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THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

FOR THE YEAR

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

- 1925 -

With the consent of the County Council, I have the honour to inform you that I have been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Pershore Rural District. My first duty is to express my deep regret to the death of your Medical Officer, Dr. G. J. Frobroke.



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Dr. Frobroke was appointed on the 25th. August 1924 as Medical Officer for the Stratford on Avon Sanitary District. He also acted as Medical Officer for the Pershore Rural District.

PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT

Dr. Frobroke was a pioneer in the Public Health Service and his influence on the health of the County is proved in a remarkable degree by the great decrease in mortality rates.

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The Medical Officer of Health, M. CLOVER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has the honour to inform you that he has the pleasure to deal as far as I can with progress made in the last year, and to indicate where necessary any developments of Public Health Services.

H.L. BURT, C.S.I., C.M. & F.I.
Sanitary Inspector.

Annual Report of M.O.H.

Please circulate as quickly as possible.

S.M.O. III.
(493 II).

S.M.O. II.
(42 II).

S.M.O. IV.
(9 II).

S.M.O. VI.
(39 II).

S.M.O. I.
(140 II).

General Library.

Area in acres.

Population 1921.

Population (estimated 1925) for birth-rate.

for death-rate.

Number of Inhabited houses, 1921.

Number of families or separate occupiers 1921.

Rateable value per current valuation list

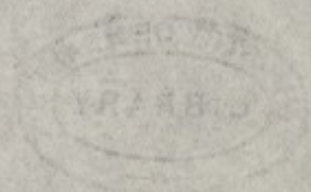
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Physical Features and Social Conditions.

There are no striking physical features to which attention need be directed. Agriculture and market gardening are the principal industries of the district.



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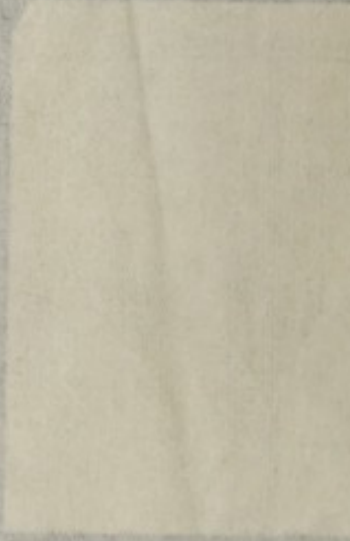
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With the consent of the County Council I was on the 8th. March 1926 appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Pershore Rural District. My first duty is to refer with deep regret to the death of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G.H. Fosbroke.

Dr. Fosbroke was appointed on the 26th. August 1873 as Medical Officer for the Stratford on Avon Combined Sanitary District. He also acted as Medical Officer for the Pershore Rural District since 1891.

Dr. Fosbroke was a pioneer in the Public Health Service and his influence on the health of the County is proved in a remarkable degree by the great decrease in mortality rates.

The Ministry of Health require the Annual Report for 1925 to be a Survey Report so that it is necessary for me to deal as far as I can with progress made in the last five years, and to indicate where necessary any developments of Public Health Services.

General Statistics for 1925.

Area in acres.	53,728
Population 1921.	13,050
Population (estimated 1925) for birth-rate.	13,200
for death-rate.	13,000
Number of Inhabited houses, 1921.	3,110
Number of families or separate occupiers 1921.	3,143
Rateable value per current valuation list for Public Health purposes	£80,058
Sum represented by a penny rate for Public Health purposes.	£277.6.2

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THE PERSHORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1935.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

With the consent of the County Council I was on the 8th. March 1935 appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Pershore Rural District. My first duty is to refer with deep regret to the death of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. G.H. Fosbrooke.

Dr. Fosbrooke was appointed on the 28th. August 1923 as Medical Officer for the Stratford on Avon Combined Sanitary District. He also acted as Medical Officer for the Pershore Rural District since 1931.

Dr. Fosbrooke was a pioneer in the Public Health Service and his influence on the health of the County is proved in a remarkable degree by the great decrease in mortality rates.

The Ministry of Health requires the Annual Report to be a Survey Report so that it is necessary for me to deal as far as I can with progress made in the last five years, and to indicate where necessary any developments of Public Health Services.

General Statistics for 1935.

Area in acres.	83,728
Population 1931.	13,050
Population (estimated 1935) for birth-rate.	13,200
for death-rate.	13,000
Number of inhabited houses, 1931.	3,110
Number of families or separate occupiers 1931.	3,143
Ratable value per current valuation list for Public Health purposes	480,088
Sum represented by a penny rate for Public Health purposes.	4277.8.

Physical Features and Social Conditions.

There are no striking physical features to which attention need be directed. Agriculture and market gardening are the principal industries of the district.

(d). Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total.	Male.	Female.	
Births (Legitimate)	213	119	94	} Birth-rate 17.3
Births (Illegitimate)	15	6	9	

Deaths 158 Death-rate 12.2

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth:-
 (from sepsis Nil
 (from other causes 1

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:-
 (e). Legitimate. . 9 Illegitimate Nil. Total 9

Deaths from Measles (all ages). Nil
 Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil
 Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 3

Medical Officer of Health: M. Glover, M.R.C.S., L.M.S.

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor: H.L. Burt, C.S.I., R.M.S.

The Ministry require certain information as to Poor Law Relief and the extent to which hospital and other forms of gratuitous medical relief are utilized ~~the~~ but the Clerk of the Council considers that the questions asked by the Ministry are not sufficiently explicit to enable him to supply me with the information asked for.

No general nursing arrangements are made under the direction of the County Council or the Rural District Council, but General Provision of Health Services in the Area. Nursing Associations in your area which are affiliated to the County Nursing Association.

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or the County Council.

The following Hospital accommodation exists:-

1. Tuberculosis. The Knightwick Sanatorium and various Institutions provided or maintained by the County Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.
 2. Maternity. None.
 3. Children. None.
 4. Fever. At the Isolation Hospital, Pershore.
 5. Smallpox. At Haselor, at the Smallpox Hospital provided jointly by the Evesham Corporation and the Evesham and Pershore Rural District Councils.
- (b) Provision for Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children.

None.

(c) Ambulance Facilities.

An ambulance is available for removal of infectious cases. This is not a satisfactory arrangement. The matter is now under consideration with a view to purchase of a motor ambulance. The County Council also have arrangements whereby the Red Cross Ambulance is available for advanced tuberculosis cases.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Births	Legitimate	113	Male	119	Female	94	Birth-rate 17.3
	Illegitimate	45		8		9	
Deaths		158					Death-rate 13.3
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth							
(from separate causes)							
(from other causes)							
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Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil							
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 5 years of age) 3							

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General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or the County Council.

The following hospital accommodation exists:-

1. Tuberculosis. The Knighthawk Sanatorium and various institutions provided or maintained by the County Council and approved by the Ministry of Health.

2. Maternity. None.

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4. Fever. At the Isolation Hospital, Pershore.

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(d). Clinics and Treatment Centres.

As your District is Rural in character there are no Infant Welfare Centres, School Clinics or Tuberculosis Dispensary and no Day Nursery has been established.

Arrangements have been made by the County Council whereby the treatment of cases of Venereal Diseases in the District can be undertaken free of cost at the Worcester and Kidderminster Infirmaries, the Birmingham General Hospital, The Guest Hospital, Dudley and the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

(e). Public Health Staff.

The following are the Public Health Officers of the Council:-

Medical Officer of Health: M. Clover, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor: H.L. Burt, C.S.I. Exam: Board London, C.M. & F.I.

(f). Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) General.

(b) For infectious diseases, e.g. Measles etc.

No general nursing arrangements are made under the direction of the County Council or the Rural District Council, but the following is a list of the Voluntary Nursing Associations in your area which are affiliated to the County Nursing Association.

Associations.

Parishes Taken.

Pershore

Pershore, Birlingham and Wick.

Eckington.

Eckington and Defford.

Stoulton.

Drakes Broughton, Wadborough, Stoulton, and Norton juxta Kempsey.

Comberton.

Great and Little Comberton, Bricklehampton, Netherton and Elmley Castle.

The Himbleton Nursing Association (Droitwich Rural District) also takes the Parishes of Dormstone, Grafton Flyford and Kington. The Lenches Association Nurse (Evesham Rural District) also takes the parishes of Abberton, Bishampton and Flyford Flavel.

Collectively these Associations employ four District Nurses each of whom undertakes General Nursing, Midwifery work and also visits school children, infants and cases of Tuberculosis on behalf of the County Council.

For these services the total amount of the County Council grant to the Associations is £167 per annum.

(g) Midwives.

There are seven midwives practising in your area and this number includes four district nurses.

All the Nurses (together with the midwifery work of the district nurses) are supervised by the County Council.

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- (a) General.
- (b) For infectious diseases, e.g. Measles etc.

No general nursing arrangements are made under the direction of the County Council or the Rural District Council, but the following is a list of the Voluntary Nursing Associations in your area who are entitled to

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Association:
Pershore, Birmingham and Walsley
Birmingham and Walsley
Stourbridge, Walsley, Stourbridge, Stourbridge
and Norton Juxta Kempsey.
Great and Little Comberton,
Brickhampton, Wetherston and
Killey Castle.

The Hinderton Nursing Association (Droitwich Rural District) also takes the parishes of Droitwich, Grafton, Wymondley and Wymondley. The Lanchester Association (Barnesham Rural District) also takes the parishes of Abberton, Bishampton and Wymondley.

Collectively these Associations employ four District Nurses each of whom undertake General Nursing, Midwifery work and also visit school children, infants and cases of Tuberculosis on behalf of the County Council.

For these services the total amount of the County Council Grant to the Associations is £157 per annum.

(g) Midwives.

There are seven midwives practising in your area and this number includes four district nurses.

All the Nurses (together with the midwifery work of the district nurses) are supervised by the County Council.

Public Health From the County Reports it would appear that the work above referred to is satisfactorily performed and no scarcity of midwives exists.

Sections 44, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

(h). Chemical Work.
This is carried out by the County Council at the County Laboratory, Shirehall, Worcester where diphtheria antitoxin and other sera or vaccines are issued.

(i). Legislation in Force.

The following is a list of the Adoptive Acts in force in your district, and the dates when each was adopted:-

By Order of the Local Government Board dated 17th. October 1889. Section 44 Public Health Act 1875 is in force for the contributory places of Holy Cross and St. Andrew, also Section 169 (2nd. and 3rd. paragraphs) and Section 170. Came into force 25th. November 1889.

WHOLE DISTRICT.

By Order of 19th. May 1894.

Public Health Act 1875.

Section 44, so far as it is not already in force. Sections 157 and 158.

Public Health Amendment Act 1890.

Section 23 Sub-section (1) (4) (2)

Sections 25 and 33.

Birlingham, Defford, Eckington, and Fladbury, Peopleton, Pinvin and Upton Snodsbury.

The provisions of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847 with respect to Slaughterhouses incorporated with the Public Health Act 1875 by Section 169 (par.2) (par.3) and Section 170

Came into force 11th. June 1894.

Act of 1875.

Section 44, Cleansing of footways, removal of house refuse

" 169, Slaughterhouses.

" 170, "

" 157, New Buildings etc.

" 158, " "

Act of 1890

Section 23. Water Closets and paving of yards.

" 25. New buildings on ground filled up with offensive matter

" 33. Habitation of buildings described on deposited plans.

Act of 1875.

Section 45, to provide ashbins also buildings and tips for dealing with refuse.

In force for the contributory places of Holy Cross and St. Andrew.

Came into force 28th. October 1921.

From the County Report it would appear that the work above referred to is satisfactorily performed and no scarcity of midwives exists.

(H). Chemical Work.

This is carried out by the County Council at the County Laboratory, Shirehall, Worcester where diphtheria antitoxin and other sera or vaccines are issued.

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Act of 1875.

Section 45, to provide ramps also buildings and tips for

dealing with refuse.

In force for the compulsory places of Holy

Cross and St. Andrew.

Came into force 28th. October 1921.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

Sections 15,16,22,23,25,30 and 33 comprised in Part 2.

Sections 34,35,36,37,38,43,44,45,46,49 and 50 comprised in Part 3.

Sections 52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66 and 67 comprised in Part 4.

Part 5.

Came into force 9th. August 1909.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

As I have so recently been appointed Medical Officer for the Area it is impossible for me to give in this report the full details asked for by the Ministry of Health but as the Sanitary Inspector has made a fairly comprehensive report on these matters I refer you to the Appendix where his Report will be seen.

Water Supply.

In reference to the water supply the Council will remember that on the 4th. February 1926 the Ministry of Health held an enquiry into an application by the District Council for sanction to borrow £42,000 for water supply works. There was little opposition to the scheme and the only point of controversy was the question of the estimated share of the cost to be borne by the parishes concerned. It was pointed out that Eckington would have to pay a very much higher price for its water on the present basis, i.e. assessable value, than if the calculation was based on population. The need of a proper water supply was not challenged, but numbers present even asked whether this scheme would allow of a drainage scheme to follow, and also for possible future developments in the area.

The scheme affects the parishes of Holy Cross in Pershore, St. Andrew in Pershore, Eckington and Pinvin, upon which the cost would fall.

Housing.

The following table is supplied me by your Sanitary Inspector and as I have not yet had time to become personally acquainted with the needs of the District I refer you to the report of your Sanitary Inspector, appended, for information on this subject.

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

- | | |
|---|-----|
| (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)) | 12 |
| (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts | |
| (i) By the Local Authority | Nil |
| (ii) By other bodies or persons. | 10 |

1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection - (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 104

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of district) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.

33

Sections 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 comprised in Part 2.
 Sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 comprised in Part 3.
 Sections 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 comprised in Part 4.
 Part 5.

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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of districts) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.

	(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil.
County Police the supervision both periodic	(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.	66.
	2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.	
Work Fines Fines	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	66.
	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.	Nil.
Investigations have been made of had a prejudicial	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners	Nil.
The following 1925, viz :-	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil.
Causes (Civil)	(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close.	Nil.
Influenza. Measles Pulmonary Tuberculosis Other Tuberculosis Cancer, Malignant Diabetes. Cerebral Haemorrhage. Heart Disease. Arterio Sclerosis Bronchitis. Pneumonia (all) Other Respiratory Diarrhoea &c. (under Appendicitis and Typhilitis Acute and Chronic Nephritis Ethere	B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	31.
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By Owners	Nil.
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil.
	C. Proceedings under sections 11,14,and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925	
Pregnancy Congenital Debit Suicide Other deaths Other defined	(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.	Nil.
Deaths Total	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses 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.

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

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2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under section 5 of the Housing Act, 1925

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

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

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Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the County Police. All food shops and slaughterhouses are under the supervision of your Sanitary Inspector and are visited both periodically and promiscuously.

Age Groups. Scarlet Fever. Diphtheria. Acute. Encephalitis. Polio-myelitis. Lethargia. cases. Factories and Workshops. cases. deaths. cases. deaths.

Five defects were found in the Factories and Workshops in the district during the year and these were all remedied.

It was not necessary to refer any nuisance to H.M. Inspector during the year.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

During the last five years no causes of sickness or invalidity have been specially noteworthy in the area. Conditions of occupation or environment do not appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

The following table gives the causes of death during 1925, viz :-

Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males.	Females,	Totals.
Influenza.	6	1	7
Encephalitis Lethargica.	1	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	8	3	11
Other Tuberculous Diseases.	1	-	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease.	9	7	16
Diabetes.	1	3	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	3	12	15
Heart Disease.	14	9	23
Arterio Sclerosis.	3	1	4
Bronchitis.	7	8	15
Pneumonia (all forms)	-	4	4
Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	3	4
Diarrhoea &c. (under 2 years)	2	1	3
Appendicitis and Typhlitis.	1	1	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	4	1	5
Other accidents and Diseases of pregnancy and parturition.	-	1	1
Congenital Debility &c.	4	1	5
Suicide	1	-	1
Other deaths from violence	4	-	4
Other defined diseases.	15	17	32

Totals. 85 73 158

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 Charlton. June 1.
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Rheumatism Ischaemic.	1	-	1		
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	8	3	11		
Other Tuberculous Diseases.	1	-	1		
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Bronchitis.	7	8	15		
Pneumonia (all forms).	-	4	4		
Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	3	4		
Diarrhoea &c. (under 5 years)	2	1	3		
Appendicitis and Typhilitis.	1	1	2		
Acute and Chronic Nephritis.	4	1	5		
Other accidents and Diseases of pregnancy and parturition.	-	1	1		
Constitutional Debility &c.	4	1	5		
Suicide	1	-	1		
Other deaths from violence	4	-	4		
Other defined diseases.	15	17	32		
Totals.	88	73	161		

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1925.

These are given in the following Table, viz, :-

Age Groups.	Scarlet Fever.		Diphtheria.		Acute. Poliomyelitis.		Encephalitis. Lethargica.	
	cases.	deaths.	cases.	deaths.	cases.	deaths.	cases.	deaths.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 - 4 "	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 6 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 - 8 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 - 10 "	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
11 - 15 "	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 20 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
21 - 35 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
36 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 65 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
66 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	8	-	6	-	1	-	1	1

Age Groups.		<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>		Deaths.	
		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
Only eight cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year and these occurred as under :-					
Locality.	No. of cases in each month.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.		
Egdon.	January 1.	1	1		
Wadborough.	January 1.	1	1		
White Ladies Aston.	June 1.	1	1		
Broughton Hackett.	July 1; September 1.	1	1		
Strensham.	July 1; September 1.	2	2		
Fladbury.	August 1.	1	1		
Great Comberton.	August 1.	1	1		
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Totals.	January 2; June 1; July 2; August 2; September 1.	8	8		

		<u>Diphtheria.</u>	
Six cases only of this disease were notified last year, viz :-			
Locality.	No. of cases in each month.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.
Pershore.	February 1; March 2.	3	2
Charlton.	June 1.	1	1
Pinvin.	July 1; October 1.	2	1
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Totals.	February 1; March 2; June 1; July 1; October 1.	6	4

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1925.

These are given in the following Table, viz:—

Age Groups.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Acute.	Encephalitis.
Under 1 Year	1	1	1	1
1 - 2 Years	1	1	1	1
2 - 4 "	1	1	1	1
4 - 6 "	1	1	1	1
6 - 8 "	1	1	1	1
8 - 10 "	1	1	1	1
10 - 15 "	3	1	1	1
15 - 20 "	1	1	1	1
20 - 25 "	1	1	1	1
25 - 35 "	1	1	1	1
35 - 45 "	1	1	1	1
45 - 65 "	1	1	1	1
65 and over	1	1	1	1
Totals.	8	8	1	1

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Locality.	No. of cases in each month.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.
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Wadhborough.	January 1.	1	1
White Ladies Aston.	June 1.	1	1
Broughton Hackett.	July 1; September 1.	2	2
Strensham.	July 1; September 1.	2	2
Widbury.	August 1.	1	1
Great Comberton.	August 1.	1	1
Totals.	January 2; June 1; July 2; August 2; September 1.	8	8

Diphtheria.

Six cases only of this disease were notified last year, viz:—

Locality.	No. of cases in each month.	Total.	Removed to Hospital.
Perthore.	February 1; March 2.	3	3
Charlton.	June 1.	1	1
Pilvin.	July 1; October 1.	2	1
Totals.	February 1; March 2; June 1; July 1; October 1.	6	4

Acute Poliomyelitis.

One case of this disease was notified from the Worcester Infirmary, the patient being removed there previous to notification. The patient, a child aged 1½ years has now recovered.

Encephalitis Lethargica.

One case of this disease occurred at Bishampton but the patient died before I actually received the notification so there was no opportunity to obtain information on the origin of the disease.

Smallpox.

Enteric Fever.

Puerperal Fever.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

It is gratifying to report that no cases of these diseases were reported during the year.

Tuberculosis.

The following Table shows the age incidence of the twenty cases notified :-

Age Groups.	Cases notified.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 10 "	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
11 - 15 "	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
16 - 20 "	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
21 - 25 "	2	2	-	-	3	1	-	-
26 - 35 "	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
36 - 45 "	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
46 - 55 "	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 - 65 "	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
66 and upwards.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals.	8	9	1	2	8	3	1	-

Number of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths. 3
Total number of Tuberculosis deaths. 12.

Tuberculosis Scheme

The Scheme supervised by the County Council applies to this area and local cases are sent either to Sanatoria or receive Dispensary and Home Supervision as may be advised.

Complete co-operation exists between the County and District Authorities.

It was not necessary to take any action under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925.

Acute Folliculitis.

One case of this disease was notified from the Worcester Infirmary, the patient being removed there previous to notification. The patient, a child aged 1½ years has now recovered.

Rhcephalitis lethargica.

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Smallpox.
Enteric Fever.
Typhoid Fever.
Epidemic Neisseria.

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46 - 50 "	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56 and upwards.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	8	5	2	1	2	1	2	1

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Total number of Tuberculosis deaths. 15.

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ANNUAL REPORT Venereal Diseases. REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925.

The facilities afforded by the County Scheme are available but by reason of secrecy imposed no information exists as to the prevalence of this disease in the District.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Cases can attend at five centres the nearest being at the Worcester Infirmary where Clinics are held for women on Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. and Saturdays at 3.15 p.m. and for men on Wednesdays at 3.15 p.m. and Saturdays at 2.15 p.m. year 1925.

Schools closed during 1925.

It was found necessary to close the following schools during the year on account of outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Town School	Closed from	Until.	Cause
Stoulton,	26 January	2 February	Influenza
Whittington.	29 January	9 February	Coughs & Colds.
Pershore C.E. Boys.	16 February	23 February	Influenza
Elmley Castle.	20 May	After Whitsun Holidays.	Measles.
Great Comberton.	8 June	29 June	Mumps.

I append the report of Mr. H.L. Burt your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

Your obedient servant,

No works of any magnitude have been done to the sewers in the town of Pershore, slight repairs have been carried out where necessary, road gullies (Signed) M. CLOVER.

Medical Officer of Health for Pershore Rural District. In certain places the depth of sewers renders it impossible for the house drains to be laid with a sufficient fall. It is to be hoped that the Council will be able to give the question of sewerage and sewage disposal their attention when the water scheme is completed.

Workshops.

The usual visits of inspection have been paid to them and occupiers have readily carried out any necessary cleaning or repairs.

Slaughterhouses.

Two new registrations of slaughterhouses have been made during the year, and one licensed slaughter-house has been discontinued.

There are now 11 registered and 2 licensed slaughterhouses in the District. They are all well conducted, and no County Public Health Offices, year. One carcass of beef affected 29, Foregate Street, tuberculosis was surrendered and destroyed. WORCESTER.

March 1926.

Scavenging.

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School	Closed from	Until	Disease
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Whittington	29 January	9 February	Coughs & Colds
Fernside G.E. Boys	18 February	23 February	Influenza
Wimsey Castle	20 May	After Whitsun Holidays	Mumps
Great Comberton	8 June	29 June	Mumps

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Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health for
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pershore Rural District Council.
Mr. Chairman. My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg herewith to present to you my second annual report of the work carried out in my department during the year 1925.

Water Supplies.

The water supply of the district remains, heretofore, shallow wells being the main source of supply. I am gratified to be able to say that the scheme for a supply of water from Overbury is meeting with the approbation of the bulk of the Townspeople of Pershore, and dissentients to it are almost negligible this is marked advance in the progress of public opinion here when compared to their attitude to a number of suggested schemes during a period of over 30 years, and it is earnestly hoped that the present scheme will ripen into fruition.

The Wyre water supply has continued satisfactory, the supply being abundant for the needs, and no serious trouble was experienced.

The Bishampton water supply has continued satisfactory, and the filtering plant has received regular attention.

Sewers.

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Conversion of privies to pail closets is still being proceeded with, but considerable opposition is still met with, as owners are hoping for the introduction of proper sewerage when the water scheme is completed.

Cases of illegal exposure of refuse (P.H. Act 1875, Sec. 20)

Housing.

Houses.

No. of houses erected

Inspections under the Housing Acts have been carried out as time would permit, increasing duties and responsibilities render it impossible to give the amount of time necessary for this branch of work.

There is a large number of old and worn out cottages scattered throughout the district, most of which are let at very low rents, and in a number of cases no increase in rent has been made over the rental paid in 1914. A large number of them have fallen into a bad state of disrepair, and the question of now putting them into anything like an habitable condition, is practically impossible without the expenditure of more than they are worth. Further than this it has been the repeated experience that the tenants who are agricultural labourers cannot afford to pay any increase in rent, and where they have been compelled to take a Council House, the rent has had to be paid at the expense of their stomachs.

Movable Dwellings

Cases of

House-drains

The alternative grant of a lump sum subsidy of £75, has certainly been a great inducement to private owners to build their own cottage, and ten applications for the lump sum subsidy were received during the year.

A large number of cottages are still required to meet the needs of the population, and I hope the Council now they have adopted The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1924, will with all possible speed proceed with the erection of cottages in the various parishes where same are needed.

Water Closets

No. repaired, ventilated and supplied with water

Pea and Hop Pickers.

Privies and Ashpits.

[No. of additional privies and ashpits provided]

No infectious disease occurred amongst this class of people. The quarters provided for them were found to be clean and improvements recommended have been made.

Scavenging

No. of houses from

Isolation Hospital.

No alteration has been made in the staff of the Isolation Hospital, but additional nursing staff has been obtained when necessary.

Smoke Nests

No alterations to the buildings were made, but some alterations were necessary to the disinfecter. This was found had not been provided with any means of cleansing the boiler, and I have had the necessary work done.

Offensive Trades (Sec. 112)

No. under observation

P.H.A. 1875, Sec. 84

No. improperly conducted

P.H.A. 1907

In conclusion I should like to express my regret at the sad loss by death of Dr. G.H. Fosbroke. His kindly and valued advice and assistance, which he was always ready to give are much missed.

Water Supply

Also I beg to thank Dr. M. Clover who has been acting as Deputy M.O.H., for his able guidance and help, and to the Members of the Rural District Council for the confidence they have reposed in me during my year of office.

No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water supply dealt with

No. of houses erected or for which water certificates were given

I am,
My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

(Signed) H. L. BURT.

Cert: San: Insp: Exam: Board (London)

Cert: Royal Sanitary Institute.

Cert: Meat & Food Inspector &c.

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San and Hot Flashes.

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Isolation Hospital.

No alteration has been made in the staff of the Isolation Hospital, but additional nursing staff has been obtained when necessary.

No alterations to the buildings were made, but some alterations were necessary to the disinfecter. This is found not been provided with any means of cleansing the boiler, and I have had the necessary work done.

In conclusion I should like to express my regret at the loss by death of Dr. G.H. Tebbrooke. His kindly and valued advice and assistance, which he was always ready to give are much missed.

Also I beg to thank Dr. M. Glover who has been acting as Deputy M.O.H., for his able guidance and help, and to the members of the Rural District Council for the confidence they have reposed in me during my year of office.

I am,
My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

(Signed) H. L. BURT.

Genl. Secy. Local Board (London)

NOTE.—This Form will not apply in its entirety to each Sanitary District in the County, and where any detail is not applicable please write the letter " N " against it.

PERSHORE RURAL District.
Inspector's Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the year ending
31st December, 1925 .

Infectious Disease.	No. of houses disinfected after notifiable disease	- - - - -	27
	Lots of bedding, clothing, &c., disinfected or destroyed	- - - - -	130
	Compensation paid for destruction	- - - - -	
	Cases of illegal exposure reported (P.H. Act 1875, Sec. 26)	- - - - -	
Houses.	No. of houses erected	- - - - -	12
	No. of houses inspected	- - - - -	73
	No. represented as unfit for habitation	- - - - -	
	No. of Closing Orders made by the Local Authority	- - - - -	
	No. of Closing Orders that became operative	- - - - -	
	No. of houses with defects remedied without Closing Orders	- - - - -	66
	No. of houses with defects remedied after Closing Orders	- - - - -	
	No. of Closing Orders determined	- - - - -	
	No. of houses demolished	- - - - -	
	No. of Orders to execute work under Section 15	- - - - -	
	No. of Orders to execute work under Section 15 complied with	- - - - -	
	No. of yards paved or repaved	- - - - -	3
	No. of cases of overcrowding abated	- - - - -	
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, &c.	No. observed	- - - - -	31
	No. dealt with, as insanitary	- - - - -	2
House-drains.	No. laid or relaid	- - - - -	19
	No. trapped, ventilated and repaired	- - - - -	24
	No. of obstructed drains dealt with	- - - - -	15
	No. of house-drains tested	- - - - -	17
	No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified	- - - - -	6
	No. of urinals on licensed premises inspected	- - - - -	13
	No. of dumb wells rectified	- - - - -	1
Water Closets.	No. of additional W.C.'s provided	- - - - -	4
	No. repaired, ventilated and supplied with water	- - - - -	2
Privies and Ashpits.	No. of additional privies and ashpits provided	- - - - -	
	No. of pail closets and privies converted to W.C.'s	- - - - -	4
	No. converted to pail-closets	- - - - -	15
	No. repaired	- - - - -	18
Scavenging	No. of houses from which refuse was removed	- - - - -	whole Town
	No. of privies and ashpits cleansed	- - - - -	356
	No. of portable receptacles cleansed	- - - - -	230
	No. of loads of ashes and excrement removed	- - - - -	2821
	How often is house refuse removed	- - - - -	Weekly
Smoke Nuisances.	No. under observation	- - - - -	
	No. abated	- - - - -	
Offensive Trades (Sec. 112 P.H.A. 1875, Sec. 51 P.H.A.A.A. 1907).	No. under observation	- - - - -	
	No. improperly conducted	- - - - -	
	No. newly established, with consent of Council	- - - - -	
Water Supply.	No. of wells sunk	- - - - -	12
	No. of wells cleansed and repaired	- - - - -	4
	No. of wells closed as polluted	- - - - -	
	No. of disused wells abolished	- - - - -	
	No. of houses supplied from waterworks during year	- - - - -	
	No. of samples of water sent for analysis	- - - - -	16
	No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water-supplies dealt with	- - - - -	
	No. of houses erected or rebuilt, for which water certificates were given	- - - - -	7

Slaughter Houses.	No registered - - - - -	11
	No. licensed - - - - -	2
	No. cleansed and repaired - - - - -	
	At what intervals is each inspected - - - - -	Quarterly
	Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported - - - - -	
	Are Byelaws in force thoroughly carried out - - - - -	yes
Factories and Workshops.	No. under inspection - - - - -	57
	No. certified for limewashing by Inspector - - - - -	
	No. of insanitary conditions dealt with as nuisances - - - - -	3
	No. employing "young persons," &c., reported to Medical Officer of Health - - - - -	1 yearly
	At what intervals is each inspected - - - - -	
	No. of outworkers' premises inspected - - - - -	
Shop Hours' Act.	No of shops under supervision - - - - -	N
	No. of contraventions of Act dealt with - - - - -	
Purveyors of Milk	No. of - - - - -	8
Dairies.	No. registered - - - - -	17
	No. of contraventions of Acts, Orders and Byelaws dealt with - - - - -	1
	At what intervals is each inspected - - - - -	1 yearly
	No. of infected milk supplies dealt with - - - - -	
	Approximate No. of milking cows in District - - - - -	cannot say
Cowsheds.	No. registered - - - - -	77
	No. of infected milk supplies reported - - - - -	
	At what intervals is each inspected - - - - -	1 yearly
Canal Boats.	No. of boats on register - - - - -	
	No. of boats registered during year - - - - -	
	No. of certificates renewed - - - - -	N
	No. of boats inspected (for registration or otherwise) - - - - -	
	No. of contraventions of Acts and Regulations dealt with - - - - -	
Lodging Houses.	No. on Register - - - - -	
	No. regularly inspected - - - - -	N
	No. cleansed and repaired - - - - -	
	At what intervals is each inspected - - - - -	
Food.	No of seizures as unfit for consumption - - - - -	
	Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption - - - - -	
	Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption - - - - -	420 lbs
Food and Drugs' Act.	No. of samples taken for analysis - - - - -	
	No. of samples certified genuine - - - - -	N
	No. of samples certified adulterated - - - - -	
Animals kept so as to be a Nuisance.	No. of cases of removal on notice - - - - -	3
Accumulation of Offensive Refuse.	No. of removals - - - - -	3
Legal Proceedings.	No. of convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions - - - - -	
	No. of convictions obtained with regard to unsound food - - - - -	Nil
Clerical Work	No. of preliminary notices served - - - - -	87
	No. of Statutory notices served - - - - -	
	No. of Statutory notices complied with - - - - -	
	No. of Statutory notices outstanding - - - - -	

Remarks :

(Signed)

H. L. BURT.

Sanitary Inspector.

Date 9th. March 1926

COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

YEAR 1925 .

SANITARY INSPECTORS'

ANNUAL RETURN

TO THE

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH.

District *Leamington*