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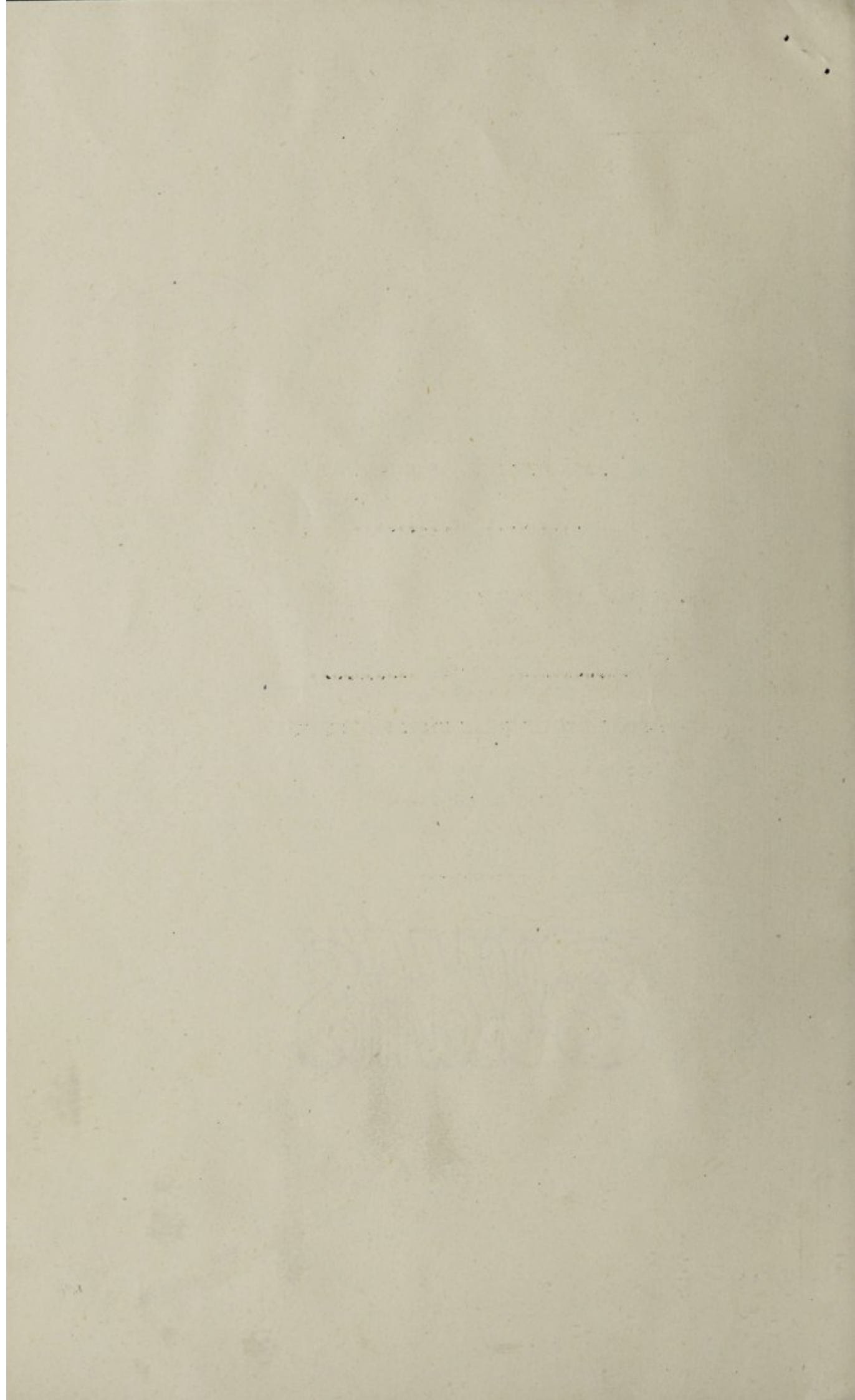
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

As Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Pocklington, I beg to submit to you the following report for the year ended December 31st. 1944.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CHARACTER AND
GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

Natural and
Social
Conditions
of the
District.

The Pocklington Rural District is situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, having York to the West and Great Driffield and Beverley to the East. It comprises 31 parishes, the total area of which is 101, 521 acres, or 158 square miles. The total population at the census of 1931 was 12,723; estimated at midsummer 1941 13,360. The number of inhabited houses is 3,759 and the number of families or separate occupiers is 4,759 (normally). The assessable value is £43,203 the sum represented by a penny rate being £169. 15. 6.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is almost entirely agricultural, and the chief occupations are in connection with that industry.

The 31 parishes comprising the District also form the area of the Pocklington Guardians Committee. The ordinary cases of illness amongst the poor are treated in the Public Assistance Institution, cases requiring hospital treatment being sent to the Hull Royal Infirmary or York County Hospital.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1944.

DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1911.

			Total.	M.	F.
Births	Births(Legitimate)...	...	161	89	72
	(Illegitimate)...	...	7	2	5
Deaths	Deaths	...	165	98	67
Number of women dying in, or (From Sepsis....0					
in consequence of, childbirth.(From other					
causes.....0					
Death of infants under 1 year of age:-					
Legitimate....7 Illegitimate....0					
Total.....7					
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....0					
"	"	Whooping Cough (all ages).....0			
"	"	Diarrhoea (Gastric Enteritis)			
		under 2 years of age.....0			
"	"	Cancer (all ages) M..7 F..8			
			Total	15	

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Prevalence of, and control over, infectious and other diseases. The number of cases notified during the year was 71 as compared with 64 in the previous year.

Disease	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria.....	4	4	-
Scarlet fever.....	65	60	-
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid)...	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia and Puerperal Fever.....	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	11	-	21
Erysipelas.....	4	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	1	-	-
Polio Encephalitis.....	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.....	-	-	1
Polio Myelitis.....	-	-	-
Measles.....	2	-	-
Tuberculosis { M3.....	6	-	1
(a) Pulmonary { F3.....			
{ Total.....6.....			
(b) Non Pul- { M3.....	-	-	-
monary { F3.....			
{ Total.....6.....			
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-

The number of deaths from Tuberculosis was 1 and the number notified was 3. The cases of Tuberculosis are usually always notified but if not it is generally where a case is rapidly moved for sanatorium treatment, cases notified in previous years, or where a resident of the District dies outside the District.

In regard to number of deaths from pneumonia and the number notified it would appear that some practitioners are not notifying all the cases which come under their care.

MATTERS OF CONCERN

Laboratory Work.

Medical men in the District can have bacteriological examinations made free of charge. The Council supply diphtheria antitoxin to any practitioners in the District who require it.

Fever

During the year 96 bacteriological examinations were made.

There is no fever hospital in the District, but the County provide an Isolation Hospital for the District at Driffield, which has accommodation for 62 beds.

Ambulance Facilities for infectious cases.

A motor ambulance is provided from the Driffield Isolation Hospital by the County Authorities.

In 1939 a sick bay was provided for treatment of Evacuees. The house, known as the Red House, Rocklington is spacious and well arranged for such a purpose. There are five wards each capable of accommodating four patients comfortably. Towards the end of the year the need for this establishment became less urgent and steps were gradually taken to close it down.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district with the exception of Goodmanham and Market Weighton, Pocklington and Lonsdaleborough is supplied by the Regional Scheme from the springs in the chalk wolds. The supply is pure and abundant and is adequately protected from every source of pollution. The excepted villages have their own supplies. Chlorination is being carried out at the springs. The weekly consumption of water including that supplied to other Districts is about two and a half million gallons.

Forty seven new connections have been made during the year.

Salvage

A salvage of waste scheme was put into operation in the early part of 1940 and during the year 118 tons of salvage were collected and disposed of for £484. This is a decrease on previous years partly because certain items were no longer required by the Country. Tins and small scrap went first and scrap rubber followed and gradually item after item faded out as salvage but became prominent throughout the District as refuse. The result of this was that a refuse collection scheme gradually evolved and towards the year end more refuse than salvage was being collected and disposed of.

Sanitary
Administration

Dwelling houses inspected.....	300
" " Notices served.....	72
New Houses built.....	-
Have building bye-laws been adopted	Yes
Dwelling houses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious disease.....	63
Dwelling houses disinfected after cases of Phthisis.....	All
Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases.....	-
Dwelling houses found overcrowded.....	-
" " Newly drained.....	-
" " Redrained.....	-
Privies converted to W.C.'s.....	9
" " " pail closets.....	-
Offensive trades inspected.....	-
Total number of nuisances found.....	70
" " " " abated.....	70

Some overcrowding in dwellinghouses must be acknowledged owing to circumstances.

Water supplies -

Houses newly supplied with water mains.....	59
Samples of water sent for examination.....	8

Dairies and Cowsheds -

Number of dairies and cowsheds on register...	662
Number of cows.....	2636
Visits to cowsheds and dairies.....	110
Defects found.....	24
" remedied.....	24

Common Lodging Houses -

Number on register.....	2
Visits to.....	4

General inspection
of the District.

The general inspection of premises, occupations etc., coming under the control of the Council is on a much larger scale than indicated by the figures. Many surprise inspections and visits are made and unless any special incident arises therefrom are not recorded.

Housing

The Council adopted a Post war plan of 500 houses, a sewerage scheme for every village, the extensions of the water mains to every habitable dwelling and a refuse collection and disposal scheme.

The housing position received the very earnest consideration of the Council and towards the year end sites were being prepared and others considered and inspected by the Housing Committee with a view to having the first years building programme ready for the cessation of hostilities.

Factories
Act.

About 50 factories employ a number of hands. The remainder chiefly consist of one man businesses and number 105. The general cleanliness is satisfactory.

Rag Flock Acts,
1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the area on which Rag Flock is manufactured.

Schools.

These are inspected periodically. No case of insanitary condition was reported during the year. Nearly every school is connected with the Regional or other water scheme.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

Total..... -
(a) By local Authority..... -
(b) By private enterprise... -

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Frequent inspections are made of cowsheds and dairies.

Action regarding tubercular Milk or cattle consists of reporting suspected cows to the Veterinary Officer of the County Council.

No licence has been granted in the District for the sale of milk under any special designation and no refusal or revocation of registration has occurred.

Milk and
Dairies Order
1926.

Registrations under the Order at the end of the year numbered 662.

Each registration form sent is accompanied by a leaflet which sets out at length the provisions of the Order.

The War Agricultural Executive Committee through their Milk Production Department has brought in many more producers of milk. Many visits were paid to ascertain the condition of premises and the methods used. This is a duty still in the hands of the Council and no agreement with the Wholesale Dairies is entered into till the Council is satisfied that conditions of production are satisfactory. A certain relaxation of peace time standards had to be made where structural alterations were involved but in the greater number of cases the necessary improvements were gradually carried out.

Meat.

Central slaughtering has taken the place of the individual slaughterhouses. The slaughtering establishment not within the Council's area.

Systematic inspections are made from time to time of all butchers' shops, fish shops, bake-shops, common lodging houses, milk and meat purveyors, fellmongers' premises etc.

Particulars of slaughterhouses -

	In Dec. 1933.
Registered	12
Licensed	8
	Total 20

Food and
Drugs.

The food and drugs Acts are now jointly the concern of the Council and the County Council.

In conclusion I consider the annual report quite satisfactory.

Infectious diseases are more numerous than last year but comparatively speaking are not at all excessive.

A large amount of work has been done in connection with the War but, in spite of this, large number of improvements have been carried out.

The children in the District are being immunised in accordance with Public Health Regulations.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

AL. F. A. FAIRWEATHER, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

FAIRCOTE, POCELLINGTON.

General information regarding the work of the
of the individual establishments and the
the establishment now within the County's area.

Systematic investigations have been made from time
to time of all business, shops, stores, public
shops, common lodging houses, and all other places
one, restaurants, etc.

Particulars of establishments

In 1911-12
12
12
Total 12

The food and drink sold to the public in the
shops of the County and the County Council.

In connection with the above the annual report
of the sanitary authority.

The following details of the work done in
last year are given in the report of the
all expenses.

A large amount of work has been done in
connection with the above, in order to
large number of improvements have been carried out.

The following are the details of the work
done in connection with the above.
Regulations.

I am, Sir, and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

W. A. L. L. L.

Medical Officer of Health.