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OF THE

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OF

HEALTH.

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Including Details of Work done by the Sanitary Inspector for the District of Oswaldtwistle, for the year ending 31st. December,

1945.

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Report on the Cleansing Services for the Year, April 1st. 1945  
to March 31st. 1946.

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Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
Oswaldtwistle,

August 1946.

To The Chairman and Members of the  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF OSWALDTWISTLE.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my interim Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of Oswaldtwistle, for the year ending December 31st. 1945.

The various rates in this report are based upon the Registrar General's estimate of the population for the mid-year 1945.

The live birth rate is lower being 14.5 per 1,000 and is a decrease of 1.3 on 1944, and still compares unfavourably with the rate for England and Wales (16.1 per 1,000)

The death rate is higher than last year, being 15.7. The death rate in 1944 was 14.5. It is higher than the death rate for the whole country, which was 11.4.

The infantile mortality rate was higher than last year, being 58 per 1,000 live births. This is an increase of 26 over last year, when the figure was 32 per 1,000 live births. The figure for England and Wales is 46 per 1,000 live births.

The death rate from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System is lower than last year, being 0.51 as against 0.68 of last year. This is a decrease of 0.17.

The death rate for Cancer was 2.13 as against 1.97 last year, being an increase of 0.16.

Diphtheria Immunisation has been continued during the year, and the percentage of children now immunised is; below 5 years of age, 32.99%, and between 5 and 15 years of age, 60.72%.

The essential work of the Health Department has been fully maintained despite the many setbacks.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector and the Clerk of the Health Department for their help during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committee, together with the Clerk of the Council, and all other officials for their valuable assistance.

I am,

Mesdames and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK W. PARE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A.STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Area in Acres .. .. .   | 4,885   |
| Population (Census 1931) .. .. .  | 14,221  |
| Population (Estimated mid 1945) .. .. .                                       | 11,720  |
| Number of inhabited houses (according to<br>Rate Book at end of 1945) .. .. . | 4,202   |
| Rateable Value.. .. .   | £63,858 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .                                       | £253    |

Social Conditions and Chief Industries in the Area

The occupations on the inhabitants of the township remain similar to last year, namely Cotton, Spinning and Weaving, Bleaching and Finishing, together with Chemical manufacturing. There has been some variation of the occupations of the people, due to the war and the return of servicemen to civilian trades.

The population according to the Census of:-

|          |       |          |        |
|----------|-------|----------|--------|
| 1801 was | 2,710 | 1871 was | 10,202 |
| 1811     | 3,512 | 1881     | 12,206 |
| 1821     | 4,960 | 1891     | 13,296 |
| 1831     | 5,897 | 1901     | 14,192 |
| 1841     | 6,643 | 1911     | 15,714 |
| 1851     | 7,654 | 1921     | 15,125 |
| 1861     | 9,246 | 1931     | 14,221 |

## Houses inhabited

|      |   |       |
|------|---|-------|
| 1891 | " | 2,753 |
| 1901 | " | 3,067 |
| 1911 | " | 3,554 |
| 1921 | " | 3,724 |
| 1931 | " | 3,859 |

## Houses uninhabited.

|      |   |     |
|------|---|-----|
| 1891 | " | 516 |
| 1901 | " | 297 |
| 1911 | " | 94  |
| 1921 | " | 40  |
| 1931 | " | 47. |

There has been no specially noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor does there appear to be any conditions of occupations or environment which has been prejudicial to health.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

|  | Total | M. | F.  |  |
|--|-------|----|-----|--|
| Live ) Legitimate Births                                 | 161   | 86 | 75  | Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.      |
| ) Illegitimate   | 10    | 6  | 4   |  |
|  | 171   | 92 | 79  | 14.5   |
| <hr/>  |       |    |     |  |
| Still Births.  | 4     | 1  | 3   | Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births 22          |
| Deaths.  | 185   | 84 | 101 | Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 15.7        |
| Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis                             |       |    | 1   | Death rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births. 5.71 |
| "    "    Other maternal Causes.                         |       |    | 1   | 5.71   |
| Death Rate of infants under one year of age:-            |       |    |     |  |
| All infants per 1,000 live births.                       |       |    |     | 58   |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.     |       |    |     | 62   |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. |       |    |     | 0  |
| Deaths from Cancer (All ages)                            |       | .. | ..  | .. 25  |
| "    Measles (All ages)                                  |       | .. | ..  | .. 0   |
| "    Whooping Cough (All ages)                           |       | .. | ..  | .. 0   |
| "    Diarrhoea (Under 2 years of age)                    |       | .. | ..  | .. 0   |



BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.

| Rate per 1,000 population  | Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population. |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            | Rate per 1,000 live births. |
|--|---|----------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Live Still Births.   | All causes                              | Enteric Fever        | Smallpox | Measles              | Scarlet Fever | Whooping Cough          | Diphtheria | Influenza           | Diarrhoea & Enteritis under 2 yrs. | Total deaths under 1 year. |                             |
| England & Wales  | 11.4                                    | 0.00                 | -        | 0.02                 | 0.00          | 0.02                    | 0.02       | 0.08                | 5.6                                | 46                         |                             |
| 126 County Boroughs and Gt. Towns including London.                                | 13.5                                    | 0.00                 | -        | 0.02                 | 0.00          | 0.02                    | 0.02       | 0.07                | 7.8                                | 54                         |                             |
| 19.1 0.58  |   |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            |                             |
| 148 Smaller Towns (Estimated) resident population at Census 1931. 25,000 to 50,000 | 12.3                                    | 0.00                 | -        | 0.02                 | 0.00          | 0.01                    | 0.02       | 0.07                | 4.5                                | 43                         |                             |
| 19.2 0.53  |   |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            |                             |
| London   | 13.8                                    | 0.00                 | -        | 0.01                 | 0.00          | 0.02                    | 0.01       | 0.07                | 7.6                                | 53                         |                             |
| 15.7 0.40  |   |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            |                             |
| OSWALDTWISTLE  | 15.7                                    | 0.00                 | -        | 0.00                 | 0.00          | 0.00                    | 0.00       | 0.25                | 0.0                                | 58                         |                             |
| 14.5 0.34  |   |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            |                             |
| (Per 1,000 births)   |   | Abortion with sepsis | 0.25     | Abortion with sepsis | 0.08          | Abortion without sepsis | 0.00       | Puerperal Infection | 0.24                               | Others.                    | 1.22                        |
| The maternal mortality rates for England & Wales                                   |   |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     |                                    |                            |                             |
| OSWALDTWISTLE.   | 5.71                                    |                      |          |                      |               |                         |            |                     | 0.00                               | 5.71                       |                             |

S E C T I O N . BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA  
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health. Frank W. Pare, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
Part Time officer. Salary  
contributed to.

Sanitary Inspector. C. Mayor, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.,  
Certified Inspector of Meat & Other  
Foods. Whole Time Officer.  
Salary Contributed to.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and at the Broughton Laboratory, Manchester, with the exception of sputum examination for Tuberculosis, these being examined at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, Accrington.

Number of specimens examined in 1945:-

|                 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Throat swabs .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 |
| Sputum .        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |
| Water ..        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 |

Regarding the sputum specimens, 27 were negative and none were positive.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Infectious Diseases.- Motor Ambulance, by agreement with Darwen Borough.
- (b) For non-infectious diseases- Motor Ambulance. Owned by Council.

The Motor Ambulance used for non infectious disease cases has been in commission sixteen years, and the acquisition of a new vehicle this year is contemplated.

Professional Nursing in the Home

(a) GENERAL NURSING - Carried out by the two District Nurses under the District Nursing Association. Midwifery is not undertaken by the Association.

(b) FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES - The nursing of such cases as measles, pneumonia, puerperal sepsis, and ophthalmia neonatorum is carried out by the District Nurses. The Council subscribe to the Association.

HOSPITALS.

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| (1) Tuberculosis | Provided by the County Council.  |
| (2) Maternity    | None   |
| (3) Children     | None   |
| (4) Fever        | Cases are sent to Darwen Fever Hospital when difficulty in isolation at home arises. It is sometimes necessary when the above hospital is full, to send such cases to Burnley or Bury. |
| (5) Smallpox.    | Elm Tree Hospital, Oswaldtwistle, owned by the Council, 50 beds are available. (This is now scheduled as unsuitable).  |

MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

Midwives.

There are two midwives on the Register residing in the township, and two or three others from neighbouring districts. No midwives are employed or subsidised by this Health Authority. There are no Nursing or Maternity Homes in the township.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children - No special provision.

The Public Assistance Institution is situated in the County Borough of Blackburn.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

| Situation.   | Accommodation. | By whom provided  |
|--|----------------|---|
| Chief Centre.<br>Barnfield,<br>Union Road,<br>OSWALDTWISTLE. | Amplo          | Owned by the<br>County Council.<br>Mooting and<br>Consultations<br>every Tuesday<br>afternoons. LHV<br>also attends<br>daily during week<br>to interview<br>mothers and give<br>advice. |

OTHER CLINICS.

|                       |   |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Day Nurseries         | Nono                                      |  |
| School-Clinic         | Barnfield,<br>Oswaldtwistle.              | Eye, Ear and<br>Dental & Minor<br>County Council.<br>Ailments Clinic |
| Tuberculosis          | Accrington<br>Tuberculosis<br>Dispensary. | County Council.  |
| V.D.                  | Blackburn Royal<br>Infirmary.             | Twice a week for<br>County Council. males & females.                 |
| Orthopaedic<br>Clinic | Rishton                                   | County Council   |

SECTION. C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWater Supply.

The township is supplied with water from the Council's own Waterworks. The water has no plumbo-solvent action. Samples are obtained quarterly, 10 being examined during the year.

The rainfall during the year is given in detail as follows:-

Rainfall from January 1st to December 31st. 1945.

|          | Inches.     |           | Inches.              |
|----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|
| January  | 3.83        | July      | 3.97                 |
| February | 4.26        | August    | 2.99                 |
| March    | 1.89        | September | 3.57                 |
| April    | 2.52        | October   | 6.83                 |
| May      | 3.86        | November  | 0.68                 |
| June     | <u>6.18</u> | December  | <u>4.00</u>          |
|          |             | Total     | <u>44.58</u> inches. |

The greatest rainfall in a month since January 1882 was 11.85 inches in December 1911, and the lowest 0.15 inches in June 1925. The highest rainfall during the year was the month of October, and the wettest day was the 21st. October when 1.23 inches fell. The total rainfall last year was 55.60 inches.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There was no extension of the sewerage system during the year. The sewage is treated at the Council's Aspen Sewage Works, which is of a modern design, and the treatment is Biological.

The village of Bolthorn has a separate sewage disposal works on the same principle, and Knuzden sewage is dealt with by the Blackburn County Borough.

Rivers and Streams.

There was no evidence of pollution during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

The closet conversion scheme was suspended during the war and since then only dilapidated closets have been allowed to be converted to the fresh water carriage system. Particulars regarding the number of closets converted to fresh water carriage system is given elsewhere in the report.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

This will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Shops Act 1934.

Three inspections were made under the above Act. There were no contraventions as regards ventilation and temperature or sanitary accommodation.

Camping Sites.

There are no camping sites in the district.

Smoke Abatement

There was no action taken during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools in the district.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Two houses were treated during the year.

Schools.

These are adequately dealt with by the School Medical Department of the Lancashire County Council.

Housing

The following is a brief summary of the Inspections etc., made by the Sanitary Inspector.

Notices Served:-

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Legal .. .. .   | 33  |
| Informal .. .. .  | 353 |
| Housing Inspections. .. .. .                              | 483 |
| Re-inspections .. .. .                                    | 263 |
| Houses found not in all respects fit for human habitation | 133 |
| Houses made fit by Informal Notices .. .. .               | 91  |
| Houses made fit by Legal Notices. .. .. .                 | 12  |
| Infectious Disease Inspections . .. .                     | 58  |
| Farms inspected .. .. .                                   | 40  |
| Factories Inspected .. .. .                               | 34  |
| Shops Act inspections .. .. .                             | 4   |
| Closots made sufficient:-                                 |     |
| W.W.C. converted to fresh water carriage system.          | 11  |
| Ashpits converted to removeable receptacles .. .. .       | 20  |

|                                 |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Rats & Mico Act inspections. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 |
| Milk Samples taken. ..          | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 |

INSPECTIONS UNDER LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RIVERS BOARD AND GENERAL POWERS ACT.

|                       |    |    |    |    |   |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| Ice Cream premises .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Hawkers. ..           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Meat Products ..      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |

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|  |    |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|
| Inspections under the Petroleum Act. . | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|

DISINFECTIONS.

|                                      |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Beds disinfected during the year ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 36 |
| Rooms disinfected during the year .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65 |

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SECTION . D.HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1945.

Number of new houses erected during the year. 0

1. - Unfit Dwelling Houses.Inspection.

1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts. 263  
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 420

2 (a) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925. 0  
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 0

3 (a) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 0

4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under 3) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 133

11. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notice by the Local Authority or their Officers. 91

111. Action under Statutory Powers.

(A) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act. 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 14

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice. 12

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 19

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners. 5

(b) By local authority in default of owners. 1

(C) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act. 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 0

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished. 0

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act. 1936.

No action necessary.

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SECTION. E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

The milk produced within or brought into the township is on the whole of good quality.

The Milk (Special Designations Order) 1936 to 1943.

|  |   |     |
|--|---|-----|
| Number of dealers' licences issued during 1945 in respect of:- |   |     |
| Tuberculin Tested Milk.  |   | 0   |
| Accredited Milk.   |   | 0   |
| Number of licences issued in respect of 'Pasteurised' Milk     |   |     |
| Pasteurising Plants.   |   | 1   |
| Pasteurising Plants (Supplementary)                            |   | 1   |
| Total number of cowkeepers.                                    |   | 80  |
| Number of register.  |   | 80  |
| Number of inspections during the year.                         |   | 40  |
| Number of dairymen or milk purveyors (other than cowkeepers)   | 4 |     |
| Number of dairymen or milk purveyors on the Register.          | 4 |     |
| Number of dairy farms.   |   | 62  |
| Approximate number of cows in the District.                    |   | 750 |

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Due to the centralisation of slaughtering, the Abattoirs have remained closed during the year.

Unsound Food.

The following foodstuffs have been condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

|               | cwts. | lbs. | ozs. |
|---------------|-------|------|------|
| Stowed Steak. |       | 12   | 0    |
| Chopped Ham.  |       | 13   | 8    |
| Prem          |       | 1    | 8    |
| Luncheon Meat |       | 5    | 0    |
| Minced Beef   |       | 1    | 8    |
| Kam           |       | 1    | 8    |
| Sardines.     |       |      | 8    |
| Pilchards     |       | 6    | 9    |
| Salmon        | 6     | 91   | 0    |

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| <u>Unsound Food (Contd)</u> | Cwts.    | lbs.       | ozs.     |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Herrings                    |          |            | 7        |
| Crawfish                    |          | 18         | 8        |
| Beans                       |          | 12         | 0        |
| Milk (Tinned)               |          | 64         | 5        |
| Soups (Tinned)              |          | 38         | 0        |
| Jan. (Ass).                 |          | 3          | 0        |
| Grapefruit Marmalade.       |          | 4          | 0        |
| Dates                       |          | 68         | 0        |
| Dried Fruit.                |          | 25         | 0        |
| M. & V. Ration              |          | 4          | 0        |
| Peas (Tinned)               |          | 7          | 0        |
|                             | <u>7</u> | <u>137</u> | <u>5</u> |

(c) OTHER FOODS.

Bakehouses - 30, and other food premises where foods are manufactured, stored or exposed for sale, have been inspected from time to time and their condition found to be satisfactory.

No cases of food poisoning came under notice.

(d) FOOD & DRUGS ADULTERATION (FOOD AND DRUGS ACT) 1938.

Public Health (Condensed Milk) Regs. 1923-27.

Public Health (Dried Milk) Regs. 1923-27.

Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Regs. 1923-27.

The above are administered by the County Council.

(e) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

During the year nine samples of milk were examined for the purpose of Tubercle Bacilli, none were reported 'Positive'.

Eight other samples were taken for bacteriological examination, three were unsatisfactory.

SECTION . F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.General.

There was only one case of diphtheria during the year, a decrease of three on last year.

Thirty-five cases of scarlet fever were also notified, an increase of thirteen over last year.

There has been no marked prevalence of other infectious diseases.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS) 1930.

| Total Cases | Pulmonary |    |       | Non-Pulmonary |    |       | Total Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary Cases. |    |        |
|-------------|-----------|----|-------|---------------|----|-------|--|----|--------|
|             | M.        | F. | Total | M.            | F. | Total | M.                                     | F. | Total. |
| 42          | 14        | 13 | 27    | 7             | 8  | 15    | 21                                     | 21 | 42     |

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGS. 1925.

No action has been called for under the above Regulations, which concerns tuberculosis employees in the milk trade.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

| DISEASES.          | Total cases Notified. | Age Groups  |          |          |          |           |           |            |            |            |            |            | Total Deaths | Cases admitted to Hospital | Deaths in Hospital | Belonging to the District. |              |           |          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
|                    |                       | Under 1 yr. | 1-2 yrs. | 2-3 yrs. | 3-4 yrs. | 4-5 yrs.  | 5-6 yrs.  | 10-15 yrs. | 15-20 yrs. | 20-35 yrs. | 35-45 yrs. | 45-65 yrs. |              |                            |                    |                            | Over 65 yrs. |           |          |
| Smallpox           | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Diphtheria         | 1                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Scarlet Fever      | 35                    | -           | -        | 4        | 1        | 14        | 10        | 5          | 1          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Enteric Fever      | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Puerperal Pyrexia  | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Measles            | 7                     | 1           | -        | 2        | 1        | 1         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Pneumonia          | 5                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | 1          | 2          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Erysipelas         | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis  | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Cor. Spinal Fever. | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Enccephalitis Log. | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Malaria            | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Ophthalmia Neon.   | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Pulmonary M.       | 3                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | 2            | -                          | 1                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Tuberculosis F.    | 2                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | 1         | -         | 1          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Non-Pulmonary M.   | 1                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | 1          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Tuberculosis F.    | 4                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | 1         | 1          | -          | 1          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Whooping Cough     | 3                     | 1           | -        | 1        | 1        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Chicken Pox        | -                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Menigitis          | 1                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | 1            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| Dysentery.         | 1                     | -           | -        | -        | -        | -         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -            | -                          | -                  | -                          | -            | -         |          |
| <b>TOTAL.</b>      | <b>63</b>             | <b>2</b>    | <b>-</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>7</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>16</b>    | <b>20</b>                  | <b>5</b>           | <b>5</b>                   | <b>20</b>    | <b>16</b> | <b>5</b> |

A P P E N D I X.

The administration of the Factory & Workshop Act, 1901, and the Factories Act, 1937, in connection with FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1 - INSPECTIONS.

Including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector.

| Promises.                           | Number of<br>Inspections. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Factories with mechanical Power.    | 30                        |
| Factories without mechanical power. | 4                         |
|                                     | <u>34</u>                 |

REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Wireless Dealers.                          | 2  |
| Magneto Repairs.                           | 1  |
| Painters.                                  | 6  |
| Bakehouses                                 | 30 |
| Boat & Clog Makers.                        | 12 |
| Dressmakers, Milliners and Garment Makers. | 7  |
| Joiners.                                   | 5  |
| Plumbers                                   | 5  |
| Wheelwrights                               | 2  |
| Tailoring                                  | 2  |
| Smiths.                                    | 2  |
| Coopers.                                   | 1  |
| Firelight manufacturers.                   | 4  |
| Gas Fittings                               | 1  |
| Metal Brokers.                             | 2  |
| Garages                                    | 5  |
| Cycle Repairers.                           | 1  |
| Petrol Stations.                           | 3  |
| Skin Curer and Rug Maker.                  | 1  |
| Fat & Tallow Dealer.                       | 1  |
| Warehouses.                                | 2  |

REPORT OF THE SANITARY

INSPECTOR

on the working of the

CLEANSING SERVICES

including details of the

SALVAGE

COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR

April 1st. 1945 to 31st March 1946.

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Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my annual report to you for the year ending 31st. March. 1946.

The two principal spheres of activity during the year have been connected with Housing and Public Cleansing and Salvage.

Almost twelve months have passed since hostilities ceased and it is unfortunate that many of the hoped for schemes of improved housing conditions have not yet materialised. The after effects of the war are obvious and the system of licensing for materials and labour at present in operation is at least an effort to direct these in the proper channels. Until such time as these materials become normal, patience will have to be exercised in the putting into operation of schemes of improvement areas, closet conversions and the like.

I will not dwell upon the general condition of the houses in the area, other than to state that in common with all districts, they are naturally suffering from lack of attention, particularly in respect of painting, plastering, paving of yards and dampness.

During the past year, the water supplies have been regularly analysed and in all cases have been found exceptionally good.

As I mentioned in my report of last year, one of the greatest problems of housing is the provision of dwellings for those people at present living in lodgings. During the past twelve months this position has been aggravated by the return home of newly married exservicemen. When it is realised that there are over 100 applications of such exservicemen for 30 temporary houses, it is obvious that the present position in this respect is acute, and facts like these are in my opinion bound to have an adverse effect on the birthrate and also on the health of the new generation.

The rodent control scheme, which is run in conjunction with Church Urban District Council, has been responsible for the control of rat infestation in the sewers, refuse tip and private dwellings. It appears to have worked well and at little cost to the authority.

I should like at this point, to make a comment with regard to the Ambulance service. During the year 601 cases were removed to or from hospital. This is one of the most used and useful of the services of this Council.

The recovery and disposal of salvage has continued.

The need for salvage of all our waste is just as urgent as ever. We are constantly reminded by the Board of Trade of the serious position with respect to raw materials and the necessity for their supplementation by salvage. During the year it has been found possible to collect 143 tons of waste material for salvage purposes. This has been valued at £644 which I regret to say is a decline on last year of £87. I am quite sure that psychology plays a large part in the saving of waste paper and food etc. Now that the war is over, much of the incentive for this work appears to have disappeared. The rationing of foodstuffs is still with us and I hope that this will prove a constant reminder to the citizens of the town, that much can be done by our own efforts to relieve the shipping position.

During the year an emergency arose at Hippings Vale Lodge, and for the public safety it was decided that an effort should be made to pump out the lodge. This I am pleased to report was successful and over half a million gallons of water were pumped away and 20,000 tons of heavy builder's refuse and soil were tipped into the cavity.

I will now deal with the Cleansing Services.

CLEANSING SERVICES.House Refuse Collection.

The refuse is collected from dustbins weekly, and from ashpits fortnightly, and is collected by means of S & B and Dennis Refuse Freighters.

House Refuse Disposal.

The house refuse is disposed of entirely by controlled tipping. The tip is satisfactory and free from nuisance. Tipping is carried out according to the Ministry of Health's recommendations, and it is an economical method of disposal.

The whole of the house refuse is disposed of at the central tip at Whiteash, even from certain of the outlying districts, such as Blackburn Road and West End, Stanhill, Braodfield and Cross Edge, Redwalls, Hoyle Bottom, Knuzden and Duckworth Hall.

Refuse Collection.

The following are the costs of house refuse collection and disposal:-

|                        | 1945-46      |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Wages of Workmen       | 1345         |
| Motor Transport        | 989          |
| Scavenging of Belthorn | 115          |
| Printing               | 15           |
| Insurance              | 65           |
| Garage                 | 20           |
| Sundries               | 8            |
| Salvage                | <u>650</u>   |
|                        | 3207         |
| Less receipts          | <u>673</u>   |
|                        | <u>£2534</u> |

House Refuse Disposal.

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
|               | £          |
| Rent of tips. | 82         |
| Wages etc.    | 328        |
|               | <u>410</u> |

Total. House Refuse Disposal & Collection. £ 2944

Number of Houses Cleansed

|         |         |         |         |          |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| 1929.   | 1930    | 1931    | 1932    | 1933     | 1934    |
| 56,000  | 66,748  | 67,349  | 78,109  | 80,374   | 90,620  |
| 1935    | 1936    | 1937    | 1938    | 1939     | 1940    |
| 104,473 | 103,251 | 189,793 | 217,536 | 213,461  | 223,039 |
| 1941    | 1942    | 1943    | 1944    | 1945     |         |
| 198,718 | 209,907 | 208,716 | 186,712 | 173,320. |         |

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Number of dustbins                 | 4150 |
| Number of ashpits                  | 15   |
| Estimated number of tons removed.  | 3588 |
| Estimated weight per 1,000 persons | 306  |

|                                      |     |    |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|------|
|                                      | £   | s  | d    |
| Cost per house per cleansing         |     |    | 3.50 |
| Cost per estimated ton               |     | 14 | 1    |
| Cost of collection per 1,000 persons | 216 | 4  | 2    |
| Cost of disposal per 1,000 persons   | 34  | 19 | 7    |
| Cost per ton (estimated)             |     | 2  | 3.25 |

Net cost of collection and disposal equivalent to rate in pound of 11.6d.

Number of men employed up to 31st. March 1946

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Loaders | 6 men |
| Drivers | 3 men |

Street Cleansing.

Our main roads and streets are swept daily, and side streets weekly. The cleanliness of our roads and streets has been maintained, and will bear favourably with those of other industrial townships.

All streets including Blackburn Road (A679), Union Road and New Lane (B6231) and Stanhill Lane (B6234) are cleansed by your Health Department.

The following shows the mileage of the roads and streets which are cleansed by the Health Department.

|                                  |            |                    |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Blackburn Road (A679)            | 1.96 miles | 1.96 miles         |
| Union Road and New Lane (B6231)  |            | 1.25 "             |
| Stanhill & Stanhill Lane (B6234) |            | .90 "              |
| Public Streets                   |            | <u>6.30</u> "      |
|                                  |            | <u>10.41 miles</u> |

Expenditure

1945-46

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Wages Public Streets.           | 390          |
| Gully Gleansing                 | 83           |
| Wheelwright's work and tools    | 3            |
| Brushes & Shovels.              | 6            |
| Insurance                       | 5            |
| Printing                        | 10           |
| A. 679 Blackburn Road           | 315          |
| B 6231 Union Road & New Lane    | ) 245        |
| B 6234 Stanhill & Stanhill Lane |              |
|                                 | <u>£1058</u> |

Cost per mile .. .. . £100

Net cost equivalent to rate of 4.18d.

Men employed on street cleansing:-

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Part Time | 1 |
| Full Time | 3 |

DETAILS OF SALVAGE COLLECTED AND SOLD DURING 1945-46.

|                | Tons       | cwts.     | lbs.      | £           | s        | d        |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Paper          | 61         | 5         | 28        | 458         | 14       | 5        |
| Metal          |            | 14        | 92        | 1           | 19       | 6        |
| Textiles       | 1          | 0         | 0         | 13          | 0        | 0        |
| Jars & Bottles | 1          | 0         | 0         | 5           | 13       | 11       |
| Sacking        | 3          | 1         | 0         | 12          | 4        | 0        |
| Pig Food       | 60         | 19        | 56        | 132         | 17       | 9        |
| Osmeal         |            | 5         | 0         | 2           | 8        | 8        |
| Bones          | 2          | 1         | 35        | 4           | 5        | 11       |
| Raw Pig Swill  | 12         | 12        | 0         | 13          | 2        | 0        |
|                | <u>142</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>99</u> | <u>£644</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> |

In concluding my fourth annual report, I desire to acknowledge the many kindnesses extended to me, by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, the Clerk of the Council, Medical Officer of Health, the Accountant, Surveyor, Gaswork Engineer, my Staff and all others who have assisted me in the discharge of my duties.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

C. MAYOR.

Mem. Royal Sanitary Institute  
 Cert. Insp. of Meat & Other Foods.  
 Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent



