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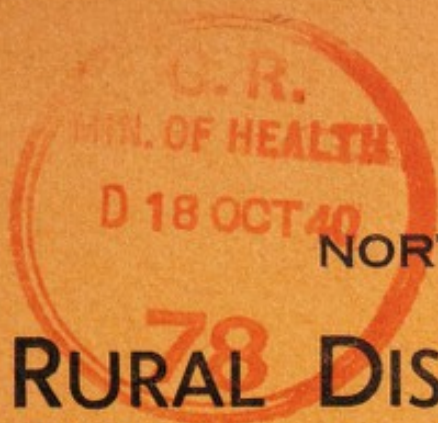
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# Annual Reports

BY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

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## MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1939.

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JUNE, 1940

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

Introductory remarks on the work of the Council during the past year will prove to be more or less a repetition of observations relating to the previous year, 1938.

The Council and the various Committees have again been much occupied with schemes for the satisfactory drainage and treatment of sewage from the Township of Romanby: The provision of a piped supply of pure water for at least most of your area at present depending upon wells, many of which are surface wells dangerously situated, and most of them unsatisfactorily protected against surface contamination and leakage from defective drains. The provision of additional Isolation Hospital accommodation owing to the influx of a large number of children evacuated from towns in more dangerous areas—8,500, and organising the various services connected with A.R.P. during the late

months of the year. Owing to the fact that we had no paid Billetting Officer the burdensome and difficult duty of finding accommodation and supervising evacuees has fallen upon Councillors, Officials, and a few energetic voluntary workers whose services have been most praiseworthy. We had no paid billeting Officer, and no paid Casualty Officer.

There have been no noteworthy conditions prejudicial to the health of the Area. A considerable amount of unemployment continues especially amongst factory hands in consequence of difficulty in obtaining materials for weavers. No cases of obvious undernutrition have been observed. No serious outbreak of infectious disease occurred.

## SECTION A.

### STATISTICS.

#### Population and outstanding Loans.

Population estimated to the middle of 1938 (R.G.)	..	7,818
Population estimated to the middle of 1938 (Ours)	..	8,039
Population 1931. Males 3,740, Females, 3,943	..	7,683
Number of inhabited houses, 1931 .. ..	..	1,925
"      "      "      1938 .. ..	..	2,275
Average number of persons per household 1931	..	3.99
Area of district in acres .. ..	..	63,512
Density of Population .. ..	7.90 acres per person.	
Rateable Value of District .. ..	£28,766 0s. 0d.	
Population : Census 1891 shewed a decrease of 722 : Census 1901 an increase of 111 : Census 1911 a further increase of 164 : Census 1921 a decrease of 110 : and Census 1931 an increase of 49.		

From Census 1931 to end of 1939, 229 new houses were erected.

There are 12 empty houses.

Sum represented by 1d. rate.—£70 6s. 6d. to March 31st, 1939.



**Outstanding Loans** at March 31st, 1939, amount to £12,844 9s. 9d. of which £7,682 13s. 4d. is for Housing. The remaining indebtedness, £5,161 16s. 5d., is for general purposes, details of which are as follows :—

			Sewerage.			Water.			Hospital.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Romanby	..	..	525	5	5	352	11	1	—		
Nether Silton	..	..		—		43	12	5	—		
Osmotherley	..	..	3,863	19	11	211	7	7	—		
Hospital	..	..		—			—		165	0	0
			<hr/>			<hr/>			<hr/>		
			£4,389	5	4	£607	11	1	£165	0	0

Total .. £5,161 16s. 5d.

1940.

**Extracts from vital Statistics, and comparisons.**

Population at Census 1931	..	..	..	..	7,683
Estimated to middle of 1939 (R.G)	..	..	..	..	7,818
„ „ „ (our estimate)	..	..	..	..	8,039

						Rate per 1,000 of	
			M.	F.	Total.	population.	
Births	..	..	55	53	108	14·71	
Still Births	..	..	2	—	2		
			<hr/>				
Deaths	..	..	40	41	81	=	10·36

						Rate per 1,000	
			M.	F.	Total.	children born.	
Deaths of Infants under							
one year	..	..	2	1	3	=	27·77

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth—

From sepsis	..	..	Nil.
„ other causes	..	..	Nil.

Birth Rate is—14·71, as compared with 13·86 for 1938. The Birth Rate for the whole of England and Wales for 1939 was 15·00.

It should be recognised that the Birth Rate for your Area is normally below the average for the whole of England and Wales, owing to the larger proportion of elderly and aged persons in a purely rural district such as ours as compared with towns and industrial areas to which in normal times the larger proportion of our younger people migrate.

Your Death Rate for the past year was 10·36 as compared with 12·9 for the previous year. The Death Rate for the whole of England and Wales for last year was 12·1.

One death was due to Scarlet Fever and one to Influenza, none to Typhoid Fever, Measles, Infantile Diarrhoea, Diphtheria or Meningitis.

2 deaths were due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis, as compared with 2 from tuberculosis during the previous year. 10 to Cancer compared with 14 for 1938. 14 to Heart Disease compared with 21 for 1938. 9 to Pneumonia compared with 7 for 1938.

Infant Mortality is 3 compared with 3 for the previous year and 6 for 1937, equal to a rate of 27·77 per 1,000 children born. Infant Mortality Rate for the whole of England and Wales for last year was 50 per 1,000 live births.

The number of illegitimates was 3 as compared with 4 for the previous year and 11 for 1937.

#### **Physical Features and General Character of District.**

As described in Survey Report for 1930.

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**Sickness and Invalidity.** There have not been any causes of sickness or invalidity specially noteworthy in the area during the year under review except the incidence of infectious diseases referred to below. No conditions of occupation or environment appear to have had a prejudicial effect upon health ; there is no evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has here exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults. There is still some unemployment amongst female factory hands owing to shortage of materials.



## SECTION B.

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

**Laboratory Facilities.** Unchanged except for temporary new addresses.

**Ambulance Facilities.** An Ambulance is reserved for infectious cases occurring within the group of Districts served by the Isolation Hospital. This Ambulance was taken over from Thirsk R.D.C. Nurses and patients complain that it is uncomfortable, especially on long journeys.—It is not heated and the springing is very poor. An Ambulance owned by the local Hospital Association is reserved for non-infectious cases. An old Ambulance is also, for the present, available.

**District Nursing Associations.** There are now six fully trained Nurses, all of them Certified Midwives serving various groups of parishes within your area. The whole of your district is now served in this respect. Your Council contributes £15 to the local Associations.

It is much to be regretted that every household in the district does not subscribe to its district nursing association—many never think of this till the services of a trained nurse are urgently required. Other help in case of sickness is most difficult to find, very few capable women are willing to go out and take charge of the domestic side of a household when the mother is incapacitated. Some of the local associations are in chronic difficulty owing to inadequate support—at least one important association is in debt and contemplating giving up the very uphill task.

The local Hospital Association does invaluable service here—for an annual subscription of 5/- the Association defrays the cost of hospital charges and ambulance services for the subscribing person. Here we have to record with deep regret the death of Mr. Andrew Blythe who was an effective and successful collector for the funds of the Association.

## SECTION C.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### Water Supplies.

Work on the proposed piped water supply to the North and East of your wide district from the Hambleton Hills although greatly needed has been suspended owing to the war. Ten springs were opened and the water analysis proved to be of excellent quality from all these springs both chemically and bacteriologically.

**Morton and Ainderby Steeple.** The proposed piped water supply to these villages from the Bedale area is still under consideration owing to expert disagreement as to the size and length of the main required.



**Thrintoft.** The spring at Thrintoft was analysed and the water proved to be of good quality. The position of the spring is such however that care must be taken against pollution.

**Osmotherley.** The land above and behind the spring feeding the reservoir supplying the village was put out of cultivation and fenced against stock. This resulted in the analysis proving the water to be of a satisfactory quality. During times of drought the level of water in the reservoir is low.

**Brompton.** A 2 inch water main was extended at Water End, West Side, Brompton from the entrance to Atkinson's Farm for 100 yards towards Fulicar Lane to supply a new building site. The General supply of water from the Urban District Council is still of poor and intermittent pressure and several complaints have been received in this respect. Active work by the Urban authority to augment the supply from Osmotherley reservoir is now well in hand.

**Council Houses** erected during the year in villages without a piped supply have each been provided with a 200 gallon rain water tank e.g. :—Appleton Wiske, Danby Wiske, East Cowton, Morton-on-Swale, Great Langton, and Thrintoft. For the remainder of your area water supplies continue for the present as described in previous annual reports.

#### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

**Romanby.** The Scheme for the proposed sewage works which are to be provided on the site of the Willow Garth has been passed through all stages to the point of actual construction which is delayed owing to war conditions. The temporary settlement-lagoons were emptied and cleaned out in the spring, and at date a fairly satisfactory effluent is being discharged into Romanby Beck, the condition of which is greatly improved. Coke filters at the Cow and Gate Dairy are far from satisfactory. This is important especially in dry weather.

The sludge was disposed of by emptying on to the land, but this method is not very satisfactory. It cannot be expected that such temporary measures will continue to give a fair effluent, and the Council will proceed with the new works as soon as is possible. Romanby Beck was cleansed from the Wiske to above the Sewage works and this has prevented the water being held back as was the case previously.

Plans were passed for a layout of the site in Boroughbridge Road owned by Messrs. D. Oakley, Ltd., no work however has been commenced on sewers and drains for this site.

**Brompton.** The sewer at Water End, west side, was extended from the foot bridge 100 yards towards Fulicar Lane for the drainage of a new building site with two newly erected houses.



**Thrintoft.** Two additional subsidence tanks were erected at the village to take the sewage from the high and low ends of the village respectively.

**Morton-on-Swale.** An additional subsidence tank was constructed the effluent being carried by a 12 inch sanitary pipe for 250 yards in what was previously an open ditch.

**Appleton Wiske.** The stell carrying the sewage effluent from the village was cleaned out to prevent ponding.

### **Rivers and Streams.**

Except for items already referred to under **Drainage and Sewerage**—no change.

### **Closet Accommodation.**

Gradual improvement is taking place. Several conversions to water carriage have been carried out in Brompton and Osmotherley.

### **Public Cleansing.**

Sixteen, including the larger villages, now have the benefit of systematic scavenging. Welbury and Yafforth should also be regularly scavenged, West Rounton and Thornton-le-Beans were brought into the scheme this year; no person has yet been found to carry out the work at Welbury and Yafforth.

### **Sanitary Inspection of Area.**

In addition to inspections in consequence of complaint, work in progress and outbreaks of infectious diseases, your M.O.H. accompanies your Inspector from time to time.

### **Shops and Offices.**

All shops and workshops, bakehouse, fish shops, and slaughter houses were visited and served with handbills or posters making known a summary of the requirements under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, which requires shops which prepare or sell certain food stuffs to be registered, and owners of slaughter houses are now required to register and hold a license under the above from October 1st, 1939, and if already licensed, are allowed until February 1st, 1940, after which the licence must be held under the above act, which requires a certain standard before such licence is issued.

The closets at Pattison's Mills, Brompton, were supplied with better doors for privacy. No other action was needed in respect of butchers' shops, slaughter houses, factories, or the one bakery, which were inspected from time to time.



### **Camping Sites.**

There are no regular camping sites in your area. Several licences have been issued for caravans, etc., covering a period of twelve months and renewable if sanitary conditions are found to be good. Under such licences, the sites can be kept under supervision and control.

### **Smoke Abatement.**

No complaint, no action taken or needed.

### **Swimming Baths and Pools.**

None within the area. As already reported, bathing pools are very desirable.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

There are no known infestations by bugs in your area. There have been two cases of fumigation for fleas during the year, both cases being entirely freed of the pest.

### **Methods employed for ensuring that the belongings of Tenants are free from Vermin before removal to Council Houses.**

The houses of prospective tenants are inspected after receipt of their application for a Council house. There have been no cases requiring to be dealt with for vermin.

### **Schools.**

The sanitary conditions of schools and their out-offices continue as already described with the exception that Osmotherley Council School closets are now converted to the water carriage system. Others will be converted as soon as a water supply is available. Danby Wiske and East Harlsey schools were fumigated and cleaned during the year, after outbreaks of sore throat and diphtheria.

## **SECTION D.**

### **Housing.**

The erection of 28 working class houses have been completed under the Housing Acts at the following villages:—Brompton 12; Danby Wiske 2; Appleton Wiske 2; East Cowton 2; Great Langton 2; Osmotherley 4; Thrintoft 2. 4 of the above at Brompton are of the 4 bedroom type for larger families to relieve overcrowding.

During the year the following general progress has been made :—

45 Houses have been built by private enterprise.

4 Cottages have been reconditioned by owners, privately.

10 Cottages have been reconditioned with the aid of grants by the County Council under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926.

3 Cottages are at present in course of reconditioning under the 1926 Act.

2 Plans for the reconditioning of cottages have been approved but upon which work has not yet begun.

11 Other cottage owners are now considering application for the County Council grant-in-aid.

There are no available unoccupied habitable working-class houses in your area.—There is a shortage of materials for building and repair work owing to restrictions due to the war.

#### **Inspections made under the Housing Act, 1936.**

7 Inspections were made and conditions found recorded. Work in connection with Inspections is recorded in your Inspector's report which refers, together with other particulars, to 5 signed undertakings to effect necessary repairs.

#### **Housing Statistics.**

##### **1. Inspection of Dwellings during the year 1939 :—**

(1) (a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	7
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	10
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925)	..	7
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	..	10
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.. .. .	2
(4) Number of dwellings (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.. ..	5

##### **2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices :—**

Number of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	110
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### 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 during the year .. .. . | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—      |     |
| (a) By owners .. .. .   | 51  |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..  | Nil |

#### B. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. | 2   |
| (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 owner ..   | Nil |

#### C. Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made .. .. . | Nil |
| (2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .             | Nil |

#### D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect 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 |

#### Premises and occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations :—

- 2 Linen Factories at Brompton.
- 1 Bleach Works at Osmotherley.
- 1 Milk Depot at Romanby.
- 1 Bakery.
- 6 Slaughter Houses and Butchers' Shops.
- 12 Blacksmiths and 17 Joiners Shops.

These premises and occupations continue as described in previous reports.

There are no underground sleeping rooms, no common lodging houses, and no obnoxious trades.



**Rag Flock Act, 1928.** There are no premises within your area where Rag Flock is manufactured or sold.

### **Nutrition.**

Beyond information given in lectures on home nursing and at Child Welfare Clinics no steps have been taken to increase the knowledge of the public on this subject. A knowledge of correct infant feeding, is however, much more general than some years ago, and this is obvious from the marked reduction in infantile sickness as seen in general medical practice.

## **SECTION E.**

### **Inspection and Supervision of Food.**

**Milk.** There are 534 cow keepers on your register. There are also 10 "Accredited" milk producers, 3 of which are both producers and bottlers, and 7 "Tuberculin" tested milk producers, 1 of which is producer and bottler. These latter classes are licensed by the County Council.

A large volume of milk produced in your district is dealt with by Dried Milk Products, Ltd., at their Dairy, Romanby Road, all of which in the form of whole milk, dried or condensed milk, has been pasteurised. Samples of milk are frequently taken by Sanitary Officials at the place of destination and submitted to Bacteriological examination. During the past year we have received only 2 complaints of unsatisfactory milk produced in your area. Milking herds are inspected by the Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture. The number of animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order during the year was 19.

### **Meat and other Foods.**

Butchers' shops and vans are inspected from time to time. No unsound meat was found. Care is taken to protect meat from dust and flies. The slaughtering of animals for food is now centralised under the Government scheme of rationing, animals for the use of your district being slaughtered in the Northallerton Urban District Central Slaughterhouse. Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, which came into force on October 1st, 1939, all shops retailing for sale, or preparing for sale, preserved foods are to be registered with the Council. Slaughter houses are to be more strictly controlled under the same Act.

Chemical and Bacteriological examination of food. None called for during the year. When needful, samples would be submitted to the County Council Bacteriological Laboratory at Scarborough or to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at present at Barnard Castle School.



I am indebted to E. F. Hardwicke, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, for the following information concerning official inspection of herds, and animals slaughtered on account of disease; and to Chas. Manging, Esq., Deputy Chief Constable, for his Nil return relating to Anthrax within your area for 1939.

**Report by E. F. Hardwick, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.**

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries,  
Animal Health Division,  
Zetland Street,  
Northallerton,  
22nd February, 1940.

Dear Sir,

**TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1938.**

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, the following is a summary of the information you require:—

Animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order during 1939:—

Cows in milk	..	..	..	18
Other cows	..	..	..	1
Other bovines	..	..	..	Nil

Condition of the above animals found on Post-mortem:—

Tuberculosis of the udder	..	..	7
Tuberculosis with chronic cough	..	..	12
Tuberculosis emaciation	..	..	Nil

**MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.**

Number of animals inspected—3,113.

Yours faithfully,

E. F. HARDWICKE,

Divisional Inspector.

**Report by Chas. Manging, Esq., Deputy Chief Constable.**

Chief Constable's Office,  
Northallerton,

21st February, 1940.

Dear Sir,

**ANTHRAX.**

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and have to inform you that no cases of Anthrax occurred in the Northallerton Rural District during the year 1939.

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. MANGING,

Deputy Chief Constable.

## SECTION F.

## Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

During the year 45 notifications of acute infectious disease were received (compared with 58 during the preceding year).

Of this total 24 were Scarlet Fevers, 11 Diphtherias, and 1 malaria—contracted abroad. In addition there were 9 pneumonias. All the Diphtherias and 21 Scarlet Fevers were isolated and treated in the Fever Hospital, and all recovered. 7 Pneumonias were treated in the Rutson Hospital, and all recovered. The remainder were treated at home.

An increase in the incidence of infectious diseases was considered most probable owing to the large influx of evacuees into the areas included in our group; this however did not occur, but there were many cases of contagious conditions—Pediculosis, Scabies, Impetigo, and Ecthyma, some so severe and objectionable as to require hospital treatment. Owing to the occurrence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria together with an outbreak of sore throat 3 schools were inspected in search of unrecognised cases and possible carriers. Suspicious throats were swabbed and submitted for Bacteriological examinations with negative results. All infected households were visited and disinfected. Verbal and printed instructions and a supply of Thymo Cresol were left with those responsible for the household. Diphtheria contacts were given prophylactic injections of serum.

## Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939.

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Paratyphoid .. ..	—	—	—
Smallpox .. ..	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .. ..	24	21	—
Diphtheria .. ..	11	11	—
Puerperal Fever .. ..	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .. ..	—	—	—
Pneumonia .. ..	9	7	—
Erysipelas .. ..	—	—	—
Malaria .. ..	—	—	—
Enteric Fever .. ..	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .. ..	—	—	—
Dysentery .. ..	1	1	—
Totals .. ..	45	40	—



## Age incidence of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis).

		Under 1 year	1- 2	2- 3	3- 4	4- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	35- 45	45- 60	Over 60	All Ages
Paratyphoid ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	1	3	2	8	4	1	5	—	—	—	—	24
Pneumonia ..	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	1	—	9
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	2	—	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	11
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Anterior Polio-Myelitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Septicaemia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ..	—	1	3	5	2	12	5	6	7	3	—	1	—	45

Ophthalmia Neonatorum—Nil.



**Tuberculosis.**  
**New Cases and Mortality during 1939.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 ..	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
35 ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 ..	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55 ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	3	4	—	—	1	1	—	—

APRIL 1ST, 1939, TO MARCH 31ST, 1940.

**GROUP ISOLATION HOSPITALS**

Serving Northallerton Urban Area and the Rural Areas of Northallerton, Bedale, Thirsk and Helmsley.

**Staff.** Dr. J. A. Hutchinson, Medical Officer.

Miss M. B. Garland, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron.

1 Sister, 2 Nurses, 2 Ward Maids, 1 Laundress.

During the year under review 116 cases were dealt with as compared with 142 during the previous year.

Ten were transferred to Guisborough Isolation Hospital owing to insufficiency of means of isolating satisfactorily both sexes suffering from different diseases. This difficulty will be overcome when, with the consent of the Ministry, two huts at present serving as a play room in bad weather, and a drying room are adapted and equipped for the reception and treatment of patients.



Of the 116 cases, 29 were Diphtherias and 87 Scarlet Fevers. There were several severe cases—two died, both from Diphtheria. One Scarlet Fever developed acute mastoiditis and urgently required operation by a specialist; and two others required paracentesis for middle ear trouble. Six Diphtherias and 22 Scarlets continued to return positive swabs when they should have been due for discharge—all cleared up after tonsilectomy. In September a Conference of representatives from all Authorities within the Riding together with Medical Inspectors representing the Ministry was convened to consider what additional isolation accommodation would probably be required owing to the influx of large numbers of evacuees from densely populated and more vulnerable areas. So far as the Northallerton Group was concerned 12 additional beds were considered necessary, these to be provided in a pavilion of 12 cubicles; after "approval by the Ministry" this was negatived by the Treasury owing to the heavy expenditure involved to meet a temporary need and the alternative referred to above was adopted. The nursing and administration have been conscientiously and efficiently carried out by your matron and staff. A better Ambulance should be provided—our present vehicle is unsuitable for the transport of acute infectious patients on long journeys, especially in cold weather.

Again I have to acknowledge with much appreciation the ready help of my professional neighbours in dealing with the occurrence of infectious diseases within the Area. My thanks are also due to the Military Medical Service for notification and prompt removal for isolation of infectious cases found amongst the troops here. I much regret the resignation on reaching the age limit of our former Inspector, Mr. Easdale, whose loyalty and ever ready and efficient help will always be remembered. Fortunately he is succeeded by Mr. Needham, who is proving himself a keen and worthy successor.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. HUTCHINSON, M.O.H.



# Sanitary Inspector's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1939.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1939.

Weather conditions in January and February were fairly dry followed by very wet conditions in March and April. Flooding took place in many parts of the district, with road at Morton Bridge impassable. The latter end of the year was again a wet period with damage to crops.

There has been no serious shortage of water in any part of the district, but conditions of supply leave much to be desired, and it will be greatly to the benefit of the district if the water scheme from Nether Silton to East Cowton, via East Harlsey, Welbury, Appleton Wiske, Hornby, and great Smeaton, is not long delayed.

## Inspection of the District.

In connection with routine inspection of the district, 254 premises were visited, followed mainly by improved conditions. It will be appreciated that owing to Crisis atmosphere followed by actual state of war, duties were diverted to channels not normal.

No notices were served under the Public Health Act (Form A.).

522 Letters were written in connection with water, sewerage, scavenging, milk, housing, hospital, smoke (private dwelling), cemeteries, etc.

2 Dirty houses were cleaned up (although these could not be called insanitary cases).

30 Houses were fumigated or disinfected for infectious disease or for fleas (there are no known infestations of bugs).

60 Disinfectants supplied.

14 Old drains were relayed or partly relaid.

6 New trapped gullies were laid to replace old bell trapped gullies which had become useless.

3 Pumps were repaired.

17 Samples of water taken for analysis.

4 Samples of water taken for examination.

2 Wells cleaned out.

6 Sewers opened out and cleared.

**Housing Statistics**—(ending 31st December, 1939).

These are set out in detail in the Medical Officer's Report (page 9).

Inspections under the Housing Acts are as follows :—

- 7 Houses were inspected for defects and card records kept.
  - 43 Preliminary Notices were served.
  - 161 Houses were repaired during the year.
  - 43 Houses are being repaired.
  - 33 Houses are in the builders hands not yet started.
  - 11 Houses in respect of which the owners are applying for the County Grant under the Rural Workers Act.
  - 1 Application for New House for which assistance will be granted.
  - 19 Houses in respect of which nothing has been done since the serving of notices. These cases are covered by sickness of Tenant or Owner, or in process of changing ownership.
- No demolition orders were made, and no undertakings to close or repair were given.

**HOUSING.**

- 43 Plans were submitted to the Council during the year.

**New Houses Completed.**

- 28 Council houses were completed :—12 Brompton, 4 Osmotherley, 2 Appleton Wiske, 2 East Cowton, 2 Danby Wiske, 2 Great Langton, 2 Thrintoft, 2 Morton-on-Swale.
- 2 Mr. Salmon, Lees Lane, Romanby.
- 2 T. & J. Willoughby, The Green, Romanby.
- 2 T. Willoughby, Boroughbridge Road, Romanby.
- 4 W. Herbert, Thirsk Road, Romanby.
- 4 A. Smith, Hambleton Avenue, Romanby.
- 1 T. Thwaites, Brompton Road, Brompton.
- 1 T. Thwaites, Water End (Fullicar Lane), Brompton.
- 1 J. O'Malley, Black Bridge Farm, Danby Wiske.

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In addition to the above a new Women's Institute was built at Romanby, and extensions built to the County Hall, and Milk Store at the Dairy, Romanby.



**Reconditioned Houses.**

- 2 Cottages at East Harlsey (Mrs. Constantine).
- 3 On site of Old Mill, Brompton (Messrs. Sherwood Bros.).
- 4 Hornby (2) (Messrs Thompson Bros.); Hornby (2) (Mrs. Walker).
- 1 Kirby Sigston Rectory (Major Parrington).
- 1 Hind's Cottage, Landmoth (Mr. H. Wilkinson).
- 1 Appleton Wiske (Mr. Thomas).
- 1 Appleton Wiske (Miss Todd).

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13**Garages.**

- 1 Yafforth Road (Mr. R. Atkinson).
- 1 Thirsk Road, Romanby (Mr. Herbert).
- 1 Romanby (Mr. Nicholson).
- 1 Hambleton Avenue, Romanby.
- 1 South Parade, Romanby (County Garages).

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5**Green Houses.**

- 1 Thirsk Road, Romanby (Mr. Saynor).

**WATER SUPPLIES.****Brompton.**

The quantity of water registered at the Urban Council boundary was for each quarter :—

March	..	..	1,413,000
June	..	..	1,552,000
September	..	..	1,346,000
December	..	..	1,007,000

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5,318,000 Gallons.

Deducting quantities used by those consumers metered :—

Messrs. Pattison's Mills	..	..	275,000
Messrs. Wilford's Mills	..	..	30,000
Mr. W. G. Gibson (Barnfield House)	..	..	31,000
Mr. A. G. Lodge (The Lodge)	..	..	14,000
Mr. R. Oliver (Hylton Grange)	..	..	21,000
Mrs. Williamson (The Close)	..	..	73,000
Mr. J. Todd (Mill Hill)	..	..	58,000
Mrs. Hy. Yeoman (The Green)	..	..	34,000
Messrs. Winn (Lead Lane)	..	..	107,000
Mr. W. Lancaster (Water End)	..	..	40,000
Mr. T. Ewbank (Water End)	..	..	1,700
Miss Yeoman (In Park)	..	..	300

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leaves 4,733,000 gallons for those not under meter, about 12,967 per day, which, taken at 1,200 represents about 10 gallons per head per day.

The Urban District of Northallerton Council have laid a 9 inch pipe from the Bullamoor reservoir, and intend to duplicate the pipe line to the reservoir, which will, when complete, allow Brompton supply a much better pressure than at present, and which is much needed.

The Oak Tree Hill pump was repaired.

### Osmotherley.

The land above the reservoir supplying the village was put out of cultivation and fenced against stock, with a much improved result in the quality of the water.

The quantity of water flowing into the reservoir measured by meter was—Minimum 19,000 ; Maximum 65,600 ; Average 32,826 gallons per day for 3 months from August 9th to November 10th.

### Romanby.

The water meter reading at Romanby Gates was :—

December, 1939	..	..	16,379,400
December, 1938	..	..	10,613,750
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			6,765,650 gallons.

The quantities for each quarter were :—

March, 1939	..	..	1,140,460
June, 1939	..	..	1,578,803
September, 1939	..	..	1,581,987
December, 1939	..	..	1,464,500
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			5,765,750

Deducting the quantities of water used by those consumers metered: —

Mr. J. Todd (Harewood Lane Field)	..	6,000
Mr. A. W. Watts (Harewood Lane Buildings)	..	10,000
Mr. M. Eden (Lees Lane Buildings)	..	27,000
Romanby School	..	8,000
Mr. Nelson (Hutton-Squires Field)	..	4,000
Romanby Grange	..	40,000
Otterington House	..	67,000
Ainderby Gardens	..	3,000
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		165,000

leaves 5,600,750 gallons for those consumers not metered.



There are 259 houses in addition to the above taking water through the Romanby Gates Meter, with approximately 830 consumers, which represents a daily consumption of 19 gallons per head or 15,372 per day.

The County Council extended the 3 inch water main laid by Mr. A. Smith from Farndale Avenue to the New County Council Depot on Boroughbridge Road. This supply is metered.

A supply was given to Mr. Lambert's fields adjoining the beck.

4 modern screw down fire hydrants were fitted at the Green, Ainderby Road, Boroughbridge Road, and Farndale Avenue.

The village Green pump was reboxed and the railings repaired.

### **West Rounton.**

The quantity of water registered by the Main Meter for the year was :—

December, 1939	..	..	590,731
December, 1938	..	..	857,810
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			267,079

Water is now laid on to 21 houses and there are two stand pipes for the use of 28 houses and Rectory.

The Pillar Fountain damaged by an unknown lorry was repaired.

### **Thrintoft.**

The village supply was analysed and found to be of good quality for all domestic purposes.

Bramper Farm was provided with a bore hole 160 feet deep, a 2 h.p. engine lifting the water supply to the house with bath and W.C. and to drinking bowls in cow-sheds.

### **Nether Silton.**

The village is supplied by reservoir and pipes with a good and plentiful supply.

Water from 11 springs on the moor was analysed and with the exception of one, was found to be of excellent quality. It is proposed to use this supply for the Eastern Supply Scheme.

**Little Langton.**

Water from the well at Sweden Sykes Farm was examined and found to be polluted with surface water. The well was cleaned out and lined, and the top secured against the entry of surface water.

**East Cowton.**

The well at Bowl Turners Farm was sealed at the top against surface water, and the pump box made good.

**Great Langton.**

The spring in the wood was reboxed and lid fitted.

**SCHOOLS.**

These remain at 16 in number. A Central School is being built on Brompton Road, Northallerton, which the children in the Rural District will attend.

**MILK.**

There are 534 cowkeepers on your register and also 10 "Accredited" and 7 "Tuberculin Tested" milk producers licensed by the County Council in your area.

- 2 New byres were built.
- 2 Concrete floors laid to existing byres.
- 2 Complaints of dirty milk which were corrected after inspection.

**BUTCHERS' SHOPS.**

As last year.

**SLAUGHTER HOUSES.**

As last year. These are however not now used owing to the centralisation of slaughtering due to War Regulations.

**WORKSHOPS.**

- There are
- 12 Blacksmiths' shops,
  - 20 Joiners' shops,
  - 3 Shoe repairers,
  - 3 Fried Fish shops.

There are 38 small village shops, and 2 Co-operative stores, 37 Inns (or Hotels), 2 Catering establishments, 1 Hostel.

**SCAVENGING.**

16 Villages now have the services of a paid scavenger, but it is unfortunate that we have not been able to secure the same service to the villages of Welbury and Yafforth.



The following are the tenders approved by the Council:—

			1938			1939		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ainderby Steeple	..	..	26	0	0	26	0	0
Appleton Wiske	..	..	20	0	0	22	0	0
Borrowby	..	..	27	0	0	30	0	0
Brompton	..	..	82	0	0	84	0	0
Danby Wiske	..	..	13	10	0	13	10	0
East Cowton	..	..	26	0	0	26	0	0
East Harlsey	..	..	18	0	0	20	0	0
Great Langton	..	..	6	0	0	6	0	0
Great Smeaton	..	..	19	0	0	18	0	0
Hornby	..	..	10	0	0	10	0	0
Morton-on-Swale	..	..	15	12	0	17	0	0
Osmotherley	..	..	36	0	0	36	0	0
Romanby	..	..	96	0	0	97	0	0
Thrintoft	..	..	10	0	0	11	0	0
Thornton-le-Beans	..	..	—			12	0	0
West Rounton	..	..	—			10	0	0

Arrangements for tipping rubbish for Brompton, Romanby, Yafforth, and Osmotherley are the same as for last year.

Yafforth Road Tip has been cleaned up of loose paper from time to time.

Osmotherley tip gate had the padlock removed to encourage the carrying of rubbish into the tip and away from the immediate entrance.

### BURIAL GROUNDS.

The gates at Osmotherley Cemetery were removed and new ones provided. The Council sanctioned the provision of two new paths to separate portions of the ground to be reserved for Roman Catholics, the remaining portion to be consecrated.

### MORTUARY.

During the year the Council's Mortuary at the Rutson Hospital was used on 6 occasions, three being for post mortem only, the remainder for victims of road accidents.

### REVOLVING SHELTERS.

As last year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. V. NEEDHAM.

Sanitary Inspector.









