	...	...	...	...	15.	
Total. M. F.							
Still Births. (Legitimate.	7.	3.	4.	} Total...	...	7.	
(Illegitimate.	-	-	-				
Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.	...	...	...	...	...	15.	
Deaths: Males 65. Females 87...	...	...	...	...	...	152.	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	...	...	...	...	...	12.	
Death Rate from puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis.	...	...	...	...	...	0.07.	
Death Rate from other Maternal Causes..	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	
Puerperal Death Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births...	...	...	...	...	...	5.	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-							
All Infants per 1,000 live Births	...	...	...	...	...	35.	
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live Births...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	21.	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	...	...	...	...	...	1.	

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year requiring comment.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

WESTER DIVISION.

Water Supply.

There is no material change in the position regarding the water supply. This has been satisfactory in quality, but there is a general shortage from private wells.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies have been as frequent as the depleted staff could manage. The majority of the Buildings are good but shortage of labour and extra farm work tends to cause neglect in keeping premises up to a good clean standard.

A dysentery epidemic traced to milk from a dairy farm was satisfactorily dealt with and the animal affected was removed from the farm for research work. The milk during the period was pasturized, and in a short time cases cleared up with no repeat cases.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Now sewers are required in a number of the Parishes such as Arkendale, Brearton, Scotton, Burton Leonard, Coneythorpe, Kettlesing and South Stainley.

Public Cleansing.

Scavenging is in operation in 6 parishes. The Parishes scavenged are:- Flaxby, Pollifoot, Hampsthwaite, Killinghall, Pannal and Scriven, and is required in the remaining parishes as soon as conditions permit.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

Several camping grounds and sheds have been licensed. These are in a satisfactory condition.

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EASTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply.

Nearly the whole of the area is supplied with softened water from a bore-hole at Grafton and only a few Parishes remain to be supplied.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

Conditions in general are satisfactory, structural improvement is required in a few cases.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There have been no extensions during the year, many parishes are in need of proper sewerage schemes.

Public Cleansing.

Complete scavenging is carried out at Boroughbridge and Roecliffe. Monthly collection of Salvage is made in the other Parishes.

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WHOLE DISTRICT.

Housing.

There is a shortage of housing accommodation for Rural Workers.

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Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

There were 44 cases of Scarlet Fever; 31 Whooping Cough; 5 Diphtheria; 143 Measles; 2 Erysipelas; 4 Pneumonia and 1 Puerperal Pyrexia notified.

Diphtheria immunisation has been carried out in the whole area. Many Schools are 100% and in many areas all children between one year and five have been done.

Tuberculosis.

Eight cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. Only one death from Tuberculosis was recorded.

Principal Causes of Death at all Age

Heart Disease	48.
Cancer	24.
Apoplexy...	...	14.
Pneumonia..	...	3.

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