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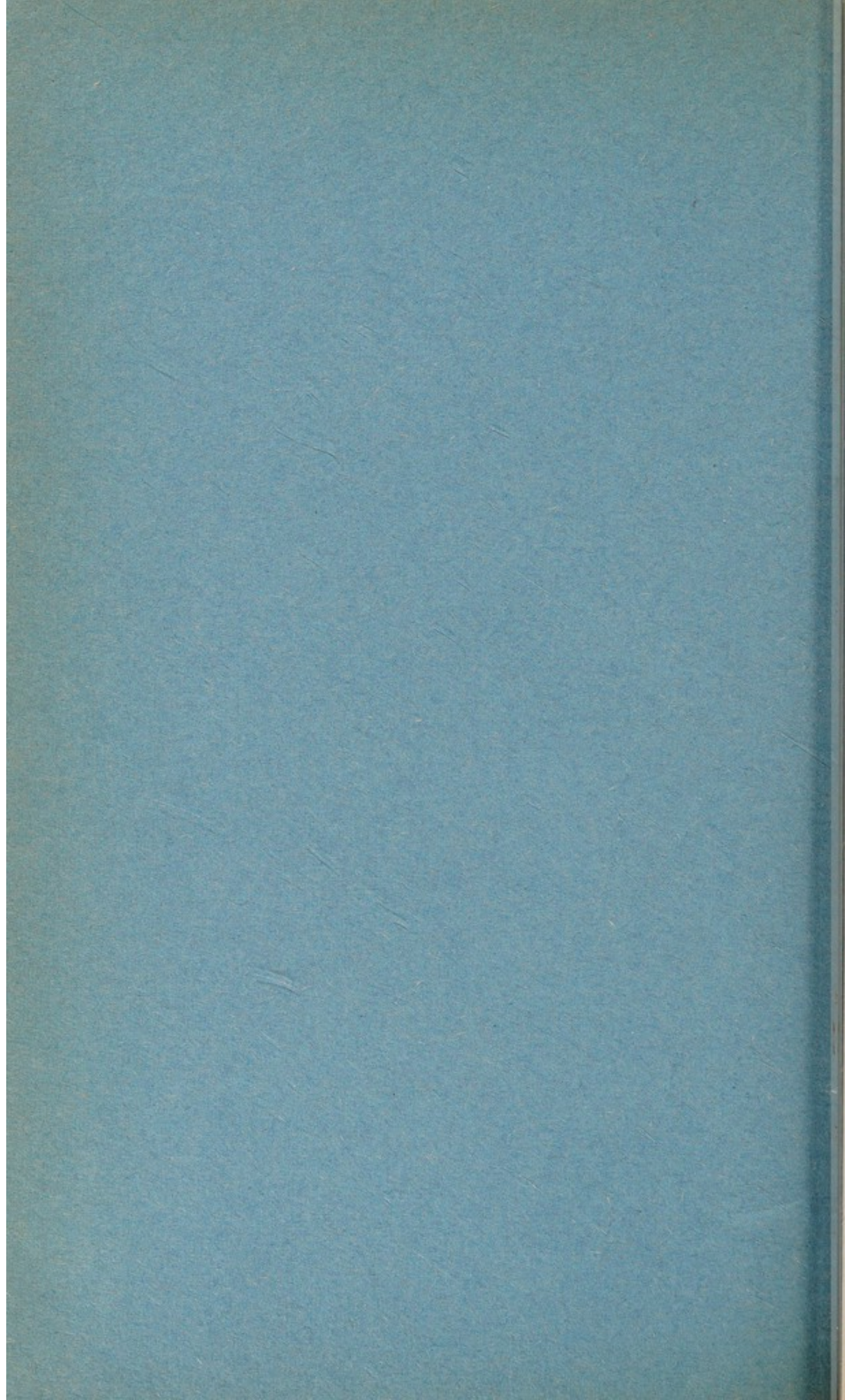
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Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1965

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1965 compiled in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health.

Vital Statistics

According to the Registrar General's returns, the mid-1965 population for Portslade was 17,890, which shows an increase of 370 compared with the 1964 figure of 17,520.

The total number of deaths was 198, 3 less than in 1964, with a Death Rate of 11.06 as against 11.47 for 1964. Cancer (all forms) Coronary Disease and Vascular Lesions of Nervous System were responsible for almost three-quarters of the deaths.

The total births, 384 shows an increase of 24 over the 1964 figure, and the Birth Rate rose from 20.54 to 21.46. There were 6 infant deaths.

Infectious Diseases

Apart from a considerable increase in the number of measles cases notified, 351 (1964-65), notifications of infectious diseases showed little variation from last year. There were no cases of food poisoning.

Tuberculosis

3 new cases were added to the Register—all in the 20 to 65 age group and there were in addition 5 inward transfers. Removals by death or other causes amounted to 4 and 1 case was reported as having recovered.

Smallpox Vaccination		1964	1965
Number vaccinated	.. ..	217	261
Number re-vaccinated	.. ..	71	24

Slum Clearance

Houses demolished : Nos. 1 to 23 Crown Road
 Nos. 51, 53, 55 High Street
 No. 22A North Street
 Nos. 4, 6, 8 Albion Street.

An undertaking to render No. 78A Trafalgar Road fit for habitation was given by the owner and accepted by the Council.

Smoke Abatement

The Joint Committee of which Portslade is a constituent member met quarterly throughout the year and received reports on the analysis of the contents of the deposit gauges.

Old People

Those old people in Portslade requiring supervision in their own homes have been visited at regular intervals by Geriatric Health Visitors attached to the Hove Health Department.

Housing Accommodation

During the year 50 new Council Houses and Flats were built.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Tozer, the Surveyor, Mr. Rudgley and the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Donald, who have always been willing to assist me in the solution of any problem or difficulties, and I would also like to thank the Health Committee for their support during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

N. I. CONDON,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1965

Population : 17,890.

DEATHS :	Total	M	F
	198	102	96

Death Rate : 11.06 (Standard).
11.06 (Corrected).

Deaths from :

Measles (all ages)	..	..	Nil
Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	..	Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	..	..	Nil
Pneumonia	..	..	12
Cancer (all forms)	..	..	50

	Total	M	F
Live Births	384	198	186

Live Birth rate per 1000 population .. 21.46 (Standard)
20.81 (Corrected)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births : 4.42%

Stillbirths	3	..	..	—	—	—
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Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths : 7.75

Total Live and Still Births	..	387	200	187
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Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	6	1	5
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Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births	..	15.62
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Infant Mortality Rates :

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births	..	15.62
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Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live births	..	16.34
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Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 Illegitimate live births	..	Nil
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Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	..	10.41
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	..	10.41
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)	..	18.09
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Maternal Mortality (inclusive abortion) :

Number of deaths	..	Nil
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Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	..	Nil
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DEATHS 1965

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	3	4
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	12	2
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	—	6
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	—	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11	10
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	1
16. Diabetes	—	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	20
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ..	34	17
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	2	1
20. Other Heart Disease	5	8
21. Other Circulatory Disease ..	3	4
23. Pneumonia	4	8
24. Bronchitis	6	1
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	—
31. Congenital Malformations ..	1	2
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	5	6
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
34. All Other Accidents	3	3
35. Suicide	1	—
36. Homicide and Operations of War ..	—	1
Total All Causes	102	96

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

DRAINAGE.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

There are 8 houses served by cesspools.

Houses served by Cesspools

During the year one house found to be drained into a defective cesspool was connected to the Council Sewer and the cesspool filled in.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects	..	282
Number of inspections made for the purpose.		951
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	..	236
Number of inspections made for that purpose		708
Number of complaints received.	.. ..	298
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act)	..	41
Formal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act)	..	13
Houses found dirty or verminous	..	12
Defective and Choked Drains	.. ..	64
Defective Closets	.. ..	14

Defective Sinks	..	..	..	3
Defective Roofs and Gutters	..	..	..	27
Damp Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	82
Defective Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	56
Defective Floors	..	..	..	18
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	..	..	..	21
Defects to Grates	..	..	..	4
Defects to Chimneys	..	..	..	6
Defective Paving	..	..	..	4

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 88 rat and 49 mice infestations were dealt with on surface properties and 1 sewer treatment carried out.

The treatment is now free to all properties.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 12 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 3 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMODATION

PROVIDED AT DECEMBER, 1965

Council Houses and Flats	..	..	..	976
Old Peoples Bungalows	..	..	..	33
Old Peoples Flats	..	..	..	116

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :*

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|---------|---|-----|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 282 |
| (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 951 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 4 |
| (3) | 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 | 278 |

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	44
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

There is only 1 Farm in the District which is supplying Tuberculin Tested Milk.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 16.

There are 61 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 10 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 59 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year 71 inspections of food premises were made and in 3 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	.. ..	3
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience	..	1
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	.. ..	1
Accommodation of Refuse	.. ..	1
Dirty walls and ceilings	.. ..	1

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

There are no slaughterhouses in the District and most of the home killed meat is brought in from Brighton Abattoir.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption :

- 2 Stones Wet Fish
- 1 lb. Prawns
- 5 lb. Gammon Ham
- 20 lb. English Beef
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Pork Sausage Meat
- 4 lb. Pork Luncheon Meat
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Beef Sausage Meat
- 64 Pkts. Ice Cream
- 9 Steak and Kidney Pies
- 11 Pkts. Pastry
- 9 Pkts. Fish Fingers
- 7 Pkts. Steaklets
- 1 Pkt. Crinkle Chips
- 4 Pkts. Chicken Pie
- 13 Pkts. Cod Steaks
- 2 Pkts. Plaice Fillets
- 5 Pkts. Cod Fries
- 1 Pkt. Sausage Rolls
- 7 Pkts. Dairy Cream Sponge
- 1 Pkt. Arctic Roll
- 11 Pkts. Green Peas
- 1 Pkt. Green Beans
- 2 Pkts. Smoked Haddock

1½lb. Bacon Rashers
 1 Tin Beef Steak Pudding
 1 Pkt. Skinless Pork Sausages

Proceedings were taken against one Firm for selling a packet of skinless sausages which were found to be unfit for human consumption.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Total number of registered premises at end of year 1965 :

Offices	..	..	21
Retail Shops	..	..	84
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses			4
Catering Establishments	..		15

Number of Persons Employed :

Offices	..	..	306
Retail Shops	..	..	407
Warehouses	..	..	69
Catering Establishments	..		56
Canteen	..	..	2
Total Males			365
Total Females	..		475

Total number of visits to registered premises : 155

Number of Contraventions of Act found :

Abstract of Act not exhibited	31
Thermometer not provided	30
Insufficient First Aid Materials	34
Insufficient Washing Facilities	28
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	18
Insufficient Heating ..	13
Insufficient Lighting ..	11
Insufficient Ventilation ..	2
Insufficient Seating Facilities	4
Accommodation for Clothing	4
Accommodation for Meals	2
Dangerous Staircase ..	6
Overcrowded premises ..	2
Dirty Premises	17
Insufficient guards to dangerous machines	5
Number of Notices served	62

Number of Accidents in Registered Premises reported : 4

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	10	—	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	52	3	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	4	2	—	—
TOTAL ..	86	64	3	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	3	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	Section 133			Section 134		
	<i>No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
(1)						
Wearing Apparel : Making, etc. Cleaning and Washing	77 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Furniture and Upholstery	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial Flowers etc.	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	81	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SLUM CLEARANCE.

Housing Act 1957.

Houses Demolished

Nos. 1 to 23 Crown Road

Nos. 51, 53, 55 High Street

No. 22A North Street

Nos. 4, 6, 8 Albion Street.

An undertaking to render No. 78A Trafalgar Road fit for habitation was given by the owner and accepted by the Council.

TUBERCULOSIS—PORTSLADE—1965

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1965.
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.		Total cases Notified.
		1964 1965
Scarlet Fever	.. .. .	8 13
Whooping Cough	.. .. .	6 12
Measles ..	.. .. .	65 351
Pneumonia	.. .. .	6 5
Encephalitis	.. .. .	3 —
Puerperal Pyrexia	.. .. .	1 —
Erysipelas	.. .. .	2 —
Dysentery	.. .. .	— 3
Malaria ..	.. .. .	— 1

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1965

Table 1—Completed Primary Courses: Number of persons under age 16

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of birth						Others	
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-61	under age 16	Total	
1. Quadruple DTPP..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Triple DTP ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Pertussis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Tetanus ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Salk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Sabin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Table 2. Reinforcing Doses. Number of persons under age 16.

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-61		
1. Quadruple DTPP	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Triple DTP	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Pertussis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Tetanus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Salk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Sabin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.
Return for period ended 31st, Dec., 1965.

Age at date of vaccination	I. NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED OR RE-VACCINATED DURING PERIOD		II. NUMBER OF CASES SPECIALLY REPORTED DURING PERIOD.		
	Number Vaccinated	Number re-Vaccinated	(a) Generalised Vaccinia	(b) Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	(c) Death from com- plications of vaccina- tion other than (a) and (b)
0 to 3 mths	—	—	—	—	—
3 to 6 "	—	—	—	—	—
6 to 9 "	1	—	—	—	—
9 to 12 "	3	—	—	—	—
years					
1	219	—	—	—	—
2 to 4	28	5	—	—	—
5 to 15	10	19	—	—	—
TOTAL	261	24	—	—	—